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WHICH WAY IS PROGRESS LEADING?

By Victor L. Berger.

IT is easy to foretell the nomination of William H. Taft at the Republican national convention in Chicago. And it is still easier to predict the nomination of William Jennings Bryan at the convention in Denver, although at the time of this writing the nominations have not been made.

The so-called conservatives set their hopes on being able to nominate either Judge Gray of Maryland or Gov. Johnson of Minnesota. The state of New York and the east were expected to bring about this result. But when the grand sashmen, Charles F. Murphy, arrived in Denver with his five hundred Tammany braves he called upon the Johnson manager to show him how many votes he had for Johnson. Murphy saw the figures, simply turned around and coolly said, "Then New York is unanimous for Bryan."

And that ought to settle the matter. The question of a vice-president cuts no figure. It is supposed that some big capitalist will be taken from the east or the south, because particularly the south, where capitalism has gained a foothold, of late shows a strong tendency to leave the Democratic column. And in the east, outside of a few large cities, the Democrats have now very little. Bryan must be elected by the votes of the south and the west—if he be elected at all.

The only question of interest is the question of the platform. And no really progressive man need build any hopes on that. In the first place, Bryan never had an original idea in his life. And even the ideas which he borrowed from the Populists—as the "sixteen-to-one" silver coinage proposition, and the nationalization of the railroads, and a few other things—he dropped one after the other when he found that the south was not ready for them.

So the bill of fare in Denver will simply be made up of the leavings of the capitalist feast in Chicago—with the *ad valorem* taxation of railroads borrowed from Bob LaFollette as the principal dish. There is no danger that William Jennings Bryan will put in the Democratic platform even an anti-injunction plank of any importance. It will be a tamed down Gompers resolution with "no reflection on the judiciary."

Bryan is a lawyer, and a petty lawyer at that—and therefore he has great respect for the judiciary. But he is a great politician. And he can readily see that there is nothing to gain and everything to lose by putting in a strong anti-injunction plank.

As it is, Bryan has only very meager chances of winning. And the chances would be simply nil if the south should turn against the Democratic party. And in the south, which is just being developed by the capitalists, a real anti-injunction plank would be fatal to all Democratic hopes.

Besides, the Democratic party can lose nothing by taming down the tame plank of Sam Gompers.

Such trades union men as are still voting wattle today, vote the Democratic ticket anyway. And yet the Democratic party has not won for years.

But can Sam Gompers tell them to go and vote the Republican ticket because the Democrats have cut out the best part of his plank? The Republicans did not treat him any better. And surely Sammy Gompers will never in all his days advise his men to vote the Socialist ticket.

Nor will Gompers start an Independent Labor party. He would never displease his friends Carnegie, Behmont, Straus and the other Civic Federation magnates to that extent.

Besides, political questions are simply questions of might. And if one wants to see how Gompers rewards friends and punishes the enemies of the American Federation of Labor, let him look at the last election results in the cases of Littlefield, Cannon, et al. And, last but not least, also Barthold of St. Louis, who normally received a majority of less than 7,000, which immediately jumped up to 17,000 as soon as Sam opposed him.

After the convention is over, Sam will be between the Republican devil and the Democratic deep blue sea.

Sam anticipates as much himself. He has already stated that he is going to appear before the convention of the Hearst Independence League, which will be held on July 27. However, Mr. Hearst has already declared in his papers that he is in favor of injunctions. So what is poor Sam going to do?

And in no less sorry plight are our other friends at home, the Halfbreed reformers of Wisconsin.

True, four years ago LaFollette and his delegation were kicked out unceremoniously from the national Republican convention, yet Bob recovered.

But at that time the Halfbreeds had a strong organization in the state. They had a metropolitan daily. They had an uncle who paid for all this and a good many other things.

This year they had an almost solid delegation in Chicago which orated, warned, admonished, and even nominated.

But, alas, their organization in Wisconsin has gone all to pieces. Their paper has been taken away. And, worst of all, they no longer have an "uncle." And I ask: What good is all "reform" if reform has no uncle?

Who is to pay the bills?

And it all came about in this way.

"Uncle Ike" Stephenson, a former land- and lumber-pirate, had a falling out with the other Captain Kidds of Wisconsin because they did not make him United States senator, although he was a worthy man—worth \$15,000,000.

"Uncle Ike" became a reformer for revenge. He started the paper. He paid the expenses. In short, he became the real uncle of reform.

And when the time came, he also became United States senator. But only for a short term, as Bob LaFollette and the other reformers thought.

However, man proposes and God disposes. It came otherwise. When a man gets to be 70 years old, he don't like to move. And why should a man 70 years old—a worthy man—worth at least \$15,000,000—be asked to move out of a Millionaires' Club where he really and truly belongs?

Is it a wonder that Uncle Ike very soon found his place again? Is it a wonder that he very soon found out that Senator Aldrich represented his interests and his views infinitely better than Bob LaFollette? I could have foretold that to LaFollette eight years ago. As a matter of fact, I did foretell it.

And I also agreed now with the Uncle Ikes that it is the sheerest ingratitude on the part of the Bobbies to ask Uncle Ike to relinquish his seat, for which he paid almost a million dollars, simply in order to remain an *ad valorem* reformer.

Uncle Ike paid the piper, and he is entitled to have his dance. Especially since a man 70 years old has not much chance to dance even a conservative minuet for a very great length of time.

And now the great question is, What are the Halfbreeds going to do about it?

Of course, District Attorney Frank McGovern, Senator Hatton, and Senator Cook declare that they will stay in the contest.

And I will say that Hatton, being a millionaire himself, or at least a very wealthy man, is eligible to the Millionaires' Club. And Senator Cook, being also a very wealthy man, can also prove some qualifications.

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We can at least quote one sentence from the keynote speech at the national Democratic convention, which runs as follows: "The cry of confiscation is the historic defense of usurpation. Let the people take warning. Whenever the wrongs of today become the vested rights of tomorrow the nation is in deadly peril." The little thief has to give up his stolen goods when caught. The big thief don't.

And now Taft's policy on Asiatic immigration—Let 'em Come—becomes the policy of the Republican party and stands a more than fair chance of being the policy of the next administration. Working-men who love their families and do not wish to have the standard of living reduced by this sort of immigration will do well to think twice before casting an old party ballot next fall.

