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Socialist Victories and Splendid Gains

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The municipal elections this spring witness a number of victories.

The full report is not yet in, but there is already enough to show a greater victory and a larger gain than have ever before been registered in America. The number of Socialist officials now run up in America into the hundreds. Even where there was no official elected, in local contests the gain was such as to surprise Socialists and astound and confuse our enemies. The vote of six months ago has been doubled or thribhled. In many cases it was multiplied eight and tenfold. It can mean nothing else than that the people are coming our way.

The mere fact that a union of forces in Milwaukee defeated the Socialist nominees for school board counts for but little. Mayor Siedel will hold over until next spring, and the Socialist county officers longer. Before another election the comrades will have been able to demonstrate more perfectly the superiority of their methods and the people of Milwaukee will awaken to the full danger of the combination that defeated the Socialists in a minor way this time, and will rally to working class rule.

The but feature of it is that the sweets of victory, some of the fruits of loyalty, are coming of the fruits of loyalty, are coming of the sweets of victory, some of the fruits of loyalty, are coming of the sweets of victory, some of the fruits of loyalty, are coming of the sweets of victory, some of the fruits of loyalty, are coming of the sweets of victory, some of the fruits of loyalty, are coming of the twory and a larger of the has weeted of victory, some of the fruits of loyalty, are coming of the twory and and the sweets of victory, some of the fruits of loyalty, are coming of the two the two to floyalty, are coming to pound and to follow.

The best feature of it is that the victories are not confined to one section, but, occurring in all portions of the country, indicate an incoming to but, occurring in all portions of the country, indicate an incoming to but, occurring in all portions of the witories are not

| Mechanics Falls, Me. | 1000 |
Chicago | 24,700 |
Hudson Mich | 23 |
Poplar Bluft, Mo. | 340 |
Fort Worth | Texas | 1,207 |
Jackson Mich | 767 |
Bennett, Wis | 30 |
Nashville, Mich | 24 |
Fort Smith, Ark | 55

In Pollock's Balliwick

Bitter Fight at Wichita.

Sweeping Things at Arma.

Mayor at Curransville.

One Councilman. Rosedale, Kan, Joseph Watson, Social ist was elected councilman from the Fourthward.

Alderman at Columbus.

Columbus, Kans., April 5, Socialist Girard Elects Mayor.

Girard, the home of the AFFRAL, elected Socialist mayor this year, H. P. Hough-

a Socialist mayor his year, a. "Hough ton, a carpenter. He had been endersed by the labor council. He polic 314 votes, to the "cittoes" 255 and the "in-dependants" 226. Socialists rusde a good showing in the contest for school di-rectors, but falled to elect. The Appeal. Army will be gied to learn that Girard has been even partially redeemed.

Mayor in Pasadona.

Pasadona, Cal. April 4.—William Thum. millionaire inventor of sticky fly paper, was elected mayor by a majority of 180 over two other candidates and a plurality of 541 over R. L. Metcalt, his leading opponent. Thum is a Socialist. He limits in the control of the expenditure of \$3,500 a year and keeps no servants because he asys it is not democratic to do so. He spends most of his income in philanthropic educational work.

Nearly a Clean Sweep.

Neiderland. California. April 6 Nederland elected a complete Socialist ticket, except one man, a near-Socialist, running on an independent ticket, who will co-operate with our comrades. Last year there were but eighty votes cast in the sentire district. Disgust at bootlegging in defiance of law in a dry town did the business. The Socialista were elected to clean out the whiskey gang.

N. J. WALDEN.

Elected Alderman.

Bayne City, Mich. April n.—The first ward was carried by the Socialists. The republicans and laborites united against the Socialists and defeated them in the other wards.

rime, and will raily to working class rule.

'In Wichita, in Fort Worth and elsewhere the master class was fully aroused and the workers fought with a vim and wisdom that presages final victory. In fact, there has been no loss, anywhere. "We have nothing to lose ries is the beginning of the end.

plurality of \$33. Three aldermen, two supervisors and three scaool trustees also were elected. Menton is a cligar maker. Filmt is a city of 38,550 population. Filmt Brishes, a Socialist paper of militant spirit did great service in the campaign. SOME SOCIALIST GAINS. Snyder. Okla.
Blair Neb.
Jola. Kans.
Ann Arbor. Mich.
Beulah. Mich.
Kalamazoo, Mich.
Endicott, N. Y.
Scotla, N. Y.
Mechanics Falls, Me.
Chicano

Elected Full Ticket.

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Greenville, Mich., April 5.—Socialists

11,000

12

197

Taylor; aldermen W. H. Dietz and Oscar
S. Peterson; constables, John Coon and
Wm. J. Rushton.

Tremendous Increase.

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 4.—Kalamazoo Socialist vote over 1,600 straight; las year, between 300 and 400. One alder man is probably elected. Mayor elected a Flint. G. H. Lockwood, State Sec.

Big Gain in Jackson.

Jackson, Mich., April 6.—Benjamin, So clalist, received 767 votes, a gain of ove 400 since last fall. Jackson is the plac where the republican party was organized All the Town Officers.

In Poliock's Balliwick. Fort Scott, Kan., April 5.—After a very exciting campatgn, in which the city was all wrought up over the prospect of a Socialist victory, the Socialists polied 1,350 votes for P. E. Daugherty for mayor, the citizens' ticket polling 1,524 and the republicans 527. A. T. Woodward, Socialist, a boiler maker, was elected city attorney. He was one of the Missouri Pacific strikers with cases pending against him, and will have the privilege of dismissing all these cases. Three councilmen were elected by the Socialists—Charles Schlinger, H. Ward and J. M. Arthur. Fort Scott is the town where the Warren trial took place.

Michigan to the Front. Michigan to the Front.

Muskegon, Mich., April 6.—This city elected one Socialist alderman.

Greenville, Mich., April 6.—A. B. Thomas, Socialist, was elected mayor.

Boyne City, Mich., April 6.—Frank Thompson was elected alderman and Adrian McCune supervisor.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 6:—Socialists policed 1,573 votes for city clerk and came nearly landing their man. Wichita, Kans., April 5.—After an unusually bitter campaign in which Socialism was the only issue and which all parties united against them. Socialists lost. Over 12,000 votes were polled, the women rotting largely against the Socialists. The victorious candidates are all business men, two being retired capitalists. The comrades made a spiendid campaign, and paved the way for future victory.

Increase at Chicago.

Chicago.—The Socialist vote in Chicago increase from 11,000 four years ago to 24,700 this year, while the prohibition vote decreased. The contest was a bitterone, with money spent freely by both old parties. Carter Harrison being elected mayor. rms, Kans., April 5.—Evan Morgan elected mayor by the Socialists, and councilmen were chosen by the Social-The fifth councilman lost by one Socialists elected police judge also.

Elected Park Commissioners.

Rockford, Ill., April 5.—Dr. C. Alfred Olson, Socialist, was elected member of the park board, which gives Socialists two representatives on that body. Curransvile, Kan., April 5.—James Per-kins, Socialist, was elected mayor over George Courts, labor candidate, by a ma-jority of five.

A Superior City.

Superior, Wis., April 6.—Socialists of Superior elected two aldermen and one supervisor, basiles tying another supervisor. This is a big industrial center and an important city.

Returned to Socialism.

Manitowoc. Wis. April 5.—This city returned to Socialism by etc.ting Henry Stoltz, Jr., mayor by a plurality of 146.

Racine, Wis. April 6. Soci

Belle Plains, lowa.—We elected one alderman, Comrade E. L. Swinney, a union switchman. F. A. Potter, our candidate for mayor, was defeated by only five votes out of 700 cast.

At Colfax, lows, Frank L. Evans was elected councilman at large and Thos. Hinds school director.

Carrying All Before Them.

Stiff Wilson Wins.

Berkeley, Cal., April 4.—J. Stift Wilson was elected mayor of Berkeley by a majority of 259 votes. Two councilmen were elected to support him. Berkeley is seat of the University of California, and President Wheeler opposed Wilson, while Theodore Roosevelt in a recent speech three his influence, if he has any, against, the lecal Socialists, yet Wilson won Last fail Comrade Wilson was the Socialist candidate for governor, and made one of the most remarkable campaigns ever made in any state. The victory in the university city is the cause of rejeicing among Socialists along the entire coast. Carrying All Before Them.

