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Workers' Rights Despised!

The Socialists complain that all of their bills "designed to benefit the laboring man" were killed. That is what sometimes happens to class legislation.—Milwaukee Sentinel (Corporation Republicans).

HEREWITH we present a list of some of the bills introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature by the Social-Democratic representatives, all of which, although most worthy measures, have been summarily killed.

The present legislature of Wisconsin, you must know, was widely heralded as the legislature that was committed to Reform and "the people" and great things were expected of it. Some workmen, afraid to trust representatives of their own class, gave their votes to the reform members put up by this La Follette faction of the Republican party and boasted loudly among their Labor associates of the great things for labor the great Reform legislature was going to do. Cast your eye down the list below and judge for yourself whether these Labor men were right or whether they did not throw their votes away to their economic enemies!

In this connection it is well to call attention to the action of the governor in vetoing the mendacious wage exemption amendment. Please note that in doing this Mr. La Follette had to undo the bad work done by his own party representatives in the Legislature. After the bill had been passed and only awaited his signature to become a law, various labor bodies of the state sent in heated protests and the Socialist members appeared before him and showed how vicious the proposed law was and how it would operate to enable shyster lawyers to save themselves from starving by literally stripping every workman who had been forced by circumstances to run up a bill at some store. In arguing the matter before the committees our representatives had offered to agree to the bill providing all other forms of exemptions were also wiped out. But no, the capitalistic committees were dead opposed to interfering with the bankruptcy exemptions which enable well-to-do bankrupts to retain wealthy homes and other valuable property—the Frank Bigelows, for instance. The governor saw that the bill would do incalculable mischief, politically and otherwise, and so he vetoed it. We wish we could give his Reform legislature credit for as much humanity.

No Class Legislation, Except for Capitalist Class!

Look over the record below, then look at the quotation above from the Milwaukee organ of the corporation capitalists and then decide for yourselves whose hands the Reform legislature has been playing into. You can only come to one conclusion: That the Reformers, when it comes to legislation, desert all their fine phrases about "God's patient poor," and protect their class, the corporation plutocrats.

The workers should keep this lesson in mind and couple with it that old proverb: "If you want anything done, do it yourself." If the workers need legislation, they must send their own representatives to the Legislature. Every time they rely on the oily promises of capitalist party men who claim to be Reformers, they will get what is vulgarly called "a throw down!" Following are the Labor bills that lay bleeding on the field of class carnage at the Wisconsin capitol:

SENATE BILL NO. 37—Introduced by Senator Rummel. Authorizing Cities and Towns to acquire, construct and maintain public utilities and providing payment therefor.

KILLED!

SENATE BILL NO. 38—Introduced by Senator Rummel. Declaring all franchises of unincorporated cities null and void, and giving holders of same two years to dispose of their property or to secure franchises under new conditions and granting cities and towns the right to take over such utilities by referendum of the people at end of any five years.

KILLED!

SENATE BILL NO. 66—Introduced by Senator Rummel. Making it a crime for any corporation or individual to sell land with mineral rights or gas or oil right reservation and declaring all such reservations already made null and void.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 14—Introduced by Assemblyman Aldridge. To abolish contributory negligence as a defense in all actions for the recovery of damages caused by the negligence of any person. (This would be "class legislation" from the capitalist standpoint, as it would protect the lives of the working class from accidents because of the defective machinery of the employing class! The workers will never rest till they put enough of their representatives in the legislature to enact such a law.)

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 16—Introduced by Assemblyman Brockhausen. To provide an eight hour work day on all public work in cities, towns, counties and school districts and applying also to contractors and subcontractors.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 201—Introduced by Assemblyman Aldridge. To provide cheaper school books and the district ownership of same, and to provide penalties.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 312—Introduced by Assemblyman Aldridge. Providing for the submission of city ordinances to referendum vote upon petition of the people, also giving a majority of citizens the right to initiate ordinances.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 351—Introduced by Assemblyman Aldridge. Amending a present law so as to provide that only a certain number of men may be employed in a certain space as required by the laws of health, and providing for the protection of the workers against open vats, molten metal, gearing, fly-wheels, belts, bolting, etc., etc., and protecting workers from waiving right of redress.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 322—Introduced by Assemblyman Aldridge. Providing for the collection of interest by an injured workman from the beginning of time of beginning of suit till the securing of a favorable verdict. (To checkmate the capitalist habit of tying up a poor litigant in the courts.)

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 70—Introduced by Assemblyman Berner. To provide attorney fees in justice courts in suits by laborers and servants, where written demand for wages shall have been made.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 100—Introduced by Assemblyman Berner. To prohibit more than eight hour work in brass, steel and iron foundries, tobacco factories, cigar factories and laboratories and other places used for the manufacture of chemicals, except in extreme emergencies.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 549—Introduced by Assemblyman Brockhausen. Providing for compensation to employees for personal injuries received in the course of their employment.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 135—Introduced by Assemblyman Berner. Limiting the hours of the labor of women in manufacturing, mechanical and mercantile establishments in the interests of health and good citizenship.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 204—Introduced by Assemblyman Berner. Amending the Child Labor laws, raising the age limit to sixteen years, in the interest of the health of the growing child and of its right to an education, and prohibiting child labor under fourteen years under any circumstances.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 215—Introduced by Assemblyman Berner. To extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 313—Introduced by Assemblyman Brockhausen. Regulating the occupation and employment of convicts, forbidding their being farmed out or their work let to outside bidders. Convicts to work for the state and their products to be used by the state or some subdivision thereof.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 546—Introduced by Assemblyman Brockhausen. To prohibit the granting of injunctions in strike troubles upon ex-parte (one-sided) applications and to provide for jury trials in all cases in which violation of such injunctions shall be charged.

KILLED!

The unions in New York are considering the great white plague, Consumption. It is high time this working class began to look into this subject and to spread knowledge of how it may be held at bay.

After capitalism has well fertilized the fields of Manchuria with the flesh, bone and blood of the working class of Russia and Japan, it expects to raise some very valuable future crops and to line its coffers with the proceeds. Now do you see an added reason why war cannot be abolished under capitalism!

The other day the papers contained headings like the following: "LAWSON HITS MARKET—His Advertisements Coincident with Great Falls in Prices." At about the same time Collier's Weekly reached us with an article against Lawson by Norman Hapgood, the author and dramatic critic, in which the writer completely loses his head and calls Lawson all the frenzied names he can lay his tongue to. Here are a few specimens of his refined style of assault: "That Mr. Lawson is a knave I have no doubt... Fraud is the expression of his nature... He is a gentleman of fortune, an adventurer, charlatan and liar... Moreover, nobody honors the man who turns state's evidence." and so on! The last sentence is probably the key to Hapgood's delirium. Lawson has been letting the cat out of the bag. Hence he is despised by men of Hapgood's class, for Hapgood is the scion of a wealthy Boston family, and doubtless he himself has investments that have been impaired by Lawson's exposures. His hysterical damning of Lawson suggests that he is touched in the head, but more probably it is his pocket-book that is touched!

Far be it from our desire to give Lawson a clean bill. Although he condemns the System, he believes in it, so long as high finance sharks are not able to control and manipulate it to the injury of others who want to play the great stock gambling game without stacked cards. Lawson's morality is simply a capitalist morality. For the creators of wealth, the working class, he has not a thought. He simply wants to reform the stock market—the place wherein the fleecers of labor try to win those fleecings away from each other, on "eminently respectable" and "legitimate" lines.

"STOP THIEF!"

Thus Cry the Banker Bigelows when the Capitalists are too Closely Watched!

Cleveland Citizen: Mr. Frank G. Bigelow, president of the First National Bank of Milwaukee, who stole \$3,000,000 and squandered it in wheat speculations, is another one of those gents who have been telling everybody what to do. At the annual banquet of the American Bankers' Association, of which he was president last year, Mr. Bigelow made a speech in which he advised his crowd to be "religious and sincere," and to "beware of reckless speculators." Then came this bon mot, meant for everybody: "Be honest, be kind; earn a little more; spend a little less." These thoughts made Bigelow feel so good that he threw out his chest and proclaimed: "Bank presidents, I am happy to say, are ever honest, ever careful and ever conservative." Then, when the applause ceased, he puffed out his chest another inch or two and warned the dear people with grand solemnity: "BEWARE OF SOCIALISM! SOCIALISM MEANS THE RUIN OF THIS COUNTRY!" (Thunderous applause.) Whereupon Bigelow hiked back to Milwaukee and showed how to save this country. Tab-leaux.