Strange, isn't it, that if a man works for wages he is considered to be played out at fifty, while, if he happens to get on the supreme court bench, he is wisdom itself at seventy-five and eighty? Our supreme bench is for us what the throne is for European nations. So long as the monarch (legal monarch or political monarch) can sit upon it he is the embodiment of all that is wise in intellect.

The titled nonentities of Europe are in a state of breathless agitation because the president of France attended one of King Edward's dinners at Buckingham palace with his legs encased in trousers instead of knee breeches. Think of it! These titled loafers and their rotten, tainted crowd have nothing more substantial in life to get flurried over than a mere question of "panis." It's a disgrace to the species—for after all we are all of the same human family. And, to show the utter emptiness of these respectable ninnies, we have only to notice that they were not at all shocked when the self-same president of France decided to pay a good-will visit to the bloody czar of Russia, a monster disgusting in the sight of every true man and woman in the civilized world.

The mayor of Milwaukee went to the Saengerfest at Indianapolis and told the singers that if they would come to Milwaukee they could name the conditions. They demanded to know if the new Auditorium would be built by union labor. The mayor said he would promise it. And all the time he knew only too well that the Auditorium board in Milwaukee had disregarded public opinion and given the contract to an employer of "scabs," and who was already under the suspicion of having put poor material into the walls. But the mayor of Milwaukee always has his nerve with him.

When he returned to Milwaukee the old fox wrote a beseeching letter to the Musicians' Union, asking the union to furnish free music for the cornerstone exercises of the Auditorium. In other words, he

For President EUGENE V. DEBS For Vice-President, BENJAMIN HANFORD Socialism in the Pan-Angelican Congress.

London *Justice*: We have never yet seen such good for Socialism come out of the Anglican church as a church. Individual clergymen and small combinations of clergymen of the high church section have done useful work, and men like Stewart Headlan, Marston, Widdington, Maxted, Noel, Hird and others have spoken up for Socialism and Socialists when most assuredly they had nothing to gain by doing so, and were, indeed, denounced and persecuted for their honorable action. Now they must begin to feel that their action in the dull and dreary days was more than justified. Nothing more extraordinary than the proceedings in relation to Socialism at the Pan-Angelican Congress has been witnessed in our time. On Monday last, Socialism, genuine, unadulterated Social-Democracy, so far as the economics were concerned, took the floor, and kept it. Poor Mr. Masterman's semi-liberal philosophic twaddle of last week was swept away completely. Socialization of all the great means and instruments of production for the benefit of the whole people was enthusiastically accepted; the class war was virtually admitted; the Laodicean attitude of the Church of England and its bishops was roundly condemned. The Rev. Mr. Simpson, from Leeds, in particular, had a rousing reception, and was cheered to the echo when he brought his Socialist message from Pudsey, and denounced the present social system, root and branch. No wonder the Liberal press fails to report what was said. Of course, we know that one such meeting does not mean the capture of the Church of England by a great deal. But it does mean that an active and growing party in that church is getting sick of the dirty money-grubbing of its bishops and the meat groveling of its priests before Mammon. So much the better in every way.

asked union musicians to play free union music over a non-union job! The Musicians' Union held a lively meeting, and some pretty plain speeches were made. Then a letter was sent telling the mayor that the Musicians did not propose to go back on the labor movement. And they might have said more, for only a few days before the Rose Marching club had left for the National Democratic convention at Denver with a non-union band. So it goes, as we Milwaukeean's say.

Are you wasting time and interest, Mr. Workingman, on the old party national conventions? Think any good can come out of them for you? There never did in the past. The Republican convention this year was a rich man's convention.

A TIMELY WORD TO THE WORKERS.

The *Journal* of the Switchman's union has had the courage to come out flat-footedly in favor of workingmen supporting the workingman's national ticket. Some of the things it says are the following: "Debs has done more than any one living mortal to advance the cause of organized labor. For a quarter of a century he has been in the thickest of the fray and at no time or place did he ever falter for one moment in his duty as he saw it. It was Debs, more than Sargent, Hannahan or any other man connected with the Locomotive Firemen, that made the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen what it is today. It was Debs who organized the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen, now the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. And, Mr. Switchman, do you know that Debs lent all his aid and energy in organizing the Switchmen's Mutual Aid association? This being true, don't you think he is a very near relation of ours?"

"Ben Hanford, the running mate of our incomparable 'Gene,' it continues, 'is a life-long union man, and at this very moment carries a paid-up card in Typographical Union ('Big Six') in New York City. 'President Gompers and executive officers of the American Federation of Labor tell us to vote for our 'friends.' The history of the Republican party and the Democratic party proves they are both inimical to the interests of organized labor. 'What, then, are we to understand by Mr. Gompers' advice? 'Are we to understand that we must go to the camps of our enemies seeking friends? 'Certainly we are not such a silly lot of asses.' " "Here we have Debs and Hanford," it says in conclusion, "two

a plunderbund convention, representing a party bent on staying in by all the big influences possible to tie to. The Democratic convention represents the party that is out and that wants to get in by hook or crook. You can size up its value to the work people by sizing up the men who compose it, from Tom Taggart, who made his wealth out of a huge gambling resort, to city mavors who are in partnership with street railway monopolies and corporation boodling. The Democratic party is nationally just what it is locally—a piece with the Republican party.

There is no difference which ever party controls a city government. And the national government under Cleveland, the Democrat, was just as hostile to labor as the government has been under any of the Republican presidents. If you let either of them plan you for a snicker on election day then you will deserve what you will get, and will have no "kick" coming.

The Socialists are black, the Socialists are white—if you believe the capitalist press.

The Socialists are good, the Socialists are bad—if you believe the capitalist press.

The Socialists are dreamers, and yet again self-seeking schemers—if you believe the capitalist press.

The Socialists are idealists and at the same time they are materialists—if you believe the capitalist press.

The Socialists want more government, the Socialists are enemies of government—if you believe the capitalist press.

The Socialists are too moral, the Socialists are too immoral—if you believe the capitalist press.

The fact is you cannot take the capitalist press' word for anything, so the best way is to investigate for yourself.

In writing for the press from the Denver convention Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, has this to say of Bryan and the men who followed him:

"While Bryan has hundreds of devoted followers here, there are many of the original, typical Bryan men of '06 who are not here. They have gone on. One of the most significant of Bryan's achievements, perhaps the most significant of them all, is that in '06 he set many men intellectually free and these men who were wild about him in '06 have gone on and on; they have become Socialists, or single taxers, radicals of one sort or another, and Bryan started them. They probably remember him today with gratitude, but they will tell you of him as they do of the president, that he does not understand economics. And many of them will tell you that he has grown conservative."