Minden, Moi, April 5.—Socialists elected everything, by good pluralities. Following are the victorious candidates: For mayor, Fred Swain, a blacks; with: for marshal, Tom Walter, a carpenter; for police judge, J. D. Jenkins, a building contractor; for collector, Jesse Letton, the manager of a merchandise store. The Socialists elected to the board of education are John-Brown, a miner; Amil Johnson, a miner, and A. M. Moore, a retired farmer.

Three Nebraska Cities.

Omaha. Neb., April 6.—Beatrice, 10,000 populition: Wymore, 2,700, and Red Cloud, 3,000, all elected Socialist mayors W. E. Griffin, the new mayor of Beatrice, is a teamster. In Wymore a city clerk, treasurer and two councilmen were elected by the Socialists.

Two Out of Three. Mechanics Fails, Me.—Socialists elected two of three candidates for city council by rotes of 109. One year ago only three Socialist votes were east in the town.

General Increase

Heiena, Mont. April 3.—Socialists elect alderman in Sixth ward; Socialista, 150 votes in ward, democrats, 22. The Sixth is a relivoad ward. There was a general increase in the vote in the city. CHARLES J. TIPTON.

Elected Aldermen

Brainard, Minn. April 5:—Socialist vot. 571; Democrat 605; republican 406. Socialists sected N. W. Oisen, A. G. Anderson and R. A. Henning aldermen, R. A. H.

Had No Opposition Pilnt, Mich. April 6.—John A. Menton was elected mayor of Filmt on the Soundlet ticket by a vote of over 7,00 and a LaPorte, Minn—Comrade Gobres was be no long waits, no defected mayor, and after the result was announced was hauled over town in a PUBLIC OPINION!

buggy by his enthusiastic supporters. The Acure Mays: "That he has the ability and and democrate combined scalast us. Council He his word, there is no doubt. He had no opposition."

H. H. Sinclais, County Secretary.

Socialist Makes Good Run.

Galesburg, Ill., April 4.—One surprise of the election was the strength John J. Sjodine, Socialist candidate for mayor, displayed against Mayor Sanderson, up for re-election. The Socialist vote in this city usualy is about 150 but today it ran up to 1.200 for Sjodine. Sanderson was elected by 500 plurality.

Devils Lake, N. D. April 3.—Three So-cialist aldermen were elected here today; Third ward, P. G. Miller, 78 to 76 for op-ponent; Fourth ward, Charles W. Harris, 46 to 18; Calaghan, 45 to 11. There was a gain in three precincts over law-year's voic. Campaign for next election started today.

A. S. Alderson.

Victory in Krebs. McAlester, Okla. April 5.—At Krebs So-cialists elected three aldermen, and lost

Near Victory in Arkansas

Leslie, Ark. April 6.—John Clark, So-cialist, came within in three votes of being elected mayor.

Victor, Colo., April 6.—A full city ticket including mayor, was elected by Socialist in this mining town.

Elected Pelice Judge

Altoons, Kans. April 6.—A Socialist po-lice judge was elected by a vote of 229.

Grafters at Ware. Tex. a city of 30,000, recently aroused from letharry by a speech from Dels. had the scare of their ires this spring. The following is a dispatch printed in the Fort Worth Record, Joe Balley a paper.

made to all iemocrats here to vote in the general election next Tuesday, by reason of the fact that the Socialists have now liness to be voted for in the same contest. If the same apathy is manifested relative to a general election this year that has been evidenced in the past, it is not unlikely that one or more of the Socialist candidates will be elected, it having been asserted that all members of that party who can vote will exercise the right of suffrage acre April 4th.

Gains in Many Places.

Hudsen, Mich.—Socialist vote, 23; last fall, 12.—J. E. B.

Poplar Bluff, M. -- Vote for mayor, 340; last full in whole county, 197.-- C. Knecht. mity aroused from lethargy by a complete some points of the control of the contro

HE New York supreme court has declared the workingmen's compensation act unconstitutional, on the broad general grounds that it would take from the employer the rights guaranteed to him un the broad general gods.

the broad general gods on the first state of the following the lead of the nine autocrats in Washington, have arrogated to themder the United States constitution, quoting the 14th amendment, which provides "that no state shall preme court of New York, following the lead of the nine autocrats in Washington, have arrogated to themselves the power to veto a law made by the legislature and signed by the governor.

This has been done before by other judges and by other courts and on the same ground and in re-

sponse to a demand from the same source—from the employing class.

Neither the supreme court of the state of New York nor of the United States has the authority to veto legislation enacted by a legally constituted law-making body. This has been said before by the Appeal—it will be repeated until the American people wake up to the fact that this is no longer a republic but a judicial oligarchy, run in the interests of and for the protection of the industrial masters of the United

I repeat: The nine judges composing the supreme court of the United States are not clothed with the authority to veto legislation. If this court has not this authority it follows that no inferior court has

Chief Justice Taney of the United States supreme court in 1846, reported on page 119, 5 Howard, says: "By the constitution of the United States, the supreme court possesses no appellate power in any case, unless conferred upon it by act of congress; nor can it, when conferred, be exercised in any form of the investigation of the crooked processes of the corrupt judges led in evitably to the penal institution Under Graft Charges. Agents of the Department of Justice Have Graft Charges. Agents of the Department of Justice Have Been Working and Supplies Misappropriated—Drugs Smuggled."

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That is plain enough for even a republican partisan to understand.

The judge does not possess the right nor the authority, but he has the POWER to veto legislation, and this power he uses to declare those laws unconstitutional which are designed to give to the working class some slight consideration.

The judge possesses that power because you supinely permit him to nullify your will without protest. You may plead that you did not know-but you can plead ignorance as an excuse no longer. APPEAL has told you and given you the proof for its statement that the judge does not have the authority to veto legislation.

If what the APPEAL has said is not enough to arouse you to protest, the following dictum of the New York supreme court in its opinion vetoing the workingmen's compensation act, should prompt you to immediate and decisive action:

"The right of property rests on the common law, and not upon philosophical or scientific specula-tions, not upon commendable impusles of benevolence, or charity, nor yet upon the dictates of natural justice." There you have capitalsm in all its hideousness-without any frills or patriotic furbelows. This dictum is not the enactment of legislature or congress or of a referendum of the common people-but is the

word of the judge, and the judge's word is law! The constitution provides that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property." The judge, ignoring life and liberty, sees only property rights. The working class has nothing but its life and its liberty to lose. The capitalist has only his property to lose, for without property he would not be a capitalist.

The time has come when judges should hand down decisions in accordance with the constitutional

provision that no man shall be deprived of his life and his liberty!

Six hundred thousand men, women and children of the working class are deprived of their lives and their liberties in the work shops of the United States every year. Most of these lives are snuffed out in the darkness of the mine; amid the noise and confusion of the shop or the clatter and clang of the freight car. The taking off of these brothers of ours causes no more comment than does the falling of the rain drop. It is only occasionally that the indifferent public-which is YOU-pauses for a brief second in

the struggle to live to drop a tear on the bier of the unfortunate victims of a holocaust such as occurred in New York City a few days ago. Under this decision of the New York supreme court, which now becomes a precedent to be followed by the supreme court of Kansas and all other states, these victims of the wrath of the world's history. The unfortunate victims of the wrath of the world's history. The unfortunate victims of the wrath of the world's history. The unfortunate victims of the wrath of the decision. This action should be followed by every Socialist local and every trade union local in the United States. It is our only means of reaching the judges at this time. That these masters of society—the judges—are amenable to public opinion, we have had ample proof in a dozen instances working class.

To use it right and at the proper time will win for our slain and wounded comrades some semblance. To protest after a court decision is well enough—but the decision stands—and becomes the law. The victim is still a victim.

To PROTEST BEFORE THE DECISION AND THUS PREVENT THE OUTRAGE

BUT TO PROTEST BEFORE THE DECISION AND THUS PREVENT THE OUTRAGE When I tell you that what has appeared before will read like Sunday school little before will read like Sunday school little or the provent of the compared to what is to follow the IS WHAT WE MUST DO.