Because Banker F. G. Bigelow was opposed to Socialism and considered it against the interests of the country from his view point, is no reason why you should oppose it. In fact, it is really one reason why you should favor it, for your interests, if you are an honest man, do not lie in the same path as those of a man who fattens under the capitalist system by stealing from widows and orphans.

Whenever you read a speech of a "leading" citizen starting off with high sounding phrases about "an abiding faith in the integrity and the ability of the great American people," be on your guard. Ex-Gov. Peabody starts off a letter to American Industries, "Parry" paper, in that strain, and we are therefore not surprised to read further on that "Colorado was never so safe as now," and all that sort of thing. Macaulay said that patriotism was the last refuge of a scoundrel, and this characterization permits of a very wide application!

If the delegation of union men who presented a petition to Roosevelt at Chicago had all been millionaires, he would have treated them civilly—even servilely. But they were not. They were common "working trash," and so he insulted them, and said the things to them that the capitalists who were feasting him could applaud!

Every day new machines are being invented to do the work of men. Anything that tends to lighten the labor of the people ought to be a blessing, but under the capitalist system the blessing in this case goes to the capitalists, and the workers out of work may go hang themselves if they cannot get other jobs and their loved ones at home can apply to charity or go to the poor house!

The time is coming when an outraged rank and file in the Labor movement will turn upon its misrepresentatives, who are maintaining an adulterous relation with the representatives of capitalism, and fire them out, body and breeches.

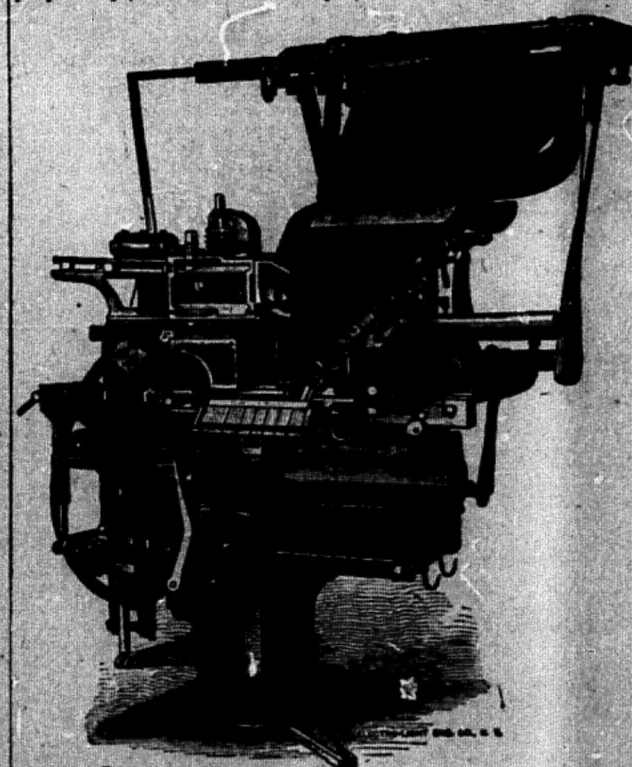
They are going to do this inside the unions, not by deserting the unions and piling strife on strife by organizing rival organizations in silly school boy fashion, on the outside.

The way in which various national Civic Federation labor leaders rushed breathlessly to New York to settle the subway strike for their fellow Civic Federationist, August Belmont, leaves a bad taste in the mouth of unionism, no matter what the extenuating circumstances. The claim made was that the subway employees were breaking an agreement, and that Labor ought to keep inviolate its contracts, which, of course, is true. But this does not explain the extreme haste with which these Labor leaders rushed to the rescue and the brutality with which they ranged themselves on the side of Belmont and his partner, Strike-Breaker Farley.

At best, with all the excuses Gompers and Mitchell and others can offer, they have brought suspicion on themselves by being in the Civic Federation and by rubbing noses each year at seaboard banquets with the meanest, trickiest lot of capitalist labor skippers this nation affords, and the subway trouble put them in an embarrassing situation, which they, however, with customary thick-headedness, were not at all sensible of. Their days are numbered.

Linotype Fund Nears Two Century Mark!

FOUR WEEKS ago we made the first call for contributions for the establishment of a printing plant of our own. The call met with immediate, hearty and enthusiastic response, and the enthusiasm keeps growing apace. This shows that our comrades and friends understand and appreciate the necessity for this move. As a preliminary step toward the final emancipation of the working class, it is first necessary that we free the party press from all dependence upon capitalist institutions. Let us begin the abolition of the profit system by appropriating for our own use the profits that now go to the capitalists for the publication of our party organs and other propaganda literature. We are spending thousands of dollars annually for this purpose, and it is reasonable to presume that some of the profits accruing therefrom find their way into the old-party campaign funds. Let us make up our minds right now to apply all these profits, as soon as circumstances will permit, to the advancement of the greatest movement for economic freedom that the world has ever known.



One of the necessary conditions to the successful operation of a printing plant is that it be kept busy. We are able to meet that condition at once, so that the success of the plant is assured without considering the prospects for new business, which is sure to come our way unsolicited.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the Linotype Fund, including J. H. Jepson, G. E. Ellis, G. C. Reimhild, etc., totaling \$190.75.

We Welcome the Issue!

By VICTOR L. BERGER.

Mr. William George Bruce, the chairman of the Democratic Milwaukee County Committee, has announced that there will be a combination of the Republicans and Democrats in the next municipal election, for the purpose of defeating the Social-Democratic party.

Now this was exactly what we expected, and just what we want. The clearer cut the issue between the old parties and the Social-Democracy, the better for us.

Mayor Rose has been elected four times on a "municipal ownership" platform, and in 1898 and again in 1899 he made this a special issue. Only last summer at a big meeting in the West Side Turner Hall, he declared that he was going to erect an electric light plant for the city "if he had to steal the money!"

We have always warned the people that the Democratic party and Mr. Rose meant nothing by their platform. What they wanted was to get elected. The Democratic party has no defined principles on any subject. In Chicago, they have just elected Dunne on the platform of immediate public ownership. In Milwaukee, they have elected Mayor Rose four times on municipal ownership platforms, and now they want to elect him on a platform which is opposed to public ownership. This we may understand from Mr. Bruce, and from the attitude of Mr. Rose's friends.

But then this is an old story. Platforms count for nothing with the Democratic party. All it wants is to get into office.

Nor is it at all surprising that the Republicans are willing to enter into a coalition with the Democrats. The Republicans have one sharply defined policy and that is to obey the corporations. They are always the helpmeets of capital. It is only natural for the Republican party to stand against public ownership; it has done so all over the country and will do so again.

Then why should not these parties combine? As far as the local situation is concerned, where is the difference between them? There is no difference as to their hoodluming and stealing. They always did that without reference to party allegiance. Of the 110 indictments brought a year ago, of which ninety-eight have not been tried, about half of them were against Democrats and the other half against Republicans. It may be that the Republicans got the majority because they had one reputed horse thief in their ranks.

As far as the Social-Democrats are concerned, we earnestly hope that this combination between the Republicans and Democrats will come off. Such a combination must be realized all over the country before we get control of the government. When the capitalistic elements join hands, then the issue will be clear cut with capitalism on one hand and Socialism on the other.

The Social-Democratic party is the only one in America which is really and earnestly for public ownership. It stands pledged to the inauguration of that system as a part of the great revolutionary principle of Socialism.

We hold that by the natural development of society this nation has outgrown the old system of government and must throw it off before our national ideal of a government of the people, for the people and by the people can be actually secured. Political liberty alone has become inadequate; we must have both political and economic liberty. To secure this is the aim of the Social-Democracy.

