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REASON WHY PEABODYISM EXISTS

Debs Puts the Blame for Colorado Conditions Where It Properly Belongs—On the Shoulders of the Working Class—They Did Not "Throw Their Votes Away."

The name of Colorado ought to be changed to Colorussia. The rule of military despotism is absolute. And this is as it should be. The working class of Colorado ordered it so and their will is and shall and must always and everywhere be law. In the State elections last fall all the workmen of Colorado, organized and unorganized, with the exception of less than three thousand voters who voted the Socialist ticket—and many of these were not workingmen—voted for precisely what they are now getting. They have not the excuse of having been misled or betrayed by false leaders. The officers and leaders of the A. L. U. and W. F. of M. are class conscious stalwarts in the labor movement. They are men of intelligence, courage and honor, and this applies also to the press of the Western movement. These leaders were deserted by nearly the whole rank and file, who rushed pell-mell into the shambles and are now mercilessly slaughtered for their treason. The election returns of last fall show an overwhelming majority of the members of the A. L. U. and the W. F. of M. voted for capitalist despotism in preference to Social Democracy, and this in defiance of the fact that their national organizations, through their delegates in convention assembled, had repudiated the Republican, Democratic and Populist sections of the capitalist party, and had declared unequivocally in favor of the Socialist party. Following this the State was canvassed over and over again by Socialist agitators and speakers, but when election day came the union men, so-called, deserted the standards of their organizations, repudiated the actions of their representatives, betrayed their union principles and insulted their brave and conscientious leaders by supporting almost solidly the candidates of the mill and mine owning plutocracy. This is the noted fact, and Peabodyism is simply the fruit of that fact. Colorado workmen are reaping exactly what they have sown. It is good for them, galling as the crop may be, for it will make union men of them on election day, and it would seem that nothing else on earth would teach them their class interests and make them quit scabbing on their class at the polls. They knew that Peabody was the candidate of the mill and mine owners—that he would govern the workers and that the mine owners would govern the Governor. Most of the work-

HORSE SENSE.



What Will Happen When the Voting Mule Wakes Up.

FEDERATION OF LABOR NOTES

Mayor Harrison on the "Unfair List."

At the meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor Sunday, March 6, a communication from the union of Stationary engineers protesting against the actions and inaction of Mayor Harrison which have resulted in the non-enforcement of the law requiring the employment of only licensed engineers, and recommending that he be placed on the unfair list by the Federation. The watch dogs of capitalism scented trouble for their beloved master and were all on their feet in an instant as though their leashes had become taut, and they fiercely demanded that "it be laid on the table." Lost by a strong majority. Then a motion was made to place it on the. Amended to send to Executive Board. Amended to send to Legislative Committee. Long wrangle in which the Federation was warned that it was guilty of lese majeste in saying aught against this great and good servant of capitalism. Attempt to shift blame from Harrison to Board of Examining Engineers. The watch dogs were putting up the same furious fight that you may always expect from the servile defenders of wrong. The previous question was called for, that the Examining Board having been attacked, John J. Delaney, a member of the board, was granted the floor in their defense. It took him but a few minutes to convince all present that the board is continually held in check and prevented from enforcing the law through the influence of Mayor Harrison, that nothing is done or left undone in the City Hall except by the will of Mayor Harrison, carried and expressed by his faithful emissaries. Previous question carried; then came the second amendment, viz., to send to Legislative Committee. A few eyes, a lot of noses, a call for a division and lo and behold! I feel a sort of canine pride—these slavish-loving brothers of mine are not curs, they stood up like thoroughbreds and were counted—18 of them. Then those opposed stood up, but we were as the sands of the sea and couldn't be counted. Other amendment and original motion similarly lost. Then a motion to adopt the recommendation placing Mayor Harrison on the unfair list was carried by such an overwhelming vote that not even all of the 18 registered their protest. It was a lively, entertaining scrap. A union scrap, it is true, but possessing some interest for Socialists. Another evidence that capitalism is incompetent to manage its own affairs. Another weapon for the soap box orator when assailed by that loud-mouthed, ragged lout with the cry that Carter Harrison is the workingman's friend. Carter Harrison is on the unfair list. At the meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor Sunday Mr. Geo. T. Neary jumped up in great agitation, holding a copy of the Chicago Socialist and shouted: "Mr. President, I hold in my hand—" And then he sat down. Now, this man Neary declares with incomprehensible pride that he is a Democratic politician. Since the Machinists' Union, of which Neary is a member, does not allow piece work, it is fair to suppose that he receives his pay, whether he is able to hoist a plank or not. Which is lucky for Neary. Or, perhaps, he polities for the glory of seeing his name in Hearst's Daily Postillon. But, anyway, George has sense enough to know that he holds something in his hand when he gets hold of the Chicago Socialist. G. Y. C.