There is a good deal of truth in this. A good many Bryan men are now found in the Socialist party. But also there are a lot of ex-Republicans, so that Bryan was only one small part of the jarring loose process, after all.

HELP PUSH THE GOOD WORK FORWARD!

Have you noticed how much the question of Socialism is now before the people? How many magazine writers are treating the subject? How it is touched up in the president's messages, in the political speeches and platforms as never before? The question is up for discussion, but the trouble is that the majority of the people are only reading the other side. It is up to us to give Socialist literature to the people if we want them to have a true idea of what Socialism really is. Subscribe to the Wisconsin literature fund and strike the Socialist iron now while it is hot. Send in your contribution now and push the good work forward!

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SOME EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS.

By Frederic Heath.

Another immoral wedding in "high" life.

Now Hobson has been both kissed and hissed.

The Denver auditorium, in which the Democratic convention is being held, is an offense to the eye in an architectural way. Being opposed to anything up-to-date, perhaps that's why the Democratic party picked it out.

The lumber workers of western Montana, on behalf of themselves and families, are resisting a cut in wages and an increase in hours. No self-respecting workingman will leave the East and go to Montana looking for a job while such conditions continue.

It is said that John Mitchell will draw a salary of \$0,000 a year as manager of the trade agreement department of the National Civic Federation. That is a good fat salary in these lean times, but what puzzles us is how Ralph Easley can bear to see anyone else get any of the Civic Federation graft.

At the recent annual conference of the Irish trade unions at Belfast a resolution was introduced and carried by a large majority declaring that the time had arrived for the Irish trade unions to join the Labor party, for the purpose of establishing in Ireland an independent political labor movement.

The latest bad news for capitalism comes from Nova Scotia, where it has been decided by labor to launch a Labor party on English lines; that is, labor and Socialism combined for the purpose of parliamentary conquests. This did big things in England, and will probably do big things for the Nova Scotia toilers.

Milwaukee's "reform" mayor, David Rose, was one of the delegates to the great Democratic convention. At the national Democratic convention four years ago Dave distinguished himself by making a speech in which he declared that "dying for principle is all rot." This year he distinguished himself by getting tipsy and dancing a can-can in the streets of Denver.

The churches are turning to Socialism, is the cry today. But the fact is that the churches are not turning to Socialism but are being driven to it. That is the disgraceful fact. There is repetition of history in that. Socialism has to do with a righteous state of society. Jesus also concerned himself with earthly things, but his church has found it more convenient to keep its eyes on the clouds and pretend to see nothing of wrong that is going on as a result of the capitalist system.

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But what show has a poor red ant like Frank McGovern in this battle of giant gold-bugs? Of course, he claims that he is "progressive." All red ants are "progressive," especially when they are chased.

The threat of these "progressive" Halfbreeds that they will vote for Bryan is sheer buncombe. If the Republicans and Taft are conservative, Bryan and the Democrats are absolutely reactionary. And it does not take a student of political economy to see that. The "radicalism" in Denver is of the kind which good whisky always creates in a Democratic convention-crowd.

Whether Bryan or anybody else is the leader of the Democratic party is of no consequence at all. The Democratic party is in a hopeless condition. It was the political expression of production on a small scale and of southern feudalism based on slavery. Slavery has passed—and production on a small scale is passing. Therefore, whatever the Democracy attempts to do is reactionary. Progress is in the opposite direction—production on the largest possible scale—which means Socialism.

We Socialists could wish for nothing better than that Bryan and his cohorts should get control of this country *once*. That would dispose of the Democratic jackass "for good."

Besides, the Democratic party in the north is pre-eminently a grafters' party, particularly in the large cities.

And can the so-called progressive Halfbreeds in Wisconsin vote and work with men like Dave Rose, George Peck, Con Corcoran, and the other leaders of the Democratic party? I can never believe that. I would just as soon expect to see Frank McGovern join in that jigg which Dave Rose and Frank Litza danced in that Denver hotel in honor of the fine whisky.

Of course, there are plenty of grafters among the Halfbreeds who joined the LaFollette crowd for pelf and pelf only. They will go to Uncle Ike, to the Stalwarts, to Bryan, or to the devil, as long as they can get pelf.

But I cannot see how in the world an honest Halfbreed, who calls himself a "progressive," can retrograde to Bryan, Murphy, Rose, Roger Sullivan and the rest of that crowd. If a man calls himself a progressive, he ought to progress. That crowd is retrogressive.

But this is nothing to us. We have long ago given up all hope of teaching the Halfbreed reformers either sound political economy or even sound political honesty.

However, we know this, that the next election will undoubtedly treble the Social-Democratic vote in Wisconsin.

And that will be an infinitely better answer to the capitalists—Stalwarts and Democratic grafters alike—than ever so many thousand votes that Bryan can gain.

A gain of 50,000 Social-Democratic votes in Wisconsin will have infinitely more influence in this state and in this nation than a gain of three times as many Democratic votes could possibly have.

Social-Democrats of Wisconsin, this is your chance. Agitate, organize and show the "Progressives" in which direction progress lies.

Victor L. Berger

SOCIALISM IN THE TURNER CONVENTION

RADICALS AND CONSERVATIVES AT CHICAGO MEETING

A Catholic Paper's Account of the Conflict, in Which Socialism Is Very Much in Evidence.

For fifty years one phase of German-American life has been found among the Turner societies.

Whether or not Socialism shall dominate the Turner societies of the country was the question which occupied three hours of strenuous debate Monday afternoon at the convention of the North American Turnbund, now in national convocation at the North Side Turner hall, Chicago.

While the benign countenance of "Vater Jahn," originator of physical culture, transferred to oil, beamed down upon the assemblage, the delegates wrangled and fought over a proposition which belongs entirely to Chicago, but which threatens to disrupt the oldest physical culture organization in this country.

A Hot Fight. Chicago is the cause of the trouble, and it will be up to Chicago to settle the difficulty.

The Republican national convention has adjourned after nominating one of labor's worst enemies as its standard-bearer.

Three of the staid old organizations of Chicago, led by that veteran organization, the North Side Turners, in whose hall the present convention is being held, refused to be recognized as affiliated with the "Chicago district" because of the Socialistic propaganda which had invaded the ranks.

tral Turnverein, and South Side Turnverein, are today members of the Indiana district.

