

in which the people in common depend shall be the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all productions shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together; and that all opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

How to Get Rid of Political Corruption

Awful State of Things Everywhere—The Business Class Frightened at the Way Corporations Rob Them—The Middle Class Vainly Fighting to Save Themselves—No Concern of the Working Class.

A wave of Political Protest is sweeping over the land. The era of Political Independence is setting in.

Lawson is one of its voices. He is uncovering ways that are dark in high Business Life.

Lincoln Steffens and McClure's Magazine constitute another voice against vice in the management of corporations and of politics.

Roosevelt and Bryan both cry out—honestly enough—for Purity in Politics. Folk in Missouri, Douglas in Massachusetts, La Follette in Wisconsin, Hoch in Kansas, Tom Johnson in Ohio, Clarence Darrow in Chicago, Tom Watson of Georgia and Phelps Stokes of New York, all belong to the same tribe of Reformers.

Their war cry is "Down with Political Corruption. Save the Republic from the domination of Wealth. Back to the People."

WHAT IS THERE WRONG ABOUT THAT?
Nothing wrong. Only something impossible. Nothing wrong about proposing to make a visit to Mars some fine night. But rather foolish with our present advantages of travel.

Nothing wrong about proposing that we all go back to the land and be farmers again, independent and happy, with no thought of race suicide, nothing wrong, but very Utopian and quite impossible.

So there is nothing wrong, not at all, in proposing to abolish political corruption by means of Municipal Ownership, but it is just as Utopian and impossible as a Journey to Mars or a Reversion to Agriculture.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT?
This is how we know for one thing. They have Municipal Ownership in England in numerous towns and cities, but graft is on the increase. They never had so much corruption as we in America, for they never had so much capital, such enormous trustification.

But they too have their Problem of Corruption, coming on at an accelerated pace. Why? Because concentration of capital is increasing there as here. The Middle Class is disappearing and Great Capital controlling everything.

WHY ALL THIS OUTCRY?
The Business Man, the Independent Business Man, feels the sands sinking away under his feet. He does not know enough of Economic Causes to perceive that his day of doom has come. In the progress of productive events, his confidence is over. Great Capital, the Trusts, are the products and guardians of Evolution.

But even if they knew their own fate, it is the part of self interest to fight for life, even if it lasts only a little longer. Leave them to their scrimmage, but it does not interest the Working Men a little bit.

THE WORKING CLASS HAS ITS OWN WORK.
The only trouble about the turmoil and outcry of these Good Men in the Republican and Democratic Parties, is that it attracts the attention and approval of Working Men.

Some of these Good Men, like Mr. Hearst, are shrewd enough to see they cannot win without Working Men's votes, and they are perfectly willing to mislead the Workers, so long as they fill their coffers and win a few elections by the aid of Working Men's votes.

Others of these Good Men, like Phelps Stokes, doubtless hope to aid the general progress toward the new order, by these attempts to accomplish the impossible.

See our second cartoon on this page. Does the rhinoceros look afraid of Little Willie on his stool? No more does Political Corruption care for Middle Class attempts to check his power.

Read the story on page 2 entitled "Confessions of a Commercial Senator," and see how vain the struggles of the Good Man against Big Capital.

THE ONLY POWER TO ABOLISH CORRUPTION.
We have corruption, political and business, public and private, we have the Reign of Graft, the world over, for one simple reason, namely, **THERE ARE TOO MANY MEN IN THE WORLD FOR THE JOBS IN THE WORLD.**

Why are there more men than jobs? Because Modern Machinery makes all the world's goods with only a few workmen.

That is simple enough for even a fool to grasp. And you are no fool. But don't let anybody befuddle you with big words and wise talk and get you to forget this one little, simple, fundamental, bed rock truth, **THAT MORE MEN THAN JOBS MEANS CORRUPTION, INCURABLE CORRUPTION.**

For men and women without jobs are without food, without clothes, without shelter, without pleasure. What can you expect of such a workless crowd but unscrupulous struggling for the means of life?

Any means to get what there is! They must live. They will live. They fight to live and flourish. They sell honor, virtue, ideals, in order to live and flourish.

What else can you expect?
THE ONLY POWER IS TO ABOLISH CORRUPTION.
The Working Class has the power in its numbers at the Ballot Box. The Socialist Party has the means and method of applying that power in the Program of Public Ownership and all the means of Producing and Distributing Wealth and the Democratic administration of those means.

Give every man and woman all he needs and your Political Corruption will be gone of itself. Its cause will be gone.

That invitation of the Pennsylvania miners to Roosevelt to address their convention must be an appreciation of his services in establishing the open shop in the government service. So purely simple!

The Japanese minister at Paris stated that capitalist nations only conceded Japan as a civilized nation after the latter had slaughtered its hundred thousand. Now what did he mean, anyway?

To butcher thousands in conquest of markets arouses capitalist virtues, to the highest pitch, but only the "red spectre" of Socialism with its program of International Peace strikes terror to the heart of the exploiter.

The workmen who draw the color line in the class struggle can get some good pointers on solidarity by noting how impartially the capitalist class exploit both black and white.

