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are able to use these questions to elect themselves to office. The Socialist party deals with the matter of getting office only as the authority of public office can be used by the workers to make the matter of getting a living more easy, more certain, and the living itself more abundant.

Questions of making a living have been fought out between employers and employes, with the strike and lock-out. Republican and Democratic politicians would like to have the fight carried on in that way and in that way only. And this is especially true inasmuch as the employer, by the use of political power is able to use the injunction and the militia in defeating the strike and enforcing the lock-out.

The Socialist party insists that the power of the court and the legislature ought to be used more for the purpose of making easy the matter of getting a living for all of the people. It further insists that the struggle for making a living must not only go on with the strike and the lock-out, but it must enter politics, and the same economic divisions which separate the employer and his worker also at the ballot box.

And hence it follows that the old party politicians will adopt or abandon any economic question which will further their chances for holding an office. Whereas, the Socialists have no desire for office for its own sake, and hence will never abandon one of their economic programs for the sake of an office. It is not because the Socialists do not want the offices that they are thus determined. It is because they want them for a certain purpose, and that purpose being economic, they are utterly impossible to hold office as they secure endorsement for the whole program of Socialism.

Hence, while evasion, fusion and compromise are perfectly easy for an office seeking politician, they are utterly impossible for a Socialist, not because there is anything at fault in any of these things from an old party standpoint, but because the Socialist party exists for an economic purpose and would lose that purpose in any way, means the abandonment of the purpose of its existence. It might as well not exist as to exist to get what it does not want.

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The Republican and Democratic parties stand for political interests and are interested in economic questions, only as they can use such questions to further their political interests. The Socialist party stands for economic questions and is interested in politics, only so far as politics can be made to serve its economic interests.

Political questions are matters referring to the administration of great offices, prisons, armies and foreign treaties. But economic questions are questions which pertain to the creation and distribution of wealth. In ordinary speech, the main point in politics is in getting and holding office. The main point in economics is getting a living.

The Republican and Democratic parties represent as their most serious interest, schemes for getting and holding office. The Socialist party stands for, as its only interest, the purpose of getting a living. The Republican and Democratic parties deal with questions of getting a living, only as they

AN APPEAL TO THE WORKING CLASS.

How They Can Use Their Political Power to Free Themselves.

(By Chas. Ufert, National Committeeman from New Jersey.)

A political campaign is now on, and the politicians of the Republican and Democratic parties will soon be scurrying around telling of the great (?) benefits their parties have brought to the working class. They are finding it ever harder, however, to convince any thinking workman that their parties have ever done anything of great importance for the workers.

"Dignity of Labor"—Oh! The old parties can win without receiving the votes of the working class. That is the reason they display such anxiety about the workers—just before election time. They prate about the dignity of labor and yet the only time these fellows do any work at all is when they get the workers' vote. They shake the hand of the "hony handed son of toil" before election, and after election, day they shake him altogether! It is just about time that the workers would turn the tables and shake the politicians!

The Working Class Party. The Socialist Party says to the working class that it must have a party of its own if they expect to be benefited by their votes. The Socialist party is in fact a party of the working class. Its members are almost entirely workmen and its platform is the only one that stands squarely for the interests of the working class. That if the only party to which a workman ought to give his support.

The Socialist Party has for its aim the emancipation of the working class from wage-slavery.

Looking for Masters. For we hold that the so-called free American workman is no more free than was the chattel slave of the South. The chattel slave was bought and sold for the purpose of creating wealth for his owner. The free (?) workman of today sells his labor power to an employer that the employer may make a profit out of his labor. It is true that they no longer buy the slave body and soul, but they buy his labor power! A worker receives in return for his labor

there is always an abundance of it here, and hence the price will rather tend to decline than to go up. We workers ought to lift ourselves out of the category of commodities if we want to be free men, and we have the power to do so.

