

Independent Farmer

Ridiculed and Exploited by Parasites That Fatten Off His Product.

Say Mr. Montana farmer, rest from your labors a minute and let me have a word with you.

"Strong in the arms and weak in the head" is an old saying. Whether that be true or not you have no doubt noticed that the man who works with his brains generally gets more out of life than you do.

only a rudimentary knowledge of anything except hard work—which after all may not be so much against their welfare when once the workers learn the interests of their class.

When you go to town he meets you with the glad hand because it is policy to do so but he don't envy you to his home. He don't say, "just in time, come on out to dinner with me."

FURTHER OBJECTIONS AGAINST THE PRIMARY LAW.

A correspondent from Great Falls contributes the following: "I would like to add another kick to the list of heavy objections against the primary law.

"G. W. McDERMOTT." The News issues a challenge to

any corporation paper, or advocate or any other medium or individual, to show that the primary law will stop corruption at the ballot box, or will prevent large corporations from spotting their employees.

Cascade county votes on it March (Continued on page 2.)

about are the ones that generally come up in our minds, but when we come to think about it we find they are not the "whole thing" after all.

If we follow up the product of the farm we find that the great bulk of it is consumed by a different class of people, a class who, like yourselves are doing useful and necessary work.

A works on a farm and B works in a factory. A produces potatoes that are used by B and B produces shoes that are used by A.

FATHER M'GRADY ON THE SCHOOLS

From Father McGrady's St. Louis speech during the World's Fair: "There is a great question presented to the people of Missouri in the constitutional amendment providing for free text-books for the children of the public schools.

and ask what you will take for it? Not on your life. You go to him and ask what he is paying.

But are you so much better off than they? Can you get along without the use of machines? Let the railroads stop for one month and you would see. Don't talk about getting out your old bull teams.

Why should not the children of the poor, as well as the children of the rich, be given an education to fit them for the duties of life and citizenship?

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF KERR & COMPANY

The annual stockholders' meeting of the co-operative publishing house of Charles H. Kerr & Company was held on January 15. The report there made showed a most remarkable and gratifying improvement in the conditions of the business.

interest bearing debt to non-stockholders was practically wiped out and for the first time in the history of the company the receipts from sales of literature showed an actual balance over expenses.

Tricks of the Trade

People Poisoned for Profit---Rotten Tomatoes for Catsup---Glucose Prunes---Painted Coffee.

There is much to be said about the "tricks of trade" in all departments of industry as well as in politics.

There is no exception in the preparation of food for consumers. For several years I was an employe of a wholesale grocery store in an eastern city, and learned something of the methods used in that business in the way of fixing food.

From two to four grades of coffee thus colored are put into a hopper having four compartments, the contents going through a common spout to the man below, who fills coffee orders.

Green unroasted coffee is treated with paris green and arsenic, both deadly poisons. Paris green is used for imitating the greenish tint of certain grades of Mexican coffee.

Prunes are known to the trade by numbers; so many to the pound, and so up to 120 to 130. It will be understood that the latter are the very small ones, the price diminishing as the number to the pound increases.

THE GREAT STRUGGLE GOING ON IN FINLAND.

The Finnish Socialists of Greater New York held a mass meeting recently and resolved to give moral and material aid to the revolutionary forces in Finland. An executive committee was elected, most of whose members are members of the Socialist Party of the United States, and the following appeal has now been issued:

to the pound, thus rating them a decade larger and less in number to the pound, and for this reason a little more price, better price, etc.

To do this, they are put into a steam box, glucose is applied, steam turned on, and there you are. The result is a somewhat larger, smoother, darker or black fruit. Dried apples are treated to a bath of water.

Decayed raspberries are mixed with good ones and put through the steam and glucose process.

California canned fruit does not always grow in California. Car loads of canned peaches coming from Baltimore to a western city are not likely to be grown in California.

Imperfectly canned tomatoes often burst open; these are soured, spoiled, often quite rotten.

And we have all along supposed that cheese was made from milk. Well, yes, some of it is; a long way from milk! Some cheese is known as "Filled Cheese."