In municipal affairs, the Social-Democracy stands also for every radical change that will bring means of production into the hands of the people. But we call attention to the fact that the measures we urge are in no way a cure for existing evils, nor are they necessarily Socialistic institutions. They are to be viewed, rather, as needed palliatives, capable of being carried out even under present conditions. Under no circumstances will the Social-Democratic working people rest content with municipal improvements which are merely temporary in their nature and must be entirely inadequate. They will move onward to the conquest of all public powers; to an entire change of the present system for one which shall secure to the people, collectively, the means of production and distribution.

Mr. Bruce has suggested that the business men should, without difference of party, unite on Rose and fight the Socialists.

To this we have only to say that the word "business man" has lost its magic potency in Milwaukee. It is to the business men playing upon the venality, the uncertainty of the future and the business instinct of those who have made politics a business, that we owe the scandalous corruption of our government. By the average capitalist and business man the bribing of a politician is considered absolutely legitimate, if business requires it.

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WORKERS' RIGHTS DESPISED! Continued from 1st Column.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 297—Introduced by Assemblyman Brockhausen. To regulate the granting of injunctions or restraining orders by the courts.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 101—Introduced by Assemblyman Berner. Same as Senate bill No. 37.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 540—Introduced by Assemblyman Strehlow. To amend the law so as to provide that in the case of reversal and order for new trial by supreme court such new trial can be proceeded with without payment of costs.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 102—Introduced by Assemblyman Strehlow. Providing that Election Day shall be a legal holiday.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 103—Introduced by Assemblyman Strehlow. To require creditors in garnishment proceedings to prove that written demand was made on the workman or servant garnished at least three days before commencement of proceedings.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 225—Introduced by Assemblyman Strehlow. Providing for the disinfection of library books in towns.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 240—Introduced by Assemblyman Strehlow. Providing that street or electric railways shall not allow passengers to stand in aisles or between seats, and to limit the number of passengers to be carried with relation to seating capacity.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 298—Introduced by Assemblyman Berner. Providing for the use of the courts by poor people so that their poverty shall be no bar to their right to seek justice.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 615—Introduced by Assemblyman Berner. To provide a ten hour work day for bakery employes.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 115—Introduced by Assemblyman Aldridge. Similar to Senate Bill No. 38.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 423—Introduced by Assemblyman Strehlow. Providing for the disinfection of street cars, electrical or otherwise.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 570—Introduced by Assemblyman Strehlow. To require the filing of reports of accidental injuries taking place in factories or workshops and for publication of same.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 216—Introduced by Assemblyman Brockhausen. Relating to Sunday work of barbers.

KILLED!

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 575—Introduced by Assemblyman Brockhausen. Relating to salaries of state employes.

KILLED!

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FERRI'S SOCIALISM AND MODERN SCIENCE.

A "BRIEF" BY IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

This digest is for the benefit of those too busy to read Prof. Ferri's great book. Enrico Ferri of Italy was the first great scientist to defend Socialism from the criticisms of Herbert Spencer.

THE purpose in preparing the following brief has been to present the argument and the subject matter of what is perhaps the clearest exposition of the claims of Socialism to be a scientific analysis of society, in a simple and complete manner, so as to be accessible to a great body of men and women, who have not much money to invest in books, and who are so wearied with the work of carrying society on their shoulders, that their opportunities for study are necessarily limited.

The exact language of the author has been adhered to as much as possible, with only slight variations here and there to facilitate the process of abbreviation.

In the preface the author states that his intention has been to point out the general relation existing between contemporary Socialism and the whole trend of modern scientific thought.

The contention is made that Socialism is in conflict with the fundamental facts of the physical, biological and social sciences. He says that he proposes to demonstrate that Marxian Socialism, the only Socialism that has a truly scientific method and value, is only the practical fulfillment in the social life, of that modern scientific revolution which has triumphed in our times, thanks to the works of Charles Darwin and Herbert Spencer.

Darwin and especially Spencer halted when they had traveled only half way toward the conclusions of a religious, political or social order which necessarily flow from their indisputable premises.

Virchow in opposing Haeckel's defense of Darwinism asserted that it led direct to Socialism. Haeckel and the other German Darwinians immediately protested that it is in absolute opposition to Socialism, and Haeckel stated that every intelligent statesman ought to advocate the theory of descent and the doctrine of evolution as the best antidote for the absurd notions of the Socialists, that the tendency of the theory could be nothing but aristocratic, by no means can it be democratic, much less socialistic.

His three principal arguments have reference to the equality of individuals, the struggle for life and its victims, and the survival of the fittest. They are as follows.

Socialism tends toward a chimerical equality of persons and property, while Darwinism shows the organic necessity of the natural inequality of individuals.

Only a small minority can triumph in the struggle for existence, while Socialism asserts that all ought to triumph.

The struggle for existence assures the survival of the best and this leads to an aristocratic hierarchy of selected individuals instead of the democratic collectivist teaching of Socialism.

In answer to the first, Ferri asserts that scientific Socialism has never denied the inequality of individuals. Social equality has to do with the right to live a man's life, and not to be forced from the means of existence by the fraud, favoritism and unscrupulous methods of the few. Equality according to Socialism is a relative thing and must be understood in a two-fold sense:

- 1. All men should be guaranteed human conditions of existence.
2. All men ought to be equal at the starting point.

These conditions can be obtained only by the transformation of private ownership of the means of production into social ownership.

He goes on to state that the first anti-Socialist objection is overruled since its starting point is non-existent; that inequalities will never disappear on account of the principle of variation that manifests itself in the continuous development of species.

He likens the division of labor, on which Haeckel puts so much stress to the different functions of the cells in an organism, equally useful and necessary to the life of the organism as a whole. In the biological organism all remains inactive, and it obtains nourishment by exchanges only in proportion to its labor.

In dealing with this first category Ferri treats of the incentive, choice of labor, remuneration, anarchist and socialist distinctions, suppression of individuality, and false social standards.

In regard to the alleged Darwinian position that the vast mass of individuals must perish that a few may live, Ferri states that there is a decreasing proportion between the "called" and the "chosen" as we ascend the biological scale. The more complex the organization the less waste in the attainment of life. He illustrates this by plants, animals, and the lower and higher races of man. He says it is unscientific to interpret the cannibalism of the past to justify modern individualist competition.

The muscular struggle of primitive life is superseded more and more by the intellectual struggle. Historical society has struggled for civil equality, religious equality, political equality, and is now struggling for economic equality.

Even under the best conditions scientific Socialism does not deny that there will be some "losers" in the struggle. These Ferri treats of under the name of degenerates and criminals. He speaks of the absurdity of the modern penal system based on the erroneous notion of free-will and moral delinquency, and characterizes cellular confinement as one of the mental aberrations of the age. He says that criminologists are united in desiring to substitute simple segregation for those not fitted for social life on account of pathological conditions; and he concurs with Lombroso in his conclusion that all criminality depends on the influence of the economic environment. Under Socialism the chief forms of degeneracy will be suppressed by the elimination of their principal cause, physical poverty and its consequent mental suffering.

The law of mutual aid as a factor in evolution is also cited as sustaining the cooperation for life.

In discussing the third and last part of Haeckel's argument, Ferri objects to the phrase, "survival of the best." He says this is simply a persistence of the idea which used to see in nature and history a premeditated goal to be reached by a process of continuous amelioration. There is a vast difference between the survival of the best and the survival of the best fitted. The "best fitted" means those who are best fitted to their environment. If this is vicious there will be a retrograde selection. This is shown in modern society in marriage conditions, in the persistence of the rich, inhuman labor conditions, and the advantages of capitalism over the proletariat. The victory goes to him who has the fewest scruples. It is only under natural and equal conditions in society that the best fitted for survival would be the most desirable.

Ferri next proceeds to Socialism as a consequence of Darwinism. He deals with the attitude of its position as affecting existing religious superstitions.

Socialism occupies an analogous position in regard to liberal movements. They represent the activities of the bourgeoisie which will hasten to establish them when monarchies no longer serve their interests. (Vide Russia.)