Don't Throw Away Your Vote. We must make intelligent use of our ballot and not throw them away as we have done in the past, by voting for the parties of the capitalist class, the Republican and Democratic parties. As long as we continue to vote for those parties we sanction the system which makes labor a commodity and place ourselves at the disposal of the capitalists. In order that they may profit and that the workers shall receive a meagre wage.

Aim of Socialist Party. Therefore we say to the workers that the means of production and distribution must be owned by the people collectively in order, that the workers who operate the industries of the nation may receive the full product of their labor. It is the aim and object of the Socialist Party to bring this about.

Capitalists Keep the Workers Divided. The capitalist class who want to remain on the backs of the workers, have the Republican and Democratic parties in the field, for the two-fold purpose of perpetuating the present system, and in order to keep the workers divided amongst themselves. These fellows realize full well that if there were only one capitalist party and one working class party in the field, the workers would then quickly see their own interests and vote for the party of the working class—the Socialist Party.

Their Fake "Issues." It behooves the workers therefore to give close attention to the so-called argument and "issues" of the old parties. It is about time the workers saw the folly of dividing themselves on such issues as tariff reform, money question, expansion, and trusts vs. anti-trusts. Can't the workmen see that no matter how these so-called "issues" are settled that it will leave them in precisely the same position as before? They will continue to be looked-upon as a commodity, and they will have to keep toiling for a master class in order to eke out an existence! Is the problem so very deep, or have the workers not thought over it at all?

The Real Issue. I think that I have made it quite plain that there exists such a condition as wage-slavery. There is a way out of this condition. The workers can vote for their own emancipation by casting their votes for the Socialist Party; will they do it or will they vote for a continuation of wage-slavery by casting their ballots for the old parties? There is the real issue! It is for the workers to decide whether they will have slavery or liberty!

The Black Slave Wiser Than Some Wage Slaves.

The chattel slave of the South had not the right to vote and therefore he could not free himself. Who knows but that he would have made the same use of the ballot as the workers who vote for wage-slavery? But no, I think not. The black slave knew he was a slave, but the free American workman does not know it! He must be told, because his chains are invisible! Do you think the black slaves, if they had had the franchise given to them, would have been fooled as are the free (?) men of today? Imagine, for instance, a politician coming up to a gathering of slaves, and telling them that what they wanted to vote for was sound money and protection of their property and other equally foolish thing. I think the darkey would have seen that what he wanted was freedom; and that he would have told the politician so in no mistakable tone!

Not Free Trade, But Free Men. That is the point I want to impress upon you fellow workmen. It is not free trade, or free silver, or free fruits we want, but it is free men and women!

Not Free Trade, But Free Men. The Socialist proposes to bring this about in the Socialist Party. Join it, you workmen and women. You are being defrauded out of four-fifths of the product of your own toil. Put your own children into the factories and mills instead of to school, the members of your class are being driven into tramping, and the daughters of the workers are being driven to prostitution.

Stout Hearts Needed. It takes sacrifices and stout hearts to carry on a movement such as ours. Come to our meetings and join us, thereby lightening the burden of the poor. Put your shoulder to the wheel and help to educate the others who are working in the dark. Help in the work of organizing the slaves of capital to vote their own emancipation.

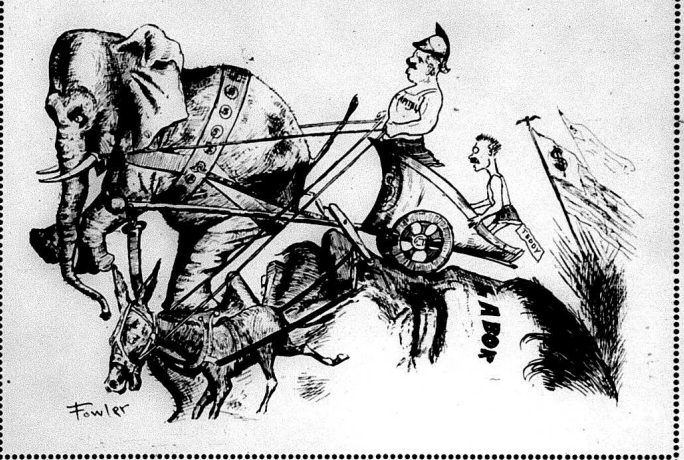
And that the night so dark and dreary and long.