As the numeral R stands for 80, this is the number of cents that go to the capitalist out of every dollar produced. This brings us to the next letter of the alphabet, S, of which we cannot speak, write or think without spelling SOCIALISM.

J. J. HUGHES.

"Finland, the foremost in civilization of the dependencies of Russia, still retained a considerable measure of independence until the year 1899, when the czar's manifesto deprived the upper classes of Finland of what little political freedom they had hitherto possessed.

"But now, the revolution having broken out in Russia, the Finnish people demand for themselves—that is, for the people—equal suffrage for every man and woman of age; a representative body to consist of one chamber only, freedom of union, assembly, speech, and press, a general law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors; and other important reforms.

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WHO IS A SOCIALIST?

Who is a Socialist? It is a man who strives to formulate or aid a plan to better earth's conditions...

State News

The locals that have raised and forwarded money to the Russian revolutionary fund are requested to send in a statement to the state secretary...

Helena local is taking steps of preparation for its city campaign. A committee composed of Comrades Baur, Hughes, Fairgrieve and Graham has been appointed to draft a platform...

The lady members of the local were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a social entertainment. Comrade Iva Sartain was made chairman.

Comrade Mabie has been at Butte all week working in the interest of the News, and getting acquainted with the socialists in that burg. He has sent in about thirty subscriptions...

Comrade T. J. Rooney, member of the local quorum from Livingston, was up Sunday and Monday looking after the News plant, and seeing what supplies and equipment are lacking...

It was the intention when installing our labor column that it should contain a report of the actual happenings in labor circles throughout the state. The column has been unsatisfactory because we have not been able to get any one to see to gathering up the labor news...

St. Paul's First Train.

It was an eventful day when the first train was run into St. Paul, not only for St. Paul but for the entire Northwest...

The Changing Order

By Oscar Lovell Triggs, Ph. D. (Professor in the University of Chicago until he began telling too much truth to suit Standard Oil)...

Charles H. Kerr & Company 56 Fifth Avenue, Chicago Dr. G. A. Willett DENTIST ROOM 9 THOMPSON BLOCK Opposite Grand Central Hotel

THE GREAT STRUGGLE IN FINLAND

(Continued from page 1.)

"We recommend that all organizations and individuals who have received our subscription lists contribute to our cause and help us in securing funds for the work of freedom; or, voluntary gifts may be sent direct by postal money order of check to Mrs. Hannah Lehtinen, 729 Forty-third street, Brooklyn, N. Y."

The clergy of the established church—Lutheran—are violently conservative, and resist with might and main every effort to enlighten the people.

The bourgeois, or business men, are the most powerful of the four bodies, being the most intelligent, and consistently oppose the workers' demands.

The peasants, as land owners, are to a great extent compelled by their class interests to side against the workingmen of the towns and the tenants who do the work of agriculture.

During the recent strike in Finland, as in some other parts of the empire, the workingmen enforced a strict prohibition of the sale of alcoholic liquors; and the Finnish Socialists include this in their program for the future, feeling that alcoholism is a great evil to the people from the point of view of health, of morality, and of economic welfare alike.

Equal rights for men and women is a part of the revolutionary program all over Russia. In portions of the Baltic Provinces and the Caucasus, where provisional republican governments have already been set up, women participated equally with men in the elections and many women were chosen to the councils.

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES.

And it came to pass that those who in the past were wont to get free transportation from the Pennsylvania railroad, received no annual in their New Year's mail but instead a mourning card upon which was writ:

"Thou shalt not pass."—Numbers xx:18.

"Suffer not man to pass."—Judges iii:28.

"The wicked shall no more pass."—Nahum i:5.

"Though they roar, yet they cannot pass."—Jeremiah v:22.

"He paid his fare and went."—Jonah i:3.

The last line is certainly a Jonah, a hoodoo, but it is as true as gospel and, therefore, must be observed. We may now expect all the railroads to follow the Pennsylvania in appealing to the instructions in holy writ in the management of their properties.