The next point of identification of Socialism with science is in the relation of the individual to the species. The eighteenth century closed with the glorification of the individual. This has led to the individualist position of the capitalists and the anarchists. Modern biology has demonstrated that the individual exists only as a member of society. Every object is a collectivity. The cell is an aggregate of various parts. The federation of various parts constantly increases with the ascent in the zoological series. The social aggregate is the eternal reality of life. The instinct of reproduction gives birth to the social sense, and even this and its results have been seized by the capitalist class to perpetuate the servility and helplessness of the working class. Whereas modern society has made its deduction that millions of individuals should suffer for the advantage of a few, modern science has demonstrated that it is the individual who lives for the species.

As Darwinism has shown that the entire mechanism of animal evolution may be reduced to the struggle for life, so the machinery of social evolution rests on the struggle between classes to control the economic forces that form the physical basis of life, and determine all consequent institutions. It is this grand conception which forms the imperishable glory of Marx, and assures him in sociology the place that Darwin occupies in biology and Spencer in philosophy. Human society like all other organisms is not a homogenous whole. It is made up of diverse parts, and their differentiation constantly increases in direct ratio to the degree of social evolution attained. A tribe of primitive savages advances to the intricate organization of modern civilization with its ever increasing class specialization. Individuals may pass from one class to another, but the classes remain and will do so as long as the reason for their differentiation remains. The circumstances and phenomena of the hostile conflict of these classes varies, but its most pronounced phase is the antagonism between those who hold the monopoly of the means of production and those who have been expropriated. The resulting injustice can only be abolished through the operation of the class struggle. It is not a struggle of individuals. Man has no free will, but his acts are the necessary effect of race and environment. The peasant is bound by invisible threads to the life of the whole world. Private property as well as the individual works by inexorable laws in connection with its environment. Its substitution and the substitution of social ownership are inevitable. The change is taking place under our eyes as private properties and functions become social properties and functions.

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to be remedied, and ultimately will be remedied, through the instrumentalities of education of the ballot. To this end he works in all promising ways. It does not concern, or, at least, does not appall him that this purpose is opposed by the fortunate beneficiaries of the present class. He acknowledges that, but he holds that the capitalist, not the worker, has established the fact of classes, and that his own aim is to abolish that unfortunate fact and introduce an order of life in which there shall be a condition of substantial equality instead of inequality, and one in which those who do the actual work shall have preference over those who now exploit them for selfish interest. The weapon relied on for accomplishing this revolution is the ballot.

The instructed Socialist has little use for the strike. He knows how crude, costly and unserviceable it is for that attainment of his ends. An educated man and a wealthy one, an officer of one of the greatest life insurance companies (not the one whose affairs have become a public scandal) lately stated the case in this way: "Now, what is the weapon with which, thus far, the working class has been fighting in this war? Only that poor, pathetic weapon, the strike. Their own starvation is their weapon, coupled, of course, with clumsy efforts to enforce the dictates of class ethics upon these weak-conscience individuals who shirk the call to starvation."

But now it is dawning on the mind of the proletarian giant that there is another weapon handy; we of the "better classes" created it for him when we established universal suffrage; and we put the possibility of the use of it into his mind when we established universal education. Gifts like these (the suffrage and education) which, having once given, we can never take back. The new weapon is the ballot; and what will it mean when the working class awakes and takes this weapon in hand to work out its mind? The ballot means the whole power of the state—courts, police, army; and what will happen when the working class takes in hand all these powers to establish and enforce the idea of justice innate in its mind?

This question of what will happen is a serious one in proportion to the probability that the working classes get the power some of their leaders hope to obtain. The chances that they will get it are great, but they are by no means inconceivable. One thing may be set down as certain, they will not be prevented, but only encouraged and stimulated, by any course that seems to them oppressive and contemptuous. The employers of labor cannot hope to control the votes of labor, by either legitimate or illegitimate means, in the long future if they persist in courses that breed discouragement and hostility. They can hold this vote by sincere sympathy and demonstrable justice, but in no other way. Denunciation of Socialism and its aims by the owners who have land and selfishness of those who have wealth will not put it down. On the contrary, it will breed Socialists and make them bitter and desperate. They may be in error as to facts and the right cure for the evils they feel; but they cannot be made to change their minds by any course that damns their ignorance and their motive. As for their motive, it is quite as generous, as patriotic, and moral as that which actuates those who cherish a conceit of superiority. Bishop Potter, Carroll D. Wright, Washington Gladden, and many others who have had much to do with the settlement of controversies between employers and employed have testified emphatically that in their experience the workmen were not the least intelligent, reasonable and fair-minded of the parties to the controversy under consideration.

Socialism as a theory of government may be subject to many serious objections; but plutocracy and monopoly are more objectionable on many accounts, and vastly more hostile to every genuine ideal of a democratic commonwealth. Hence they are more to be distrusted by the Christian and the sagacious patriot. Those whose fundamental aim is to promote essential equality of conditions and opportunities, of work, privileges and responsibilities are not necessarily the most dangerous class of citizens, nor is there any prima facie reason for regarding them as the most incapable, immoral and fanatic. At any rate, they are not already conspicuous for dishonesty in business and dishonesty in politics. The corrupting bribers and grafters do not come from their ranks. They are not to blame for a situation which makes Socialism seem tolerable to many serious minds as a correction of wrongs which grind the poor and make the future seem hopeless of betterment.

Hence we say that it is wisdom for those who fear the growth of Socialism in the land to have a care that their own courses do not promote it. They will be judged by their deeds, not by their professions. Such facts as the eager courting by the churches of the gifts of a man like Rockefeller, and the revelations concerning the management of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, make more Socialists in a month than the professional propagandists of theoretical Socialism could hope to make in many years.

To Be Rid of Social-Democrats.

Milwaukee Free Press: Rose and municipal ownership in William George Bruce's cry for the Milwaukee municipal campaign in 1906. William George Bruce says that Rose is the "logical" candidate, ignoring the plain fact that he is the most illogical candidate possible, and that the only other element in the campaign proposed by William George Bruce suggesting Rose is utter lack of "logic" is the platform favoring municipal ownership.

Mr. Bruce is the local chairman of the Democratic organization, and he feels the need of some movement that can meet and overwhelm the Social-Democrats. The only best sure plan for doing this is a union of Democrats and Republicans with Rose to lead them, running on a Social-Democratic platform.

Rose as a public ownership candidate, ought to get all the votes. Mr. Pfister would vote for him, and Mr. John J. Peggs would vote for him. They know how much of a public ownership man Rose is, and they know that such men as Rose in authority make public ownership dangerous if not impossible. Rose's entire six years in the mayor's office have been "awful examples." The step he ever took in the direction of municipal ownership was when he built his garbage plant—built it expensively, built it where it cannot be got at, and has since made it as an "awful example" to all municipal ownership advocates. Three years ago he had a spasmodic question of a municipal lighting plant, and swore that he would build a plant within a year if he had to steal the money to do it with. His friends thought that this was an "awful" example. The light when Rose said that, if it was merely a question of getting

money they knew the plant was as good as built.

But Rose saw a light two years later, when he was a candidate the last time. He had the support of the light people, and the electric railway people, who are the same people, and he was not been as much of an advocate of municipal lighting plants as he was. He is, as William George Bruce says, in favor of municipal ownership, but not just yet. There are so many other things that must come first. Even Mr. John J. Peggs is not opposed to a municipal lighting plant if he can be allowed to say when the city shall have it.

So far as a combination of Republicans and Rose Republicans and Democrats, in order to meet and defeat the Social-Democrats is concerned, isn't this crying out pretty soon? If there is to be a combination it may not be on the proposed lines. There might be such a thing as getting rid of Rose and the Social-Democrats at the same time, by defeating Rose and giving the Social-Democrats control for a time. Certainly Rose never would be allowed to come back; and certainly one time would satisfy Milwaukee that it had had enough of the Socialists.



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A NOTABLE EDITORIAL.

Boston Herald: We suspect the politicians in the East are not fully aware of the strides that Socialism is making in some parts of the West. We do not mean in particular policy recently so emphatically approved in Chicago, nor the Kansas revolt against the Standard Oil monopoly. These are incidents of significance, to be sure, but they are rather revolts against a special fact that appears to be oppressive than symptoms of a general and controlling policy.