OUR STRIKE.

The Ballot is the Weapon—Class-Consciousness the Force.

Socialism says get in out of the reign of capitalism. Labor produces all and leaves its power in the things which it creates. The man who is hired is yet to be fired in more ways than one. The soldier is a tool in the hands of those who live on his back. Labor makes the dough for the capitalist pie and gets the crust. Politicians are after you for the purpose of getting you after them. Municipal ownership platforms are entirely too small for the national tramp. The ownership of the earth will abolish the tramp in all municipalities. It is not always the dirty man who does the dirty work. The trade union movement seems to move nothing, but the union man does. Those who are always looking for five issues are usually found among the dead ones. Now is the time to take a few lessons in Socialism on how to use the ballot. Municipal ownership of street car lines means the ownership of voters who ride the political hobbies. Wage workers who do nothing for their class are entitled to the phrase, "nothing doing." If you should accidentally lose your leader and begin to think, look out for your job. The Employers' Association is organizing the bosses and you vote for their candidates. Great prosperity! A workingman who is afraid of Socialism is a hot tamale in the enemy's camp. Don't be frightened. There are millions of homeless people wondering how Socialism will destroy their home. At this particular time it is hardly fair to ask "Brother! Hearst what incentive there is to work. Politicians keep you prejudiced against foreigners, while capitalists are on the lookout for foreign markets. The man who votes for nothing gets it and seems to have an awful kick coming. If you can't make ends meet drop in at 181 Washington street and get a line on the meat end. So long as capitalists control the leaders and the leaders control the laborers your prosperity is on the run. The complete overthrow of the capitalist system is the only immediate demand that will benefit the entire working class. Rent, interest and profit means private property in the hands of few at the expense of many. The reason human labor is so cheap is because wage-workers allow themselves to be measured by the clock. Capitalism is now dividing into two distinct classes, those who work and those who work the workers. There is no middle ground. You are either with us or against us. If with us, come home. Get a line on social economics and help useful producers get out of the speculative labor market. The problem is easily solved. We are many, they are few, and now it's up to you. E. H. L.

ELECTION RULES ISSUED.

Commissioners Issue Directions for the Aldermanic Ballot.

Conditions under which citizens may vote are described in a notice issued by the Board of Election Commissioners. Registration day is March 15, and only those registered can vote. Following is the board's statement: Only those persons whose names are upon the registers for the precinct in which they reside can vote. If you fail to register for any previous elections, go to your precinct polling place and have your name registered on March 15, 1904. If you have moved out of the precinct in which you registered last you should have your name registered on March 15 in the precinct where you now reside. If you have changed your residence within the precinct in which you last registered and such change was made prior to or on March 15, 1904, you should apply on March 15, 1904, to the board of registry of your precinct to have your address changed. If you have changed your residence within the precinct subsequent to March 15, 1904, and prior to or on March 19, 1904, you should apply on March 19, 1904, to the board of registry to have your address changed accordingly. But if you have changed your residence within the precinct subsequent to March 19, 1904, and previous to election April 5, 1904, you may swear your vote in by having such oath substantiated by two householders of the same precinct. Any person whose name does not appear upon the registers as a qualified voter at the close of registration March 15, 1904, will be unable to vote at the aldermanic election of April 5 or at the primary elections to nominate national, State, county and legislative candidates to be elected Nov. 8, 1904.