At last may the morning bring, And over the land the victor's song.

Of the working class shall ring, Maxims that shall ring from zone to zone— "Rejoice!—for Labor shall have its own."

The ballot is the dynamite which capitalism fears. Therefore Samuel Gompers and Mark Hanna are anxious for the tollers to keep out of politics.—"Miners' Magazine."

He Sleeps. He Dreams of Wealth and Power.
He Will Awake. And THEN !



INJUNCTION JACKSON. DO WORKINGMEN LOVE THEIR SECRET SOCIETIES BETTER THAN THEIR CHILDREN?

The name of "Injunction Jackson" will never be written on the scroll of honor. Fame shall never place its garland upon that wrinkled brow of bigotry. Free speech will be tolerated in this land when this senile fossil of anachronism shall be busily engaged in the fire department of hates. The posterity of the men who have been incarcerated by his judicial mandate will loathe his memory and when corporation hell shall place a tombstone above the last resting place of this cold-blooded tool of monopoly the justice of the future will write upon the slab that marks his dishonored grave: "Here lies a traitor to the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence."

Stirring and Significant Report From Pennsylvania Coal Fields—A New Method of Dividing the Workers—Appeal to Their Good Fellowship.

By Morrison I. Swift. At this time few questions are more practical than the one asked in the heading. It ought to be brought to the attention of voters because the secret society is being used as a systematic device for holding newly awakened voters to the old parties. I have heard much of a particular case of the kind in this county, and the method is worked wherever the voter is unsophisticated in the dark ways of politicians.

The method of vote-trapping by use of secret society brotherhood is as follows: The politician gains as many secret fraternal organizations as he can successfully "work." It is sufficient to name a few of them and the reader can supply the rest of a long list. The Redmen, the Workmen, the Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and no end of others. In each of these the politician asks for the votes of his fellow members on the ground of fraternity brotherhood. Now there is no brotherhood in him. He joined the societies as a part of his trade, the trade of getting the votes of the members for himself. His purpose is purely selfish. Yet he exploits the fraternal feeling of the innocent and gullible to its utmost capacity.

He certainly makes large demands on the fraternally gullible. He asks them to vote against their interests for his benefit. He, when elected, will sell them out and betray them again to their capitalist masters, but he says, "That is all right; give me your vote even if I do sell you out, for I am your very fraternal brother."

"This use of secret organizations for private mercenary purposes should be prohibited by all societies that respect themselves. A secret society that does not recognize all men as brothers has no right to exist. Societies that can be made the tool of unscrupulous designers, who make a living by trading on the ignorance and gush of their fellow members, are being used for evil purposes and are in great need of reform.

The question is, do workmen who belong to these orders love the shrewd politicians who lay brotherly tricks for their votes, better than they love freedom from industrial slavery, better than they love their own wives and children? These tricky "brothers" will take the very bread out of the mouths of the workers, submit to being fooled by so thin a ruse?

Will the workers submit to being fooled by so thin a ruse? On account of the stampede of the striking miners toward Socialism every method available is being employed to retain them in the ancient political folds. The wonder grows how the workman can stand his situation. Does he not realize that he is regarded by the controlling powers as the half-witted child of society? When he kicks at poverty and blows, a little petting and spanking is expected to bring him around—and usually does. A bottle of castor oil lies in wait by his masters to purge thoughts of justice out of his mind.

Last evening a miner who was converted by the first Socialist speech that he heard from some one, several weeks ago, said to me:

"Why did not some one come to tell us of Socialism sooner?"