In the presidential election last year Mr. Debs, the Socialist candidate, received 386,955 votes, which is less than 14,500 fewer than the combined vote cast for the Prohibition, Populist, and Social Labor candidates.

Before us is the issue for April 15 of a Socialist weekly. In it are published reports of recent elections in some thirty places where Socialists elected their candidates, running as avowed Socialists, or largely increased their party vote over the vote given for local candidates a year ago, or for Debs in November. For example, Racine, Wis., cast a Socialist vote for mayor of 1,776 in a total of 5,125, and three aldermen and three supervisors on their ticket were elected. In Buena Vista, Colo., Socialists elected the mayor and several members of the city council; in Oswego, Kas., they elected the mayor; in Kansas City, Kas., the Socialist candidate for mayor got 568 votes; last year, 339; in Laurium, Mich., the Socialist vote in a local election was 438; in the whole county (Houghton), last fall Debs got but 527 votes; in Battle Creek, Mich., the Socialists elected an alderman and gave their candidate for mayor 329 votes; in Cuba, Mo., the Socialists elected five of the seven officers voted for; in Blair, Neb., they elected a councilman; in Calumet, Mich., the average vote for Socialist candidates was 342, a gain of ninety-two over the average vote a year ago; in North Platte, Neb., with four Socialist candidates in the field, two were elected. Of course, such showings are not important in themselves; the significant thing is that everywhere the vote of this party was larger than ever before.

There is a meaning to facts like these and it is worth while to try to find out what it is. The German historian—Mommson—who died not long ago, is quoted as having said shortly before his death: "To-day this (Socialism) is the only great party which has a claim to political respect." On what is its claim based? It is based primarily on the principle that the wage worker, the worker with his hands, the producer, is not getting his fair proportion of the wealth he creates, but the larger share—for the larger share—is appropriated by those who employ his labor, that the few obtain wealth and luxury while the majority obtain a meagre and precarious subsistence. The Socialist believes that this is an upside-down condition of the social fabric that ought

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THIS COUNTRY is made up of working people, both industrial and agricultural, but is ruled by the capitalist class, which is numerically small. Being in control of the government, it runs that government in the interests of its class and against the interests of the working class, who are the people.

Under the capitalist system the vast majority of mankind must sell themselves to the capitalist owners of the means of production and distribution in order to live—and to live miserably at that.

The nation owns the post office and everybody is glad that it does. It ought to own all the trusts so that all may enjoy the benefits.

It ought to own all the means of production as soon as such industries have become sufficiently concentrated.

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EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

The United States Supreme Court is not likely to hear the last of its miserable decision in the ten hour New York bake-shop law. As one of the dissenting justices said, it is the most notable decision made for years, for its effects will be far reaching.

In effect it says that the right of a master to exploit his workmen to the limits of their endurance under the struggle for work is higher than all considerations of humanity and public policy.

We consider it fortunate that this decision was given in the case of the bakers instead of some other trades. For, far and away, the situation of the bakery workers is the most miserable of any of the modern city trades.

Ask any man familiar with the labor movement and he will tell you that the bakery workers have been among the hardest to organize and to keep organized. Years of inhuman treatment have almost driven every spark of independence and self-respect out of them.

The brutalizing slavery of the small bake shop may be seen from the following: The average small shop works fourteen hours a day. Starting at 7 o'clock at night the men must work in an ill-ventilated and damp basement until 9 o'clock next morning, with only a brief interval for lunch.

The bakery workers die like flies, of consumption, rheumatism and other physical punishments for the breaking of nature's laws. But what do the learned justices care for the laws of nature? Capitalist laws are alone sacred to them!

One point we would especially make. These conditions we have described are those that obtain in non-union shops. So far as it dures to come in conflict with capitalistic interests, the union compels better hours, better conditions, and better pay. Hence union made bread is cleaner, and safer to eat.

That the Supreme Court justices were not all of one mind, may be seen from the following portions of the dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan:

"I do not stop to consider whether any particular view of this economic question presents the sounder theory. The question is one about which there is room for debate and for honest differences of opinion. No one can doubt that there are many reasons, based upon the experience of mankind, in support of the theory that, all things considered, more than ten hours' steady work each day, from week to week, in a bakery of confining establishment, may endanger the health, impair the usefulness, and shorten the lives of the workmen."

"Our duty, then, is to maintain the status quo as long as it is in conflict with the public interest, for the reason—and such is an all-sufficient reason—that it is not shown to be fairly and justly earned."

It is not surprising that the Supreme Court justices were not all of one mind, may be seen from the following portions of the dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan: "I do not stop to consider whether any particular view of this economic question presents the sounder theory. The question is one about which there is room for debate and for honest differences of opinion. No one can doubt that there are many reasons, based upon the experience of mankind, in support of the theory that, all things considered, more than ten hours' steady work each day, from week to week, in a bakery of confining establishment, may endanger the health, impair the usefulness, and shorten the lives of the workmen."

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"It was different when I was a young man, Himmisay. In thim days, capital an' labor was friendly, or labor was. Capital was like a father to labor, givin' it its boards an' lodgin's. Nayther interfered with th' other. Capital went on capitalisin' an' labor went on laborin'."

walked ar-rm in ar-rm instead of havin' both hands free as at present. Capital was contint to be capital, an' labor was used to bein' labor. Capital come ar-round an' felt the ar-rm iv labor want in a while an' ivry year Mrs. Capital called on Mrs. Labor an' congratulated her on her score. Th' pride iv ivry artisan was to wurruk as long as his task as th' boss cud afford to pay th' gas bill.

lyon dollars. (Sensation.) I attribute this to me supervy or skill, aided by ye'er earnest efforts at th' bench an' at th' forge. (Sobs.) Ye have done so well that we don't need so many iv us as we did. (Long and continyous cheerin'.)

sistent with that instrument. Let the state alone in the management of its purely domestic affairs, so long as it does not appear beyond all question that it has violated the federal constitution. This view necessarily results from the principle that the health and safety of the people of a state are primarily for the state to guard, and protect, and not a matter of ordinary concern to the national government."

Sheboygan, Wis., newspapers received at this office announce that Ald. Pfister and ex-Mayor Born of that place have now gone back to the Republican party. Born after he lost caste with the Social-Democrats of that city failed of reelection as mayor, and being a chronic politician there was nothing for him to do but go back to one of the capitalist parties, where he really belonged.

From the official bulletin sent out by the party in Oklahoma we learn that Oklahoma local cleared fifty dollars from their recent Debs lecture, out of which they paid all the campaign expenses and made a good big donation to the territorial organization fund besides. Territorial Secy. Snyder says that the Debs tour made a large number of converts and did the party great good.

Gaylord Wilshire ought to be more careful than to misstate the action of the Milwaukee Socialists, as he does in the current issue of his magazine, where he says: "There may be no objection to Socialists voting for capitalist candidates when the Socialist party has no nominee, but this is not the same thing as advising the party not to nominate in order that a certain capitalist candidate may get Socialist votes."

There is a grim humor in the fact that American Industries, the organ of the Socialist-crushing manufacturers of the country, is highly pleased because the supreme court of the United States has denied the right of a state to enact a ten-hour law. It is joyous because now the right of the individual toiler to bargain away his very life has not been taken away from him!

The Herald wishes to sincerely thank the many comrades who have written us complimenting us on the improved typographical appearance of the new volume.

Special attention of Milwaukee comrades is called to the report of last Wisconsin state committee meeting.

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN STATE BOARD.

The State Executive Board met May 7th, with all resident members present except H. Tuttle. Applications for charter were granted to Ladysmith, to the Finnish Branch in Superior, and to the Women's Branch of the South Side, Milwaukee. The resignation of E. O. Stoll as non-resident member of the State Board was read. Comrade Stoll stating that he is about to remove from the state. According to the Constitution the State Board must fill the vacancy, but the matter of filling the unexpired term was laid over till the next meeting.

Half Hours In The Herald Sanctum.



Correspondents are urged to write as briefly as possible and on one side of the paper only.

Those New York Resolutions.

