

Let the People Own the Industries.

Wages are lower, the Cost of Living Higher, and Coal Out of Sight, still we wish you a— Merrie Christmas!

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Comrades: Some of you have been wishing that you could speak like Eugene V. Debs or Father McGrady; or that you could write like Carl Marx; that what great things you would do for the Socialist movement!  
Now it is not possible for us all to do the same kind of great things. But you may not realize that it is possible to share in the doing of a great thing. We want to make it clear how you can do that.

The Herald is the hand, the voice, the feet, of the comrades in the Socialist movement of the country. We are of the Socialist, by the Socialists and for the Socialists.  
Now it is a great thing for such a paper to be reaching thousands of people and influencing them every week—changing the currents of their thoughts, and leading at the last their action by bringing new motives to bear upon them and presenting facts in new perspectives.

But this is a great work that no one man can do. This demands the co-operation of the many; and this we want to secure in as great degree as possible.  
You are taking the Herald yourself, and are reading it: that is good, and giving your paper after you are through with it to your neighbor is better still. There is something that is still better, and that is just the matter of widening still more the influence of the paper.

We mean the Union Secretaries' Fund. We are trying to open the way for your larger life and influence through the organization of the union secretaries' fund. Every dollar sent into this fund widens and deepens the influence of the Herald. We send this paper at once to as many of these secretaries as you enable us to, and they are sent almost at cost.

So here is your opportunity: save or earn or collect the funds which are the life-blood of this mechanical body of ours called the Social Democratic Herald, and send in the money, thereby building your own life into the great deeds which are being done every week through its instrumentality. If this costs effort, remember that the great deeds of the great men you admire also cost hard work and sacrifice, and join in fellowship with them in your work and sacrifice.

Last week an electrician missed his hold on the girders of a big factory building and fell to his death to the floor below. About the same time a workman in a local marble works had his hand taken off in the machinery. These men stand representative of the class that individual capitalists speak of so contemptuously at their clubs and social functions. Yet these men make profits for the capitalists. Talk about gratitude!

The officials of the Reading railroad (President Baer's road) have made the announcement that the coal famine is likely to last all winter, as a sufficient amount of coal is never mined during the winter months to meet the demand. But stock prices heaped up in summer must be down on. This year there are no stock prices at all.

Almost without exception the big fortunes in the world were founded by trickery and rascality. Armour's was, Rockefeller's was, Carnegie's was, Clark's was, and Rothschild's was certainly was. So you see society hasn't been able to protect itself by means of the law, after all.  
Prosperity is prosperity only for the rich. It is worse than hard times for the poor, and we can prove it. During hard times the spirit of saving is upon the people. During the much heralded prosperity people are led into expenses they would not otherwise go into. It is the social influence. As the wages of the workers do not rise with the "good times," it is easy to see "where they are at."

An Associated Press dispatch says that the United States Steel Corporation has purchased the Breaker island steel plant for \$1,500,000 and has ordered it dismantled. The sale was effected to shut out competition. A good thing for the capitalists probably, but how about the workers thrown out of employment? Will any of them lose their homes by it? Only another evidence of how the present system works evil to the working class. And the working class has the power to vote the system out and a better one!

## Christmas Observance and Present Conditions.

The festival of Christmas really originated in an old Germanic heathen celebration of the return of the sun. In the far North and in the extreme South, in consequence of the oval form of the earth, the days and nights are much shorter and much longer than elsewhere on the earth. In the most northern part of Norway there are only one day and one night in the year, and even in the inhabited parts, the "long night" continues more than six weeks. Before civilization penetrated these regions, the heathen inhabitants continually feared the total disappearance of the sun, and its return at the time of its first appearance (on February 27) always gave occasion to great festivities. They ate, drank, gave presents to one another and lighted bonfires. This festival was called the Yule-feast, or Yule-tide. And Christmas is called Yule-tide in Sweden and Norway to this day.  
It is noticeable that even progressive and Socialist papers, in their "Christmas Thoughts," always start out from Bethlehem and the manger. But the festival of Christmas has really nothing to do with this. In Southern Catholic countries, as Spain and Italy, for whom equally, of course, the Christ-child was born, the festival of Christmas is not celebrated. Christianity, in its propaganda, always took note of old customs and religions, only it put a new meaning into the old forms. Usually it turned the old beauty into a new monster, the old god into a new devil. Thus Freia, Holle and Wodan were degraded into devils by the Christian priests. The old Yule feast received a new meaning; it be-

