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What International Socialism Demands:

- 1. Collective ownership of public utilities and all industries in the hands of Trusts and Combinations. 2. Democratic management of such collective industry. 3. Reduction of the hours of labor and progressively increased remuneration. 4. State and National Insurance for the workers and honorable rest for old age.

Situation in the Democratic Party.

In Ohio and Nebraska the Democratic state conventions were held on the same day, and in both the Bryan element triumphed. From Nebraska this was to be expected, but Ohio was not so certain. There a factional fight took place between the "conservative" and the "radical" Democrats, and the latter have triumphed, but not absolutely, nor by entirely fair means.

Half Hours in the Herald Sanctum.

Dear Comrade: We were attacked yesterday in all the Catholic churches in regard to Father Hagerty, claiming he is an exponent of the church and warning all Catholics to stay away from the lecture. I do not think that this warning to Catholics will lessen the crowd at all and in fact we look forward to a still larger crowd than we at first anticipated.

A very foolish fellow who signs himself E. B. Swinney, writes a lot of foolish stuff or "The Weakness of Socialism" for the current issue of Boyce's Weekly.

And he says that the postal scandals show that Socialism will not work. Trying to put the sins of capitalist politicians on the backs of the Socialists, eh? That's pretty smooth! And he doesn't fail to add that the postoffice could be run cheaper under private hands!

The Modern Union Movement And Its Aspect.

The modern trades union movement has only one clearly defined aim, and can have only this one aim: to help complete the revolution now taking place within the bosom of society, and this through active participation in an independent political labor party. The modern union labor movement, besides trying to improve conditions now, aims at the abolition of wage labor—at least so say all the preambles in the trade union constitutions.

There are various reasons why English and American workmen to some extent still have quite different ideas than their German brothers as to the objects to be accomplished by the unions. The German unions are of recent date and were mostly founded by the Social Democratic party, that is, the political organization preceded the trade organization.

that mankind might almost be smothered with them, yet here we now find want as a constant factor in public and social life—want, introduced by anarchy in the industrial world. The constitutions of the separate states which in vain guarantee "equal liberties" to all citizens of the state in the political field, prove nothing but empty smoke against the economic slavery which holds captive the body and soul of the workingman.

Gleanings from Busy Socialistic Fields!

NOTES FROM YANKEE LAND.

New locals were organized in Port Allegany and Galesburg, Penn., at the close of Ben Hanford's lectures in those towns.

J. Mahlon Barnes addressed the Labor Day demonstration at Latimer to commemorate the shooting of miners at that place in 1897.

Comrade Barkowski, the Polish Socialist agitator and organizer, is speaking in and around Philadelphia.

Comrade William Geroty, a young Hungarian speaker and organizer, has organized six Hungarian Socialist locals in different parts of the country.

The Socialists of Ft. Wayne, Ind., are prepared to test the local ordinance which prohibits street meetings, and a speaker will be sent there soon.

San Francisco comrades held their convention Aug. 30, nominated Frank R. Whitney for mayor and adopted a platform strongly opposed to fusion with the Independent Labor Party.

A "Sociological Course for Priests and Educated Laymen" was held in Dubuque, Ia., last month. Father P. J. Ming of Prairie du Chien, Wis., gave a series of seven lectures on Socialism and means to be employed in fighting it.

Comrade Parmet of Philadelphia writes us to ask for suggestions as to "some good histories of the United States for a young man to study at evenings." As a Socialist paper we do not feel that we can recommend any of them.

At the city convention of the Social Democratic party of Yonkers, N. Y., held Monday Aug. 17th, the following city ticket was nominated:

For Mayor, Fritz Cassens. For City Judge, Geo. C. Chadayne. For Justice of the Peace, Wm. R. Chappel.

"Our Fritz," the standard bearer, is a Cabinet Maker well known, a member of several organizations and respected by everyone. We expect to poll a big vote this fall, and call upon every working man of Yonkers to vote their own ticket. Vote under the Arm and Torch.

A Spokane comrade writes us as follows: "Will it be consistent with the present platform and teaching of the Socialist party for me in my individual capacity to manufacture and sell to private parties canes, washing machines, hoes, rakes, or other articles, or to paint pictures to sell to private persons? If so, what will be the character of exchange? Please give me your reasons for your position." In answer we have the following to say: Yes, it will be consistent with the purpose

of the party if you continue to make a living for yourself. And to do so you must be guided by the prevailing business system, for you must bear in mind that we are still under capitalism. Under Socialism it would be entirely different.

Another German gentleman, Herr Mitsche, editor of the Saxon "Arbeiter Zeitung" (Saechsische Arbeiter-Zeitung), has been sentenced to three months imprisonment for insulting the King of Saxony.

The Revolutionary Socialists of the department of Isere have announced Comrade Dr. L. Grefrier as their candidate for the French Senate, in place of the deceased Durart Savayot.

George Gould, who has never soiled his hands with an honest day's labor in his life, says the zenith of prosperity is not yet reached. He says the present "prosperity" does not mean high water mark, by any means.

How the Social Democratic party in Spain has grown is proved by the following figures: At the first congress in 1888 18 sections were represented: at the second 23; at the third 32; at the fourth 34; at the last congress last year 73; now the number is raised to 100, and the party got 5,000 votes at the election; in 1903, 29,000 votes, which, considering the manner in which voters are terrorized at the polls and the results falsified, speaks volumes.

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