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FREEDOM HAS FLED!

Victor L. Berger Comments on the View of the German Socialist Press on Colorado Capitalism.

Again celebrate the Fourth of July and the establishment of this Republic. It is obvious that if the fathers of this republic had any special object in throwing off the old form of government, it could be no other than the advancement of the general interest...

Where is the equality? One man is born in poverty, with all that poverty implies; another in affluence, with all the advantages affluence brings. One has a future of hard labor simply to maintain existence...

They claim that there are no social distinctions, no classes in America. What nonsense! Has there ever existed a greater social distinction than exists between the millionaire and common proletarian in America at the present time?

But to come back to the celebration of the establishment of this Republic. We ask again, where, as far as actual effects go, is the talk of superiority of the republican over the monarchical system?

Do we actually have a Res-Publica? In what respect? Titles, themselves are harmless, were abolished; but the privileges of wealth, which are a public danger, are maintained.

The people-loving government serves a class of favored plutocrats and more than princely incomes and whenever they so choose, they more than princely excesses on the poor and defenseless masses.

Our friends in the old country are beginning to see the conditions in America in their true light and we are the objects of their contempt and of their contempt.

The German Social-Democratic papers devote considerable space to comments on the treatment by the American authorities of union miners in the Cripple Creek district, and although the Social-Democrats are the sworn enemies of the monarchy and even of the Kaiser, the German government comes in for a certain amount of praise in this connection.

In a leading article commenting on the persecution of the union miners, the Berlin Vorwaerts says editorially: Those who were wont to consider the great republic on the other side of the Atlantic a haven of refuge for the down-trodden classes, the course of events in America is greatly regretted.

Colorado the so-called higher classes—that is to say, the millionaire owners and their followers—are daily violating the laws of the state to the detriment of the workingmen, whose only crime is that they have formed unions for their own protection, unions which are perfectly legal under the existing laws of the state.

Workingmen have been corralled into pens as if they were wild beasts, and a place to banish these unfortunate people to, they have been deported into a neighboring state, Kansas. One wonders what the next stage of the military tyrant will be.

Our brother organ in Germany is right: Patience has ceased to be a virtue. But the American workmen have long ceased to claim any patience. And as to the comparison between the government of Germany and the government of the United States—of course the Kaiser is the mortal enemy, but he is at least a brave man; while our ruling classes are shabby and cowardly lackeys and their governors are lawyers and thieves whom they buy and use at pleasure.

There is a possibility of a peaceful solution of the social question in Germany. There is none here, although no doubt the orators of this party will favor us as usual with glowing accounts of the policy of the government under which we live.

we will say this: In the ancient city of hanging gardens, Babylon, including in high revelry, surrounded by satraps, wives and concubines, was not blind to the writing on the wall. Struck with awe, he recommended the feast to end; he sent for men of lore, to interpret the words. In America today, mammon attended by slaves of fortune, is still feasting in gilded halls. Drunk with pleasure, he sees not the writing on the wall. There it is in flaming letters.

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The Farmer and the City Wage Worker.

The experience of farmers with hired help they did get, and the losses sustained by reason of inability to get any, has prejudiced many of them against the whole wage-earning class, and so they naturally look upon the misfortunes of that class with indifference, if not satisfaction.

But in this connection should come thought of the demand for farm products and their probable prices, quite an essential factor as the wages of farm hands. The truth is that no industry suffers more from the idleness or low wages of the working masses than farming.

If you could look at the men who are back of the outrages on labor in Colorado you would find them the same pleasant-faced, finely dressed gentlemen that you see everywhere else—the "leading" business men, well fed and full of the air of prosperity.

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A mining merger is the latest, with a capital of two billion dollars, and Rockefeller at the head of it. It will practically control the mining output of the nation, put it into the hands of a combination of capitalistic leeches whereas heretofore it has been in their hands also, but in separate groups.

Gen. Anarchist Bell! Gen. Bell's defense of his acts in deporting men who have "transgressed no written law" is an argument in favor of lynch law and no other.

A St. Louis boulder has made a confession. He says the boodling aldermen formed an organization and decided by lot which one was to receive the boodle and distribute it. They got \$20,000 from a street car company, \$18,000 for their votes on the Union ave. bill, \$75,000 on the Central Traction bill, \$15,000 for a lighting bill and \$75,000 for a suburban bill, a total of over a quarter million of dollars that the "leading" plutes of the city paid over to them for the right to skin a rich harvest out of the people.

"Socialism Has Failed Wherever it has been Tried," is the remarkable heading over an article in "Ex-Socialist" F. G. R. Gordon's paper, published in Massachusetts. "Ex-Socialism" isn't above clear-cut falsification it will be noticed.

According to the newspaper advertisements of McClure's Magazine for July, Grover Cleveland in his story of the government's part in the big Chicago strike of 1894, gives his personal estimate of Debs and Altgeld. Reference to the article itself shows that the only approach to an estimate of Debs consists in the words: "The president of the Railway Union was one Eugene V. Debs."

They are patient, very patient—we see how they take the situation in Colorado—in fact, they are more patient than the Chinese who rose as "Boxers." They are about as patient as the Russians.

Some potential grafters are now at work trying to organize a new national party to sell out to the capitalist politicians. It is to be a "reform" party and is to "save" labor. A large poster has been issued by a man named Harris, by "order" of some committee, he claims, calling a convention in Philadelphia July 4, to nominate candidates for president and vice president.

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"Capitalist journals that approved Pres. Cleveland's act (in sending the federal troops to put down the big Chicago railway strike) are now arguing, conversely, that federal interference in Colorado would be unconstitutional and highly improper," says the Literary Digest.

Investigation shows that the life-preservers in the ill-fated pleasure steamer on which so many New York people lost their lives, were rotten to the point that they were of no service. It is a pretty good specimen of the official inspections that capitalism produces.

The day is fast coming when the question whether they (Catholic workmen) may consistently join labor unions will have to be considered in the negative.—Archbishop Messmer.