came the birthday of the Christ-child. Only the good old Sun-god, in whose honor presents were made every year, could not so easily be changed into a Satan, and therefore they made a saint of him—St. Nicholas, also called Santa Claus, who moreover uses to this day the reindeer team of the old Sun-god.  
However this may be, Christmas has remained a festival for Northern countries. It is enjoyed by those who can and may enjoy it.  
For although capitalistic prosperity is apparently at its zenith, the masses of the people, in consequence of the exorbitant price of the necessities of life, live in continual poverty and anxiety. Moreover this winter we have the coal famine, which especially in the large cities makes its presence painfully felt.  
In a couple of years an industrial crisis will break out, the appearance of which is predicted even by the great capitalists. Then the number of the unemployed will fearfully swell the unhappy "reserve army of industry," and want and misery will again hold witches' carnival everywhere.  
And what then?  
We hope that then after the long night will follow the dawn and finally the day—that the sun of Socialism will at last make its appearance and rise upon the people. Then mankind again will celebrate a Yule tide feast—a joyous festival for every man. And then there will be "peace on earth and good will towards men."

educators to receive and pass upon manuscripts for school books from all who wish to compete. They will decide upon several systems of books in the various studies, put them in type and bind them, to be sold at cost to the various school districts. Or, the government will supply plates of the type to such communities as shall wish to do their own printing and binding. This plan will allow school districts to make a choice as to the various sets of readers, arithmetics, etc., so that the plan will be forcing no one kind down the people's throats. There will be no copyright on the books, and anyone can reprint or select from them at will, while private schools will stand the same chance of using the books as the public schools. All this, of course, to be in connection with the plan of free school books to the children.  
With such a plan in vogue, where would the school book octopus be, Mr. Private Citizen?

Figures given out by the government show that the Philippines provide this country with a market for five million dollars' worth of its products. As the Philippine conquest was a cold-blooded business, besides the lives it cost on both sides, cost this country a cool three hundred and fifty millions of dollars. What a business deal, you say, Oh, but the five million goes into the pockets of the capitalists among us! The latter simply used the government to make more money for themselves. These capitalist!

From the proceedings of the Young Men's Democratic League at Atlanta in October, we get this little gem from the speech of the Hon. Mr. Calhoun: "The South's opportunity has come. Will she grasp it? She should urge the forces of paternalism to advance against the forces of paternalism, imperialism, and centralization. A pretty queer mixture, is rushing to its fate. It has no right to the name it bears. Men who really believe in democracy will leave it in droves. They are doing so already. The future will see but two parties in this country, the Republican party standing for capitalism and the Social Democratic party, standing for Socialism."

It used to be the boast of Spain that its people were the most patriotic on earth. This was because they were the most ignorant. Blind patriotism is the hope of the oppressors always. The hope of mankind is better than a patriotism bounded by geographical lines.  
Gertrude Potter Daniels, daughter of Millionaire O. W. Potter of Chicago, formerly at the head of the Illinois Steel Company before it in turn was swallowed by the steel trust, has written another novel giving the plates fit—especially the Standard Oil Company. Her father is called the millionaire Socialist of Chicago, although his Socialism is not of a very definite type, and she seems to have come naturally by her sympathy for the under dog in the economic fight, and also to have had inside information as to the dealings of the moneyed kings in getting material for her book.  
An officer of the cremation company's system that is in use in the city and garbage crematory is in the city and charged for political reasons. It is used as a place by the mayor to pay off political debts and so has more men at work than there is any possible occasion for. It is part of Rose's game to prevent a black municipal ownership and give it a black eye at the same time. Seventy-two men are at work and it is claimed thirty-nine are sufficient.

## All hail to King Christmas.

A song for old Christmas,  
For jolly old Christmas,  
The monarch of merriment,  
Fun and good cheer!  
Let all the bells chiming  
Ring out with a rhyming,  
For Christmas, good Christmas, King  
Christmas is here!  
Pile up the log fire  
Still higher and higher;  
He loves the bright blaze of a wide  
open hearth,  
No shadow of sadness  
Must darken our gladness,  
For Christmas, blithe Christmas, now  
rules the broad earth.

The man who supports the capitalist system supports a system in which palaces and hovels, robes and rags, are in a few and simple words, but try to imagine "uncovetous admiration" under capitalism if you can.

His brows wreathed with holly,  
Fat, rosy and jolly,  
He sways the proud scepter no monarch  
can boast.  
O'er realms that are boundless,  
And depths that are soundless,  
For he, mighty Christmas, alone rules the  
roast!  
Then plump be the purses  
Of all whom these verses  
May reach, with their tidings of jolly  
good cheer.  
Their presents be many,  
Their fun best of any,  
For Christmas comes once—only once—in  
a year.—Aimee Carey.

Ruskin spoke of "the healthy delight of uncovetous admiration." There is a few and simple words, but try to imagine "uncovetous admiration" under capitalism if you can.

In Queen Elizabeth's time 400 human beings were hanged a year for vagrancy. The "nobility" had the land and the people were simply tolerated. This country is full of vagrants today—men without property. The people uphold a system that puts wealth in the hands of the few and then punishes those who have none for not being rich. The people have great ideas of justice, eh?