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The trouble which just now confronts the national organization is a proposition put up by some of the Socialist organizations, which will make it compulsory for the "conservative" North Side Turners, the Central Turnverein and the South Side Turners to abandon the Indiana district and become part and parcel of the Chicago district, or get out of the national organization.

It was argued on the part of the three Indiana-affiliated organizations that "turnveriens" had been created in Chicago solely for political purposes and that out of twenty-two which exist there now many are conducted entirely in the interests of Socialism, and not with the idea for which the Turner societies were originally formed.

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Do not suppose that the man who rides in a carriage is therefore not a cad. Do not suppose that the man in shirt sleeves is therefore not a gentleman.

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FOR THE HAPLESS ASYLUM INMATES

THE EXISTING CONDITIONS ARE FURTHER EXPOSED TO VIEW

Some Cases Stated and Remedies Outlined. The Wisconsin Board of Control Called on to Meet the Situation. Other Opinions.

To the Editor: In regard to improper care of insane patients, I have no doubt whatever that Wisconsin is no worse than some other states, probably not so bad as some; but we may well pity the unfortunate inmates in the states that are worse.

This old man had served his country in the civil war, and to this reward he finally came, at the hands of the country he had fought to protect. He was in reality a victim of the system which underpays its attendants, therefore gets some among those employed that are utterly unfitted for such work.

Usually the answer to this sort of thing is that attendants have forgotten themselves on various occasions and no doubt always will. In fact, a senior member of the Wisconsin board of control made such a remark to me, and I want to say that the only ray of hope in Wisconsin at present is the fact that there is a lady member on the board, and she, I know, is anxious to have matters go right.

If the board really wanted to, it would have no trouble at all in getting at the actual things. It could simply employ detectives in disguise of attendants, and they could soon prove the truth of the damnable conditions I have described.

I would advise all people having friends and relatives in any hospital for the insane to visit them often, regardless of the free advice of the doctors and their ever ready warning not to talk too much, or allow the patients to talk much about themselves, for fear of exciting them.

Very recently a noted alienist said on the stand that all men are more or less insane. And there are alienists who, like lawyers, are only too willing to serve either side, according to which direction the pay comes from.

OUR INSANE ASYLUMS. To the Editor: I am an attendant in an insane asylum, and have served in several in two different states besides the one where I now am, and I have read with interest the exposure of the insane asylum system in your columns.

I reported the case to the superintendent, and an examination was made and the report confirmed. The attendant was given a discharge, to go forth and do the same thing in some other asylum, instead of being locked up.

There was a case here this spring, where it was claimed a man had erysipelas and could not be taken out by his brothers. They suspected foul play, and had him examined by an expert of the state university, and it was found that the man had no such disease, but was disabled by several broken ribs.

There is a humane society to protect helpless animals from brutality, but nothing to protect helpless beings. Instead of care and attention by those who are paid well by the state to see that it is done, the unfortunate insane are more or less at the mercy of any brutal attendant who happens to get into the service.

Trained Attendants Needed. It is time the state paid salaries to attendants that will bring into the service the same grade of efficiency as is shown by the trained nursing system in the hospitals.

Here is another case that I feel I should speak about. I can never get it out of my mind that there was a woman murdered practically within my hearing while I was at Mendota. On the afternoon of the day in question, I had heard screams of some frantic woman begging to be let off. I took occasion to walk around the rear of the women's ward, and I saw the woman at the barred window. She was a large, fine-looking woman of about 26 years, of dark complexion,

with a mass of black wavy hair and an intelligent looking face. She saw me, and appealed to me to save her, saying that they would murder her. At this moment she was seized from behind and forced down from the window. And it seems to me that she was being choked.

I went my way, wondering if there were not some one better way to keep her quiet. That evening I was asked to assist a Mr. Hanson in carrying for a corpse in the asylum morgue. Imagine my surprise, on uncovering the corpse, to see lying before me the form of the very same young woman, her body bruised, her neck all purple, great bruises on her forehead—dead.

Was She Murdered? I felt then as I feel still, that she had been put to death by brutality, and yet had not the means to prove it. No doubt this young woman's friends were informed that she died in a fit or by suicide or erysipelas. There is a tribe of people in Africa, who when their relatives become old and ill, take them on a journey in the desert jungle and their leave them to die of hunger, or to be devoured by wild animals.

There should be a law passed that will hold the superintendent clearly responsible for all brutality in the asylum under his control. It is generally understood now that an attendant who tells on others loses his standing in the asylum and sooner or later will be let out.

The congress of the United States has shown its contempt for the interests of labor as plainly and unmistakably as have the other branches of government. The laws for which the labor organizations have continually petitioned have failed to pass.

Individual competition leads inevitably to combinations and trusts. No amount of government regulation, or of public utility or of restrictive legislation, will arrest the natural course of modern industrial development.

While our courts, legislatures and executive offices remain in the hands of the ruling classes and their agents, the government will be used

Our papers don't want it, they answered. In disgust, these men were sending news of court scandals, rumors of war, libels on labor leaders, lies about Socialist defeats.

Now what does this mean? It means that the entire capitalist press is conspiring to keep the American workingman in ignorance.

The newspapers have stopped printing political news from Europe, because every hour the Socialists are winning great victories.

The European workmen are fighting a magnificent battle. They are winning new rights. They are forcing reforms that will high revolutionize economic conditions.

No attendant to serve over two years. Better pay that will attract good men. Frequent visiting by the board of control and their visit unannounced, except that it should be at a seasonal hour.

Some method by which people committed for the fees or by country doctors who are not expert in insanity could be given some guar-

THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST PLATFORM FOR 1908.

The Socialist party, in national convention assembled, again declares itself as the party of the working class, and appeals for the support of all workers of the United States and of all citizens who sympathize with the great and just cause of labor.

We are at this moment in the midst of one of those industrial breakdowns that periodically paralyze the life of the nation. The much-boasted era of our national prosperity has been followed by one of general misery.

The present desperate condition of the workers has been made the opportunity for a renewed onslaught on organized labor. The highest courts of the country have within the last year rendered decision after decision depriving the workers of rights which they had won by generations of struggle.

The attempt to destroy the West-ern Federation of Miners, although defeated by the solidarity of organized labor and the Socialist movement, reveals the existence of a far-reaching and unscrupulous conspiracy by the ruling class against the organizations of labor.

In their efforts to take the lives of the leaders of the miners, the conspirators violated the state laws and the federal constitution in a manner seldom equaled even in a country so completely dominated by the profit-seeking class as is the United States.