"A Catholic, who is a member of a trade union, sends us a copy of last week's Social-Democratic Herald, with the above quotation printed in black type, and he wants to know if Archbishop Messmer is an enemy of organized labor."

"Through all our American Catholic papers defend the liberty of artisans to form unions and believe that trade unions are a legitimate and necessary evolution of modern industrial conditions, a certain section of our German Catholic papers denounce trade unions as 'hot-beds of anarchy and Socialism,' and urge that the Church condemn them. The question, as we have said, is an open one."

That's fair. It seems to be our duty now to give our authority for the quotation, which we do as follows: In the Catholic Telegraph, published at Cincinnati, of the date of December 1901, appears an article beginning as follows: "A meeting to consider methods for winning new members for the Catholic German Centre Society and to prepare the way for the formation of distinctively Catholic workingmen's unions was held in the school hall of Trinity parish last Thursday evening, the Very Rev. J. C. Albrinck, Ph. D. V. G. presiding. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Messmer, Green Bay, Wis., as the first speaker of the evening, stated that the industrial and social question is one of the most important questions confronting the Catholic layman. The labor unions are all based on the principles of Socialism. What then are Catholic workmen to do? The day is coming fast when the question whether they may consistently join labor unions will have to be answered in the negative," etc.

With eviction staring her in the face, her husband in an insane asylum as a result of brooding over his inability to get work, no money to rent another habitation and her children crying for food, Mrs. Anna Kelsdzick of Chicago put her three little innocent children to sleep, locked the doors and turned on the gas. In the morning when the constable came to throw her out of the three beggarly little rooms she occupied, he found her lying dead on the floor and the three little children clasped in each other's arms sleeping their last sleep.

The navy department has received a cable saying that Pedricaris, the alleged American who has been deprived of his liberty by the Moroccans, will be straightway released. The cable is from Admiral Chadwick, who was sent with his gunboats to the coast of Morocco to demand the release of the American citizen. Notice, please, how brave this capitalist government is toward other nations that interfere with the rights of one of its citizens.

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A SHAMEFUL AFFAIR!

Eugene V. Debs Comments on the John Mitchell Banquet at Pittsburg and the Things that Happened There.

SOME time ago I said that John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers, and Francis L. Robbins, President of the Pittsburg Coal Company, understood each other perfectly in reference to the settlement of the threatened coal strike which reduced the miners' wages; and that Mr. Robbins and the operators had the assistance of Mr. Mitchell in enforcing the reduction and were able to predict it with accuracy long before it was finally agreed to by the rank and file of the miners.

The Pittsburg Dispatch of June 7th has an extended account of an incident that may not be corroborative, but it is certainly significant and, like the proverbial straw, shows which way the wind blows.

Mr. Mitchell has gone to Europe and it is not my purpose to attack him in his absence, but simply to put this incident on record for future reference.

The article in question is headed with a five column cut of an elaborate banquet scene, the guests consisting of mine owners, mine workers and capitalist politicians. At the table of honor are Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Robbins, with Patrick Dolan, District president, between them, as the central figure and toastmaster of the evening.

Mr. Dolan's boast is that he has never read a work on economics and he proves it daily in his works. In a recent action for libel brought against a local paper by a couple of organizers for the Socialist Labor Party, Mr. Dolan testified for the defendant. In answer to a question he said that Socialism and anarchy were one and the same thing.

Such a leader is conclusive evidence that there are vast stretches between his followers and daylight. What Mr. Dolan does not know about labor makes him hate Socialism and fits him to preside at a banquet where workers are used as dummies to renew allegiance to the reign of their masters.

The Dispatch article has the following double column headlines: "MINERS START A BOOM FOR COMBINE LEADER"—"F. L. ROBBINS APPROVED FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR AT DINNER IN HONOR OF LABOR OFFICIALS"—"THEIR GRACEFUL COMPLIMENT."

"In the presence of the recipient of the honor, coal operators and organized coal miners of Western Pennsylvania formally proposed Francis L. Robbins, President of the Pittsburg Coal Company, for the United States Senate at a banquet last night at the Henry Hotel. The banquet was in honor of John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers, and District Secretary William Dodds, to wish the two godspeed on a European tour they are about to make in the interest of their organization. Even Mitchell joined in the tribute to Robbins, which was taken up by others."

"Although hailed as the next senator from Pennsylvania, Mr. Robbins confined his remarks to a eulogy of Mitchell and Dodds."

"Secretary Dodds started the Robbins movement. Dodds is secretary of a district of 37,000 organized miners. He formally proposed Mr. Robbins for United States Senator. The coal president was cheered for several minutes. He said he attended the banquet to do honor to two friends."

"The presence of operators and miners," said Mr. Robbins, "defines the proper relation between capital and labor, employer and employed. One thing has led up to the present state of affairs: Miners recognize that conservative men must be placed at the head of their organization."

"If the future shows a change it will be because labor does not continue to put conservative men at the head of their organization."

"THE ONLY MENACE TO ORGANIZED LABOR NOW IS SOCIALISM, AND SOCIALISM MUST BE RELEGATED TO THE REAR."

"Mr. Mitchell then spoke and among other things is reported as saying that: 'He believes harmonious relations between organized capital and organized labor can be obtained without labor surrendering any of its rights or capitalism surrendering its rights.'"

The foregoing appeals strongly for comment, especially the statement of Mr. Robbins, coal baron and labor leader, that Socialism is a menace to organized labor, but I will only say that Mr. Robbins knows quite well that Socialism is a menace only to the class suggested by his name and that this prompts him to assail it while he places diamond decorations upon the "conservative" leaders of his coal-digging wage-slaves.

The fact that Mr. John Mitchell, labor leader, sees nothing wrong in accepting a diamond badge from the rich and designing exploiters of his poor and pilfered followers; that he evidently has not the least conception of what such a testimonial really symbolizes may serve sufficiently in mitigation to shield him from merited contempt and condemnation.