Great masses of these miners have never yet heard a Socialist speech. Their condition is supremely sad. I frequently hear them say, "The poor man is nothing." So it is. Crowds of them are but next door to beggary. Swish, swish, the damnable lash of capital still beats on them. And the Infinite All, Pierpont Morgan, leads them not. And that most Christian Christian, Baer, stamps his feet on them with maniac capitalist glee, and lifts his holy brutal eyes to God in thanks that he can almost murder them for the rich people's good.

If hell is worse than the present situation in the mining region, with all its capitalist concomitants, it will be worth knowing. I think we have held here on earth that would turn the one below out of business.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 22, 1902.

Walter Thomas Mills and The Socialist Platform

Three weeks ago, in commenting on the controversy in San Francisco, we stated that the influence of Comrade Mills was calculated to belittle the class struggle as the central element in the Socialist political program.

This statement has been challenged by various comrades in person, by letter, and in the press. The Socialist is accused of misstatement, of not knowing or not stating the facts.

Now, if this statement of ours is not true, no one will be more glad than the Socialist to find it out. Comrade Mills is a fascinating speaker and acute teacher. So far as we know, his views in these respects do not exist in the Socialist ranks in America. He has consequently a very large and growing influence in the Socialist Party.

If that influence is exerted in the direction of International Socialism, every Socialist must rejoice that Socialism has so powerful a champion.

On the other hand, if his influence is exerted toward a restatement of the Socialist program which omits the central element in that program, why then it is time that all Socialists were made aware of the fact.

We are not now discussing the question whether Comrade Mills is right or wrong. It is simply a question of fact, does he, or does he not, belittle the class struggle as the central element in our political program?

This is quite a different question from the following: Does he recognize the historic class struggle? That is not the question at all. He may touch the existence of the class war through the past centuries and he may point out its existence today, and still fail to base his political program on the interests of the working class.

Now International Socialism does certainly have its political program on working class interests. If there is one thing that political Socialists have agreed on, it is that the working class must constitute the practical basis of the Socialist Party. It Mills, or Debs, or Vandereford, or Ferris, or any other, advocates some other basis, or ignores this basis, we are not saying just now he is not right; but we are saying he has departed from the teaching and practice of International Socialism.

Now what are the facts? As a fair sample of Prof. Mills' influence and teaching, we select his tract, "What is Socialism?" It is published under his sanction and has been widely advertised and circulated. It professes to state the fundamentals of the National Platform of the Socialist Party of the U. S. We print alongside of this tract the National Platform of the Socialist Party of the U. S. as we have it.

We ask every reader to notice that the platform itself fairly bristles with the words "Working Class" and "Capitalist Class," and that from start to finish, the entire document is one history and statement of the struggle between these two classes. If there is any one thing that it would seem utterly impossible for any one to omit in giving an outline of this platform, it is the "Class Struggle."

And yet read over this entire tract of Prof. Mills and see if you can discover the remotest reference to such a thing as "The Class Struggle."

In naming the essentials of Socialism, "as a political program," in telling in a word "what that platform teaches," he manages to omit absolutely the main thing in that platform.

The platform has nothing but the Class Struggle. Mills has nothing but the Class Struggle.

When this we submit our case is proved. This tract, Prof. Mills' own statement of the political proposals of the Socialists, not only belittles the Class Struggle, but completely ignores it. If this tract misrepresents Comrade Mills we shall be glad to publish whatever he may write to correct the wrong impression conveyed by it.

If anyone can point us to any publication of Prof. Mills advocating the class struggle as the central element in our political program, we shall be most happy to publish the same.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

(By Walter Thomas Mills.)