When, as is the case today, men cannot possibly lead successful, adequate and wholesome lives under the competitive, capitalistic system, it is sound sense to supplant the system of private ownership of capital with a system based on mutualism.

Funny enough, it is just at the point where Socialism gets possession of the labor movement that it drags it out of politics. Yet we still hear the cry of "keep the unions out of politics," meaning Socialism. All over this country the labor movement is disgraced by "leaders" who are of the lowest sort of ward heelers and capitalistic pluggers. Socialism helps the self-respecting unionists to get the upper hand and to kick out these disreputable labor betrayers. Then it sends the members of the unions to the ballot box to vote for their class interests like men.

Merrie Christmas! How do you like Prosperity? Have you given as good and serviceable presents as you would like to, or just cheap, made-to-order and veneered and imitation things? Have you celebrated the low price of wages and the high price of living by buying things worth buying?  
Why should soft coal go up in price? Have you asked yourself that question? There was no strike at the mines. It is simply because the supplying of the people's necessities under capitalism is made a matter of speculation instead of service. It hasn't cost any more to mine soft coal than formerly; there is no sane relation between cost of production and price in the market. If Socialism proposed to trade upon the distress of the people in that way, how people would howl against it!  
To the churchman Christmas typifies the birth of Jesus Christ. Peace on earth, good will to man! Capitalism hasn't permitted such a thing and never will. It answers the demand for peace on earth with large standing armies, with culture-like law-protected capitalists devouring the people's vitals, with labor exploitation, with starvation and sparse living for the workers. But it celebrates Christmas, all the same. And, why? Because it helps business.  
The capitalist press now concede that the Socialists will be the third party at the next national election. That means growth, that means progress, that means dreams that the few Socialists of the past dared to dream. How do you account for that growth? Think it just happened? Think the capitalist press took pains to give people the true idea of what Socialism was? Nixley! It was what Socialists said, that was it. It was other papers, and the work of the silent, busy workers handing those papers 'round. Do you see the point? Do you catch the lesson and can you see the pointer in it for the future? The capitalist press will lie now more than ever. It will make the Socialists fight harder than ever—must fight with literature. That doesn't simply mean subscribing to a paper yourself. It means bundles! Bundles! Do you hear? Bundles!!! And another thing. Nothing succeeds like success. Socialism in this country is having a successful growth. That means that the meaning men will be attracted to the party who have yet to be educated in the principles of Socialism. A party of well-meaning but ignorant men would surely go on the rocks. Head-work is called for. Our party can only be safe as long as its rank and file are safe. Get a paper into the hands of every man who is "coming to Socialism." This means bundles again! Bundles!

Experiments are conducted by the Illinois Central in a device which is likely to revolutionize the freight carrying business. The experiments are being made with a box car where the trucks are which are fitted with ball-bearing journals, which make the car run so easily that a single person can move it. The most important advantage claimed for them is the great ease with which they can be moved. If practicable, train loads can easily be doubled and hauled with the same power now used. This would mean enormous economy in operation.—American Contractor.  
There is a suggestion in the above of some of the things that would be possible in this direction under Socialism. Railroad today is a man-killer institution. The number of men killed in the companies' service is almost incredibly large. There is no excuse for it except greed. The railroads would not put out on safety appliances because the expense would eat into the profits of the business. If they did, a yell would go up from the stockholders who are hot after their increase. A sight of a poor wretch at a brakeman's walking on the jolting icy top of a moving train in cold or blistering weather always suggests the risk of life. If ball-bearings could be put on freight cars, measures for the protection of the train crews could be also—but for the expense!

It is safe to say that every true sympathizer with the coal miners felt a tinge of disappointment when the miners' organization agreed to the dubious sort of settlement of the capitalist President and capitalist politicians proposed. Everything was in the men's favor to compel a settlement that would really be a settlement, one that would guarantee adequate wages for the meanest kind of dangerous employment, the abolition of the company store rascality, short hours that would permit the men to live above ground during at least some of their waking hours, etc. The settlement that was arranged, subject to the present conference, is producing dead-end fruit. The public has some rights in the matter, being interested to see a public ownership come from the struggle. This was ignored—eagerly ignored, we might say, by the President of the people of these United States. But the miners seemed to have a few better ideas. One of the evidences of this is seen in such dispatches as the following:  
Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 20.—It was learned at headquarters of the Ninth district, United Mine Workers, today that out of a membership of 51,000 men and boys in the counties of Northumberland, Schuylkill, Dauphin and Columbia 14,000 workmen are set idle owing to abandonment and damaged mines and the companies' refusal to reinstate a number of men who were too aggressive, in their employees' opinion, in inducing miners to remain away from the collieries.  
They call them captains of industry, and they are. But what captains, what managers! Such managers, indeed, that about every so often the body of helpless workers dependent on them for bread are ground to pieces by the industrial crushers called panics, or "hard times." These are the times when these wise captains of industry have so flooded the markets of the world that those markets are over-stocked. They have so managed that the consuming and purchasing capacity of the people has not been able to keep up with their productive powers. Wise management truly!

