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WHO OWNS THE OLD PARTIES?

Victor L. Berger Proves that Trusts Own Both of Them.

It is a fact not even denied by the leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties that they are both financed by the trusts...

TO THE "PUBLIC OWNERSHIP HERALD" SUBSCRIBERS.

In view of the lack of support given to the proposed publication of the "Public Ownership Herald" by the Minnesota comrades...

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

If you are a man of true patriotic fibre there must come a turning point in your life politically. Sooner or later disgust will set in...

A WORD TO WORKINGMEN.

Eugene V. Debs Writes of the Dual Fight of the Toilers.

THE Social-Democratic party is to the workingman politically what the trade union is to him industrially: the former is the party of his class, while the latter is the union of his trade.

Tremendous Campaign Crowds in Minnesota.

A tremendous ovation was given Eugene V. Debs at Minneapolis, where the International Auditorium was filled to overflowing...

Warning to Voters in Minnesota.

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Don't you know, Mr. Worker, that if the capitalists can keep you and your class divided at the ballot box...

Multi-millionaire Van Alen will spend the rest of his days in England and has purchased a castle there.

Have you noticed, Mr. Workingman, that the capitalist politician in office, after betraying your interests...

The plutocratic Milwaukee Sentinel, owned by a wealthy corruptionist, is exercised at the claim of some of its political opponents...

But Mr. La Follette wants us to vote the Republican ticket and for the absolute rule of capitalism...

Mr. La Follette also wishes to "regulate" the railways. This is a very silly policy.

But if the Republicans are conservative, the Democrats are positionally reactionary. The economic basis of the Democratic party in the middle class...

Our political history has never seen a position so ludicrous as that which the National Democracy and the Democratic party of Wisconsin now holds.

The Hon. Henry G. Davis came up to New York soon after his nomination for the Vice-Presidency...

In the preamble and planks the Republicans took 26 positions in their platform. Of these the Democrats copied or endorsed 18.

And as for the Democratic state platform, that is even more ridiculous. It is a mere jumble of words without any particular meaning.

And who leads the Democratic party in Wisconsin? Besides ex-Senator Vilas, a well known champion of the trusts...

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The Board feels assured that the Social-Democratic Herald will give our subscribers the information and inspiration which cannot be secured from many another source.

Unable to gain say the real propositions of the Social-Democrats, the enemies of the working class confess that fact by charging them with aims that they do not hold!

The idea is absurd in the land that workmen ought to own themselves, work for themselves, and enjoy themselves the fruits of their toil.

"Let them beware of surrendering a political power which they already possess, and which, if surrendered, will surely be used to close the door of advancement against such as they and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them, till all of liberty shall be lost."

"If people are capable of self-government, they are also capable of industrial government," said Mr. Debs, after he had acknowledged the cheer that greeted him upon his introduction.

"The first millionaire in this country brought with him 1,000 tramps. The millionaires and the tramps have increased at that ratio ever since.

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"I know from my own knowledge and from the statements made to me by those on the inside that bribery has been going on in the municipal assembly of St. Louis for the past twenty-five years. Hardly a bill passed that body in the last quarter of a century unless it was paid for. We did not fear exposure and punishment for the reason that we believed that no one would dare to do it.

"This plan was participated in not only by members of the house of delegates under indictment for boodling, but by prominent financiers of St. Louis, who feared exposure, and by those who gave us the money."

"We never thought of passing a bill out of which any money could be obtained unless we were paid. We went about it in a business-like way and had combine meetings at stated times and fixed the bribe price which we were to receive for our votes by a majority vote of the combine.

"In St. Louis, just as everywhere else where there have been boodle disclosures, it is the leading business interests that are found to be responsible for the corruption. And the ones exposed are generally just the people who have been always held up as the flower of our citizenship by the capitalist papers.

"If it were the working class, or the organized portion of the working class that was found to be back of all this new century boodling in our American cities, it is not hard to imagine what a tremendous row would be made about it by press, pulpit and platform, and we can even see where a public sentiment would be strong enough to permit our representatives in congress to bring the most severe penalties upon all men who were members of trade unions.