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in the interests of these classes as against the toilers.

Political parties are but the expression of economic class interests. The Republican, the Democratic and the so-called "independence" parties, and all parties other than the Socialist party, are financed, directed and controlled by the representatives of different groups of the ruling class.

In the maintenance of class government both the Democratic and Republican parties have been equally guilty. The Republican party has had control of the national government and has been directly and actively responsible for these wrongs.

The various "reform" movements and parties which have sprung up within recent years are but the clumsy expression of widespread discontent. They are not based on an intelligent understanding of the historical development of civilization and of the economic and political needs of our time.

As measures calculated to strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of this ultimate aim, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge ourselves and our elected officers to the following program:

- 1. The immediate government relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforestation of cut-over and waste lands, by reclamation of arid tracts and the building of canals, and by extending all other useful public works.

2. The collective ownership of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, steamship lines and all other means of social transportation and communication, of all land.

3. The collective ownership of all industries which are organized on a national scale and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.

Their leaders are the most brilliant in the parliaments of Europe.

In dismay their capitalist opponents are granting reforms right and left in the effort to allay the discontent of the workers.

But how many American workmen know anything of what their brothers in Europe are doing? They are dependent for their news upon capitalist sources. They support a capitalist press which either lies about the European movement or ignores it.

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- 17. The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and the establishment of a department of labor.
- 18. That all judges be elected by the people for short terms, and that the power to issue injunctions should be curbed by immediate legislation.
- 19. The free administration of justice.

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X-RAYS UPON THE WIERD PROCESSION

What Socialism Stands for and What the Enemy Claims It Stands For. Are Two Different Things.

By John M. Work.

It is about time for the volcanic Teddy to have another eruption.

You may be doing useful work, but so long as you let a capitalist rake in two-thirds of your earnings you are wasting two-thirds of your time.

The worst thing about a mistake is that it has to be corrected. Every time the workingmen vote one of the capitalist parties into power they rivet their chains tighter.

Those gentlemen who have their knives out for Socialism might as well try to check the flow of time by stopping the clock as to try to check the onward march of Socialism by stabbing at natural evolution.

They say the Socialists are rank idealists who chase rainbows and never get down to the prosy facts of life. And in the next breath they say the Socialists are rank materialists who grovel upon the low plane of material things and never reach up to the higher things of life.

There seems to be some little incongruity in these accusations. But the lofty opponents of Socialism rise superior to all such trifling inconsistencies. Anything that will pass for an argument is eagerly welcomed by them, no matter how false or ridiculous it may be. With them arguments are so extremely scarce that the most dilapidated are bolstered and stiffened with falsehood and pressed into service.

The Socialist is the only idealist who is not rank.

He is also the only materialist who is not rank.

The Socialist has studied the history of the human race enough to know that the material environment of men is the greatest factor in shaping their ideals and their mental, moral and spiritual growth. He wants to make the material environment of men such that their ideals will become vastly higher and at the same time they will be in a position to approximately attain those ideals.

The Socialist is a practical materialist, because, instead of making the attainment of material ends his object in life, he wants to make the material serve the ideal.

The Socialist is a practical idealist, because, instead of idly and vainly dreaming about the ideal, he goes to work in a hard-headed, common-sense manner to bring about conditions wherein the ideal may be approximately realized.

The material grovelers and the rainbow chasers are outside the ranks of the Socialists.

The Socialist is the only man who has interpreted the spirit of the age. He is the only man who has discerned the shadows which coming events are casting before.

He is the only man who is able to read the signs of the times. He is the only entirely sane man in the world.

Many a time I have heard men who were under inducement to do some criminal or disgraceful thing exclaim: "I'd rather dig in a ditch than do that!"

As much as to say that digging in a ditch is about the most ignominious and shameful thing outside the penitentiary.

What is the cause of this opinion?

I have dug in a ditch myself. Certainly it is hard work. But I know by experience that it is also healthy, wholesome contact with mother earth. It is positively beneficial to the digger, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually, provided he does not have to overdo it.

Why, then, should it be considered a disgrace?

Because the man who does it is one of the most abject slaves in the world.

Because he is one of those who do nothing but consume. This low view proposes to make the mass of humanity little more than working and breeding animals.

Some weeks later, identically the same view was expressed by a business man to whom I volunteered the information that the Socialist program proposed to give to every worker the full product of his toil, because it is by the withholding of the greater part of the wealth produced by the useful workers that our millionaires are made. He said: "How foolish! Suppose you Socialists could do as you say, can't you see they would not know what to do with it? They have such low conceptions of life that there is no capacity for enjoying the things that so much money would procure, and as a consequence they would waste it in idleness and in drunkenness. The work that many of them do is of the very lowest type and must be planned by others, just as you would plan the work of a horse or a mule. Now, a horse or a mule produces many times more than it costs to feed it, and yet no one would think of wasting more than that on it, because it has no capacity for anything higher, and all it requires is food and shelter."

Along this same line was the argument made by one of the German nobility, when he said that it made no difference to him whether his wealth came from the animal which drew the plow or from the one that followed after and called out "woah!"

"I notice," says a good, sober employer of many workmen, "that if you keep laboring men at work ten to twelve hours per day they will be quiet and peaceful and remain at their homes, but if you work them half-time they will be boisterous and loaf about saloons, and spend what they make in gratifying their passions."

A minister of the gospel declares that waste and sloth are the cause of the poverty of the working class.

Now, all of these opinions are from the highest sources, as some think, and it might be difficult to disprove them. In fact, I myself have been pained and sickened at heart many times by hearing working men themselves admit all that the lawyer and the business man said of them; but, as I told the minister and the employer, Christianity and advancing civilization is opposed to waste, sloth and drunkenness, and as a result man is destined to overcome these sooner or later. And now I say to all who agree with the lawyer and the business man that the human family is on the upward trend; that it is no longer satisfied to live a life in which only the appetites are gratified; that these animal appetites will more and more give way to the pleasures of intellectual pursuits and the joys of spiritual growth, and that as time advances there will be a change in the organization of society to encourage, rather than discourage, these higher ideals.

The Citizen Yet to Come.