Eugene V. Debs

THE HERALD IS STEADILY FORGING TO THE FRONT as the leading exponent of Socialism in the United States. Nearly every mail brings in expressions of approval from leading Socialists as well as from members of the movement generally. This means that its Socialism is sound and progressive and safe to put in the hands of prospective converts. If you do a thing, do it right. If you wish to make a Social-Democrat of a neighbor, friend or shop mate, give him the most approved literature to read. Give him the Herald. As a fighting Socialist this is your duty. It is the way converts are made. The Herald is not published for profit, but for propaganda. It is furnished for less than it costs to issue it. This should enlist your co-operation, and at once. These are the golden days for making converts. Get them to read before the hard times catch them as it is bound to do before long. Be a worker in the cause! Send in five dollars for ten yearly subscription cards and we will give you a copy of Marx' Capital, the cloth bound \$1.75 edition. Then sell your cards and you will have your money back and the book besides. Do it now!

ic societies throughout the country and is to fight trusts. Such a piebald affair ought to excite only laughter, but probably there will be enough asses here and there to give it substantiality enough to get a couple of foxes into nomination. The political adventurer who issues the poster announces that Judge Grosscup of Chicago will be invited to speak. Government by Injunction Grosscup's name gives the purpose of the new party dead away. But in order that labor may not be fooled, Socialist and labor papers would do well to sound a warning against it.

"Socialism Made Plain," by Allan L. Benson. A big book for ten cents. It will make thousands of converts. This

Victor L. Berger

Labor and the Church.

The Catholic Citizen opens a thoughtful editorial with these lines: "The Socialistic papers are making the charge that the Morrill Leather Co. and the Douglas Shoe Co., large manufacturing concerns of Massachusetts, recently paid the expenses of a Catholic clergyman, Father [redacted], who came from [redacted], O., to lecture the workmen of Brockton on the un-Catholicity of Socialism; also that a prominent manufacturer bought 5,000 copies of Father [redacted]'s 'Indictment of Socialism,' to circulate among his Catholic employes."

enough; the bully who would kick a man merely because he is up is not a whit better than the bully who would kick a man merely because he is down. But it would be unfortunate if the large body of working people who look with sympathy on those moderate and harmless political politics that are often—alas!—labelled Socialism, should come to believe that the Catholic priest is being used by the capitalist as a club to beat down organized labor. It has long been recognized that the real cause of modern wars between nations is not land-hungry patriotism, but fiscal policy and prosperity considerations. It is a serious question whether the alienation of the poorer classes from the Church in countries like France, for example, where the aristocracy is so closely identified with religion, is not due in the long run to somewhat similar causes. The Church can never, of course, be expected to compromise with anarchy; but it behooves Catholics to

beware how the Church is made to appear to take sides needlessly against her own children, who are mostly laboring men. It is said by a writer of some repute that "the Social-Democracy of Germany has now over three million votes, and is the largest party in the Empire. In Austria the voting power is nearly a million. In the United States it is now probably about a quarter of a million. In France it is over a million and a half. And the party is strongly entrenched in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Italy, and even now in Spain." The question of Socialism is pre-eminently one that requires judicious and enlightened treatment at this crisis; and it is to us another proof of the providential government of the Church that the Pope who will be called on to deal with it is himself a son of the soil, a poor man and a lover of the poor." —Ave Maria. The Herald, ten weeks, ten cents.

Notice! Comrade Benson was unable to finish the final article in his series on "Socialism Made Plain," in time for this issue. It will appear next week.

In about four weeks we will begin the publication of a series of articles on "Socialism and the City," by Comrade Winfield R. Gaylord. More particulars next week.

"Law and Order" Murders in Colorado.

George H. Shoof has written an account of his personal investigations into the situation in the Cripple Creek district in Colorado, where the state troops in the pay of the Mine Owners are waging an indiscriminate war of extermination against union men. He shows that the Associated Press reports from Colorado are all highly colored and unfair to the miners. Writing of Gen. Bell's Dunville exploit, in which with 200 men in a special train, he descended on a camp of the hunted miners 14 miles from Victor, he says: "The scal miners, thirsting like tigers for a taste of human blood, ran ahead of General Bell, firing into the tents as they ran." Then three miners were seen running up the gulch. "Fire!" shouted Adjutant General Bell. The order was complied with and for seven minutes a veritable hailstorm of bullets and rifle balls was discharged from the mountain sides in every direction by the deputies and soldiers, all of whom had by this time reached the clearing where the General stood. This constituted the principal engagement when the murderous return fire from the miners was supposed to have "spitted" up the ground repeatedly at the General's feet. For an hour desultory firing was indulged in by the troops, during which time I saw and heard only one shot fired by a union miner. That came from a shot gun fired from the east and the force of the shot from it was spent long before they reached the valley below. Although I stood within 15 feet of General Bell during the principal engagement, and hovered around close to his person while the rest of the battle raged, I never heard the whistle

of a bullet, except those fired by the invaders; never saw the ground torn up anywhere near where our crowd stood, and positively the only shot I saw or heard discharged from the other side was that already alluded to. In all there must have been 5,000 shots fired by the combined force of deputies and militia. The miners were surprised while at work in their prospect holes, and were given no time to surrender or make their escape in safety. They are accused of running. What else could they do when they saw that they were about to be shot in cold blood? Even after General Bell gave the order to cease firing, "to permit the men to come down the mountain sides with their hands held above their heads, several exhibitions of brutality were given by the deputies that made my blood boil in anger.... The whole affair was a premeditated murder from the start, and it was only because the strikers retired to safe retreats and stayed there until the one-sidedness of the situation dawned on their would-be murderers, that they dared come out and give up."

his father to accompany him down the shaft. It was clear that the explosion had been premature and that it killed the men who were placing the machine in position. The blowing up of the Independence depot was also clearly shown to be a Mine Owners' plot, as the blood hounds put on the scent of the perpetrator ran directly to the home of one of the capitalist's detectives. The above are fair samples of the exposures and give us a glimpse of the situation in Colorado, and if that situation does not start out a breed of Anarchists on the workers' side in response to the Anarchists on the capitalist side, human nature must be different there than it is 'the world over. With men like Addicks and Payne on the Republican National Committee there ought to be no question of the continued "good works" of the Grand Old Party! Men of that stripe owe their prominence in capitalist politics to the fact that their morals are of a low sort, and there is work for such to do. The man who still thinks that the Republican or Democratic parties are parties of high ideals hasn't strong enough vision to penetrate behind the scenes. If there were even handed justice in this country most of the members of the national committee would be behind the bars where they belong. The Herald, ten weeks, ten cents

SANCTIFIED PLUNDER.