Dear Comrade: Some time ago the Social-Democratic Herald columns had an article showing that there was a progressive and a reactionary wing of the Socialist movement in the United States, proving that the S. L. P. was the reactionary wing and the Social-Democratic party the progressive. However, we have a reactionary wing within the Social-Democratic party and don't even have to look to the other faction of the American movement.

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States. Maily referred to a case in California where a local had been expelled for fusion. There was no such case on record and the party as such had consequently not decided on it.

Now, some comrades are always hunting for something to expel somebody from the party for, and look at other countries. What Berger had done is a trivial matter against what Bernstein has already done in Germany! Did they expel him? No! they fixed the party policy and then sent him to the Reichstag, where he is more harmless than he would be with a little party of his own.

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Let the two old parties combine. Let the gambling trust, the bankers' trust, the Milwaukee street railway, the gas company and the "red light" district all go together. They belong together.

On the other side let us have the workingman, the professional man and every other voter who has to toil for a living, every man who is oppressed, every man who feels that his children have no show in the world and that he cannot help himself, every man who believes that we are all interdependent, one upon the other. Let us get these together also. They also belong together.

Then let there be a "battle royal" between the people who want strong collective action for the common interest, as represented by the Social-Democratic party on one side and the representatives of organized crime as represented by the Republican and Democratic parties, on the other.

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### The Secretary's Financial Report for April.

Balance on hand April 1st.....\$8.70

### DUES RECEIVED.

12 of Milwaukee	\$22.80
8 of Milwaukee	9.30
1 of Appleton	2.10
1 of Algoma	1.50
3 of Racine	3.00
1 of Pardeeville	1.50
Women's Branch of Milwaukee	9.30
9 of Racine	3.00
Finnish Branch of Keshosha	3.30
1 of Wausau	3.30
7 of Racine	2.30
3 of Town of Lake	3.40
1 of Madison	8.70
1 of Manitowish	15.00
8 of Eau Claire	2.40
9 of Racine	7.50
1 of Marinette	8.40
22 of Milwaukee	12.30
21 of Milwaukee	18.60
1 of West Allis	5.90
11 of Milwaukee	29.70
3 of Racine	1.90
1 of Irma	2.40
5 of Racine	4.50
1 of Pacific	3.90
1 of New Glarus	2.70
7 of Milwaukee	3.10
1 of Superior	3.00
18 of Milwaukee	6.00
1 of Pittsville	3.30
2 of Milwaukee	15.00
1 of Town of Milwaukee	1.50
15 of Milwaukee	4.80
10 (Bohemian) of Milwaukee	3.90
1 of Marshfield	3.30
11 of Racine	3.00
1 of New London	1.50
16 of Milwaukee	4.80
5 of Milwaukee	7.80
2 (Finnish) of Superior	4.50
1 of Sheboygan	1.50
1 of Chilton	4.90
1 of Whitewater	2.70
1 of Brodhead	4.80
1 of Waukesha	3.60
Total	\$279.70
Campaign Fund	44.54
Organization Fund	23.40
For Thompson's Manitowish literature	5.00
Literature	1.00
Total receipts	302.34
Paid State Treasurer	340.38
Balance April 30th	15.90

E. H. Thomas, State Secy.

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### NOTES OF CITY ORGANIZATION.

Don't forget to get a subscriber for our party paper now and then.

The Polish comrades held a May Day celebration near Kosciuszko Park last Sunday afternoon. Comrades J. A. Barzkowski, S. Sobolowski and E. T. Melms delivered addresses.

Do not forget the West Side Socialist Women's Club afternoon lecture at N. P. Neumann's Hall, 2714 North Ave., to be held on May 21st. Alderman Malewski will address the audience in German and Alderman E. T. Melms will speak in English. There will be no admission and everybody is cordially invited to be present.

Comrade Krueger writes: "Any old time this combination is going to work on us, I want to be on deck. Send me 25 application blanks; I am going to do some work in my district for the organization. There is no excuse why our organization should not be doubled by next spring. The field is ripe, so here goes."

Comrade Johnson sends in a few applicants for membership and adds: "There will be something doing before the roses bloom again." Wonder what he is up to!

The city organizer will pay a visit to all the local branches commencing the latter part of this month and look after the work of the organization. He will also prepare them for the Educational Campaign this fall.

The Twenty-third Ward Branch slips in \$2.00 on the Organization Fund. Well, well, those comrades in the Twenty-third Ward are certainly hustlers.

The East Side Women's Club held an enjoyable card party at Locke's Hall last Saturday evening.

Comrades Barzkowski and Melms held a fine meeting at Fifth and Grant street last Sunday afternoon. The people of the Fourteenth Ward are certainly walking up.

The committee in charge of the collection of tickets for the three Singing Societies' Entertainment held at the West Side Turner Hall recently, kindly ask the branches to report on the tickets sold or return the unsold ones within thirty days.

The North Greenfield comrades are working hard in their respective districts and certainly deserve the support of the comrades at their May Ball, Saturday evening, at Neumann's Hall, corner Fourteenth avenue and Mitchell street.

May Ball Celebrations. Town of Greenfield, Saturday, May 13, Neumann's Hall, 14th and Mitchell street.

South Side Women's Club, Saturday, May 20, Graf's Hall, 713 Clinton street.

Eighth Ward Branch, Saturday, May 13, Burmeister's Hall, 9th avenue and Greenfield avenue.

Twenty-second Ward Branch, Saturday, May 20, Petersen's Hall, 2714 North avenue.

Basket Picnics This Summer. Eleventh Ward Branch, June 25, Dassel's Grove.

Twelfth Ward Branch, July 2, Huelsback's Grove.

Fourteenth Ward Branch, July 2, Heim's Grove.

Twenty-third Ward Branch, June 18, Dassel's Grove.

### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday Evening, May 16th. 13th Ward, 1629 Vliet st.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2 P. M. East Side Socialist Women's Club, Locke's Hall, 267 Sherman st.

Thursday Evening, May 18th. 4th Ward Branch, Room 414 Germania Bldg.

5th Ward Branch, 382 Washington street (Socialist Home).

9th Ward Branch, 1216 Cherry st.

Town of Milwaukee, Branch 1, cor. of Teutonia ave. and Kent ave., Lehmann's Hall.

Friday Evening, May 19th. 2nd Ward Branch, Brewer's Hall, a. e. cor. of 4th and Chestnut st., second floor.

13th Ward Branch, cor. 3rd and Wright st., Ransch's Hall.

20th Ward Branch, Guetzlaff's Hall, cor. of Clark and Teutonia ave.

22nd Ward Branch, N. Petersen's Hall, 2714 North ave.

Town of Lake, Branch 3, at Barts Hall, cor. 3rd and Okokhous ave.

Saturday Evening, May 20th. Jewish Branch No. 1, Paschen's Hall, 325 Chestnut st.

Sunday Afternoon, 2 P. M. Finnish Branch No. 1, 382 Washington st. (Socialist Home).

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS.

WHEREAS, The City Central Committee, S. D. S., is composed of delegates elected annually by the branches of said party; and

WHEREAS, Certain newly elected delegates not being acquainted or not having the experience of the party organization or their tactics and naturally creating disharmony and discord in said body; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by branches at their regular meeting that all delegates to Central Committee must be members in good standing for at least two years when being admitted, except those of newly organized branches.

Geo. Moerschel, Secy. John Hasemann, Chairman.

### For Russian Freedom.

A well attended business meeting of the Milwaukee branch of the Russian Social-Democratic party was held at 625 Chestnut st. last Sunday evening.

A number of new members were admitted which brings the entire membership up to 50 strong. This branch is connected with the movement in Russia and its aim is to support morally and financially our comrades in Russia in their struggle for freedom.

A hall is being arranged by this branch for the 27th of May at Visay's hall, at which a large portrait of Maxim Gorki will be given away. The entire proceeds of this affair will be turned over to the Russian Freedom Fund, and the comrades throughout the city ought to make it a success. Tickets are 15 cents and may be obtained from your ward secretary.

Mr. L. Sachs reported that he received through the S. D. H. \$6.10 from Local Hoquiam.