"In Indiana one divorce to each seven marriages! Indiana is a capitalistic state. If those people were to learn of Socialism it might reform them, and that would be just terrible!

"Why is it that the Social-Democratic party can keep clean and the capitalist parties cannot? Because the Social-Democrats stand for ideals and the old parties for deals!

"The longer Labor stands divided on the political field, the longer will it stand conquered on the industrial field. That's a fact you cannot dodge!"

The ex-speaker of the St. Louis house of delegates, Charles Kelly, has confessed. He was given \$15,000 of a promised \$50,000 to keep away from the city until the boodle investigation blew over, by Butler the local boss, but got caught all the same. He confesses that there was a boodle fund of \$47,000

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EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

When it is to the interest of the worker to get as much for his toil as possible, so as to live decently and to bring up his family decently, even under the present system, while at the same time it is to the interest of the capitalist to get his labor as cheap as possible in order to make as big profits as possible, how under the sun can it be claimed that the interests of capital and labor are identical!

Karl Marx was a man of superior talents, a deep and analytical thinker and one of the master minds of the last century, could have had a life of ease and luxury if he had been willing to prostitute his talents and serve the capitalist interests with his pen. He refused to do so and instead threw himself into the cause of the workers. He was exiled from Germany and for years while he was composing his great work, "Capital," lived in chronic starvation in London, and when his baby died had not the money to buy a coffin.

What have you accomplished, Mr. Workingman? asks the traveler from Mars. And the workers proudly point to all the fine mansions, the automobiles and steam yachts, the big factories, the splendidly graded streets, gilded restaurants and suburban villas, the fine clothes worn by the capitalists, the railroads, the canals, the Atlantic liners, the stores full of luxuries, etc., etc.

The impulse of men under the capitalist system is to make merchandise out of their talents, their shrewdness and everything else they can possibly force into the scales. Make! Make! Make! Employ sharp practice if possible, swindle within the law if necessary. Prostitute yourself. Lie, if it pays. Business morality has become a stench in the nostrils, and the big business man, with his silk tile and his private pew in church, has been completely exposed as the author of civic corruption.

Rich shirkers and impoverished workers are inevitable under the workings of the capitalist system. Rail way managers admit that they charge in rates "all the traffic will bear."

In Milwaukee the growing strength of the Social-Democrats forced the capitalist officials to provide matatoriums and public lectures in school halls. So great has been the response of the people that the matatoriums cannot accommodate all who apply.

In Milwaukee the Social-Democrats have been holding big downtown street mass meetings, much to the consternation of the capitalist parties. In Milwaukee also the S. L. P. has been steadily dwindling till it now comprises but a cheap remnant and their cheapness commended them to the capitalist parties.

Growth of the Socialist Vote in the Leading Nations.

Table showing the growth of the Socialist vote in the United States, Spain, Serbia, Argentina, Ireland, Bulgaria, World Vote by Years, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Belgium, and Canada from 1888 to 1903.

THE DREAM THAT MUST COME TRUE! -- By John Spargo.

A profound faith in the ultimate realization of human brotherhood and comradeship is implied by the very name we Social-Democrats bear. Good old Bronterre O'Brien, who in the rich mint of his powerful mind coined the phrase we do so proudly write for name upon our banners, sounded the very depths of our philosophy and sealed the heights of our faith when he declared, now more than sixty years ago, that Brotherhood could never be realized in the world until Liberty reigned in the world; and that Liberty could never reign in the world until the system permitting private ownership of socially necessary things was destroyed.

HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

SPECULATING PARSONS. To the Herald: Your list of speculating parsons would hardly be complete without the names of a few of those who have allowed the cloth to cover them while they "feced" the lambs through British Columbia mining "propositions."

snells corruption, it is hard to judge by appearance, hence this letter. [Text continues with a critique of a socialist in the Pullman ward of Chicago.]

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