NOTICE Toledo, March 4, 1904. Editor Chicago Socialist. Dear Comrade—Comrade G. Menocot, one of Local Toledo's most active members, is in a dangerous condition in the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, where he has undergone an operation. As he is a stranger in your city, he would be glad to have some of your comrades call on him. We request the comrades living in the neighborhood of the Presbyterian Hospital to call and see our Toledo comrade. EDITOR.

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN EDITION.

On March 26 we will issue our special campaign edition for the spring elections in the county. Local matters will be fully discussed. The edition will contain one of Comrade Freyer's incomparable cartoons, specially drawn for this edition, and the edition will be in every way a strong campaign number. Branches and individuals in Cook County should not miss this chance, but hurry in their orders at once. Price will be 50 cents per 100 copies. Get in your orders as soon as possible.

THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.

The Campaign Committee meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, at 181 Washington street. Last Tuesday evening there was a fairly good attendance. The reports of the various committees showed that the work was progressing. Campaign meetings are being arranged for in various parts of the city. Leaflets will soon be ready for distribution. The Secretary reported that subscription lists for collecting campaign funds had been sent to the secretaries of all ward branches. A collection was taken up for the campaign fund which amounted to \$4.10. Will all the comrades who have campaign lists make a special effort to collect funds and send same to Campaign Secretary, A. W. Mance, 181 Washington street, as soon as possible? All amounts sent in will be acknowledged in the Chicago Socialist.

GILT BUTTONS.

The gilt party buttons are winners. Handsomely enameled in three colors, they are a thing of beauty and a joy forever. The gold-plated button sells for 25 cents and we are giving them as a premium on every club of six sent in. To locals or individuals everywhere we will send this button by the dozen, postpaid, for \$2.25. We also have the rolled gold button which sells for 50 cents, postpaid. The solid gold button will last for ever; sells for \$1.25 postpaid. Order now.

TO OUR CARD AGENTS.

To all who have cards and have not yet settled for them, we make this special offer: Send \$1.50 to pay on cards and by return mail we will send one of our beautiful gilt buttons of pins enameled in three colors. This offer is good whether you have sent in cards already or not—simply remit \$1.50 in settlement of cards and button will be mailed. This offer holds good until April 1st, and will also apply on all cards settled for cash in advance. The transformation of private into collective capital will be the last and only real example of "benevolent assimilation" that the capitalist will ever see.—Erie People.

Commune Festival and Ball

UNDER AUSPICES OF LOCAL COOK COUNTY AT TATTERSALL'S, 16th and State Streets A COMMUNE ORATION WILL BE GIVEN BY GEORGE D. HERRON Saturday Evening, March 26th MUSIC BY FORREST'S BAND Admission 25 Cents a Person; Wardrobe 15 Cents. Tickets in books of five with advertising matter will be mailed to every party member and each one is expected to do his duty in disposing of them. The proceeds will be turned into the treasury of the Chicago Socialist. The Cook County Entertainment Committee, having this Festival and Ball in charge, intend to make this a first-class affair and expect a full turn-out of the Socialists and sympathizers to enjoy themselves on this occasion.

Single Tax vs. Socialism.

Is now out and we can fill all orders by mail or at the office, 25 cents. Order before the supply is exhausted. This is a verbatim report of the debate at West Side Turner Hall last fall between Simons, Steadman, and Underman for the Socialist position, and White, Post and Harding for the Single Tax position. Buy it. It is interesting. We have several hundred Appeal to Reason cards on hand, which we will sell for 25 cents per card, or four cards for 90 cents, cash, not stamps.

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Spring styles now in. Comrades should go to this store for their head-ware. 97 Madison street, northwest corner Dearborn. Union made.

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THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.