The man of the future will be too great to continue to be a worshiper of Gold. The possibilities of the race, and the destiny marked out for humanity, forbid that he shall continue to exploit, oppress and murder his brother man. The man of the future will seek life and everything that makes for life. To enforce this view, I desire to use the following words of Christ, but in doing so I want to strip them of the superstition that has prevented them from being understood. I want them to mean what Christ intended them to mean, and not what some theologian of the misty past thought they meant. To accomplish my purpose, I use the text as given in the latest and most approved revisions of the New Testament, and wish the reader to place especial emphasis upon the word "man." "For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life?"

The greedy, the covetous, the unenlightened, the savage, those who delight in seeing others suffer, and those who delight in an abundance so as to make a distinction between themselves and their neighbors, the insane (for love is the only sanity), those beings called men, but not having much larger souls than the animal that roams over the earth, those whose souls have been dwarfed or destroyed by strife and butchery—all these may find gratification in trying to gain the whole world, but a man, he who is made in the image of God, and who must ultimately attain to the perfection of God (see Matt. 5:48 and Lev. 19:2)—a man values life more than gold, more than the whole world.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts not breaths; In feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs: he lives most Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

The destiny of the race decrees that, sooner or later, we shall learn that "a man's true life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth"; that generosity, fraternity, cooperation and peace expand and develop the soul, and that these must become the rule of action if man would enjoy life in its fullness.

Dwarfed by Competition.

When we see these truths, when the real meaning of them dawns upon us, no man will be content to spend all his time upon that which pertains to the mere animal necessities, thus allowing no time for those deeds in which the soul really delights, no time for noble thoughts, no time for the play of our real feelings. But, under capitalism, under the system of private business, under competition, there can be no time for these things, for unless you are intent every moment upon securing these necessities your competitors will deprive you of them.

I have in mind a manufacturer (and there are hundreds more like him) who leaves his home every morning at 6 o'clock to go to his factory, takes a lunch with him, and returns at 6 o'clock in the evening. He makes one trip on Sunday to see that everything is safe. He has been doing this for ten years, ever since I knew him. In that time he has never developed his intellect, nor made any discovery in the arts, or in science, or in invention; nor has he developed a taste for art, music, or literature. He has never even left his home for a visit, except one time for two days, and then he told me he had no enjoyment for fear all would not go well at the factory.

I have in mind professional men—lawyers, doctors and others—who tell me they can never take a vacation in order to refresh themselves and permit their souls to expand, because if they do their practice would suffer. They say this close application to their work is necessary to their success. What they here mean by success is making a living, or making a fortune. Suppose they do succeed according to these standards: By the time they do it they will be ready for the grave—and what have they accomplished? They are mere clods, with no soul, with no sense of the beauty or joy of living. They have been a failure in the end. They have done no more than the animal which left free to itself, goes about from day to day seeking its food and after a season of such an existence dies. They have not made the progress toward a higher and nobler humanity that should have and could have been made. I do not deny the fact, however, that they have been subject to the law of their environment, and all that I or anyone can ask of them (and we ask it for their own good) is that they do not oppose economic freedom, which means their emancipation.

Recently, in passing over one of our great trunk lines, I beheld scenes that made me sick. In the mining regions, at the coke ovens, at the railroad camps, in the factory towns, I saw on every hand whole families living in houses of one or two rooms. At the doors and windows of these stables (for that is all they are, as there is no architectural beauty, no paint, no home comforts, nothing to elevate the occupants) old hags in filth and dirt, little children in rags, and old, worn-out men whom modern commercialism had thrown upon the junk heap, appeared. As the train passed the old men and women stood mute and motionless, staring vacantly, while the children, full of the activity of youth, gave the well-known passing salute by vigorously waving their hands.

I looked at these people, and this thought came into my mind: These old hags and these old, worn-out laborers show us the inevitable doom of these children. Under capitalism they are doomed to be merely beasts of burden, with no opportunity for a higher life, or for a broader outlook. But, until the imagination is dead and hope forever destroyed, destiny decrees that the vision of a brighter day shall spring up in the hearts of every generation. This explains why the editor of *London Truth* declares: "To better the lot of the 42,000,000 people of the British Empire is my sole aim. I would exchange our whole empire for the knowledge that there will be fewer suffering from want in the British Isles and that the toiling millions of which our population is mainly composed will find life better worth living."

One Aspect of Woman Suffrage by Hildegarde Hawthorne

A somewhat critical situation is apparent from the Socialist viewpoint as regards the question of the enfranchisement of women. Naturally the enfranchisement of women is inherent in Socialism and will assuredly follow the establishment of a Socialist form of government, if it does not precede it. It is this very question of precedence, however, which contains an element of danger, and it is this especial danger to which I desire to call the attention of the thoughtful woman Socialist.

It is beyond a doubt that, taken as a whole, women are far more conservative than men, more doubtful of any change, more desirous of maintaining the status quo of whatever state they inhabit. This is the general rule, for all of its many and shining exceptions. In spite of the fact that Socialism would help women even more powerfully than men to realize their finest development, the propaganda among women is pushed far more slowly than among men, and with more difficulty. To be sure, the same conservatism that keeps her from embracing Socialism will also, and has also, kept her from desiring the ballot. But if, as seems most likely, the ballot is forced upon her by her more adventurous sisters, as well as by the conclusion of men that they have absolutely no right, under the economic conditions in which so many women live, of keeping it from her; if she thus achieves, largely against her will, the power to vote, what result will her ballot have upon the Socialist ticket?

The great body of women would, if they were enfranchised, undoubtedly consider it their duty to vote, and with most women duty is a very moving force. A great many women would vote the same ticket voted by their fathers and husbands. But there are numbers of women who are utterly unattached, whose lives are independent of men, who live in varying stages of luxury and penury, work and idleness, and who, whether because of church influence or early training, are iron-bound conservatives. All this immense body of voters—and it is immense—would be thrown against the advance of Socialism. It is true that the wider relations with life which the possession of the vote might entail would bring woman out of the narrowness which is hers at present, but this would be a slow process, infinitely slower than under achieved Socialism. It is more probable that, with the actual power bestowed upon her with the ballot, she will succeed in indefinitely postponing the advent of the great social change.

To a great extent the agitation for woman suffrage is in the hands of Socialist women, who actually perceive that it is an important step toward a freer and better developed life. In fact, many Socialist women devote themselves to furthering the suffrage at the expense of all other propaganda. And the question I want them seriously to consider is just this: Whether it is wise to push this matter of the vote ahead of Socialism as a whole; whether it is not wiser to direct our efforts to the extension of economic training, to the clearer understanding of what Socialism and its proposed program are, to the broadening of the understanding and sympathies of the vast numbers of conservative women and to influencing the coming generation through school and home. The suffrage is sure to arrive; but the cause of Socialism will be hindered rather than helped by its advent unless we succeed in keeping our Socialist propaganda just a little in advance of the woman's vote.