You are now familiar with the facts in the sad case of our comrade, Frank Lane. You know that You are now familiar with the facts in the sad case of our comrade, Frank Lane. You know that this 18-year-old victim of criminal carelessness on the part of two great corporations lies on a little cot in a ward in the hospital at Pittsburg, Kan., from which he will never rise. While obeying orders at the Sheridan coal mine, a few miles east of Girard, this boy was ground beneath the wheels of a Frisco coal car, and his spine broken in two places, paralyzing the lower-timbs—making of this once vigorous young man a helpless cripple, racked with pain, devoid of hope.

The Appeal does not relish digging by towns. Shoat's articles will begin week after ow the victims of corrunt federal judges to tell this story in all its hide-pared by the Washington committee of ousness in order to shock the American people into demanding of congress the vice in the Ballanger case.

The Appeal has taken this boy's case to the local district court, where a suit for \$25,000 has been filed. This case will come up for hearing at the May term of the court-one year, lacking a few days. from the time Frank was injured. One year of waiting, and nothing yet done for this wounded soldier save what you have done through the Appeal. You are paying, through the Appeal, his hospital and doctor fees, and you are paying Frank's attorney for his services. This case, no matter what the outcome low. The master class is advertising concerning subjects for debate or in the district court, will be taken to the supreme court of Kansas. To carry this case to that tribunal liberally, in places where the unempapers. These are always answered if means the expenditure of a good many dollars-it cost \$12,000 to fight my case through the federal court. But no matter what it costs, the money must be raised! On the outcome of this case depends the welfare of thousands of our brothers. The winning of this \$25,000 suit for Frank Lane will establish a precedent of thousands of our brothers. The winning of this \$25,000 suit for Frank Lane will establish a precedent which will enable the Appeal's Legal Defense League to take other cases to the courts, not only in Kansas, but in every state in the union. The winning of these cases will bring about the enactment of workingmen's compensation laws in every state in the union. Not makeshifts such as the last Kansas legislature power to make people enter the army you may therefore expect the following clause of the Dick Military law to be enforced before long.

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That the military has been consistent to this you will be doing them and the nation a real service.

The student that reads it will

during the time the Frank Lane case is pending in the state supreme court-pot in protest, but meetings demanding that this victim shall be compensated for his injuries, so far as dollars can compensate a man for the loss of his liberty and his very life!

all the courts. A circulation of 100,000 will yield a profit of \$10,000, which will carry the Frank Lane case through the statution. Keep out of it if you can agustate as never before, and being armed, will have full command of the situation. Keep out of it if you can garage and profit of \$25,000, with which we can carry on several the fighting of these cases in the courts so unprofitable to the corporations that they will withdraw their opposition to the workingman's compensation act which will be prepared and presented to the next Kansas legislature by the Appeal's Legal Defense department. This law will provide that when a workingman is killed or totally disabled his family shall be compensated at once with an income sufficient to provide the necessities of life, a home and education for the children. Under the operation of this law there will be no long waits, no delay, and there will be NO APPEAL TO ANY COURT SAVE THE COURT OF the course of the courted to the minimum of the courted to the courted to the courted to the provide that when a workingman of the situation. Suppose you into the army, you can guitate as never before, and being armed, will have full command of it if you can, but remember that civilization cannot be crushed by the killers and reactionates, no matter what they do.

Agrarion is the beginning of education. Education is the foundation of emancipation.

What are you going to do about it? Why, if they force you into the army, you can agustate as never before, and being armed, will have full command of the situation. Keep out of it if you can put the largest through its recent legislature, passed many your can guitate as never before, and being armed, will have full command of the situation. Keep out of it if you can put the largest through its recent legislature, passed when the people even the initial to the people armed with the people

Crimes and Horrors in a Federal Prison

The federal prison is to the federal enforcement of the rules of common udge what the policeman's club is to the soliceman-an instrument of torture.

When I learned that Federal Judge Strong City, Kan.—Out of a total rote of 186, we cast 58, just what Stallard sat in the whole county in 1910. We are feeling fine.—W. S. A. Pollock had agreed before my trial with ney, to send me to the federal prison the commission of a 'crane" that later on President Tait said had damaged the United States to the extent of \$100 only, "to be collected by civil process only." I concluded to make an investigation of the bastile at Leavenworth, Kan, Geo. H. Shoaf, with whose work J in bringing to light facts damaging to

> federal prisons and prisoners, and in all of his printed and spoken words he has held up the institution over which he presides as the model prison-house of the world. In the Leavenworth penitoralary, he avers, there is no grait, no all treatment of prisoners, no favors shown, and no departure in practice from the principles of truth and justice and morality. Prisoners are received at the Leavenworth institution, he says, not to punish them or to grait on them. not to punish them or to graft on them, but to reform and Christianize them Under his management, he declares, genuine democracy in prison life obtains, and the piutocrat with a bank ac-

which the victims of judicial displeasure were consigned.

The mass of material dug up in the investigation is appalling. I had thought that crimes against nature had ceased since the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and that the art of torturing human beings had perished with the Spanish Inquisition. In the federal prison at Leavenworth, however, if I accept as true the evidence gathered by Shoaf, and backed by the sworn testimony of credible witnesses, unnatural practices are indulged frequently, not only by prisoners, but by one of the most prominent officials of the prison, and men are thrown into solitary dungeons and beaten until death ends their agony.

According to the evidence, the institution is an enormous pork-harrel out the doors of the isolation and solitary tution is an enormous pork-harrel out.

This attempt of the Washington politicians to forestal the Appeal's exposures looks like an attempt to black-wash a few underlings in a vain effort to smother the scandal higher up. This is a favorite practice with the politicians, but it will make no difference with the Appeal's work. We will go right ahead with our original plan. The only change made is that the Appeal's stories will appear a few weeks in alvance of our schedule. The Appeal's vance of our schedule. The Appeal's tories will appear a few weeks in alvance of our schedule. The Appeal's vance of the institution and encouraged among the inmates:

That prisoners are kicked, beaten and otherwise maltreated while manacled to the doors of the isolation and solitary dungeons:

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That from of which rotten politicians are waxing fat at the people's expense. On an elevation in the Leavenworth suburbs the penitentiary rests, like a white marble slab, beautiful and secure. Beneath that slab, however, according to the correspondent's investigations, corruption festers and death abounds. It is the mission of the APPEAL to lift the cover and let the people see what lies beneath and let the people see what lies beneath
For more than one year this investigation has been under way. No one not
thoroughly familiar with work of this
character, can realize the stupendous
task we have undertaken. Behind these
arism orison walls exists an objection rou may gather some idea of what will be printed.

The APPEAL does not relish digging

humanity and decency in dealing The prison officials and their political

associates became aware a few weeks and that the APPEAR was on the joband as a result there was a hutried con-terence betwen Warden McClaurghy, his deputy, Frank H. Lemon, Judge Polleck, District Attorney Harry Bone, Congressman Anthony and a few lesser, lights with Superintendent of Prisons R. V. La Dow. It was decided that what was needed was another whitewash from Washington Accordingly, on March 27th, two young men, R. C. Lewis and John I. Fishman, connected with the department of justice in Washington, made n bringing to light facts damaging to apitalism most of our readers are familiar, was detailed to look into affairs on connection with Warden McClaughtry's model "reformatory."

For many years Robert W. McClaughtry has written and lectured about federal prisons, and prisoners, and in

the conditions that prevail.

In its issue of Thursday, April 6th, the Kansas City Times prints a story from Leavenworth under the following

"A Scandal at a Big Prison. Leavnworth Federal Institution Under enworth Federal Institution Under Graft Charges. Agents of the Depart-ment of Justice Have Been Working There Ten Days—Clothing and Sup-There Ten Days—Clothing Smug-

That from this treatment at the hands

varden; That the whole institution reeks with petty graft on the part of those in au-

thority;
And that instead of being a place to reform criminals it is a sinkhole of depravity and vice from which boys emerge confirmed criminals and hardened

The Socialists in Leavenworth are busily at work advertising the meeting. Excursions will be run from near-

They Are Desperate

In spite of an effort to create a war

School Children

ployment is great and still there is no response. The toilers do not like to hire themselves out as assassins for collective ownership of railroads is destructed.