The "dignity of labor" may be all that they would have us believe, but somehow a crooked back, calloused hands and a careworn face does not impress one with it very much.

NOT SOCIALISM

The first of the following pictures is taken from William Randolph Hearst's Sunday syndicate of papers at New York, Chicago and San Francisco. The second and third pictures are "The Socialist's" reply to Silly Willie's cartoon. The Middle Class, which Mr. Hearst and Judge Dunne and Mr. La Follette and Mr. Folk and Mr. Douglass and even Mr. Roosevelt represent, are up against the toughest proposition ever.

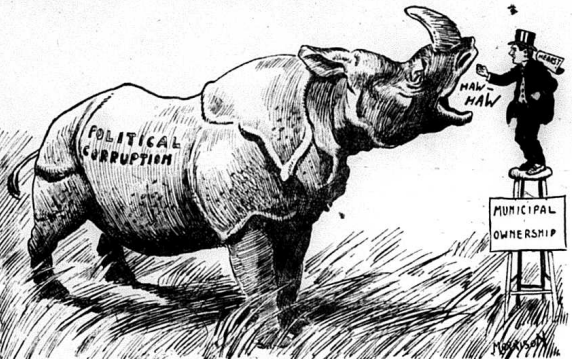
Political corruption and every other kind of corruption are the thick-skinned, enormous beasts they have to tackle. Poor dying business class.

THE ONLY CLASS THAT CAN SAVE THE MODERN WORLD FROM ITS OWN BEASTS OF PREY IS THE MIGHTY WORKING CLASS ORGANIZED INTO THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

"How Will You Kill That Beast?" Asks Middle Class Hearst.



How Middle Class Willie Will Do It! And Get the Horse Laugh.



How the Working Class Will Do It, and Don't You Forget It.



Judge Dunne Tells What He Will Do

And Silly Willie Hearst Has Four Little Talks to "The People"—Good for Business Men, but He Wants Workingmen to Bite His Bait.

Judge Dunne, now Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, is the Middle Class Hero of the Hour.

It is said that some thousands of Working Men in Cooper Union cheered him on the occasion of his speech of triumph April 7 under the auspices of the Municipal Ownership League of Greater New York.

That is because those Working Men didn't know any better. They have been reading Hearst's newspapers, which assure them that Municipal Ownership will greatly benefit the Workers.

THEY EVEN SAY IT IS SOCIALISM.
You will hear every one saying, as Mr. Ashley said in Toledo last Sunday, that a "wave of Socialism is now sweeping over the country," meaning that the Municipal Ownership craze and the talk of "Public Ownership of Public Utilities" is a manifestation of Socialism.

BUT THIS IS NOT SOCIALISM AT ALL.
Now it should be well understood by every Working Man that **PUBLIC OWNERSHIP UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS**, will assist only that portion of the Working Class employed on the Public Utilities and will assist them only to a limited degree.

While the wage system prevails, the unescapable law of **that system** will prevail, so long as there are two or more men for every job, wages will remain just about the existence point. Their competition with each other will enforce that law.

Socialism will abolish this competition by providing employment for all on Machinery of Production and by distributing the products to all the Workers in an equitable fashion, not by the payment of a bare-subsistence wage.

This will abolish the capitalist's profit, both small and big, capitalist alike. It will allow no one to get wealth who does not produce wealth. The whole parasitic Capitalist Class will necessarily cease to exist.

It is likely that anybody will accomplish this but the Working Class? Can you expect the Capitalist Class to abolish itself?

WHAT HAS CAPITALIST PUBLIC OWNERSHIP DONE FOR THE WORKING CLASS IN EUROPE?

Public Ownership by the Capitalist Class exists all over Europe. Russia has Public Ownership even of cotton mills, to say nothing of railroads, telegraphs and other "Public Utilities." Is the Working Class any better-off in Russia?

Why, the vast income derived by the government from its control of these industries, is the chief source of its ability to survive the present shock of disaster and discontent.

In Germany the Public Ownership of Public Utilities is the rule. But the German Working Class is robbed by the wage system just as in America. The Socialist Party, demanding his own full product for the Worker, is nowhere so strong as in Germany, the land of Capitalist Public Ownership.

WORKING CLASS PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.
Only when the Working Class puts itself in power and runs the Machinery of Production for its own benefit, abolishing the whole wage-robery system, will Public Ownership mean anything to Working Men.

WHOM IT WILL HELP.
Listen now to Hearst's four "Little Talks" about Public Ownership intended to mislead Working Men.

TALK NO. 1. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC FRANCHISES WILL LOWER TAXES.
Just so. But do Working Men pay taxes? A few do, who have real estate. But these are very few indeed.

They tell you you pay high rents, and so pay the high taxes. No, those who say that overlook the **LAW OF WAGES**. If rents are lower, in Toledo than in Seattle, wages will be correspondingly lower in Toledo.

The Law of Wages is, You get just enough to pay your living expenses wherever you are. You won't get much if any more and you can't get much if any less, and keep alive.

So if Public Ownership lowers the Taxes, as Silly Willie says, that helps the Business Class but not the Working Class.