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This fact explains why the civilized nations have successively demanded and obtained freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, political freedom, and why the nations of the world are today organizing for the overthrow of industrial despotism and the universal establishment of economic freedom—when there will be neither master nor slave, but all will be workers together for the good of all. Those who have looked into these problems are convinced that as it was impossible in the past for the race to advance toward its high mission while its most intelligent and cultured members were being burned at the stake, or were rotting in prison cells, or while a tyrant and despot was torturing humanity to amuse himself, so now it is also impossible for humanity to do its best when men are denied the necessities, the opportunities, the privileges of life unless they pander to the evil designs of the few to whom the ownership of the means of life have been transferred by circumstances over which the majority had no control.

This new freedom—economic freedom—the vision that inspires the Socialist, will transform the earth from a cesspool of reeking putridity into a place fit to be the dwelling of man. In the past there have been a few glimpses of such a state. Athens, in the Age of Pericles, is one. Here, for the free population, the problem of making a living was solved, and time could be given to higher things than drudgery. In that age there were produced athletes, artists, poets, sculptors and philosophers such as have never yet been excelled in any age. Today, with the machine to take the place of the slave population of Athens, we have the opportunity to again inaugurate such an era, and this again is the vision that dominates the Socialist and compels him to strive to engage the attention of his brother who is bowed down with unnecessary toil that is crushing out his life and keeping him from entering upon his rich heritage. For the Socialist knows that as soon as this vision dawn upon a man, whether he be master or slave, he will from that moment, in his mind at least, cease to be either and become a worker for a better order of things.

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I desire to emphasize this last statement, for it shows that I blame no one for his ignorance. In a sense, a person is no more to be blamed for not seeing a truth than another is to be congratulated for seeing it. The only thing that could be charged against anyone is the refusal to investigate, to be taught, or a determination to oppose a thing of which he is ignorant. The mind of man is the result of evolution, through natural law. That is, our way of looking at things is determined largely by forces outside of ourselves. Truths that are dawning upon us today were impossible of comprehension to our forefathers. Therefore it is absurd—yes, it is hurtful—to try to compel humanity to live under the same customs and ideas that prevailed one hundred years ago.

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Only a few months ago I was in conversation with a lawyer who was considered quite an intelligent man; he was popular, had a paying practice, was a member of a church, and was looked upon as an exemplary citizen. During our conversation I made the point that they who do the world's really useful and productive work enjoy the least of life, live under the meanest conditions, and have few or none of those things which make for refinement and the development of the higher capacities of man—for instance, books, musical instruments, works of art, means of travel, and so forth. At this he broke out in a very hearty laugh: "Ha, ha! What do they want with all such things? All they care for is food for their children." Now what is the real meaning of this opinion of this lawyer? Simply this: There is a certain class whose sole purpose in life is to produce and raise children to do the world's work and create wealth for another class who, like himself,

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Even the capitalist papers cannot keep silent over the big dividend...

kwotowed to Dan DeLeon is existing on the nickels and dimes...

The following same view of party tactics and constructive work is found in a letter from a comrade to the Oakland, Cal., World...

Editor Freeman Knowles of the Deadwood, S. Dak., Lantern, has been sent to jail for publishing some thoughts upon the question of legitimacy in connection with a local happening...

OUR INSANE ASYLUMS.

(Continued from page 2.)

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There has been no better recent illustration of Socialists in action than is instanced by the agitation carried on for the past few months in the city of Dayton, O., by the Socialists.

Chief headquarters, were registered and given an order on the supply store.

and were loud in praise of the official committee, contrasting it with the work of the Socialist committee.

Applicants for relief called at Societies outside of Milwaukee it is the practice to order commitments merely upon the report of an examining physician.

Persons accused of heinous crimes are more carefully protected than the unfortunate who is believed to be suffering from a mental malady.

Half Hours in the Herald Sanctum



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

Cardinal Logue's Socialism. To the Editor: J. P. Blond's discussion under the above heading in the propaganda issue of the HERALD of June 27 cannot further the cause much.

SOCIALIST NEWS THE GLOBE AROUND

- Winfield R. Gaylord, July 12 to 18, Oklahoma. James S. Ingalls, July 12, 13, Mankato, Minn.; 14, 15, Worthington; 16, 17, Luverne; 18, 19, Appleton.

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Financial Report of the Secretary-
Treasurer for the Quarter
Ending June 30, 1908.
RECEIPTS.

Secretary-Treasurer, services
in Milwaukee..... \$8.25
Postage..... 11.90
Street car fares..... 2.04
Typewriting..... 1.85
Office supplies and registered
letters..... .50
John Rae, La Crosse..... .28
Secretary-Treasurer, salary
for three months, to July
1, 1908..... 62.50

DISBURSEMENTS.
Executive Board, sessions and
one conference with the W.
L. L..... \$ 19.00
Printing: 1,500 circulars, 2,500
envelopes, 379 convention
calls, 490 credentials..... 31.00

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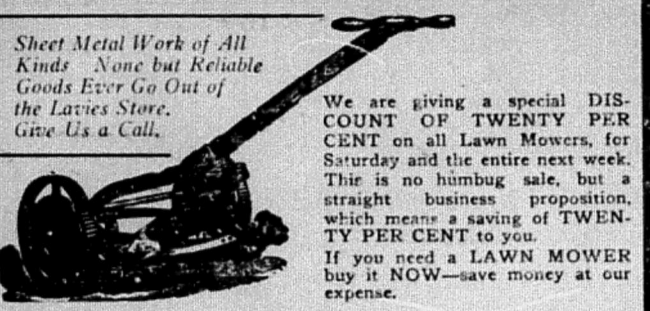
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rich life close to nature. He is a charming talker, and from a discussion of the fine points of raising potatoes and peas...

Wisconsin State Organization Department

CARL D. THOMPSON, 344 Sixth Street, Milwaukee, Wis., state organizer; to whom news and other matters for this department should be sent.

BROWN COUNTY.—Charles Robinson has been named as candidate for state senator in the Second Senatorial district...

OSCEOLA.—Comrade C. W. Staples writes: Harvey Dec Brown spoke before a good-sized audience the night of July 1, and held them spellbound with his eloquence and pathos...