I have two friends. One of them has dyspepsia. The other one has visions of the future social order. Both of them think they have Socialism. I have two friends. Socialists may have either or both, only it is neither nor both that makes them Socialists. There are political programs which would make men dyspeptic, others which would make them see things—first in Utopian rainbows, then in snakes—but Socialism is not such a program. I have another neighbor, who when he wants to know what Socialism is, goes to the dictionary and uses a great frequently in the dictionary. I use one frequently. But I was many times in the great suite of rooms where a hundred editors were at work making a dictionary, and as I walked through the rows of proof things, when the editors wanted to learn what a word meant, they always asked the people who were most given to using the word, and then went down what they said it meant. So I learned that the dictionary must come to the Socialists to learn what Socialism is—not the dictionary, but the dictionary.

The Socialists of this country had a meeting recently at Indianapolis, with selected delegates from many of the states, for the express purpose of telling the dictionary makers, and the editors who care to know, what Socialism is. I was there, and I want to know what Socialism is as an organization, read the constitution they adopted. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT SOCIALISM IS AS A POLITICAL PROGRAM, READ THE PLATFORM THEY ADOPTED. IF YOU WANT IN A WORD TO KNOW WHERE THAT PLATFORM TEACHES, HERE IT IS:

First—The collective ownership of the means of producing the means of life.

Second—The democratic management by the workers of the collectively owned means of production.

Third—Equal opportunities for all men and women to the use and benefits of these collectively owned and democratically managed means of producing the means of life.

In this scientific Socialism or Christian Socialism or sentimental Socialism or materialistic Socialism, or what kind of Socialism is this? The answer is that ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALISTS ARE AT ALL ACCORDING TO THIS PLATFORM OPPOSED TO THESE PROPOSITIONS. They may think many things not here stated and yet be Socialists. If any of these three things are lacking, they are not Socialists. If one of a Socialist, they are not Socialists at all. IF ONE HOLDS TO THESE THREE THINGS, HE IS A SOCIALIST, even though he is as dyspeptic now as any special vision—and this is true regardless of the dictionary.

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mented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole cities sanctioned in order that the CAPITALISTS may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism which will abolish both the CAPITALIST CLASS and the CLASS OF WAGEWORKERS. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society are the WORKING CLASSES. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of production. The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois party ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS.

THE WORKERS CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY ACT AS A CLASS IN THEIR PROPELLED AGAINST THE COLLECTIVE POWERS OF CAPITALISM, BY CONSTITUTING THEMSELVES INTO A POLITICAL PARTY, DISTINCT FROM AND OPPOSED TO ALL PARTIES FORMED BY THE PRODUCT OF LABOR.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the PROLETARIAT. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist Party to support all active efforts of the WORKING CLASS to better its condition.

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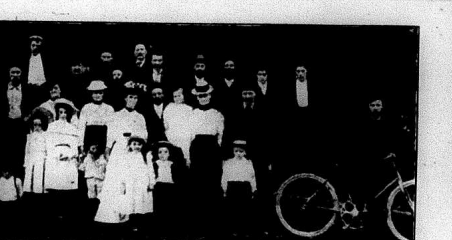
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I saw Boyce on the train today, on my way to Pullman, and he indignantly denied the accusation. As for Debs, I know it is the one that he took that way.

However, we have decided to put up a county ticket, and it is to be my hard work to organize locals throughout the county for that purpose.

In Pullman today I secured a hall for Thursday night and I am sure that I shall see. Even here one or two who claimed to be "good Socialists" demurred at organization. "We can't win, you know, and it will only waste the Democratic vote, when they might all vote the Democratic ticket and perhaps set something." It is a peculiar situation here. Shot and oppressed by the mine owners, who are the Republican party, the little storekeeper and small politician, who promise relief if you will only try as usual.

The queer way in which the workers so humbly take an insult and cling desperately to the hand that smites them is thus again illustrated. When the same old hands in '99 the little merchants hastily petitioned for martial law. They had a couple of capitalist reasons for this. They wanted to break the strike and force the men to work, so they could make a profit on their wages, and next they were afraid that some of their "private property" in breadstuffs and clothing might suffer if the miners got the little storekeeper. Well, they got martial law, all right, and the famous butler, with all his horrors and suffering, came into being as a result.