Ministerial rates will be abolished, law-makers, public officials, soubrettes and railroad employees will pay their fares. It is written and there is no appeal. Meanwhile the railroad must go by the law they have invoked. The golden rule must be posted in the rate-making department. The money-changers must be hustled out of the hew temple of sanctified commerce. The watered stock market must be changed into a distillery. By all means let us have a scriptural railroad management.—Helena Independent.

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National News

The platform as adopted by the Milwaukee socialists, after briefly outlining the general aim of the socialists, and their relation to municipal affairs, makes eleven demands: 1. City ownership and management of all public service enterprises, as far and as fast as the state laws will allow. Where this is impossible at present, no franchise to be granted to street or steam railways or telephone companies, except on condition that "the entire property is to revert to the city without compensation at the end of a specified time."

During the month of January more inquiries for information on socialist papers and form of party organization have been received than during any like period for more than a year.

John M. Work has just concluded a very successful seventeen days tour of agitation in Iowa, under the direction of the state committee. Organized locals at Orange City and Lake Park, Iowa, also one at Round Lake, Minn.

Reports from all points on the "Bloody Sunday" celebrations indicate that the solidarity of the working class of the world is fully recognized; our comrades in Russia have received substantial material aid and the agitational effect for our national party movement is incalculable.

Dates for national lecturers and organizers for this week are: James H. Brower—Feb. 14, Belvidere, Ill.; 15, Rockford; 16, DeKalb; 17, Ladd.

John Collins—Feb. 11, Bloomington, Ill.; 12, Lincoln; 13, 14, Decatur; 15, 16, Mattoon; 17, Pana.

Guy E. Miller—Feb. 11, enroute; 12 to 17, Bessemer, Ala.

Teofilo Petriella (Italian)—Feb. 11, 12, Staunton, Ill.; 13, enroute; 14, Mineral, Kans.; 15, 16, Chicago; 17, enroute.

John W. Slayton—Feb. 13, Riverside, Cal.; 14, enroute; 15, 16, 17, Yuma, Ari.

The socialist Sunday school inaugurated January 28 by Branch Oakland of Local Alameda Co. socialist party, started off with most encouraging success.

Women's Clubs

A paper read before the Billings club January 7, 1906:

I was solicited by a very ardent socialist to write a paper for this afternoon. After protesting, I consented on one condition, that is, that I should tell you that I am only in the kindergarten of this great socialist movement that is destined to sweep like an avalanche over this fair land of ours, crushing beneath its ponderous body every thing that might hinder its progress.

Now is the time for action, courage and advancement. For are we not being crushed beneath the iron heel of despotism? We can have no conception of the suffering, want, poverty, degradation and woe besides crimes innumerable under capitalism.

The greed for gold, the amassing of great wealth by the few who are reaping the best efforts of the masses and "pouring into their already overflowing coffers" the millions that rightfully belong to the worthy laboring classes living on starvation wages, has changed men to demons, deadening their sensibilities, turning deaf ears to all appeals for help and rendering them incapable of performing a good act.

Let us then rally to the support of socialism, standing invincible for the right, then shall we have power to put down tyranny and oppression that is crushing out the very best in humanity, and we shall be free to enjoy the blessings of life.

As an individual member and co-worker in the Billings club I will endeavor to render any assistance that I can, for it is only through socialism that we shall ever be free—free from the galling yoke of capitalist slavery.

LULU S. TRAYNOR.

WORKER'S CLUB LECTURE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Worker's Educational Club has secured the services of Mr. W. H. Moyer, who has spent many years traveling and lecturing through out the United States, to illustrate a lecture before the club on the eighth anniversary of the sinking of the Maine. He will be assisted by Mrs. W. H. Moyer, who will operate the stereopticon, showing many views from actual photographs taken on the field during the campaign of '98.

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This is the season when we cut prices. If you want something in the clothing line, call on us. "Vorwärts," the famous Berlin socialist daily, has now reached a circulation of 100,000 per day. To celebrate this notable event "Vorwärts" issued a special number, giving a history of its own growth.

HELENA PACKING & PROVISION COMPANY The secretaries of the locals should send in their state reports by the 10th. Don't neglect this.