The venerable Russell Sage was known twenty years ago to be the possessor of twenty millions. Now his wealth is said to be three times as large or over. In the building of his immense fortune, it is said, he has met few reverses. It has been an easy game to him. No harder than for some other men to just eke out a living at manual labor. If one man can succeed another can, says the capitalist wisest of all. But the Sages are few and far between. Their imitators are legion, and the Sage's game is being played as one and another of the imitators go to smash. Oh, yes, it's your own fault if you are poor, isn't it? It pays the capitalists to have you think so, anyway.

In the world as it was before society took hold of it, man could get along alone and unassisted, same as the beasts. It wasn't a very fine living, but he didn't have to starve. Now we have society to regulate and associate labor and help people to live and so complete its sway, that the minute a man tries to live independently of it, he has no place to stand nor can he lay his hand or set his foot on anything that is not private or public property. The remedy for this lies not in abolishing society but in making all equal participants in the ownership of the property of society—that is, in all the productive and distributive forces and activities.

Vice President Duncan of the A. F. of L. distinguished himself at the New Orleans convention for two things. He opposed Socialism in rough-shod fashion, and he made boasts about being a philosopher. As an anarchist he does not believe in organization it might be asked why he is in President Gompers' official family. And his opposition to Socialism is due to his anarchism instead of his unionism, so that as an official he is not acting on the square.

The daring of the Associated Press in the election just past in ignoring the Socialist vote, even where our people came in second, is one of the flagrant things that combine to make up the crown of many thorns that crushes down on the brow of American citizenship these days.  
The workers are in revolt and determined to know why they must be beasts of burden, while others can tour the globe like butterflies. Why is this? Because all men today are reading. To be informed is to become a thinker. The workers are beginning to know why they are enslaved. Verily, this is the reading age. It is lucky for mankind that it is so.

Inventive genius does not rest. More and more we are learning how to harness the forces of nature and to set the foilers free—FREE, do you hear? And it will be a sad day for the race when the workers give up their revolt against the private ownership of those forces and machines whereby they have been set adrift. But they will not give up. They are beginning to understand the situation, now that they are not entirely dependent on the plutocratic press and pulpit for their information.

It is a conviction of ours that a purely propaganda paper is not so valuable for the time as one that shows at the same time the party organization of Socialism. It is even easier to convert your man to party Socialism than to Socialism in the abstract. If he wants Socialism it is an encouragement to him to see that the organization that stands for the new system is beginning to get its feet under. That's why this paper is modeled as it is. An organized Socialist is worth ten unorganized ones.  
The average individual today leads a hunted life and is dangerously near being a failure. If he can keep his nose above water, he thinks himself lucky and is too busy treading water to realize that it is because they are buoyed up by capital, that the few rich persons about him are skimming gaily above the surface of the tide of adversity. Nor does he realize that conditions are such that all his exertions are coined into that selfsame capital that is the security of the skimmers.  
As a matter of fact the man who claims the politicians sell the people out, is off his base. The politicians are put into office by parties that stand for the present system. Therefore those who vote for them ought not to gape at the resultant scandals. It is part and parcel of the system they cast their ballots for.

The tendencies of modern times is giving the preachers a chance to declare themselves in temporal matters that puts them right where the people want them. Are they for the people, or "agin" the people, is a question that is up for settlement. Some of the preachers are answering this by coming out flat-footedly for Socialism. Others are preaching sermons in the interest of the capitalist class, veiling their allegiance to the power of mammon by ingenious objections to Socialism as they conceive it—and their conception is all awry as a matter of course. There is one preacher, at least, who is a little more open about it. He is Rev. George Owens of Texas. "My savings," he says, "I put into small investments, buying property or loaning it at interest, soon I was enabled to secure money from the banks and generally invested it at a profit." Some one asked him about the claim that a man could not accumulate riches and be a good Christian. "That's all nonsense," he said, "as long as you do not make the money out of your neighbor." But making it out of somebody else's neighbor is all right, we suppose, the main thing being to get it out of someone whom you do not have to face meantime. There's worldliness for you. When a person gets back more than he gives, someone suffers. Calling it investments, doesn't mend matters. It is this system of unearned increase that has plunged the human race into the inhuman hell that today disgraces civilized society—makes the very rich and the very poor, gives idleness an abundance and industry a crust, makes Rockefeller and Morgans on one hand and Czolgoszs on the other—and to Rev. Owens, this rotten condition is so fine that he is ready to call down a blessing upon it. If anyone needs to be "born again," it is such a man as this.