The following comrades have been nominated as Socialist candidates for Aldermen from the various wards throughout the city:

- 1-C. W. Goldman, 4 Hubbard court. 2-Robt. Kurth, 3022 Cottage Grove avenue. 3-Frank Bohman, 3552 State street. 4-James McNulty, 2159 Lowe street. 5-M. Hurley, 2184 38th place. 6-Robert Waddell, one-year term, 5441 S. State st. 7-Grant Depew, 6620 St. Lawrence avenue. 8-T. J. Vind, 273 79th st. 9-A. Henry, 292 W. 14th st. 10-Jacob Winnen, 264 Blue Island av. 11-John McGill, 118 Hastings st. 12-Anton Kraecht, 265 W. 24th st. 13-Albert Hoeldtke, 1309 Van Buren street. 14-F. W. Knoche, 595 Grand av. 15-Peter Peterson. 16-O. Beselack, 846 N. Wood st. 17-Harry Petersen, 2523 W. Chicago avenue. 18-W. H. Riley, two-year term, 100 W. Madison st. 19-Nicholas J. Cashin, one-year term, 432 Washington bou. 20-M. M. Wilkinson, 2548 S. Halsted street. 21-John Aird, 720 Van Buren st. 22-C. E. Kirkland, 324 N. State st. 23-Andrew Luffin, 25 Langdon st. 24-Rud. Holthusen, 195 Mohawk st. 25-Jos. Langenberg, 315 Sheffield av. 26-J. E. Phelan, 1493 N. Clark st. 27-M. Jacker, 2247 N. Leavitt st. 28-J. H. Bard, 713 W. Irving Park Boulevard. 29-A. Spence, 1 St. Helen court. 30-Henry Whittemiller, 1913 W. 47th street. 31-E. H. Wray, 4957 Princeton av. 32-P. J. Granberg, 5823 Center av. 33-E. Dierkes, 743 W. 69th st. 34-Harry Van Middlesworth, 7129 Drexel av. 35-George New, 2293 Harrison st. 36-E. M. Stangland, 919 N. Central avenue.

COOK COUNTY PLATFORM.

The working class of America is the American expression of the international movement of the modern wage-workers to liberate themselves from wage slavery through the collective ownership and democratic administration of all the means of production and distribution and the abolition of the capitalists' competitive system.

Thus it develops that the battle for human rights has become a battle to determine which form of government we shall have in the future—capitalism or industrial democracy.

ment and must throw it off. Political liberty alone is inadequate. We must have both political rights and economic freedom.

Municipal elections offer only partial opportunities for the execution of our program and the realization of our ideals.

In the modern state the conquest of public power by the dispossessed class must be the result of persistent and conscious effort and the work of a working class.

We call attention to the fact that the agitation for municipal ownership by the Republican, Democratic and Reform parties is for the purpose of dividing the working class on the political field.

IT IS TO LAUGH.

The action of the Chicago Federation of Labor last Sunday in placing Mayor Harrison on the "unfair list" was a rather humorous spectacle.

But last Sunday's incident indicates which way the wind is blowing and shows that even pure and simpleminded is capable of learning if it is bumped up against it often enough and hard enough.

WORKING CLASS VOTERS, ATTENTION!

On April 5th, 1904, in the City of Chicago, there is to be an election for the purpose of sending 35 men to the City Council for two years, one from each of the 35 wards in the city.

Of late years there has been a third party in the field and on all ballots, and now an official party, that has gone before the voters with a very different statement of their principles.

The Socialist party, by its declaration in past elections, has stated and constantly reiterated the statement, that no man elected to a public office could possibly represent all the people.

Now, experience in the past has fully demonstrated that when a man is elected on either the Republican or Democratic ticket, when the time comes for him to decide on which side he will use the powers of government which the working men's votes has placed in his power, he invariably uses that power on the side of the capitalists who have paid his campaign expenses.

struggle going on all around us, and that the Socialist Party is the political organization of the working class and represents the working class on the political field.

What causes the class struggle is obvious to anyone who will take the trouble to study social conditions a little. Read the following carefully and see if you can not find the cause of the class struggle:

Every man in the United States that works with brain or brain creates values each year equivalent to \$2,451. These figures are given by the United States Government at Washington.

You may ask what, and very reasonably do so, has all this to do with the Chicago aldermanic elections in Chicago in April? That is just the point that it is so hard for the average working man to see.