Readers of the Social-Democratic Herald are requested to send in their contributions liberally to this paper.

M. Franklin, Secy.

Waukesha Beach, the popular resort at Pewaukee Lake, opens May 20th. Foster Phelps is the proprietor and will have supervision of the grounds. Preparations for a big season are being made, as the number of excursions and picnics from Milwaukee and throughout the state will be greater than ever.

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May 6th.—10th P. B. Meeting of the local quorum.

The secretary submitted the convention call for the 13th annual convention to be held at Marinette July 19th, 1905. The call was adopted as read and additional instructions were given the secretary relative to credentials.

A letter from the fourth Assistant Postmaster General was read, setting forth that there was no violation of the postal laws, Section 1617 of 1902, to warrant further action against the "Corporations' Auxiliary Co." of Cleveland, Ohio, for offering for sale the proceedings including secret sessions of the San Francisco convention of the A. F. of L. for \$15.00. The communication was ordered filed.

Owing to the severe struggle of the Paper Makers' Union No. 18 of Neenah against oppression, its per capita was remitted to April, 1905.

The secretary reported that the Trades Council of Marinette had taken action and appointed a committee on arrangements to prepare for a successful convention of the 13th annual.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the secretary.

Fred. Brockhausen, Secy.

## State Organization Notes.

Two more counties added to the many of the state organization this week.

Wear a Socialist button. It shows which side you are on and introduces you to other Socialists.

When you go to the train to meet the organizer or lecturer, always wear a Social-Democratic button. Then it's easy to find you.

At a hotel in Wausau recently the state organizer addressed a Social-Democratic party button on the lapel of the vest of one of the men and so met a comrade.

WAUSAU.—Comrade Thompson spoke to nearly 200 people in the open air here on May 2 and afterward addressed the members of the tailors' union.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS.—Comrades who read German more easily than English should subscribe for Die Wahrheit, edited by Victor L. Berger, at 344 Sixth street, Milwaukee. It is the best German Socialist paper published, and is the official organ of the Social Democratic party. Comrades who have friends who are Germans should have Die Wahrheit sent 10 weeks for 10 cents to them and get them to subscribe.

PRENTICE.—Two comrades here who have been reading the Appeal and voting the ticket for several years, have now subscribed for the Herald and agreed with the state organizer to arrange to hire a hall and arrange for a good meeting the next time he comes to this part. By that time no doubt a local can be organized here also.

FERN, Gates County.—While at Ladysmith the state organizer learned the names of a half dozen farmers in and around Fern who are said to be Socialists. This is a place about 11 miles south and 6 miles east of Ladysmith. The Wisconsin Central is building a new railroad which will go right through this place. So it is hoped that after while a local can be organized there. If any of the comrades in Fern should see this they should write to the state secretary, E. H. Thomas, 344 Sixth street, Milwaukee, and arrange for organization.

H. J. Dunham, County Org.

PHINELANDER.—Comrade Herman Zander, the new secretary, has been urging the comrades to hold regular meetings and try to bring in new members.

CAMP DOUGLAS.—The state organizer has the names of a few Socialists in this place and would like to have them correspond with the state secretary and arrange to have the state organizer come there, give a lecture and organize if possible.

PHILLIPS, Price County.—A new local of thirteen members has been organized here as a result of Comrade Thompson's meeting. Capitalists would think that an unlucky number, but Socialists are not superstitious. Among the members of this local are a comrade who was formerly secretary of our local at Tomahawk, and another who was secretary of our local at Brillion. Two comrades from Prentice joined and it is hoped that a good county organization can be formed.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.—Comrade Thompson's visit here in Columbia County was accompanied by rainy weather, but the three meetings were held at Wyocena. There was a small audience, as the evening was very stormy, but in Pacific we had a very full house and great interest was manifested. We are looking for great results from the meeting here in Pacific. In Spring Valley, a community of farmers, we had a new opening. The meeting took place in the district school house, and Comrade Thompson had a fine crowd. He held his audience spellbound for fully one hour and a quarter. We will have a local organized here before many months go by. There is a tremendous awakening of thought among the farmers. We have been a little slow in thinking, but when our stolid brain once gets in action, it will take more to stop us than it has to start us. Comrade Thompson has left a clear understanding of the philosophy of Socialism. At all three parties in Columbia county it looks as if in the near future there will be a general outbreak (with us farmers) for Socialism.

H. J. Dunham, County Org.

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## THE BLACK HUSSAR

### Cown Topics by the Cown Crier.

A detective agency at 106 Grand ave. is trying to hire street car strike breakers. They offer \$3 a day with no allowance for risks that must be run. In answer to an applicant they said the men were wanted for Indianapolis and Chicago, where walkouts are expected.

We do not know which is the greater humbug, the man Cooper who is raking in the coin from the gullible sick, or the daily papers of Milwaukee that are getting some of that coin by printing Cooper's advertising read ad matter in the form of original reading matter. Since the Gas company has set the pace for the papers in printing advertising under false pretenses the Milwaukee papers seem to be easy prey for any fakir who comes along.

La Follette "caught a tartar" in the person of Assemblyman Z. P. Beach of Whitewater, who was placed at the head of the important committee on corporations. He is a corporation man. Simply one of the many slimy old politicians who have flocked to La Follette because he seemed to be a winner! Beach has so far been able to block the passage of the bill to take away the Milwaukee Gas Light company's exclusive franchise. He gave a hearing on it to the legal prostitutes sent out to lobby against it by the Gas Light company and then so manipulated things that the delegation of Milwaukee aldermen who wished to speak in favor of the bill could not get a hearing. If the bill is killed, it means that the municipal ownership of fuel and illuminating gas in Milwaukee will be put off just so much longer.

Chief Janssen of Milwaukee used some great arguments at Madison last Tuesday when the bill to permit police and firemen to have a hearing before being discharged (and cut off from the pension fund which they have to contribute to) was up for a final hearing before a senate committee. He said the Social-Democrats were behind it so as to produce trouble in his department and that the people of Milwaukee were opposed to granting police and firemen

a hearing. He said the bill was opposed by the Merchants' and Manufacturers Association with 800 business men back of their petition against the passage of the bill. Then a man in the rear of the room got the floor and explained that the petition in question was gotten up at a directors' meeting at which only five men were present and that the 800 knew nothing about it. Janssen couldn't deny this and so shifted to the other great protest, that of the Fire and Police Commissioners! A great argument. So thought Janssen. But then the question was asked, "Who appoints the police and fire commissioners?" And Janssen's jaw dropped as he was forced to answer, "Mayor Rose"!!

John I. Beggs, street railway magnate and owner of several aldermen, is getting to be a champion butter-in. Tom Neacy better look out for his laurels! In trying to help straighten out some of Bigelow's affairs, Beggs has been getting into print a good deal lately to show what poor managers others are and what a wonder he himself is. We take the following amusing clipping from a daily paper, in which Mr. Beggs gets a well earned "call down":

"Yes, they knew how to play golf a great deal better than they knew how to do other things," is the way John I. Beggs summed up some of the former officials of the Christianson company. Mr. Beggs incidentally said there was no truth in the report that he might be elected director of the Allis-Chalmers Co. to succeed Mr. Bigelow. "If John I. Beggs had played golf," he might have got enough cowbells out of his head so that he would have been a director who directed—and the defalcation of the president of his bank might have been kept down to a million instead of the vast sum that is missing. This isn't just the time for some directors to set up as being it all."

What's the matter with Milwaukee county's district attorney, anyway! Some time ago the Social-Democrats in the county board objected to the paying of \$240 to County Clerk Phelps for canvassing the election returns, because the law distinctly says that this shall be part of his duties and that he is to receive no compensation beyond his stipulated salary. But the money was paid over to him, nevertheless. Then the Social-Democrats called on the district attorney to render an opinion as to the legality of not only this particular payment, but also the sums that had been similarly paid to former county clerks. In response to this, the district attorney comes forward and discourages the prosecution of the matter, practically helps on the steal by saying that although it is clearly illegal the money was taken in good faith and was excusable, as it had been "a long standing practice to illegally pay out such money."