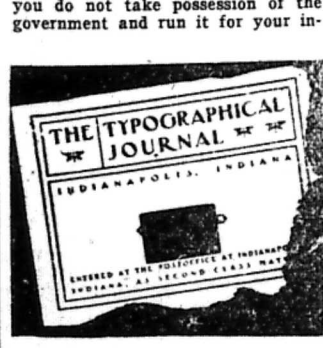
In Belgium they are experimenting on matches in which no phosphorus is used. This is a merciful thing, but belated, of course, as every other life-saving effort is, under capitalism. Where matches are made with phosphorus, the operatives are subject to a horrible disease known as "phossy-jaw" in which the bones of the jaw decay and become brittle and eventually produce death. The fatalities from phossy-jaw in England were so incessant a year ago that the government was forced to take a hand in the matter. Under present conditions the worker all too frequently contributes his health and his life as well as his strength and ingenuity to his product.  
The waiters in Paris are revolting against the tipping system and want regular wages instead. Several waiters state that they have to pay from \$1.50 to \$3 a day merely for the privilege of working in the restaurants and cafes that are popular. It is to be hoped that the revolt prevails. There is no reason why an honorable employment such as waiting on table should be so surrounded by conditions as to make those engaged in it servile supplicants.  
"Peace on earth; Good Will to Men!" That is the saying that is linked to the Christmas period. It describes splendidly what we Socialists are after. No one else can bring it in but us. Take a hand, neighbor, and help. Be up with the times you are living in. Help make a reality of this phrase that has been so importantly uttered these many years by well meaning men. The Herald stands for peace on earth. It is a messenger of a peace that we must have. Send that messenger as far and to as many people as you can.  
Did you ever stop to think of it that Santa Claus is an altruistic sort of a chap? There isn't a selfish hair in his old grey head. He won't have to be reformed at all when we have driven capitalism out and inaugurated Socialism. But he must have his trials these days. Think of his having—through the strange workings of Prosperity—to give more presents to the rich children than the poor, and the poor the most deserving.  
"Nothing can overcome the young giant of private monopoly except the greater giant of public monopoly." Edward Bellamy said, and no sane man will contradict the proposition.

Roosevelt will appoint Congressman Loud, of Loud bill fame, who was defeated for re-election to Congress, fourth assistant postmaster general, it is announced. It's the old, old story. Organized labor thought it saw a victory in the recent defeat of the author of the obnoxious Loud bill. But capitalism is capitalism! Now the man who sought to prevent the postal employees by law from asking higher pay, will be their boss. If you don't like the work of capitalism, boys, center your voting against it. Don't waste time in fighting individuals. The individual oppressors will go down with the system.

State Socialism! State Socialism! brags the individualist, borrowing an ugly sounding phrase from the Anarchists. But no Socialist wants a thing that could reasonably be called state Socialism. We want a Social Democracy. We want not government but regulation. Not government from the top, but orderly agreement from below.  
Isn't it a queer thing that the arguments that the capitalist press is now using against Socialism, are all borrowed from the Anarchists, who hold the capitalist press to hold in most righteous contempt and fear!

Merrie Christmas, Labor! Merrie Christmas!  
You chaps who labor are the salt of the earth and the backbone of this great country—and you have enough votes collectively to take the government and run it in the interests of your class—the only class that deserves consideration from a people's government.  
But you don't vote as one man! Thanks!!!  
Very kind of you to leave the government with us. We'll RUN it!!  
The other day we ordered a big woodworking establishment in Milwaukee not to put the union label on some government furniture they are making for us. Why shouldn't we; we are not afraid of you as long as you split your votes!  
The accompanying picture shows you what we do with your rights in the United States mails. When a labor paper sends out its paper in wrappers having the union label on it, we put a big black square over the label. That label stands for the laboring class who are organized to fight against our interests. Henry C.

Payne, postmaster general, issued an order suppressing the label on wrappers. We know our business, and as you do not take possession of the government and run it for your interest, we suppose you are satisfied. We thank you for your kindness. We wish you a very Merrie Christmas!!! With best wishes (!) we remain,  
THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT.  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 25, 1902.



In the A. F. of L.'s Stocking!  
For Samuel Gompers and that Washington Lobby

Victor L. Berger

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Modern Democracy and Evolution - Prof. Kirkup.

The greatest force in the social evolution of the present time, consists of the human beings who are most directly interested in it—the modern democracy.

It is being drilled in the national armies, by vast popular demonstrations, in the gigantic electoral struggles of the time. Thus it is becoming conscious of its own power, and able to use it.

It is becoming conscious also of its own responsibility and its own position. The democracy which has grown up in the master force of the civilized world is still for the most part economical.