It is reported of the younger Mr. Rockefeller that when some of his bible class members recently suggested that certain modern methods of getting great fortunes could not be consistently practiced by Christians, he asked if the manner in which these men disposed of their wealth did not count for something to their advantage. This is the new doctrine of Christian plutocracy. Most of the velvet clergymen are preaching it. Not how you get your wealth, but what you do with it, is the text they are fond of applying. The doctrine is not new. It was practiced long ago by Jonathan Wild, Sixteen-String Jack and Jack Sheppard. Perhaps the excellent Mr. Rockefeller doesn't know what these worthies were, being unfamiliar literature. Let him understand, then, that they were high-walkers, who soothed their consciences for their un-Christian modes of getting wealth from their owners by their Christian habits of bestowing it upon others.—Public

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Advertisement for baby carriages and go-carts. Includes text: 'Climbing Up', 'Baby Carriages and Go-Carts', 'The popularity of our baby vehicles is shown by our steadily increasing sales. As manufacturers we are in a position to sell at prices one-fourth lower than those of retailers. Besides, the sterling qualities of these vehicles are too evident to be overlooked. Fine Repair Work. E.P. Pah & Co.'

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The National Socialist Platform for 1904. (As Adopted at Chicago, May 5, 1904.)

We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose the democratizing of the whole of Liberty. whole of society. To this idea of liberty the Republican and Democratic parties are equally false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enslavement and degradation of labor. Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the means of rooting out the idea of freedom from among the people. Our state and national legislatures have become the mere agencies of great property interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges of our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign and weaker people, in order to establish new markets for the surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy. They are gradually so invading and restricting the right of suffrage as to take away unawares the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By making new and misinterpreting old laws, they are preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or think for himself, or for the common good. By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing class is able to silence what might be the voice of protest against the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls the university and public school, the pulpit and the press, and the arts and literature. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission to its own interests. Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was one of the faiths upon which our institutions were founded. But, under the guise of defending private property, capitalism is using our political institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human beings ever to become possessors of private property in the means of life. Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private property. Its development is through the legalized confiscation of all that the labor of the working class produces, above its subsistence-wage. The private ownership of the means of employment grounds society in an economic slavery which renders intellectual and political tyranny inevitable. Socialism comes to organize industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of international Socialism, as embodied in the united thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial development already accomplished, the Capitalist interests of the world's workers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the most exploited and oppressed workers, in the most remote places of the earth, inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal condition. Industry and finance are no longer national but international, in both organization and results. The chief significance of national boundaries, and of the so-called patriotisms which the ruling class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these give to capitalism to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markets of the world, or the remaining sources of profit. The Socialist movement therefore is a world movement. It knows of no conflicts of interest between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all humanity.

The Socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that economic development or world process which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery, for its portion. The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict. This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of employment, or the tools of production. Whoever and whenever man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the things which he used, economic independence was possible. But production, or the making of goods, has long ceased to be individual. The labor of scores, or even thousands, enters into almost every article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically everything is made or done by many hands, sometimes separated by seas or continents—working together for the same end. But this co-operation in production is not for the benefit of the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners of the tools and means of production; and to this is due the present division of society into two classes; and from it have sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization. Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded in fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental and moral harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society for its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its destruction. It is no longer content to organize or administer the work of the world, or even to preserve itself. The capitalists of industry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of the developing socialization of the world's work. The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capitalist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that will soon destroy them. Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of workers of all nations in the Socialist movement. The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society. Socialism means that all these things upon which the people in common depend shall be by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together; and that all opportunities shall be open and equal to all men. To the end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government, and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increase of wages; for the immediate insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of incomes, inheritances, franchises and land values, the proceeds to be applied to the public employment and improvement of the conditions of the workers; for the complete education of children, and their freedom from the workshop; for the equal suffrage of men and women in the prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular government, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, equal suffrage and municipal home rule, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legislative office the first duty of striving to procure whatever is for the workers' most immediate interest, and for whatever will lessen the economic and political powers of the capitalist, and increase the like powers of the worker. But, in so doing, we are urging these remedial measures as means to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparatory of the workers to this end, and we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be entrusted to our fellow-workers, both for their immediate interests and for their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to all the workers of America, and to all who will lend their lives to the service of the workers in their struggle to gain the tools of their work, and to all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies unto the workers' cause, to cast in their lot and faith with the Socialist Workers' party. And we appeal only to what we, and the men and women whom we represent, are ready to give and have given. Our appeal for the trust and enraging of our fellow-workers is at once an appeal for their common good and freedom, and for the freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pleading ourselves, and those we represent, to be faithful to the appeal which we make, we believe that we are but uttering the will of that economic condition which will bring the freedom of the whole world.

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NOTE: In some states the organization is known as the Socialist Party, in others as the Social Democratic Party. Where the term "local" is used it does not refer to trade union locals, but to the local body.

NOTES FROM YANKEE LAND. The Rhode Island comrades have applied for a charter for a state organization. Comrade Louis Gaozion, the new French organizer, will begin his labors this month, working in the middle western states.

ACROSS THE HERRING POND. A former New York labor man now residing in Bohemia states that the workmen in Bohemia are more prosperous than the workers of New York, and that they are also better organized politically.

each to keep the paper out of the rapids that lead to extinction. It has survived only by the most exacting sacrifices, we are told. Something must be done to save the Socialist press! But what?

NAT'L HEADQTRS.—The activity of the Socialist party can be judged by the number of state conventions scheduled to be held on July 4th. So far as the National office is informed they are as follows: Colorado at Denver; Florida at Ocala; Idaho at Weiser; Indiana at Indianapolis; Iowa at Marshalltown; Nebraska at Omaha; Oklahoma at Oklahoma City; West Virginia at Wheeling.