Now fellow-workmen, on April 5th you will have an opportunity to capture a few seats in the Chicago Common Council. It is true it will be little that a few Aldermen could do for the working class if elected, but they could do something at least in showing up the iniquitous system which separates the worker from the product of his labor.

Don't throw your vote away. One of the reasons that workmen so often give for not voting the Socialist ticket is, that while they believe in it, they are sure the Socialist candidate will not be elected, and they don't want to throw their votes away.

Workingmen, we ask you to study Socialism for the next few weeks between now and election, consider it carefully, give it an honest investigation, and if you find that the Socialist party represents your interest and the interest of the working class, then vote the Socialist ticket, "and don't throw your vote away."

AGITATION MEETINGS AT HEADQUARTERS

On Saturday night, March 12, Comrade A. Elsenman will deliver a lecture on the subject of "Scientific Socialism." This meeting should be largely attended, as Comrade Elsenman promises to handle this subject as it was never handled at headquarters before.

On Wednesday night, March 16, will be started a series of lectures to run each Wednesday and Saturday nights, Comrades M. H. Taft and W. S. Dalton alternating on the subject of "Law and Its Relation to the Capitalist System." Both comrades are fully competent to handle the subject in every way.

No comrade or sympathizer in the county can afford to miss these lectures. The freest discussion will be allowed, and every question bearing on the subject will be fully answered. Watch these ads. for notice of subjects.

Don't forget, at headquarters, 181 Washington street, beginning Wednesday, March 15.

We are also arranging for Sunday night meetings, which will be announced later.

EVANSTON NOMINATIONS.

- ALDERMEN. Second Ward—Charles Haut. Fourth Ward—August Friedrichs. Fifth Ward—Gus Strom. Seventh Ward—Peter Miller. LOUIS STOLE.

SUPERVISOR.

Henry Plozman.

Campaign meetings have started. One was held Wednesday night, the 9th, at the United Club, in the Fifth Ward. Another will be held next week in the Second Ward, and each ward will have at least one meeting before election.

If all those who proclaim their allegiance to the cause of Socialism will do some active work to bring it about, we will soon put an end to this system of systematic robbery.—Ohio Socialist.

THE TRUSTS AND THE WORKING CLASS.

BY ERNEST UNTERMANN.

Trusts are formed by the capitalists as a necessary result of industrial competition. They are the inevitable product of the economic conditions under which the present social system produces.

Some people make a distinction between natural monopolies and social monopolies. But in reality all monopolies are the result of social organization and cannot be maintained without the social organization in which they arise.

It is of the utmost importance for the working class to realize what this new stage of production means for them, and what their special position in the present and future development must be.

Considered from a purely economic point of view, the same as a railway or a steam plow, the organization of industries on the trust plan represents a great step forward in production.

But it is in their character as producers that the working people suffer most at the hands of the trusts. While the trusts eliminate competition among capitalists, they increase competition among workers for jobs.

Now the organization of the workers by the trusts leads to the formation of defensive trades unions of working men. But as there is less and less skill required to handle the modern machine, it becomes ever easier for unskilled men, women and children to take the places of the skilled trades unionists.

On the other hand, it is plain that a united working class would be irresistible. Without the consent of the working class, the trusts would be unable to control production.

Some think that trusts, if they cannot be controlled at present, and cannot be destroyed, might be stripped of much of their power by tariff and anti-trust legislation. Now it is true that a protective tariff helped to build up great trusts.

Well, the law does not hurt the trusts to-day because the laws are made and enforced by the class to which the trust magnates belong.

For a while it seemed as if the Democratic party would act as a check on the trusts. But as the Democratic party believes in the same principle of competition, which has made the trusts so strong, it is unable to remedy the evil.

Now, we have already shown that a complete economic organization of the working class is impossible under the present system, for economic reasons. And the control of the political power by the capitalist class makes such a working class organization still more impossible.

There is one field, however, where no capitalist can prevent the working class from organizing, and where neither injunctions, nor militia, nor police can interfere. And in order to unite on that field, no special skill, no great initiation fees and dues, no material sacrifices are required.

In order to make such a working class party effective, it must stand on a platform in which no capitalist believes and which no capitalist politician would dare to endorse.