But the masters have it in their Passenger Post." published by G. P. That the militia shall consist of every able-bodied male citizen of the District of Columbia, and every able-bodied male every able-bodied male columbia, and every able-bodied male of Columbia, and every able-bodied male of foreign birth who has declared his finentian to become a citizen, who is more than eighteen and less than forty-five years of age.

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The Wage Workers and the Law

indevelopments from the so-called principles of the common law. They ciples of the common law. They ciples of the common law theories to parbroad common law theories to parbridge made law.

Having announced these arbitrary rules, and having applied them without encountering effective protest from their victims, the judges central vertical statutes enacted by legislators elected by the people. Statute law for example, is subject to judicial construction; we never know what law means until after the judges have had their say about it. And this judicial construction is always made in the light of common law principles, the dight of common law principles the very purpose it was designed to accomplish, or, at best, attords but accomplish. Or, at best, attords but acted against. The reason for this is plain. Practically all statute law are enacted to remedy evils which the common law has proved itself powersigned to rectify common law wrongs. But, having recognized the wongs. common law has proved itself power-less to cope with. Statutes are de-signed to rectify common law wrongs. But, having recognized the wrongs and legislated to correct them, we are then so absurdly impractical and il-logical as to turn our statutes over to the judges to be construed so as to make them harmonize with the very principles they were designed to supplant!

Thus have safety appliance laws. Thus have safety appliance laws, liability laws, factory acts, truck acts, and such like statutes enacted for the brackt of the workers, failed to accomplish their purpose.

Through their application of these common law rules the judges have practically succeeded in abolishing told he jury for the workers. Ones

common law rules the judges have practically succeeded in abolishing trial by jury for the workers. Questions of fact are for the jury; questions of law are for the court. Negligence, and particularly "contributory genee, and particularly "contributory geneeate" is actually always a gence, and particularly "contributory negligence," is actually always a question of fact. When a mained worker is charged with having desliberately chosen the more liabardous method of performing a dangerous duty, and is denied a right of recovery upon proof that he did so, it is his right to have all the facts and circumstances connected with the allegation passed upon by a jury. The law cannot apply until the fact is established. This was formerly a well recognized principle. But contributory nealigence, like its companions, assumed risk and common employment, has gradually been removed from the domain of fact to that of law by judicial usurpation, until now from the domain of fact to that to law by judicial usurpation, until now nothing is more common than for judges to direct verdicts against workers on this ground, or for the higher courts to reverse judgements in favor of workers because the judges

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One of the most important rights guaranteed the individual by our constitution, a right which is supposed to be imprescriptible, is the right of trial by jury. With respect to civil action the constitution guarantees this right in the following terms. He will be constituted to the imprescriptible, is the right of trial by jury. With respect to civil action the constitution guarantees this right in the following terms. William Patton was a locomotive trains in the common law, where the Insure at common law, the preserved, and no fact tried by a large and the common law, the preserved, and no fact tried by a large and the common law, the preserved, and no fact tried by a large and the common law, the preserved, and no fact tried by a large and the common law, the preserved, and no fact tried by a large and the large manner, would it not be simply a man-tory decided by the common law. The preserved in the common law, the preserved and no fact tried by a large and the large manner, would it not be simply a man-tory decided by the common law. The purpose he was a locomotive firman in the comploy of the Texas & practiced. William Patton was a locomotive firman in the comploy of the Texas & properting the preserved, and no fact tried by a large and the horizon where an agricultural college is main the common law. The purpose he was thrown under the state, the state, the state part of the state properting and the state properting the state of properting and the present of the research of the research of the research of the research and the properting and the present part of the United States of the following terms in the properting the properting and the properting the p

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they managed to get the case into the supreme court, their assignment of error being the judge's refusal to let the jury pass on the question of negligence. The case laid in soak in the supreme court for some time, but inally, on January 7 1900, eight years and one month after Patton had lost his foot, that august body handed down a decision affirming the judgment below, thus putting an end to poor Patton's hopeless attempt to obtain justice.

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Justice Brewer wrote the opinion in doing so he laid down the law with regard to the right of judges to usure the function of juries in rather unmistakable terms. This law should be compared with the language of the Seventh, amendment to the continu Seventh, amendment to the constitu-tion, quoted at the beginning of this article. When read in connection with the constitutional provision; it article. When read in connection with the constitutional provision it will appear that Brewer's statement of the law justifies the expression of Big Tim Sullivan, "What's the con-Big Tim Sullivan, "What's stitution between friends?"

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useless, needless waste and expense; whereas under the state nursery plan, or Socialism; all would receive "just what is coming to him." Don't you think so? Think it over. Under the "state nursery" plan this whole country could be made a paradise. It never will could be made a paradise. It never will become hardly fit for a gentleman to live in under the present regime.

D. F. HARRINGTON, Nurseryman.

Sloux Falls, S. D.

"In Current Fundes."

Those who deposit morey in the banks and receive certificates of deposit in exchange for their money should look closely at the reading of the certificates. Closely at the reading of the certificates. Certificates of deposits are now frequently made payable to order or bearer, as the case may be, "in current funds." There are but few people who will not accept this evidence of indebtedness without question; but the words "in current funds" innocent as they appear, have a significant meaning that should not be overlooked. The phrase simply means that the banks have taken your means that the banks have taken your good legal tender money and promised to pay in any kind of paper in general

the-case came to the circuit court of appeals the second time the judgment of the lower court, being in favor of the railroad company, was, of course, promptly affirmed.

Patton's attorneys evidently had a great deal of faith in the constitutional guarantee of right of trial by lidry, and must have felt reasonably sure that the supreme court would not stand for the view taken by the circuit court of appeals. At any rate takey managed to get the case into the supreme court, their assignment of error being the judge's refusal to let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of The managed to get the case into let the jury pass on the question of the question of the question.

card—was hit by a train. His head was badly cut and his brains fell out.

A doctor was called and he sewed up the man's head but forgot to put his brains back. One of the men who was assisting the doctor noticed the oversight. "You forgot to put his brains back," he excitedly told the doctor.
"It doesn't matter," replied the doctor, "I know him, he'll never miss 'em, he votes an old party ticket."

E. N. RICHARDSON.

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas,

THE POSTOFFICE AND "BUSINESS."

Hon. William M. Sulzer, of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives.

The cursus publicus of imperial Rome—the postoffice of the Roman Caesars—covered their entire business of transportation and transmission, and with its splendid post-roads, swift posthorses, and ox post-wagens the man postoffice was a mechanism wider in its scope than that of

Unhappily, the postoffice, whether at home or abroad, has been from the beginning little more than a taxing machine, a contrivance to make money, and do as little for the people as possible. In England it was at tunes farmed sible. In England it was at times farmed out to the speculator, and then it was charged with the support of a royal mistress or favorite. For its profits only was it regarded and not for its agency in the concerns of life. In other respects it was not unlike the government, which was simply a usurpation for the benefit of a few. All this is much changed now, for the people know that government is a mere agency for their good.

Instead of a taxing machine, a contribution office should be an agency for good, office should be good office.

On Saturdays, until midnight, these little sufferest the retire to "rest," huddled up under the back stairway in facts are facts.

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office should be an agency for good, reaching out its meltitudinous hands with help and comfort into all the homes in our widespread land.