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SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Table showing Social-Democratic vote in the United States from 1888 to 1902. 1888: 2,000; 1892: 21,000; 1896: 35,000; 1900: 133,000; 1902: 230,000.

SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC VOTE IN THE WORLD.

Table showing Social-Democratic vote in the world from 1870 to 1903. 1870: 104,195; 1880: 318,766; 1890: 1,668,043; 1900: 3,544,405; 1902: 6,321,942; 1903: approximately 8,000,000.

THE CHURCH AND THE WORKER.

The Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee, in opening its columns to the consideration of Socialism, is doing a thing which other Catholic papers will have to do sooner or later. Conditions are forcing them to it, and they will not be able to dodge the duty for long.

The fact is that the present system bears every bit as cruelly on the workman who is a Catholic as on the workman who is not. It is just as cannibalistic toward him as toward anybody else.

The Catholic Citizen seems to be about the only Church paper thus far that sees all this, and it is urging its churchmen to avoid contributing to this feeling of dissatisfaction on the part of the workmen in its membership.

These platforms undoubtedly express the common sense of the American people. How foolish and impolitic it is, therefore, for Catholics to begin as the bulk of the Catholic population, when the necessity of such an agitation is not recognized by any political party in the country.

A negro was hanged at Eupora, Miss., in the public square last week, charged with the crime of criminal assault. He strongly protested his innocence to the last and warned the negroes present to keep away from the houses of white people when women were at home alone.

THE MILWAUKEE SOCIALIST ALDERMEN.

From the daily paper reports of the council meeting of June 27, we take the following excerpts:

Ald. Edmund T. Melms (S.-D.) caused a flurry at yesterday's meeting of the city council, by introducing a resolution directing the commissioner of health to make an exhaustive examination and analysis of ice sold by the ice dealers of Milwaukee, and directing him to condemn all ice found to be impure and requiring the city attorney to institute proceedings against the companies offering impure ice for sale.

Ald. Melms also introduced a series of resolutions directing the tax commissioner to transmit to the common council a detailed statement of all taxable property of each and every tax payer in the city of Milwaukee the total valuation of whose property exceeds the sum of \$100,000, be it a firm, corporation or individual, and appropriating \$100 for the expense of the work.

The finance committee reported a resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to visit cities owning electric lighting plants for the purpose of investigating them, as a preliminary measure to the erection of an electric lighting plant in Milwaukee.

Ald. Emil Seidel (S.-D.) opposed the resolution on the ground that it was well known that many members of the council were opposed to a municipal lighting plant, and the

committee might be packed against it; that most of the aldermen knew nothing about electrical lighting plants and would not be able to comprehend any explanation that an electrical engineer might make to them. He declared that if such a committee were appointed it should be made up of experts. "Milwaukee," he said, "is one of the largest machinery producing cities in the country, if not in the world, and we should get our information here rather than send a committee about the country to spend our money. I offer as an amendment that two citizens be selected, one an electrical and the other a mechanical engineer, to visit other cities and make a report to this council; also that the president of the council appoint a committee of seven citizens to investigate the subject, they to receive no compensation for their services."

The resolution was referred back to the finance committee. Ald. Frederic Heath (S.-D.) Tenth ward, objects to immortalizing the names of public officials who have been recreant to their trusts. As he has discovered that the members of the board of public works have emblazoned their names on bronze tablets in the public school buildings of the city, he introduced a resolution prohibiting them from erecting any more such tablets to glorify their existence until such times as they shall have achieved a more substantial distinction than mere membership in the board.

The preamble to his resolution recites the pernicious effects upon the minds of school children of having emblazoned the name of Frank Nieszorawski, who had been convicted and sentenced for bribery. In order that the school children may not thus be led to confound the name of Washington and Lincoln with that of Nieszorawski, the board is directed to erase the name of Nieszorawski from the bronze tablets bearing it in the public schools of the city and on other public work.

E. V. Koch, appointed by Mayor Rose, was confirmed as building inspector, to succeed Michael Dunn, the Social-Democrats voting against the appointment.

The first flood of oratory came when the dog ordinance was read by the clerk. Ald. Braun and Wittig appeared in behalf of the canine denizens of Milwaukee, but Ald. Stoetzer, Melms and Smith supported the measure and won.

The police committee recommended the allowance of \$150 to Chief Janssen for his expenses to St. Louis, but Ald. Smith objected and wanted it cut down to \$100. Ald. Welch (S.-D.) said it was wrong to allow anything at all. A motion to postpone the matter indefinitely was lost by a vote of 13 to 24. Ald. Smith moved that the sum be cut down to \$100, but this was lost by a vote of 10 to 28. Ald. Melms then moved that it be laid over for two weeks, and this carried by a vote of 12 to 26.

HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

Dear Herald: I received the Herald. Dr. Fay, representing our Educational Club, held an indignation meeting against the capitalist thug outrage in Colorado. We had a crowd of about 300 people I should judge.

Dr. Fay was at his best and held the hearers spellbound by his denunciation of the unlawful, mercenary and murderous warfare against the laboring classes who have created the greatest amount of wealth for the rich wage-slave employers of Colorado. When the Doctor mentioned that I had some free copies of the Herald, I was surrounded by a shower of hands, I was overwhelmed, my hat was knocked off, the crowd was so anxious to get a copy. The Doctor had made clear how Gompers, Mitchell and other false labor leaders were in league with the capitalist law breakers and anarchists of this country, and more especially of Colorado at this time.

Won't you please print a Colorado number and reprint Debs' article again: "Pleasing the Masters." I want to send for a large number. W. H. Brown.

Minneapolis.

Editor Herald: Will Socialism Made Plain be issued in book or pamphlet form? If it isn't it ought to be. It is certainly a knock-down argument and ought to make Socialists by the million. If a man will read that and not become a Socialist he ought to be robbed—take the rags off his back and burn him out.