It is entirely against the continuance or restoration of industrial operations already reduced to a state of stagnation and depression. Such efforts at continuance or restoration are economically unsound and must fail.

It is thus brought to the conclusion that the competitive system, with its excessive wage labor as the lot of the vast majority of the people, is not a suitable and adequate form for the social development of the future.

It has led to great commercial and industrial crises, which have scattered misery and panic over the world, followed by long continued stagnation and depression.

Thus anarchy, waste and starvation have been its too frequent attendants, while the normal position of the workmen under it has been precarious and unworthy of free enlightened men.

The supporters of the trusts maintain, with very good show of reason, that unregulated competition is harmful and may be ruinous to all concerned, and that they can maintain fair prices, pay fair wages and secure a fair return to capital only by mutual arrangement among the producers.

While competition has been ruinous to its own interests, it has been ruinous to the whole people. There is only one right way out of the dilemma.

A reasonable standard of living, the competent means of a normal development have been determined. Utopian guess work. A fairly definite measure of fresh air, food, clothing, exercise and of satisfaction for the affections associated with wife and children constitute the rational needs of the average man.

The effect of the Socialist theory on these points is to remove the vital interests of man from the range of competition and to place them on an ethical and scientific basis under social control.

The law will sing another tune. "But I trusted your word." "Never trust anybody, my friend. Besides I didn't promise not to do this thing."

"I don't care if they do. It's stealing just the same. You take three thousand dollars of my money—the work of my hands and my wife's."

"But you had nothing to do about that. It's my work and my money." "You were expected to buy, I worked a year rent or take it on your own terms at \$5500, or—git out."

"That's all right, but I didn't say I'd let you carry off the improvements, that I'd go on renting the farm at twenty-five. The land is doubled in value; it don't matter how; it don't enter into the question of my security."

"I'm kicking! What y' kickin' about? 'Well, why didn't you buy when I offered to sell? What y' kickin' about? 'I'm kickin' about payin' you twice f'r my own things—my own fences, my own kitchen, my own garage."

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What We Social Democrats Are After. The following is the national platform of the Socialist party of America in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the capitalist system of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the proletariat.

While the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat.

1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication and of all other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production, to decrease the share of the capitalist class and to increase the share of the workers in the product of their labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age, the revenue therefor to be derived from the government.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose, in order that the workers may receive the product of their toil.

5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in making these demands as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and in the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, we have in the people, against the public ownership demands made by capitalist political parties, which always result in perpetuating the capitalist system through a complete or partial defect of Socialist revolution.

The Red Ribbon. A Dialogue by Josephine R. Cole. Boy and girl. Girl wears a red ribbon. Boy does not. Boy—Good morning, Nellie. That is a pretty red ribbon you have on.

Girl—That is my Socialist ribbon. Boy—Why, Nellie, are you a Socialist? Girl—Of course I am.

Boy—What is a Socialist? Girl—Why, a Socialist is a—Socialist, of course. My papa is a Socialist and my mama is a Socialist and I am a Socialist.

Boy—What does the red ribbon mean? Girl—The red ribbon means that all the men in the world have the same kind of blood, the same color, red, the color of this ribbon.

Boy—Why, that seems funny. Do you mean that the negro, with black skin and woolly hair, has blood the same color as mine? Girl—Yes, just the same color as yours and mine, red.

Boy—Why does it not make his skin the same color, then? Girl—I do not know about that, but I know it is true, for once I saw a negro boy cut his finger and when the blood dropped on it it was bright red, just like this.

Boy—Then do you suppose the Indians and the Chinamen and the Esquimaux and all the different nationalities have red blood, too? Girl—Yes, everybody in the world, every man and woman, and that is what

this stands for, to show that all men and women in the world are one race—the human race, we call it. Boy—Who told you all that, Nellie? Girl—My papa. Doesn't your papa tell you so?

Boy—I guess he forgot to tell me. (Comes a little nearer the girl.) I think that ribbon is a pretty color. Girl—If you would like a piece, I have one in my pocket you can have.

Boy—How do you know that? Girl—Well, when I am grown up the women will vote too. Boy—How do you know that? Girl—Because my mama says so.

State Executive Board. The State Executive Board met December 21, with all the resident members present except Dr. H. C. Berger and Howard Tuttle.

The resignation of J. Doerfler, Jr., as literary agent, was presented, and W. R. Gaylord was appointed to this office, subject to referendum vote.

In view of the fact of non-attendance of members, the secretary was instructed to send a communication to each member in regard to this matter.

Charters were granted to Fond du Lac, Plainfield, Town of Milwaukee, 18 of Milwaukee, and 2 of Sheboygan.

Bills were granted to secretary for postage for \$5.35, to J. Hanger for printing for \$25.30 and to R. Salford for German books for \$10.00.

A Hamlin Garland Story. "Under the Lion's Paw."