The laws of Pennsylvania prohibit Let me call attention to the following discriminations of our private express companies in favor of the for-

press companies in favor of the for-eign citizen against the American cit-izen. Under the English post-American express arrangement English postal parcels now come to the United States as follows: Three pounds for 60 cents, 7 pounds for 84 cents, 11 pounds for \$1.08, and the express company trans-ports these parcels from New York City at a common rate for the whole lity at a common rate for the whole country of 24 cents a parcel. Meantime the express company taxes domestic mer-chandise of the same weights from 25

parties and served no purpose, since commercial paper is payable in legal pender. The majority of the court decisions hold that commercial paper made payable in compared to the court decision that such paper is payable in legal to the court decision that such paper is payable in legal to the court decision that such paper is payable in legal to the court decision to the reason that such paper is payable in legal to the court decision to the reason that such paper is payable in legal to the court decision to the reason that such paper is payable in legal to the court of the court of the court decision to the court of the c

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CHILD AND SOCIALIST STATE BY JOHN N. LANDBERG

Two billion dollars are invested over forty-eight thousand were children, which, compared with the thirty-two thousand, in 1903, means an increase of sixteen thousand in two years. Today, the official report will probably show that from eighty to ninety thousand children are enriching the barons of the Keystone state. These are official figures, and slace it sand of working. manufacturing enterprises in Penn-sylvania. The number of workers en-These are official figures, and since it is permissible to add fifty more thousand of working children, whose bodies are ground into dollars and cents in countless sweatshops throughout the state, which manage to evade the state which manage the state which manage to evade the state which manage the state which manage the state which manage the state which manage the state which surveillance of our rather lax factory department, the state of Bill Penn may

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Unhappily, the postoffice, whether at home or abroad, has been from the beginning little more than a taxing marking diame, a contrivance to make money. sion, "living," eating and even sleep-ing on the street; for, after being upon their feet until eleven p. m., and

The laws of Pennsylvania prohibit the employment of cluldren under the age of sixteen "longer than twelve hours in any one day," while in many states of the union laws have been passed making eight hours the maximum of efficient work for grown men. Generally, children under the legal age are not permitted to work at night, but, where "the material in process of manufacture requires night work, in order to prevent waste or destruction of said material, boys of fourteen may legally be employed at night."

cents to \$3.20, according to the distance traversed, while congress taxes the public for a similar domestic service on a 3-pound parcel 48 cents, 7 pound in two parcels \$1.12, 11 pounds in three parcels \$1.76. It is needless to say that by means

on de laws dat am proposed by de lobby: 'cause de lobby am furnished wid plenty o' collateral an' know how to droide it 'roun'. Ef dere am plenty o' votin' on de laws proposed by de lobby, dere am plenty o' collateral, an' ef dere am no votin' dere am no collateral.'

The astonished reader who has been trained by capitalist teachings to look up reverently to the masters of the wealth of the country will no doubt be shocked by these terrible details, dug up from indisputable public records. "But", he may say, "that is only one instance. You cannot say that the Vanderbilt fortune is the product of fraud. Commodere Vanderbilt was a great page. The evil of the Roman postoffice and of the rolling "Pittsburg Stogies," in the cereded it was their common restriction to the enrichment of the ruling powers. They were the prototypes of our modern private railway and express companies, which have for their chief end the enrichment of their management rather than the promotion of the management rather than the promotion and management than the promotion and management than the promotion and management than the promotion and the countries, and the sho

enough documents, yet they at least give authentic facts. It is disagreeable, no doubt, to spoil a pleasant fiction, but

inally he ran steamships. When gold was discovered in California in 1847 there were no overland railroad lines. Two steamship lines, the United States Mail Steamship company and the Paci-fic Mail Steamship company, bribed con-gress to award them a total mail subsidy amounting for years to \$900,000 a year. Vanderbilt succeeded in compelling

the owners of those lines to hand over to him at first \$480,000 a year of that \$900,000, and later \$612,000 a year. This was an astounding transaction; how did he manage it? He black-mailed the two lines by the effective expedient of running a competitive line, compelling them to reduce their passenger and freight rates to a lower point, and threatening their mail-subsidy operations with exposmail-subsidy operations with exposure. He compelled them to come to terms. After they had yielded to his blackmailing demands, he withdrew his ships, and the two subsidized lines which had bought him off raised their these to nearly four times what they were before. For years, Vanderbilt received this \$242,000 a year in back-

scoundred had wronged her. Upon his return, finding she had been wronged he started to find the fellow, and did fling him on the spot. He was hanged for murder.

Think of it, comrades—hanged for killing one scoundrel, and given a medal of honor for killing thirty poor, brave workingmen.

Roy Perricague ex-soldier.

The two old parties are merely two wheels of the capitalist machine. They may not run in the same cut, but they had not return finding man—carrying a union to review the evidence.

Socializing the Lakes.

Private lakes or ponds are now things of the past in Maine. The state superme court has just decided that owners of such waters cannot close them to those citizens who seek fishing privaleges. The verdict is of considering may not run in the same rut, but they had not review the evidence.

A working man—carrying a union the sound run, and for other useful purposes. That would be a nice beginning for socialism. It is only a part of what is possible.

Windex. Wash.

Didn't Need Brains.

The incident I shall relate is said to be true. Perhaps it is and perhaps that is it isn't. I don't know; I tell it as I heard it.

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STORIES OF THE ROAD.

A Boy Orator At Garden City, Kans, in November, 1900, one of the brightest and sturdiest little comrades I ever knew, Paul I ever knew, Paul Oakford, age five Oakford, age five years, presided. In his introductory

speech consumit time he said among other things in closing: "But it is not for me upon this occasion to analyze the Socialist philosophy You gath-

and smile with pleasure to be privileged to introduce Eugene V. Debs, the other great orator, who will now address you."

A Bad Example.

yielded a net profit of one and one-half million dollars. That's the trouble with government ownership-it set the other







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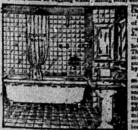
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Progress in Florida

latta, St. Augustine, Jacksonvine, O Brien and Jasper. Similar reports come from many places I have had no chance to visit. Florida is certainly ripe for agitation and organization, and no doubt the Debs meetings will give it a tremendous boost upward. The state should have an organizer always in the field, fully supported while doing the work. But, as in many other states, the funds are low.

State Secretary Sill reports great and continuous increases in membership and literature sales. State Organizer Porter declares that Florida will elect a Socialist governor and legislative majority in 1912; for in 1910 the entire vote was about 35, 000, while the Socialist vote for one candidate was 10,000. The Socialist names were mixed on the ballot, thus confusing many who wanted to vote the ticket. And, as usuel, many votes were not counted, or not recorded. The democrats are scared, if every Socialist will do his (or her) part, we will win Florida in 1912.

J. L. Firts.

The Fort Worth (Texas) Record, Joe Balley's paper, threw one conniption at after another, through fear of Socialist success in that city of 35,000. Editorially

Comrade Irvine's lecture was first class We were well pleased with it. The attendance was good.—Comrade Pearsall, Gutirie

bership.

Debs meeting was the largest and most enthusiastic Socialist gathering ever held in this city. If it were possible for him to repeat his lecture here next week he could more than fill the auditorium.—Comrade Chappell, Richmond, Va.

Comrade Debs sure woke up the people here. They are not through talking about here.

An audience of over a thousand de-lighted Chattanoogans were thrilled with the andisputable logic of Debs Thursday night. To know him is to love him and to hear him is to be conquered and many will-ing captives has he made of the people in Inxie—Comrade Reimbold, Chattanooga,

Comrade Knight, Hattlesburg, writing on the Dobs meeting there "Socialism is respectable around He burg since Debs lectured here March Lots of professional men about what Debs said was Socialism they were Socialists. Mississippl, and especially the southern part of the state will be heard from next election."

from next election."

Nothing in recent years has given our movement such impetus and encouraged the comrades more to renewed activity than the Debs meeting. It will long be remembered favorably by those fortunate enough to hear both Comrades Debs and Brewer. It was a great stroke on the part of the APPEAL and the management deserves a great deal of credit—Max Wilk, state secretary, Augusta, Ga.

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THE MAY DAY ISSUE.

The May Day issue of the Coming Nation, which will be the next number, will be a powerful message in a beautiful form. The illustrations alone would make it remarkable. Water Crane, the greatest of Socialist artists has sent a handsome symbolical drawing worthy to be framed and hing in any home or Socialist headquarters. Keir Hardle, who saw it in England has just written asking permission for the ladependent Labor party to use the say as poster.

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REAL NEW NEWS.

Notes of Socialism.

Wanted—Competent secretary to attend to correspondence and detail office work. State terms. Socialist party, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania.

At Salem, Mass., a Jewish branch and a Pollsh branch have been added to the local, which is prospering as never before. They have 150 members.