A comrade has a Columbia Cylinder Graphophone. Can you tell us where, if at all, we can get some records of Socialist speeches and songs? We live in such an out of the way place, way out here in southwest Missouri, in the Ozark mountains, that Socialist speakers have never found and I am afraid never will be able to find us. We have quite a good many Socialists scattered round in the hollows and gulches here, and I question if there is one of us that ever heard a Socialist speech, and we thought if we could hear a good one now and then—if only second hand it would beat none at all. We have written to several houses that make it a business of supplying records, but those that have made any reply at all claim that they haven't got anything in the Socialist line. As Milwaukee is a treat in the Socialist movement, can't you get up something of the kind? Ruth, Mo. J. B. Meredith.

[We shall have to refer this suggestion to the national headquarters. Yes, "So-

cialism Made Plain" will be issued in book form.]

Editor Herald: You will find check for \$1.25 herewith and send Herald to the names and addresses as per list enclosed. Your booklet is the very best thing to make "converts" I have ever seen and I shall have to send for a bunch later. Just think of it, we have a Socialist Club here of 35 members in a little farming town of less than 950 inhabitants and about 275 voters. We never had over two votes here, but we shall get between 25 and 50 this fall. J. W. Shelley.

Putney, Vt.

Editor Herald: The papers bring the notice that certain cities in Switzerland bury rich and poor alike and the expense is paid by the government. We may qualify the notice and say that for many years 7 of the biggest cities in Switzerland: in Bern, the capital, Zurich, Geneva, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Neuchâtel, Sitten and Lausanne, have interred the dead, rich or poor, at public expense, the same as schools, police or firemen. Milwaukee A. B.

Dear Herald: Comrade Debs has been with us for the last few days and will say that his tour of the copper country has been a grand success and his lectures have done our movement a world of good. "Sail on—sail on—sail on and on and ever on!" L. E. Henderson.

Laurium, Mich.

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question, but in 1860 the question of slavery got in the lead. In 1861 the war broke out. The laboring man went to the front while the bankers went to Congress to make laws by which to govern labor, and that same class have been dictating the laws ever since. What you want to do is to capture the national Congress and the presidency. For the past twenty-five years the laboring man has kept the road "not traveling from one old political party to the other. One of two things must happen in this country. There will be a set of castles and lords on the one hand, and hovels and slaves on the other, or else the common people will come together and assert their right and be free forevermore. H. M. Brooks.

Paris, Illinois.

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CZARISM IN POLICE PENSIONS. Chief Janssen charged with Playing Favorites among injured Policemen.—A Strange Supreme Court Decision.

Power and authority under a capitalist system are quite apt to breed the tyrant and despot. The ability to rule others without let or hindrance soon develops a lack of regard for the rights of those ruled. True democracy flies to the winds. The common herd have no rights that those over them are bound to respect.

The evidence seems to be strong that this spirit of "doing" the help- less has found secure lodgment in the operations of the city Fire and Police Commission and that while the members of the police and fire departments are forced by law to yield up a part of their earnings each month to help swell the pension fund, their chances of getting a pension when they have become incapacitated by accident while in service depends altogether on the caprice of the members of the board and especially upon the whim or sinister designs of the chiefs of the respective departments.

A very flagrant case, which the public has been kept largely in ignorance of, is that of ex-Patrolman Matthias Weber, who served the police department faithfully according to all accounts for thirteen years. He lost one foot by an accident while in service, but lost his pension by what appears to have been the sharp practice of the chief backed up by a supreme court decision that hinged on the rankest kind of a technicality.

Weber served the police department for years as an officer and was stationed at Reed street bridge from 1890 to 1901. During the latter year he made application for promotion to the detective department and in some way incurred the ill-will of the chief, who thereupon

transferred him to a beat in the Fourteenth ward, on the outskirts of the city. Sometime later, in attempting to board a car, he slipped and had his foot so badly injured that it had to be amputated. After he returned from the hospital he made application to the chief for some sort of work at one of the stations, but the chief told him he did not want a cripple about and retired him from the service. Weber then applied for a pension. He claims that Chief Janssen's influence was exerted so strongly that when the matter came to a vote the commissioners stood three to three, thus causing his application to be rejected. The claim was set up that as the accident happened just after Weber had rung in for the last time on the day in question he was no longer on duty. The case was taken into the Superior court, where Judge Ludwig held that Weber was clearly entitled to his pension under the law, and ordered the commission to grant it. But the pursuit of Weber was not to rest. The case was taken to the Supreme court. Now comes the remarkable technicality, upon the flimsiness of which a citizen could be robbed of his rights as well as of all the payments he had been forced to make to the pension fund. Justice Cassoday in his opinion held that the law clearly required that a member of the department who was injured must be examined by a physician officially appointed by the board and that as this had not been done, Weber had lost his rights to a pension! Not a word against the board for neglecting to order such official investigation, no censure for their disobedience of the law, no disapproval of the chief's suspicious neglect to secure such an order from the board—Weber had simply lost because someone else failed in their plain duty. A technicality is a great thing, sometimes, especially when it hits the helpless!

The number of pensions paid out of the fund are not numerous. The fund is mounting up year by year. It ought to, when you consider how Weber was "technicality" out of his claim upon it. Reduced to the last analysis, Weber's real offending consisted in the fact that he didn't have a pull!

MILWAUKEE BRANCHES.