TALK NO. 2. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP WILL BENEFIT ALL BUSINESS MEN.
That is a direct plea to his own class, perfectly candid and proper. It is the Business Class which would be benefited by applying the profits of the street car system to public improvements and so saving high taxes to construct those improvements. That was his first "Little Talk."

And now his second "Little Talk" is still to the Middle Class. He tells them the increase of wages the employes would get would be spent in their stores instead of going off to Morgan and the stockholders.

It is only the Business Class he is thinking of, his own class.

Talk No. 3. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP WILL INCREASE THE PROSPERITY OF EVERY CLASS.
How? By reducing prices. Car fares would be less. "The maximum charge will be 3 cents" which would mean a saving of \$20 a year to every Worker's family. That looks plausible.

But think twice. Remember again that Law of Wages. If street car fares go down, down go your wages, too. If gas is cheaper, if electric lights are cheaper, if anything is cheaper, why, then, wages, competitive wages, the price of your labor power, becomes cheaper to correspond.

You can't get away from that law. But the capitalist papers never tell you anything about that Law of Wages, because they want your votes to help the Middle Class, the Business Class, get what **THEY** want.

Remember always, Hearst, Bryan, and all their kind, stand for their own class, the Middle Class and all this talk of Municipal Ownership by their class is for their own benefit.

Ask them if they will abolish the wage system, set the unemployed at work and give all the full product of their labor, and see them jump sideways.

THE WORKING CLASS MUST SAVE ITSELF.
When you learn that, you have learned all.

There can be no possible compromise or identification of any way, or right, to the class division except to lead the seeds of the fundamental injustice. There can be no possibility for mutual peace, for individual freedom, for mental and moral harmony, except through the complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

After capitalism, comes a time when republicans can no longer "point with pride" to the meanness with which they plunder the working class or the democrats "deplore" that the small capitalists are being denied their share in the plunder.

Most any old rube is "on top" of the green goods game but there are some twelve millions yet who voted for tariff or free trade.

Workingmen should be careful of speaking of classes in this country as they will incur the danger of being struck from the imitation lists of the "best people" who live on the boulevard.

Roosevelt may be a good hunter but there are none ready to wager that he will succeed in landing as big game as he did last November.

If you feel it necessary to have a "head" before you can act, be careful you are not led astray when you get one.

"Will the washing of our 'dirty linen' in public make any dirtier or will concealing it make it look whiter when we are on dress parade?"

In purchasing your automobile this year it is well to remember that the latest styles are considered "good form."

The Story of a New York Working Girl

One bitter cold morning in February a young girl, with a pale face and mechanically starting at a patch of daylight in the sky, tried to operate a small aperture in the ceiling. She lay there for a few moments, trying to realize the situation. She was a working girl, almost penniless, utterly alone in the world, and a stranger in the city of New York, which I had not yet even seen in daylight.

Underliers. I hurry along a street filled with a mass of unbacked literature. The superintendent tells me to come back Monday and get the job at \$3.00 a week, but as this is only Thursday, and not yet 9 o'clock, I hope to find something better.

COMMENTS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON BERGER CASE Continued from Page Three. The National Committee on the Berger Case does not and cannot hold a membership card in the Socialist Party.

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SOCIALISTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

How the Working Class Party Fared Against the Forces of Capitalism.

There was a time when the Socialist Party cut no very appreciable figure in elections, but that time has passed. Now one of the things in the election returns first scrutinized by the public was the record of the Socialist vote.

And Socialism Will Destroy the Family.

Mrs. Florence Kelley, in a recent magazine article, graphically describes the life of thousands of young boys who work in the glass bottle factories of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

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NOTICE

If the Secretary of a Socialist Local receives this paper as a sample copy he will know that it is intended for the use of the local.

GENERAL

The Socialist movement is getting along very well, indeed, these days. It will soon be possible to find the Socialist Party in almost every town.

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN WANTS INFORMATION

Devden Mich., April 9, 1905. In The Socialist of April 8, it is stated according to the capitalist press that the Socialists in Michigan are in a bad way.

CALIFORNIA.

Two or three members were recently expelled for selling 'The People' for \$5.00 per copy.

WASHINGTON.

There is a doubt in the minds of a good many comrades as to the election of Comrade Irene Smith as member of the National Committee.

OKLAHOMA.

State Secretary Snyder's report for March shows: Receipts: Salary fund, \$25.00; dues, \$15.00; donations, \$10.00.

GENERAL.

California locals are voting upon the following referendum: Shall the State of California be a member of the Socialist Party of California?

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The state convention of the Socialist Party of New Hampshire, will be held in Blanchard's block, 90 North Main St., Concord, N. H., on Thursday, April 20, at 10 a. m.

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The city convention of the Social Democratic Party (Socialist Party) of New York, will be held May 30, to nominate a party ticket.

GENERAL.

Push The Socialist among your friends, if you want them to be Socialists like yourself.

PARTY NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

FROM NATIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS

National Executive Committee Election.

National Secretary Barnes has received the results of the sixth ballot of the National Committee to elect the sixth member of the National Executive Committee to be as follows:

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