Now, there is such a political working class party, with such a platform, already in the field, in all modern countries.

MILWAUKEE CAPITALISTS DESPERATE.

How warm the Socialists of Milwaukee are making things for the capitalists in that city is well illustrated by the tone of desperation which marks some of the editorial utterances of the capitalist press of that city.

The infamous depths to which the capitalists are willing to descend when the workers show any signs of awakening to an understanding of their class interests and direct their energies toward capturing the political powers to be used in their own interest, is well illustrated by an editorial in the Milwaukee Journal of recent date.

The editorial is entitled "Colorado Socialism," and is made up of nothing but a tissue of malicious lies from start to finish.

The following is just a sample of the lies in the Milwaukee Journal editorial columns:

During the year 1903 the following strikes were ordered: Colorado City strike No. 1, Cripple Creek strike No. 1, Idaho Springs strike, bakers' strike in Denver, tanners' strike, cigar-makers' strike, cooks and waiters' strike, grocery clerks' strike, butchers' strike, delivery drivers' strike, smelters' strike, Colorado City strike No. 2, Cripple Creek strike No. 2, northern coal fields strike, southern coal fields strike, Telluride strike.

None of these strikes were voted by the men themselves; they were simply ordered out and threatened with treatment as "scabs" if they refused to obey orders.

Sherman Parker, financial secretary of the Altman union; President Kennison, of the Cripple Creek union; Tom Foster and Charles McKinney, two rabid union men, were arrested for attempting to derail a train on the Florence & Cripple Creek Railway. McKinney confessed, Sherman Parker is one of the "victims" of militia oppression.

The list of assaults, murders and dynamite outrages that have been committed would more than fill a column of this paper. Here is a list of some of the leaders of this movement: John L. Gehl, strike leader and union organizer; arrested, indicted, tried and convicted of manslaughter in Illinois in 1894; served nine months of his sentence and was then pardoned by Gov. Altgeld; went to Colorado in 1896, and since that time has actually worked as a miner fifty-five days, earning in all \$195.39.

Sherman Parker, awaiting trial for offenses mentioned above, and known to have engaged in several outrages. "Mother" Jones, driven out of the State in January by the exposure of her character, she having been the keeper of a house of prostitution and a procurer before becoming a labor agitator in 1894.

It is interesting to note that in the same issue in which this editorial appeared the news dispatches on the front page announced that seven of the "agitators" specified in the editorial had been found "not guilty" of the crimes charged against them by the agents of the mine owners.

Who is Mother Jones? She is a sweet-faced, gray-haired old woman, 65 years of age, who is known in every mining camp in the United States from East to West as the miners' angel, and is familiarly known as Mother Jones. Her name is a household word in the huts called the "miners' homes." She went to Colorado to assist the miners in their fierce and unequal struggle against the despotism of the mine owners and their hireling, Governor Peabody. While there she was taken sick with pneumonia. Comrade Mrs. Mally, the wife of our National Secretary, left her home and went to the mining town to be with her while she was sick.

But, supposing all that Postmaster Payne's intellectual prostitute who penned the inspired article in the Milwaukee Sentinel were true, the real cause of the attack on Mother Jones is revealed in the last few words in the paragraph referring to her: "She has been a labor agitator since 1894."

What will John Mitchell say to this? Will he continue to hobnob with Roosevelt, who appointed the man who controls the "policy" of the Milwaukee Sentinel to the office of Postmaster General?

What will the miners throughout the country, who make John Mitchell possible, say to this attack on her whom he has called the "miners' angel"? Will they still vote for and be deceived by him and his bosom friends who resort to this infamous and indecent method of attacking the personal character of a woman because the system by which they wring profits out of the working people is attacked?

Let the miners throughout the country understand the real motive of this attack. It makes no difference to the Wisconsin Republican boss, Payne, who inspires the Journal's hired editorial writer, whether Mother Jones is a saint or if she is all that their ob-

AS TO SUNDAY MEETINGS.