- FIRST WARD BRANCH meets every second Monday of the month at 8 p. m., 536 North Water street, Secretary. SEVENTH WARD BRANCH meets every third Friday of the month at 8 p. m., 388 Sherman street, Secretary. THIRD WARD BRANCH meets second and fourth Fridays at 208 Milwaukee st., Frank Herberich, Secy., 208 Milwaukee st. FOURTH WARD BRANCH meets first and third Thursdays at 428 Taylor st., B. H. Helmig, Jr., Secy., 136 7th st. FIFTH WARD BRANCH meets second and third Thursdays, 8 p. m., at 382 Washington st., Fred. Witte, Secy., 469 Greenbush st. SIXTH WARD BRANCH meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 8 p. m., 504 Taylor street, Chas. Grabowski, Secy., 756 Island ave. SEVENTH WARD BRANCH meets first and third Thursdays at 1216 Forest street, Room 11, third floor, 416 Milwaukee st., W. H. Statz, 503 Broadway, Secy. EIGHTH WARD BRANCH meets every second and fourth Friday 8 p. m. at 382 Washington st., Fred. Krueger, Secy., 712 Greenbush st. NINTH WARD BRANCH meets every first Thursday of the month at 1216 Cherry street, Room 11, third floor, 416 Milwaukee st., Ed. Kasten, Secy., 1316 Kneeland st. TENTH WARD BRANCH meets second and fourth Friday of the month at Wisconsin Hall, N. W. cor. Lee and Twelfth sts., Chas. F. J. Secy., 1017 Ninth street. TENTH WARD BOHEMIAN BRANCH meets second and fourth Sunday at 206 Fond du Lac Ave., Frank Novak, Secy., 1723 North ave. ELEVENTH WARD BRANCH meets every 2nd and last Friday of the month, Oscar Wild, Secy., 608 Orchard st. TWELFTH WARD BRANCH meets first and third Thursdays at Bart's Hall, 715-717 Reed st., Wm. Aldridge, Secy., 955 Robinson st. TWELFTH WARD POLISH BRANCH meets second and fourth Sunday, at 715 Greenbush st., p. m., John Lewandowski, Secy., 888 Garden st. THIRTEENTH WARD BRANCH meets every first and third Friday of the month at Gladier's hall, cor. Taylor and Chestnut sts., Fred. Bueger, Secy., 508 BuRun st. FOURTEENTH WARD BRANCH meets last Sunday in month at 700 Forest Home ave., Ole Olson, 700 Forest Home ave., Secy. FIFTEENTH WARD BRANCH meets every first and third Tuesday at 1620 Villet street, Wm. Mueller, Secy., 2312 State st. SIXTEENTH WARD BRANCH meets second Thursday, Jerome Underhill, Secy., 38 Twenty-ninth st. SEVENTEENTH WARD BRANCH meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Odd Fellows' hall, Kinnickinnic and Potter sts., John Roberts, Secy., 634 Mabbett ave. EIGHTEENTH WARD BRANCH meets second and fourth Friday evenings at 487 Cramer st., cor. of Greenwich st., Wallace Elliot, Secy., 487 Cramer st. NINETEENTH WARD BRANCH meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month in Eckelmann's hall, 3109 Lincoln ave., Louis Bauer, Secy., 559 29th st. TWENTIETH WARD BRANCH meets every first and third Friday of the month in Central hall, cor. Teutonia and Clark sts., Ed. H. Zinn, Secy. TWENTY-FIRST WARD BRANCH meets every first Tuesday at 1216 Forest st., cor. Chambers st., Oscar Traszewitz, Secy., 1444 Pratzney st. TWENTY-SECOND WARD BRANCH meets every first and third Friday of each month at N. Peterson's Hall, 2714 North ave., George Moerschel, Secy., 812 Thirty-seventh street. TWENTY-THIRD WARD BRANCH meets every first and third Friday at Bremermeister's hall, 421 Thirteenth ave., cor. Washington, Fred. Rehfeld, Secretary, 484 15th ave. POLISH BRANCH meets first Sunday, 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at 777 Seventh st., G. Goroch, Secy., 234 Rogers st. TOWN MILWAUKEE BRANCH No. 1 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday, 8 p. m., Lehman's Hall, Teutonia and Kent, Werner, Secy. Teutonia and Kent. TOWN MILWAUKEE BRANCH No. 2 meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Joe Zandree's place, cor. Port Washington Road and Gibson ave. THE CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE meets every 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 218 State street, third floor, E. T. Melma, Secy., 6209 Lapham st.; Jacob Hunger, Treasurer, 602 Chestnut street. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GEBANG- VEREIN FORWAERTS meets every Tuesday at 8 p. m. at 2714 North ave., Heinrich Selbert, Secy., 1012 29th st.

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Supt. Whitehead, of the "Humanity" society, bewails the common council's action in passing a dog muzzling ordinance, claiming that all hydrophobia talls is the result of imagination. Supposing this were so, the fact remains that there are many vicious dogs in the city while many other dogs are liable to bite people in a fit of ill-temper or an attack of epilepsy, and if bad results occur from such bites, it makes no difference whether such results are called hydrophobia or blood poison. Dogs do not perspire like other animals, except through the mouth, which would be a very good reason why their bites might produce blood poison. And besides, the life of one child is worth vastly more than all the brute creatures in the city, Whitehead included.

Picnic Tickets. Many of our readers have already paid for the tickets sent them. By far the vast majority have not been heard from. As we will be under exceedingly heavy expenses, many of which must be paid before the picnic, we would urge all readers to pay now and sell the tickets later. Remember, this is not a Milwaukee, but a state affair. Boom the picnic. Send your ticket money now.

Picnic Ticket Receipts. Previously reported \$178.85. Aug. Flamme 1.00, Fritz Kollman 1.00, Fr. Stoltenberg 1.00, Aug -902 29th st., city 1.00, Jac. Eckelmann 1.00, Nick Weber, Monches, Wis. .50, Fred. Sieling 1.00, Isaac Petersen, Whitewater, Wis. 1.00, Julius Leyrer 1.00, Herm. Buech 1.00, Andrew Stern, Manitowoc Wis. 1.00, Alfred Snyder 1.00, Lorenz Maier 1.00, Chas. Buelow 1.00, W. H. E. 1.00, Carl Biersack 1.00, Machinists' Ass'n. No. 66. 2.50, C. B. W. 1.00, Alban Flechsig, Park Falls, Wis. 1.00, Emil Kliem 1.00, W. E. Acker 1.00, W. J. Aldridge 1.00, Alfred Biekel 1.00, John Kallas 1.00, Fred. Koschitzki 1.00, R. G. Bernhard 1.00, Paul Ronneburger, Monroe, Wis. 2.00, G. St. 1.00, Theo. Tamm 1.00, Christ. Schaeffer 1.00, Christ Schaffner, Waukesha. 1.00, Fred. Buenger 1.00, John Napp 1.00, Adolph Heumann 1.00, W. R. C. 1.00, G. E. 1.00, Julia Hayn, Dane, Wis. 1.00, Henry Herman, Jr., Racine. .50, Total. \$218.35

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THE THEATER.