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to catch the midnight train. In this quiet village the sun sets upon the week's work, as we enter the little Congregational church to preach on "Jesus the Workingman" and to sing songs of human service.

1908 Picnic Ticket Receipts.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like Henry Nickel 1.00, Hugo Petersen 2.00, etc.

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DEBS TOMORROW!

The big Social-Democratic picnic will begin tomorrow at 1 o'clock when the gates of Pabst park, Third street, between Chambers and Burleigh, will be opened.

Notice of Primary Election

State of Wisconsin, Department of State.—Notice is hereby given that at a General Primary Election to be held in the several Towns, Wards, Villages and Election Districts of the State...

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STATE OFFICERS: E. H. THOMAS, Sec'y, 344 Sixth St., Milwaukee. CHAS. B. WHITNALL, Treasurer.

WISCONSIN STATE BOARD

The state executive board met July 5, with Comrades Berger, Melms, Heath and Brockhausen present, and Comrades Rummel, Seidel, Thompson and Gaylord absent.

A Nowakowski Benefit.

A benefit has been arranged for the Nowakowski girl whose scalp was torn off by defective machinery at a local knitting factory some time ago...

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Town Topics by the Town Crier

The mayorality out-of-town habit seems to have begun again.

Director Pieplow's "surprise" at being put through by the Pearse gang as president of the school board was on par with his "martyrdom" to the book trust.

The politicians are now solving Milwaukee's garbage question. It is still their chance, unfortunately.

Congressman Stafford, who is up for re-election, was a speaker before a Hungarian church society picnic at Schlitz park last week.

When the school board monkey workers were trying to get Director Welch out of the board by working through his wife they "promised" her that they would choose a Socialist in his place.

We were quite amused to see in the papers that the watchman at the Vogel's Island fire of last week paid a glowing tribute to Chief Clancy and his men's work in rushing in to the fire which was burning the Krueger family to death.

George Ade ought to be brought to Milwaukee to write a comic opera on Milwaukee's school board. A more ridiculous and also a more unscrupulous body never masqueraded in the guise of leading citizenship.

Some bitter complaints reach us about the services given on the Oconomowoc suburban line of the John I. Beggs outfit. The grasping street car magnate seems to feel that he will get the passengers' coin anyway and that they must put up with any sort of accommodation.

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children tired out from a day's recreation in the country. To ride two hours under such conditions was almost more than human endurance could stand, and some of the women and children became so exhausted that they sank to the floor and remained seated upon it until the car reached Milwaukee.

tack on Comrade Welch began practically after Director Stumpf had resigned and the Pearse outfit was bending all its arts to get a Pearse man elected to the vacancy. Emil Seidel began to loom up pretty big and when the first ballots were taken was found to lack only two votes of election.

Whitefish Bay drive and there have been many aristocratic drunks in the various resorts out that way. And the road houses have not been patronized only by the vulgar element—it is not so long ago that one of the owners of a large department store took a new clerk to one of them and tried to get her into an upper bedroom, only her uncle appeared and gave the rascal a pair of black eyes.

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WONDERLAND ALL OF NEXT WEEK—BEGINNING SUNDAY. Mlle. LOUBET IN THE GREATEST THRILLER OF MODERN TIMES—THE LOOP OF DEATH

GOODRICH BOATS 3 BOATS 3 DAILY 3. \$1.00 TO CHICAGO—S. A. W. 4:30 and 9 P. M. Sunday 8 P. M. Saturday 10 P. M.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MONSTER STATE PICNIC

ARRANGED BY THE WISCONSIN

SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WILL BE HELD AT

Pabst Park = TOMORROW

(Third Street, Milwaukee)

Afternoon and Evening

\$100.00 IN PRIZES FREE!

Earn a Prize Selling Tickets for the Social-Democratic Picnic - It's Not Too Late to Start, Even Now

A beautiful \$40.00 Victor Talking Machine with \$12.00 Cabinet Stand and 1 dozen Records worth \$7.75, a total value of \$59.75, donated by Hoelber Manufacturing Co. This handsome and valuable prize may be seen in the show windows of the Hoelber Manufacturing Co., 306-308 West Water Street, opposite the Second Ward Bank. Go and see it! It will make you get into the picnic at once!

A fine pair of Trousers, value \$7.00, by United Woollen Mills Co., 228 West Water St.

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In addition, twenty Consolation Prizes will be offered.

ADDRESS BY E. V. DEBS

Socialist Candidate for President, at 3 P.M. Sharp

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GRAND MALE CHORUS OF TWO HUNDRED VOICES

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FIGURE 8
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Day and Evening Concerts, Mayr's Famous Band

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Keep It in Mind: Sunday, July 12th



The greatest audience ever assembled in Columbus to listen to an address of a private citizen met in the new Auditorium to hear from Eugene V. Debs the greatest speech ever delivered in this city. Fully 4,000 persons greeted the orator. He announced no topic for the most remarkable discourse upon the rights and dignity of labor, and for equality and justice among men, that has ever been made in this country. His entire speech of two hours was a fervent appeal for justice and a higher humanity. It combined all the learning of economists, all the sentiments of the poets, all the wisdom of philosophers and all the ethics of moralists and divines. The vast audience was enchanted with the magical grace of his speech and the dignity and elevation of his sentiments. Astonishment and admiration were equally blended in the minds of all. They had listened to one of the greatest discourses ever inspired by courage, conviction and humanity in any age of the world. When the history of this generation is written, the palm of praise for his unselfish courage and devotion in the cause of a better humanity will be accorded to Eugene V. Debs, the inspired evangelist of fraternity in religion and economic life.—Columbus Evening Post.

Not a single reader, friend or sympathizer should fail to attend. It will be a memorable demonstration—one which you will always be proud of having attended. Thousands of Comrades from every part of Wisconsin are coming. Thousands of Chicago Comrades will attend. And why not? Besides promising a most enjoyable time, remember the Picnic is run for the benefit of the Socialist Press and the County and State Campaign Funds. It is not a local affair, but a State Picnic. A good share of the proceeds will be used for the state campaign next fall.

By the way, that reminds us of the tickets sent you. Have you paid for them? Many Comrades have. Why not do your duty and send in your money at once, even though you have not sold all of your tickets? Everybody, everywhere, give the Monster Picnic a big boost.

COMRADES, ATTENTION

LEO HIRSCH, the RELIABLE CLOTHIER, located at the corner of Third and Chestnut Sts., wishes to announce his

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