It now turns out that the material interests of the little capitalists were not advanced so much as they expected. They got no help from the Democratic party, that owing to the permit system entrenched by the martial law, and which still exists, union and native miners can get no work; that the imported miners and strangers either save their money or send it home, and suffer suffering—so the part of the local parasites of course. So now the Democratic party is being used by the little storekeeper, because same old hands party to bedevil the miners into changing things back again—not because the storekeepers love the miners any more than they did when they brought troops here to shoot them, but because they see that it is a chance to take more skin off the old union miners than off the imported ones. And there's a lot of miners now going round begging for both the Democratic party and a chance to be skinned.

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class, that the product of labor is now divided into two parts—wages and profits—and that neither part can increase only as the other increases. We know that a general rise in wages and a general rise in prices are simply a readjustment, and that there is no compromise short of the absolute and complete destruction of the wage system and the restitution to the worker of the full product of his labor. This product, according to the census report, is now about \$10 per day and is steadily increasing with the advance of science and machinery.

We admire those who fight for the workers everywhere and hope they will be led to see beneath the surface and discover the real battle—the class struggle.

The unions have not only fought the class fight so far as they have been able, but they have already a readjustment, and that the next move on the board is the formation of a working class political party to obtain the final emancipation of the wage-slave.

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This week we have received a mounted photograph and autograph of Emile Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist Economist, author of "Collectivism" and a member of the Belgian Legislature. Both are wanted.

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Well, I am once more in Idaho, to act for a month or two as special organizer for Shoshone County. It seems to me that every experience I meet with still further emphasizes the necessity of clear-cut working class agitation. Took at Shoshone County. There are Socialists and so-called Socialists everywhere. The Socialist Party was being thought of putting up a county ticket, and lo and behold, among our own ranks are numerous members protesting against a ticket at "this time." "Why," they said, "we can't win." The Democrats are going to put up a ticket. They can get something immediate. We ought to support them. We can thus knock out the mine employment office and the permit system and thus give native union men a chance to get a job." And this argument, too, in spite of the fact that the Democrats now practically control the county; that is, they have two members out of three on the county board, or did have. They elected two, any way, or one has since sold out to the mine owners. Of course these traitorous Socialists are the ones who dropped out of membership in the party—expelled by the funds of Socialists who were they? One was the mayor of Wallace, elected on the citizen's ticket, a thin disguise for Democratic, and who was accepted as member of the holding office. (Stick a pin there, my generous Uncle Sam, who believes in taking in everybody.) The others were men who had some promise of a little office. Several of the erstwhile Socialists were elected as delegates to the Democratic state convention, and it is safe to assume that that is all the part they will ever get for attempting to again betray the working class into the hands of its enemies. They were funny Socialists, you say? True. And they had been reading funds of Socialist literature. Now, there's our friend Worms, of Wallace, who used to be secretary of the county for the last two months. There wasn't enough sentiment to get up a Socialist meeting. He was a great reader of the "Appeal to Reason" and used to get subscribers for it. He is one of the Democratic delegates attending the state convention this week.

I had a splendid meeting in Wallace Sunday night. The hall was crowded, and only a few Democrats, including a policeman appointed by the Democratic Socialist mayor, disturbed the meeting by leaving before the end. I got quite a number of subscribers, and it would do your heart good to see the smile that comes over the face of the poor old slave when he sees the capitalist held writing up to scorn on the point of a Socialist pencil. There are numerous solid Socialists here. The little flurry of the Democrats and the dying struggle of the little county did not seem to have done much to rot the timber out of the Wallace local, and of the nearly hundred members who remain nearly every one can be depended upon. If the Democrats don't win them this time they never will.

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