DAVIDSON THEATER. The Walton Pyre stock company will succeed the Thanhouseur company at the Davidson next week beginning Thursday. Interest in the performances will be heightened by the fact that Miss La Follette, daughter of Gov. La Follette, will take leading parts. In "Esmeralda" which will be the bill for Friday night, Miss La Follette will take the title part made notable by the impersonation of Annie Russell. Thursday night "Prince Karl" will be the attraction and it will be repeated Saturday matinee and Sunday matinee and night. "A Russian Honeymoon" will be given Saturday night. Mr. Pyre was formerly a leading player with Mansfield, Skinner and other famous stars. The members of his company have been seen here also with leading road companies.

CRYSTAL THEATER. A big bill will be presented at the Crystal Theater next week containing some of the best novelty acts obtainable on the vaudeville stage.

Machinists' Union No. 301. Whereas this union adopted a resolution four months ago to consider the "Social-Democratic Herald" as its official organ, and whereas a copy of these papers has since that time been sent free of charge to the home of each comrade, the undersigned deems it unnecessary to continue sending out invitations, etc., by postals. All notices intended for the comrades will therefore henceforth be published in the columns of these two papers.

The undersigned is authorized to invite all members of No. 301 to an important meeting to take place in the lodge hall, at 654 12th st., on July 11, at 8 P. M. An election of officers and other urgent business will be transacted. In such an exciting time as the present, when every day sees comrades thrown out of employment, and strike follows upon strike, the duty of regularly attending our meetings evolves upon every comrade, there to discuss the welfare of his union. The undersigned hopes that all comrades, who can possibly do so, will attend the next meeting on Monday, July 11. O. Boebert, Secy.

Excursions to Manistee and Ludington. Beginning Saturday, June 11th, and every Saturday thereafter. The Pere Marquette Line Steamers will sell round trip tickets to Ludington and Manistee at \$1.50 for a round trip.

THE SOCIALIST PICNIC PRIZES

- GAME PROGRAM FOR STATE PICNIC. All Entries free. \$125.00 in prizes. 1. 50 Yd. Dash for Boys (10 years and under). 1st Prize, 1 Suit of Clothes, value \$30.00. J. Schuetz, Clothier. 2nd Prize, 1 Base Ball, value 50 cts. Huseby Co. 2. 75 Yd. Dash for Boys (15 years and under). 1st Prize, 1 Hat (straw), value \$2.00. Reichardt & Devitt. 2nd Prize, 1 Hat, value \$1.00. The Model Hat Store. 3rd Prize, 1 Bat (Spalding), value 50 cts. W. L. Candee Sporting Co. 3. 75 Yd. Dash for Girls (15 years and under). 1st Prize, 1 Silver Cup. Rosenkranz & Thatcher Co. 2nd Prize, 1 Pair Oxforads, value \$2.00. E. Sauder. 4. 50 Yd. Dash for Men (10 sacks). 1st Prize, 1 Glove Box, value \$1.00. Sixe Dry Goods Co. 5. 50 Yd. Sack Race for Men (10 sacks). 1st Prize, 1 Rocker, value \$5.00. Holz & Mohaupt Furn. Co. 2nd Prize, 1 Hat, value \$3.00. Stumpf & Langhoff. 6. 100 Yd. Dash for Men (limited to 30 entries) (2 Heats and Final). 1st Prize, 1 Glove Box, value \$1.00. Sixe Dry Goods Co. 2nd Prize, 1 Doz. Photos, value \$3.00. Wm. Wollensak, Phot. 7. 75 Yd. Dash for Men (limited to 30 entries) (2 Heats and Final). 1st Prize, 1 Silk Umbrella. The Hub Clothing Co. 2nd Prize, 1 Hat, value \$3.00. Jos. Lauer Co. 3rd Prize, 1 Pair Pants, value \$3.00. Wm. Lachenmaier Co. 4th Prize, 1 Bamboo Fishing Rod, value \$1.25. John Meunier Gun Co. 7. 75 Yd. Dash for Ladies. 1st Prize, 1 Antique Vase, value \$15. Bunde & Umpeyer, Jewelers. 2nd Prize, 1 Ladies' Sweater, value \$5. Gimbel Bros. 3rd Prize, 1 Clothes Hamper, value \$4. F. W. Schneck & Co. 4th Prize, 1 Pedestal, value \$3.00. Geo. I. Prasser & Sons. 5th Prize, 1 Pair Oxforads, value \$2.00. Kenney Shoe Co. 8. 50 Yd. Dash for Fat Men (300 pounds and over). 1st Prize, 1 Rocker, value \$6.00. C. W. Fischer & Co. 2nd Prize, 1 Life-size Portrait (framed), value \$4.50. Miller Photo. Gallery. 3rd Prize, 1 Pair Shoes, value \$3.00. Louis Ripple. 9. 50 Yd.—3 Legged Race for Men. 1st Prize, 1 Rocker, value \$5.00. Hartman Furniture Co. 1 Box Good Cigars, value \$5.00. Otto Geisler. 2nd Prize, 1 Plate Rack, value \$4.00. R. Fleck Furniture Co. 1 Fancy Vest. The Royal Clothing Co. 3rd Prize, 3 Oval Photos, value \$1.50. Bern. Korn. Photo. Gallery. 1 Bottle Rye Whiskey. Jac. Dudenhoefer, Wines and Liquors. 10. Tug of War between the North and South Side Branch Members. Prize Winner, \$7.00; Loser \$3.00. H. Heuer, Chairman. T. Reynolds, Announcer. H. S. Durr, Wm. Luehring, C. Traszewitz, J. Grote, F. Behling, Starfers. E. H. Zinn, H. Hoesterman, H. Walters, Judges.

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