There is no law against child labor. To see him in his coarse clothing, his huge boots, and his ragged cap, as he staggered with a pail of water from the well, or trudged in the cold and cheerless dawn out into the frosty field behind his team, gave the city bred visitor sharp pang of sympathetic pain.

Haskins loved his boy, and would have saved him from this if he could, but he could not. In June the first year the result of such Herculean labor began to show on the farm.

At the end of the year the neighbor who had befriended him he had taken the farm for three years, with the privilege of renting or buying at the end of the term.

The harvest came, bounteous, glorious, but the winds came and blew it into tangles, and the rain matted it here and there, and the ground, increasing the work of gathering it three-fold.

Oh, how they toiled in those glorious days! Clothing dripping with sweat, arms aching, filled with briars, fingers raw and bleeding, backs broken with the weight of heavy bundles, Haskins and his man toiled on.

Almost every night after supper, when the hand of the clock pointed to the bound grain in the field, shocking the moon in the light of the moon. Many a night he worked till his anxious wife came out at 10 o'clock to call him in to rest and lunch.

No slave in the Roman galleys could have toiled so fearfully and lived, for that man thought himself a free man, and that he was working for his wife and babes.

When he sank into his bed with a deep groan of relief, too tired to change his grimy, dripping clothing, he felt that he was getting nearer and nearer to a home, and pushing the wolf of want a little farther from his door.

It was the memory of his former homelessness, and the fear of his coming again that spurred Timothy Haskins and his wife, his wife, to such ferocious labor during that first year.

"M, yes; m, yes; first rate," said Butler, as his eye took in the neat garden, the pippen and the well-filled barnyard.

"You're gittin' quite a stock around yeh. Done well, eh?" "Haskins was showing Butler around the place. He had not seen it for a year, having spent the year in Washington and Boston with Ashley, his brother-in-law, who had been elected to Congress.

"Yes, I've laid out a good deal of money during the last three years. I've paid out \$300 f'r fencing. "Haskins said. "I see," said Butler, while Haskins went on: "The kitchen there cost \$200; the barn

to keep the wheels of the municipal machinery in motion, while they are each in debt, municipally, to the extent of \$86.82. On the other hand, the per capita valuation of each resident of the city was \$1059.93—a decidedly safe margin of assets, when compared with the liabilities.

The place value of property belonging directly to the city was \$908,490,731. The police department, about which there have been so many howls, cost each citizen but \$3.21, and this included the cost of police courts, jails, workhouses and reformatories.

The fire department cost \$1.32 per head, which was not a large expense considering the many millions of property that are protected.

The schools cost \$5.51 per capita. This item might be doubled, to the great advantage of the working men's sons. A few hundred more schoolhouses could be opened.

Street lighting was done at an expense of 70 cents per capita for the year. No family could light its home for that amount! Other street expenditures cost \$2.07.—Wm. S. Waudby in Typographical Journal.

Is Not a Quack Remedy. I recognize that Socialism is not a quack remedy for all the evils mankind is suffering from, nor that comes before the people begging to be tried in order that the benefits to be derived from its use can be seen; but it is the political expression of an irresistible industrial force, that sounds a note of warning to the world.

It sounds the death knell of the next ruling class to arms to protect their interests in the time of danger. We Socialists do not advocate force, but sometimes fear it; for if the wheels of progress be stopped by the ignorance of the people, it will make a peaceful solution of the problem less likely; moreover, we want it or not, force must become the midwife of progress, and the world plunged into civil war more terrible than any that now blots the pages of history.

What We Social Democrats Are After.

The following is the national platform of the Socialist party of America in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the capitalist system of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the proletariat.

While the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat.

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2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production, to decrease the share of the capitalist class and to increase the share of the workers in the product of their labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age, the revenue therefor to be derived from the government.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose, in order that the workers may receive the product of their toil.

# Cleanings From Busy Socialistic Fields!

Good Grain Being Harvested by Our Hands in the Field. How the Advance to the Co-operative Commonwealth Progresses. You are invited to get in Line.

## Notes from Yankee-land.

The Montana Socialist is a new one from Butte. It is bright and will do good work.

Something may drop in Pennsylvania this spring when the Socialists go into the local elections.

Comrade Max Hayes of Cleveland will lecture in Toledo January 3 on "Why Socialism is Coming."

Comrade W. R. Healey of Longwood, Fla., has been elected national committeeman from his state.

Organizer Gaylord of Wisconsin spoke on Socialism at the normal school in Milwaukee the other evening.

The Montana Labor Journal is the latest one to turn over to Socialism. Will help the campaign of education.

"Better travel slowly on the right road than rapidly on the wrong one," is the felicitous motto of the California Socialist.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease spoke under the auspices of the Twenty-first assembly district club in New York, December 21.