This is simply astonishing. We would remind Mr. McGovern that he was elected district attorney of Milwaukee county because he was supposed to be a reform candidate—that is, a member of a capitalist party who stood against the out and out rottenness of capitalist officialdom. He made loud speeches against graft. We Socialists did not vote for him because he does not represent our class nor our war on the capitalist labor plucking system. But we respected him as a man who was at least trying the task (which is impossible in the long run) of trying to make capitalist politics clean. What can we think now when he throws the sanctity of his official position as a veil over the grafting of a notoriously grafting county official!

And if Mr. McGovern wishes to explain, the columns of the Herald are freely open to him to do so.

#### Carnival Ticket Receipts.

Previously reported	\$2,202.47
F. Reiger	1.00
Jos. Baumann	.25
P. O. Hoehnke	.50
J. Koepf	.50
Karl Zaurling	.75
Chas. Kollath	.25
Wm. Schaper	.50
Fred. Koene	1.00
Vincent Winter	1.50
Rud. Leutig	1.25
Jacob Huber	1.00
Ernst Helz	.50
Frank J. Laska	.75
Arthur Zickuhr	1.50
J. W. Hohlert	1.00
Fred. Roensch	.75
Art. Isaak	.25
J. Roberts	.25
J. Splitz	.50
Fritz Schuerer	1.50
Aug. Dobrats	.25
Max Wolf	.25
E. Trachsel	.50
	\$2,290.32

The lecture by May Wood Simons of Chicago, announced to be held at National Hall last Sunday, has been postponed to Sunday, May 28, 1905, at the same hour and place. Although the postponement had been announced in the daily papers it seems some of the comrades failed to notice it and attended only to be disappointed for which the committee desires to express its regrets. The lecture will be given Sunday, May 28, 1905, without fail. South Side Woman's Club.

Remember that one of the ways to work for the cause is to get a subscriber for the Herald and the Vorwaerts now and then.  
Branch secretaries, attention! Have you taken up the precinct organization in your ward as yet? If not, why not!

### As to the Daily News.

Editor Herald: Last week you published a letter from the editor of the Daily News in which he denied the statement that any money was paid his paper by the Gas Light company for printing the slanderous articles of "Jay George" alias, against Socialism and Socialists in the department, "The Other Side." But he very carefully passed over all reference to the identity of this "Jay George," and gave no inkling as to why an "other side" department should have been suddenly started up with a man in the East as editor.

The Social-Democratic department in the News is not edited from ambush. Comrade Thomas is a Milwaukeean and does not hesitate to write under her real name.

Is it not possible to get a Milwaukeean to oppose Socialism and without the use of a false name? If not, who arranged to get a man from out of the city—a man who contributed columns of abuse of Socialists to the defunct and ill-smelling Labor World—to do this dirty work for capitalism?

Did Father Kress arrange it? Mr. Hoyt has denied that the Gas Light company pays for the department. Will he deny that an understanding exists between the Gas company and Father Kress by which the Gas company pays "Jay George" alias, for his labor? And what kind of an understanding can there be with the News which causes that paper to lay the most exacting restrictions on E. H. Thomas as yet allows this fellow "George" to fill his department with the most scurrilous personalities and abuse?

You have charged that "Jay George" is none other than an Eastern jail bird and crook, named F. G. R. Gordon. I can substantiate this claim. Read the following letter, for instance, which appeared in a recent issue of a Socialist paper published in New York:

"In regard to your Letter Box answer in the Sunday paper, April 23, that you did not know 'Jay George.' Well, perhaps you don't, but you do know a thing or two about F. G. R. Gordon, the shiniest sneak that I ever experienced and who was dismissed from the mail service for robbing the mail, joined the Social-Democratic party and then turned Gompersite. He was writing under the name 'Jay George' during the campaign of 1903; some of his owners had him in charge of a weekly slush in Haverhill then; he managed to get his stuff printed in most of the weekly papers of the state, amongst them the Rockland Independent. Something about his style seemed familiar. I tried several times to wheedle the editor into telling me who this 'George' was, but failed at that time. Putting some trifles together I came to the conclusion that it was alphabet Gordon, and I afterward verified it by the editor. I can get a written statement from the editor affirming the above."

Gordon is a natural born crook. Dishonesty is born in him. It is in his fibre. Rifling United States mail is not the only crime that lays against his record. He tried to sell out the Socialists in New Hampshire some years ago and documentary proofs in his own handwriting are still preserved. While in Milwaukee five years ago he tried to induce a certain acquaintance to go in with him on a counterfeiting scheme! Such a man is just the sort of fellow for the News to insult the Socialists of Milwaukee with. He is just the kind of fellow to distort statistics in favor of capitalism!

Alderman A. J. Welch lectured last Sunday evening before the Milwaukee Liberal Club, his subject being: "Do we need the capitalist?" Comrad Welch ridiculed the claims of the professional apologists for the capitalist class that profits are the capitalist's just reward for superintending industry, for risk of capital, abstinence etc.

He explained how it was possible for a capitalist to be an idler, an alien, a debauchee, a lunatic or a dead man, and still continue to draw enormous dividends on stocks in property which he had never seen. "The sole aim of the capitalist," said Alderman Welch, "is to devise plans to obtain possession of as much of the product of other people's labor as possible, leaving to the laborer only so much of that product as will suffice to furnish him with the bare necessities of life."

He likened the risk of the capitalist to the risk run by the shell-gamblan or the operator of a faro bank. The "abstinence" practiced by the capitalist is reflected in his riotous living and criminal extravagance. The speaker held that if the extravagance of the capitalist class could be justified on the ground that it furnished employment to workers, then the destruction of property by a mob could be justified on the same grounds. The incendiary, according to this brand of logic, should be rewarded by being presented with a gold medal studded with diamonds as a mark of appreciation for his services to society.

A short discussion followed, during which several of the old, familiar criticisms of Socialism were advanced, which criticisms were answered by Comrade Welch apparently to the entire satisfaction of the audience.

### THE THEATER.

#### ALHAMBRA THEATER.

At the Alhambra commencing Sunday evening, "Vivian's Papas," in which Miss Caroline Hull will play the role of Vivian, will begin a week's engagement. The play is by Leo Ditrichstein, author of "All On Account of Liza," "Are you a Mason?" and other brisk and



Caroline Hull in Vivian's Papas.

breezy farical comedies. It is said that the fun is especially fast and furious. The company comes here from an all Summer engagement in Chicago and New York.

Coupled with the announcement that the Castleton Opera Company will present a repertory of popular comic operas here during the Summer season at the Alhambra before going on the road for its regular season is the statement that two masters in the art of stage presentation and musical direction have been engaged. Arthur Pell, who has conducted three seasons of Summer opera in this city and who is unequalled in his line of work, will be the musical director, while A. W. F. MacCollin will stage all the elaborate presentations in the opera line that will be seen this Summer at the Alhambra.

#### BIJOU THEATER.

The big sensational melodrama, "Escaped from Sing Sing," will be the attraction at the Bijou next week, beginning matinee tomorrow.

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Frederick Montague in Escaped from Sing Sing.

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"An Aristocratic Tramp" is booked for May 21st at the Bijou. It is the best sensational comedy drama on the road this season.

#### STAR THEATER.

Patrons of the Star Theater will undoubtedly enjoy a rare treat next week in the shape of frothy frivolity, light extravagance and vaudeville, which will be provided by the famous "Dainty Duchesses" Company. The olio will be up to the high water mark of excellence and will include Chas. Robinson, James and Sadie Leonard, Frederick and Frederick, Ranzetta and De Lair, Jeanett Woods and Hurd and Fowler.

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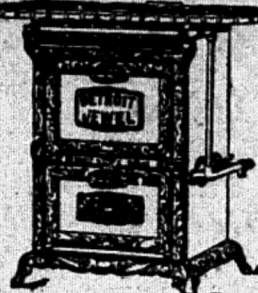
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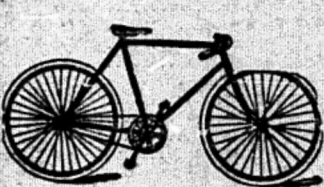
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