Forest Frederick Berry and Ray Beal, both authors of Socialist works that have been authors attention, were married.

of 780,000.

Socialists are having the big railles these days. At Dayton, Ohio, on occasion of a speech by W. F. Gaylord, of Milwankee, there was a big procession led by a Socialist band, the paraders carrying canes that finanted red ribbons, and 2,400 people crowded the hall. More than 500 books were sold and there were strong demands for literature after the supply was exhausted.

Comrade Thos. L. Bule will make the

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Comrade Thos. L. Bule will make the following dates in Arkansas: Hot Springs, April 2d to 12th; Argents, 13th; Cabet, 14th; McRae, 15th; Judsonia, 16th and 17th; Baid Knob, 18th; Batesville, 20th and 21st; Tuckerman, 22d and 23d; Searcy, 24th; Little Red, 25th; Step Rock, 26th; Beber 27th; Brewer 28th and 23th; Lessible 28th; Little Red, 25th; Brewer 28th and 23th; Lessible 28th; Lessible

In Other Lands.

Chinese Socialist party has been or-ed, affiliated with the international

ends Socialism in Turkey?

Since the execution of a number of Socialists in Japan there has been a marked advance in the propaganda of that country. Good. A strong Socialist movement there can curb the jings spirit and stop betrayal of the people into war.

The Clarion of London recently contained the following, which it declared to be strictly true: "A publican (saloon keeper) of Kettering was in the habit of keeping swill and offal for his pigs in a barrel in his home. Becoming

The Class Struggle.

The state convention of the United Mine Workers of Illinois declared by resolution the Boy Scouls to be fostered by "weak minded people who are not known to have any other visible occupation."

Since the corporations are driving out the amail dealers the small lawyers are having a hard time. It is reported that during 1010 680 lawyers dropped from membership in the New York County Lawyers association because unable to pay the \$10 dues.

the \$10 dues.

The APPEAL is informed that, as a part of their program for enforcing an "open shop" against the unions, capitalists of California are sending out glowing accounts of work to be had on the Pacific coast, resulting in an overstocked labor market, many idle people and a fierce competition for jobs.

Please make change of address notices on postal cards.

The Fourth Estate

Here is a "bull" from Anti-Socialist, a monthly of Australia: "Give the Socialists rope enough and they will scuttle the ship of state." Probably stick a rope through it.

ship of state." Irobably stick a rope through it.

The Miner, of Albany, "A., eays: "We are willing to bet a year's subscription against a last year's potato vine that the best satisfied bunch of voters in the state are those who helped to elect James Maurer, our solitary Socialist legislator." Pretty good testimonal for a paper that is not Socialist.

The Oliveland Citizen says: "The Appear to Reason is turning the Boy Scout movement to good use. The Appear to Reason is turning the Boy Scout movement to good use. The Appear to distribute literature. There are nearly a thousand engaged in that sort of scouting, and the Appear says that ten years hence the S. S. will be the most formidable body ever arraigned against capitalism."

Comrades at Canton, Onio, are publish-

Comrades at Canton, Ohlo, are publishing a paper celled the Social Recolutionist.
They print 5,000 each week which is distributed by their Plying Squadron, which is as enthusiastic and energetic a bunch of Socialists as can be found anywhere. The rote in Canton was multiplied by there have been been been considered the state of the companies of

ists for relief. Watch for the election re-turns from Canton next November.

All Appeal, subs expire at end of time paid for and all subscriptions, whether new or renewals, are treated as "new."

Dear Convades—I like the work fine an sell all my papers every week. I am onl seven years old but I can sell them fine— Donald Nugent, California.

Have just received watch and was very roud of it. I am yours for the revolution a peater if possible but with Pes and blood I need be.—John T. Ingram, Georgia.



Thrilling Serial Story.

battle of the races runs all through

is the service on penalty of dismissal from the government service. The effort of postal authorities to ormander is openly opposed by the government. Editor Walker has conducted a process of mail clerks, and exposing them to danger ment. Editor Walker has conducted a vigorous agitation against overworking of mail clerks, and exposing them to danger ments is becoming exceedingly oppressive on its postal employes, and they should by all means organize and stand for their rights.

The Socialist Scouts.

There are places for more bright boys and girls in the Socialist Scout organization. The Socialist Scouts and the solutions in March, 1911. Scouts made two and half cents on each copy. There's money to be made and men and women to be converted through the work of Socialist boys and girls.

Scouts sell the Coming Nation and Appear to remit half price for a what papers he sells and to return heads of the same time know that I am being exploited. After hurry and worry for years I am tired of the papers. They make 100 per cent on all shies and earn valuable premiums in addition. It costs nothing to take up the work. I'll send ten Nations to any new Scout who'll agree to remit half price for unsold copies. Address requests to "Scout unso

A Bunch of Them.

Of course the AFFEAL will take notice. The following is from the Bulletin, Litchville, N. D.: The Socialists are all the time graining ground. The new tillage council of Litchville is composed of one Socialist, one democrat and three republicans, AFFEAL TO REASON, please take notice." To this a Fingal, N. D., newspaper responds: "Yep—and in Fingal a Socialist justice of the peace and a Socialist constable were elected."

War-What For?

The why and wherefore of war for markets and for profit is strikingly set forth in George R. Kirkpatrick's book of the above title. It is one of the most powerful indictments of capitalism ever written. If you haven't read it you owe it to yourself to study this book. Single copies are \$1.20. In clubs of three or more the rate is 80 cents per book. Address all orders to George R. Kirkpatrick. 112 East Nineteenth street New York, N. Y.

THE APPEAL ARMY

The Big Ten. The following comrades sent in the largest number of subscriptions for the week just past. Each wil receive a copy of George II. Eirspatrick's book, "War-What For?", and this will be continued until further notice:

further notice:

J. W. Burris, Bauvard, Nev.

John S. Zelia, Buffalo, N. Y.

James E. Brown, St. Johnsville, N. Y.

H. J. Hamiiton, Missoula, Mont.,

Quitman Bell, Trout, La.

G. A. Moody, Gardiner, Maine.

Ira C. Hepler, Three Rivers, Mich.

C. J. Parsons, Syracuse, N. Y.

J. W. Dunn, Atlanta, Ga.

F. W. Krausgrill, Laporte, Ind.

So many papers have great big things for great big people. The Appeal has things so plain little me can understand.—Mrs. J. T. Skitchings, Apache, Okla. Comrade Krausgrill, of Laporte, Ind., comes over the wire this week with a big list of twenty. He says that Socialism is spreading like a fire in his town.

Comrade Sweat, Taient, Ore, distributed a couple of hundred copies of the propaganda edition of the APPEAL in his city, which he says we will hear from.

With the promise of a larger list and anding the Red Hended Girl thirty-five sew names, Comrade Zeila, Buffalo, N. Y., nodestly backed out at the door. Believing that the APPHAL is the only philanthropic issue that deals with the shrew of mankind today, Courade Hammer, Glade Hill, Va., sends in his subscription.

The Bull Dog has not had much time this week to notice the subscribers coming in for he has been whooping it up for the 3lrard Socialist mayor, Comrade Hough-

that the influence of the APPEAL is felt there and that when be has finishes re-ing his paper it always goes to some of

Courade Haskins, Leavenworth, Wash, says that the Milwaukee edition did such good work that he is going to try a bundle of 790 on the natives and accordingly sends for three hundred.

Comrade Nearhood, Thomas, W. Va., sends in his subscription to the Coming Nation and predicts that Socialism will certainly let itself be known in 1912 in that section of the country.

The Socialists of Washington, D. C., are sked to go to the public fibrary and ask for the bound volumes of the International

Comrade Jason Wills, of Hampton, Ili, oins the Army and adds a list of four ic says he has always been a republican ut has at last had his eyes opened and low is going to work for Socialism.

Comrade Snow sends in the subscription of one comrade for the second time, say-ing that he converted him by the first

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"In Oregon the people really rule They have all the power all the time. Oregon is a democracy, possibly the most complete democracy in the world." in these words Frederick C. Howe sums up a remarkable revolution that

has taken place, peaceably, in the west, within the past few years, in Hampton's for April. After tracing the long fight for diect legislation, through two defeats in the legislature after the people had elected representatives pledged to it. Mr. Howe shows how the proposition of the state of tion was submitted to a vote of the people in 1902 and carried by 62,024 for to 5,668 against.