The Idaho official count gives the Socialists 1337 votes. It was the first time the state had a Socialist ticket in the field.

Prof. Herron and Mrs. Herron will reach America by the new year. Comrade Herron has been benefited in health by his stay in Italy.

Comrade Frederic O. MacCartney of the Massachusetts Legislature addressed the Twentieth Century Club of Boston on Socialism last week.

Although the first time in the field, the Socialists of Medford, Ind., elected a constable. The old prejudice against Socialism do seem to be wearing off a bit.

Last past page advertisement on the Vanguard cover is an affront to Socialists. No Socialist publication should abet fakirism, even at so much per line.

The California Socialist, which is edited by Comrade M. W. Wilkins, who some years ago was editor of the Class Struggle, has appeared, and is bright and readable.

Since the election and the little Socialistic flurry in the A. F. of L. convention at New Orleans, there has been a very noticeable coming over to Socialism on the part of the labor journals of the country.

Father McGrady has been deluged with correspondence since the news of his resignation of his parish got abroad. They all unite in congratulating him on now being able to devote his entire time to the Socialist propaganda.

The official vote for Colorado gives Comrade John C. Provost for governor 7128. Comrade Ida Crouch Hazlett, who was the candidate for congressman at large, received 7384. Comrade W. A. Ast, for state auditor, had 7996 votes.

In spite of the municipal victories in Brockton, Mass., the Democrats still hold the balance of power in the city government. The socialistic measures that the Democrats will be able to pass will be those which the Democrats will not dare to oppose because of the awakened public opinion.

The Socialists of Haverhill have gone into the courts in the matter of the recent election count, Comrade Bradley, candidate for mayor, claiming that several blank ballots were counted for the enemy and other irregularities committed. Bradley lost by but fourteen votes, and if he can maintain his complaint will receive the election.

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Comrade John W. Slayton, city councillor of New Castle, Pa., had a chance at the promoters of a railway ordinance the other day. He made a strong speech against giving a franchise to the Shenango & Beaver Valley railway—a company that had not endeared itself to the

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The Western tour of Comrades Thomas J. Hagerity and Edward Boyce will commence in Montana about January 10. They will give twenty-five speeches in that state, four in the Coeur d'Alene district in Idaho, and two at Spokane, Wash. The well-known ex-president of the Western Federation of Miners and the famous Socialist-priest ought to make a strong team.

## Wisconsin Notes.

Watch the Socialist revival in Wisconsin while Comrade Thompson is here. We are planning to make Milwaukee a little bit warmer than it ever was before.

Plainfield is the newest baby of the bunch, in the line of charter applications.

Fond du Lac kept the promise made to have an organization effected and besides is coming down with the necessary for the Thompson lectures.

January is filled up solid for Comrade Thompson. He will have to get all his rest on the trains and street cars for a month.

We can now make February dates for Thompson if the comrades will hurry. The same terms hold as before. Don't you want a "Socialist revival" in your town, too?

Comrade Gaylord will speak at another church in Milwaukee. This time it is the Park Place M. E. Church in the Eighteenth ward and the date is December 28, at 7:30 p. m. The subject will be "Socialism and Religion." No admittance fee, comrades. Turn out!

Our state secretary, Miss Thomas, returned from her vacation in the East full of enthusiasm and renewed energy and now matters will jump more than ever.

Racine and Kenosha are moving in the matter of ward organization. Who'll be the next? Every city in the state must have its wards organized and a city central committee formed within the next six months at the outside. But some of them will have to hurry!

Brothead calls for Comrade Thompson for three nights. All right, Comrade Evans, but it will have to be in February. Any more towns in that neighborhood want Comrade Thompson about that time, too?

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Sheboygan Falls promises to have an awakening moon and form a local branch.

We are learning of some of the places where the Social Democratic vote was counted out, and will doubtless be able to increase the number of places where branch organizations are possible by the time we have gone over the state by at least twenty.

Comrade Isaac Peterson of Minneapolis is traveling through our state now selling books, and incidentally assisting the Agitator by picking up the names of good Socialists here and there. We would be glad to have all the assistance of this kind we can get. It saves dollars.

Fond du Lac is one of our promising new fields. There is a fine spirit of earnestness and activity among the comrades there, and we look for large results. The condition of affairs in the city politics is such as to give an honest party a great opening, and the comrades are trying to get ready for the opportunity offered.

North Fond du Lac is a "railroad town," having a "bull pen" of its own around the shops there, with a barracks labeled "Y. M. C. A." inside where the men who have no homes can get poor coffee, rest in a dirty reading room that is almost as inviting as the waiting rooms furnished by the company at its stations, and having toilet accommodations which rival the neighboring barnyards. We concluded that there ought to be some Socialist work done there, and shall try to co-operate with the comrades of Fond du Lac in the matter.

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