After the initiative and referendun had been adopted the people next set out for a primary law which took away from the bosses all power, lodging it instead with the people themselves. Under the provisions of this law every candidate, even to United States senator, is voted on by direct ballot, and the legislators are compelled to declare on the ballot whether or not they will comply with the expressed will of the people relative to United States sen-ator. The operation of this law has reselection of one democrat one republican for senator. All machines are broken.

their own, a drastic measure, enacting it by a vote of 54,042 for to 31,301 against. This act forbids candidates ending more than one-fourth of one ar's salary of the office they seek, and compels newspapers running paid political matter to label it "adv." Any candidate convicted of violating the law forfeits the office even if elected.

Prior to the primaries the state disfor any office on a petition may become a candidate for that office. The "I. & R.," which is the abbrevia-

tion applied to the initiative and referendum in Oregon, has been in effect for ten years. During that time the people have voted on 64 measures and stitutional amendments. Forty-nine of these were initiated by the people, ten were referred to them by the asthe cork when he was ready, the transportation lords suddenly became very lf submissive to suggestions from the peothis.

Direct legislation was subjected to a severe test in 1910, when 32 measures, covering a variety of questions, were submitted to a popular vote. Of these measures nine were approved and

is generally regarded as a victory for the idea of single land tax, something that is expected to prove a means of breaking up the big land monopolies that flourish throughout the coast es. Another gave to each county right to regulate, prohibit or con-the liquor traffic in its own way. Both these measures, it will be seen tend toward local self government and the assumption of further democracy. A third measure adopted by referendum on "fellow servant" and contributory negligence" nonsense—things that had been asked by labor unions of the leg-

The latest is a provision by which the people vote in primary for candidates for nomination for president and vice president, thus effecting democracy in national affairs in spite of adverse constitution and without changing the constitution. It all shows what the constitution.



vention, is now responsive and respon-sible to the popular will."

But Mr. Howe errs. Judges alone are not subject to the recall, which has been put into operation in so many lines in Oregon. The record is a noteable one, but there is this one thing larking. Will Oregon lead in this as lacking. Will C

WHO PAID FOR RAILROADS

When you suggest that the public should own the railroads, telegraph and express, you often get a jolt when some thing railroads have been in developing the country-just as if you were denouncing the railroads as industries or asserting that the roads would not have been built except for private en-terprise! In fact there would have been tremendously more development if the government had built and operated been half what they have been, as all the riches have been made in prof-its, would have been left with the peo-ple. With less rates the people would have had more with which to develop the country. Besides, the governmen in land and subsidies furnished five times the cost of the roads-and the public has since, by investing in the bonds, paid two or three times more than the roads cost. The fellows who The law provides that party are not printed as a whole, and party are not printed as a whole, and party emblems are discarded on the ballots. Instead, the names of all candidates appear under one head, in alphabetical order, each being followed by his party affiliation. Sometimes Socialist and sometimes prohibitionist names thus appear first on the ballot, giving them equal show with the giving them equal show with the street? Are you not like little children to be thus deceived? Why do you not read up on the question and learn what has been and is being done to you?

TAXING THE HYPNOTIZED.

Say, you tenant, you think your taxes are high when you go to the court house or city hall and pay them, don't you? That tax goes to support the ened to sweep the whole south a few public schools, roads and other public years ago indicated the sentiment there. public schools, roads and other public years ago indicated the sentiment there public schools, roads and other public The thirty-five Appear-Debs meetings. Prior to the primaries the state distributes to every voter a pamphlet setting forth the platform of each candidate, written by himself or friends. The cost is paid by the candidates at a fixed price per page. Any person who can secure two per cent of the voters When you pay 33 per cent of your income in the way of rent for your land. come in the way of rent for your land or your house—that's something to kick about. If the attempt was made to collect that amount from you at the court house, you would get out your gun and be doing things-but because your landlord calls it "rent" instead of taxes, you go blindly on voting to have a system that scoops you, making one-third of your life slave life for another. You swear at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at ten were referred to them by the assembly, and five suspended laws enacted by the legislature, pending a referendum. The people have never failed to locate a "joker" in a bill submitted to them for action. Among the measures voted on in 1910 was a provision by which the people might huld steam trailroads, either in capacity of a state or counfies. The measure, so frighter thed the railroads that, though Harristen than once declared he had earth the seminary and the state of the railroads that, though Harristen that once declared he had earth the seminary trailroads that, though Harristen that the seminary trailroads that, though Harristen that the rent as taxes at all \$1.00 to the seminary trailroads, either in capacity of a state of the seminary trailroads that, though Harristen that the seminary trailroads that, though Harristen that the seminary trailroads that the support the public and never kick at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at two per cent taxes to support the public and never kick at the command of a most discouraging nature, but in spite to the command of the command of the command of t ern Oregon bottled up and could pull ant, nor would there be any disputes the cork when he was ready, the trans-If you would read up you would see

these measures nine were approved and 23 defeated, the people showing good discrimination in their votes.

Among the measures that were passed was one abolishing poll tax, and giving to each county the assessment of taxation to suit itself. Though of New York null and void; another new York null and York null null york null and York

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Debs' Dash Through Dixie

Back in the Appear, office with the trip through Dixie now an incident of the past I have had time to relax from the past I have had time to relax from the strenuousness of rushing hither and thither from one point to another, jerking the heart out of nights by making trains at unearthly hours, wrestling with grouchy opera house managers and lowing and quarreling with overtaxed committees, and am enabled to calmly and deliberately review the work done, results accomplished and future prospects. There can be no doubt about the need of relief from poverty and importance.

There can be no doubt about the need of relief from poverty and ignorance in the southern states. The advantages in the south for the working man and his iamily are much more limited than elsewhere in America. Illiteracy is the natural result in sections where whole families are compelled to labor almost hight and day to keep the wolf from the door as is the lot of the poorer classes where the ravages of war left them helpless and bleeding and bank-rupt. Crops and homes had been destroyed, credit was gone and poverty stroyed, credit was gone and poverty and starvation stared the entire south in the face. The cunning politician and barbarous exploiter have to a large ex-tent kept her people handicapped and tent kept her people handicapped and backward both intellectually and finan-The encouraging thing is that the

The encouraging thing is that the southerner wants relief and knows it. He knows that he is brazenly robbed and grafted and this knowledge has instinctively made him class conscious. In our experiences Courade Debs and I are agreed that the people of the south are more susceptible to Socialism, where they can be reached and have it explained to them than are the copile explained to them than are the people of many other sections. The thing that of many other sections. The thing that is needed is for us to carry our Socialist propaganda, vibrating with hope and relief, to these people. The written and spoken word explaining the philosand spoken word explaining the philosophy of Socialism, systematically distributed, would soon sweep the entire south off its feet. "Anything for a betterment of conditions will be welcome to us" is an expression heard in every direction. The populist movement which gained such an ascendency and threatheld in the past few weeks extending from west Texas to eastern Virginia is the match that will light the fuse that south Fully thirty-five thousand per-sons have heard the message as Debs only can give it, while these same thirty-five thousand will for forty weeks be reading the little old Appear. Not only this but practically every southern paper has had a large portion of the speeches reported in their pages and thousands of others have read at least enough to disabuse their minds of many of the fallacies that have been so re ligiously circulated among them by the

managed the Greenshoro, N. C., meeting and from every standpoint it was a success. Spencer, N. C., sent a dele-If you would read up you would see a success. Spencer, N. C., sent a delegation of fifty to the meeting headed by the Socialist mayor, H. C. Bueck. Spencer is the only Socialist city south of Mason and Dixon line, having elected their mayor, chief of police and the corporations and the rich were recorded it would take many times the space of the Appeal each week. For the splendid meeting there on Sunday

in the reverse agreement that were verse as a gardenium country, this were an agreement country that were the architecture of the American troops began a presentate to prove a mean of the first of prompted as a victor, for particular to prompted as a victor of particular to prompted as a victor, for particular to prompted as islature for years and been defeated by high business. Another law enacted by the people in 1910 made a three-fourths given verdict binding in damage suits against corporations where life and limb was concerned.

The latest interests or fancy, them as suits their interests or fancy, and women, pushed the Norfolk meeting that work is a more than an another than the control of the people in 1910 made a three-fourths given being the people in 1910 made a three-fourths given being them as suits their interests or fancy. You can't think of a move that cannot finally be brought up before some judge with power to do as he wishes with it. The recall for judges would help, but it is even deeper than that.

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.

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oldier of Uncle Sam, a few miles from chattanooga. I wondered if the citizens there were as ignorant and patriotic (sic) as they had been when I twelve years ago had demonstrated my moral and intellectual denseness by hiring out as a professional murderer at fifteen dollars per month.

Things had materially changed since

Things had materially changed since my last visit to Chattanooga, as I found the people anxious for the new gospel. So anxious in fact that they filled one of the largest autitoriums almost to its capacity. Conrales Reimbold, Brett. Wamser and Forwatter were the committee who promoted the arrangements and handled the negling. and handled the neeting.

was filled in after Birmingham, Ala, was filled in after the routing had been completed but on short notice they pulled off a fine dem-onstration. The Connolys, Mr. and Mrs., together with Courade D Wolfe and others were the leaders who bucked the preliminaries through and drew a long breath of satisfaction after the settlement had been made.

Four thousand enthusiastic citizens of St. Louis braved a threatening storm to hear Debs at the Armory on Sunday, April 2nd, where the recent tour closed. The new local of St. Louis worked carnestly for success of the meeting and did themselves could in the results. S. did themselves proud in the results. S. L. Hoagland, D. M. Haskins (who acted as chairman) E. E. Stansberry, "Camp Meetin" Jim Powell, of the St. Louis Star, and J. S. Kerfner, with the whole new St. Louis local of over three hundred members behind them accepted an Appgat. Debs. date, and with a manimous determination to make good, failure was impossible. The St. Louis mous determination failure was impossible. The St. Louis contrades are doing things these days contrades are doing things these days contrades are local organization. The contrades are doing things these days with their new local organization. The Chicago Daily Socialist lecture course was pulled off successfully, Kirkpatrick and Haywood are billed for meetings

in the near future and other plans of promoting Socialism in St. Louis are well under way. Hope of the future is bright and the present filled with activity and enthusiasm.

Taken all in all the southern tour has been as productive of results as any been as productive of results as any previous trip. The comrades everywhere are imbued with new inspiration and with hope and earnestness surging within them they will carry with determined spirit the progaganda into the farthermost corner of each locality. Socialism in the near future will be the issue in Dixie and once the southern blood is fired with the hope this world movement inspires no power in the universe can stop them from marching on to complete emancipation.

CLASSES IN AMERICA.

Socialists are accused of stirring up class hatred, and of creating classes. Socialists do not create classes, they simply recognize the fact that we have them. We do not refer to classification according to personal riches, which divides society into three classes, namely, upper, middle and lower. We mean that our economic interests, our personal wellfare, places each individual, either in the capitalist class or in the working class.

Stories of Heroism

The story of this world-wide struggle for economic liberty is rich in incidents. A German Socialist told me of many incidents that occurred during the days of the Bismarkian repression laws in his native land, when to have literature in one's possession meant fine and imprisonment. The comrades made trips out into the country and when they found some peasant alone they would talk to him, without being in the sound of some spy or soldier.

Two of them riding one day saw a peasant some distance in front of them. Spurring their horses to overtake him, he whipped up, but not having as good roadster, they overtook him and one one each side tried to tell him how he was poor, abused, and denied his rights, and that he need not support kings and the army by taxes. He told them he did not want to hear them, but they poured it into his ears until he finally put his fingers into his ears to shut out their argument, and they pleaded in vain to his dull, ignorant mind, until they came in sight of the village, when they had to make off to avoid the certain arrest that awaited them if the peasant should inform on them. It was against such stupidity that the German Socialist movement has made the tremendous headway that it has, until it now comprises practically one-half the whole population and soon will be the How like this peasant master majority in America today! fuse to listen or to read anything cept what is furnished by those who have been deceiving them all their lives. But by the same persistence that the Germans used we will yet reach them all. Conditions are fighting for us. Every trust formed, every business man forced into bankruptcy by the stress of stronger competition, every case of graft exposure, every act of control of government by the corpora tions—all focus on the public mind and better prepare it for accepting our philosophy. The future is ours as cer-tainly as the sun produces daylight. Our course is to keep eternally at it. We are winning and the others are los-ing day by day. We can afford to work and wait.

RAILBOAD unions employ lobbies at Washington City to get laws enacted that will force their employers to give them better conditions. What looks funny to me is that they will oppose the Socialists who desire to have them he Socialists who desire to have then elect their own men to congress and other oficial places and make for them-selves, in connection with other labor interests, just such laws as they want, were not for the prospect of personal beg others to make laws for your gain. interests when you can elect your own men and make them without begging? Why, it would appear to a sensible person that even a little child could see the advantage of having your own men in office, instead of electing the bosses' men and then begging them for justice. Of what use are your brains if you do not use them for your own benefit? The men you have elected on the old tickets Why not elect men who want to give you just what you have been demand-ing? The Socialists have always been asking the very things you have been wanting—while those you have elected have not advocated what you want. Are you so blind and stupid you canno

An exchange tries to startle its readof Westminister receives 15,000,000 a unless they are careful may be crushed of Westminister receives 15,000,000 a in the next sweep onward. year for rent alone. His fathers were brave enough to fight to get possession of this land, taking it away from the original owners when they overran England. The cowards who now pay it deserve to pay it. But what a small thing it is. It took control of the con

Only he who is great is persecuted No man gets rich by either saving or

Socialists are doing some of the showing these days.

It is useless to alleviate poverty. The thing to do is to obviate it.

'Tis not the man but his expressions that the world honors or loathes.

The people ought to rule Socialism on one line it signifies Sunday and just as truly as they ought to rule.

THE animal is very much the same in ail men-only thought is different. THE average worker has to toil so hard to live that he doesn't get to really

THE ignorant invariably offer th wise as a sacrifice to their God-ignorance.

THE "soul in business" is generally for sale.

Socialism is growing, not only in numbers, but also in spiritual insight and sympathy, and in practical methods.

Some people's brains are in such a

An injunction to restrain the taking of profit would be a really righteous thing, but what have the courts to do with righteousness? THE more they try to frighten people

at the bogy of Socialism destroying the home and religion, the more the home-less and seekers after the ideal come to it. Nonopy really objects to Socialism.

but some object to their own silly fancies, and others object to losing fancies. their graft. Sure, Taft ought to have sent the troops to Texas. Hasn't his brother

contracts for supplying the army while J. PIERPONT MORGAN, representing the aggregate wealth, is the real president of the United States. Taft is merely a puppet to do Morgan's directing.

Ir they had the recall in Mexico Diaz would not be dismissing aids and offering reforms to save his bacon He would himself walk the plank.

McNEY patriots merely egg others or to their death. They never do the fight ing, and would not be patriotic if it

CRYING optimism when things are dead wrong is only seeking to hide a wound that may prove fatal. Make all things right and people can't help being cheerful.

CHARITY in the original meant love we not wanted to give you what you is known as charity would be wholly by not elect men who may done so unnecessary. If there were only that love which pro-New Socialist papers are appearing

so rapidly that it is impossible to keep track of them. There must some fire in the woods to create such a smoke. Yes, it's coming. LEADERS need to remember they are only flies on the wheel of progress. They do not make the progress, and

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March Report. BY H. G. CREEL

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Army proper. The fact that this record was made in the heat of a strenuous campaign merely the more it can do. What is done in 1912 will be determined wholly by what we start doing right now. If you get one man to reading the Appeal, keep after him between now and the next presidential election, you'll add one vote to the Socialist total so surely as that

nan marks a ballot. The workers were never so willing to read as now. Subscriptions were never so easily taken as now. Do your share in the great big fight, comrade, and pull a little harder because the list goes back this week. An extra bout from you and there'll be a different re-

port next week.
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