Whereas, Branch No. 17, Brazil, Ind., requests Branch Elgin, Ill., to take action on the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Socialist party of America is unalterably opposed to any conventions of the party being held on Sunday, and be it further Resolved, That all conventions of the Socialist party which are now scheduled to convene on Sunday be declared invalid, and another date or dates be selected.

Branch Elgin has adopted the following resolutions in place of those adopted by Branch No. 17, Brazil, Ind.: Whereas, The Socialist party is the organized intelligent, class-conscious expression of the working class in its struggle for economic freedom from capitalist domination and exploitation, composed mainly of workmen and women who find it next to impossible to get away from their work on a week day, and especially if it is known that they are to participate in a Socialist convention; and many of our best workers and ablest members would be barred from rendering our party their much needed service if the convention should be held on a week day.

Resolved, That the Socialist party, by bowing to this or that prejudice, would place itself in a compromising position and cease to be a true Socialist party in the true sense, and become a mere truckler to the prejudices in people's minds which arise from this unjust and slavish system of capitalism. We believe the time and energy of our comrades is needed too badly in active propaganda to be taken up with such an important referendum; and

Resolved, That we, Branch Elgin, Ill., do heartily approve the action of the National Committee in the date set for the national convention; and be it further Resolved, That the National Secretary and Branch 17, Brazil, Ind., be informed of the adoption of these resolutions, and that copies of same be sent to the leading Socialist papers of the country.

OUR FIRE CARTOON.

Have had another large edition of our Fire Cartoon run off. The first edition went like hot cakes. This edition will cost the same as the other—single copies at office 5 cents; by mail, 10 cents.

This cartoon is so good that we want all the courages and locals everywhere to hang them up. Will therefore sell them to locals and agents for 40 cents per dozen at the office; by mail, 10 cents extra.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

BY OBSERVER.

Mr. William Randolph Hearst is not the ideal candidate of the capitalist class, therefore will not be nominated and elected.

UNION LABORERS MAY BE DISCHARGED.

Columbus, O., March 2.—The Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional the law which provides a penalty of \$100 fine and six months' imprisonment for anyone who discharges a workman because he is a member of a labor union.—Pittsburg Post.

The great bituminous coal fields of Western Pennsylvania are almost entirely controlled by two great corporations. One is the River Coal Company; and the other is the Pittsburg Coal Company, many capitalists having large holdings in both.

Looking over the commercial news in a Pittsburg paper, I find it stated that these companies have stored on the lake docks 1,000,000 tons. The moment a strike is declared this coal will be advanced in price one dollar or more per ton.

The manifestations of grief over Hanna's death displayed by Shaffer, Mitchell and some others of that ilk are very touching indeed. To labor misleaders of this stripe, Hanna was a patron saint.

The powers that be, located at Washington city, are after the polygamist Smoot with a sharp stick. This action is all right and as it should be.

Give us this and every day our daily profits (blood money). And forgive us our debts, but not our debtors.

LITTLE SISTER.

The Times in a recent issue gave a whole page to the description of "Little Sister" and her dainty wardrobe. She was pictured in several different costumes for different occasions and these costumes were elaborately described.

There is another type of little girls in our country. You can go into any city or large town in any part of the land and find them.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Despite the bad weather last Sunday afternoon and evening, the first entertainment given by the Twenty-sixth Ward, which was held at Social Turner Hall, was a grand success from every standpoint.

The regular monthly social gathering given by the North Town comrades came off last Saturday evening. That it was a success goes without saying.

The experience of the Twenty-sixth Ward comrades in their first attempt at holding a social entertainment, demonstrates the fact that all that is needed now to make a ward headquarters a success is for the comrades to open them up and do some strenuous work for the cause.

Local Indianapolis has established new headquarters and reading room at 134 East Washington street.

A CAPITALIST PRAYER.

Almighty Dollar! Most precious and all powerful one! Greatest and fairest amongst ten thousand idols! We rejoice that Thou art worshipped the world over, alike by sinner, by saint, by savage, and by sage, and that Thou art revered and adored by all who know Thee.

We rejoice that Thy power has been so manifested to the world that men will forsake father and mother, sister and brother, wife and children, honor and rectitude, yea even their own lives, for Thy sake and follow after Thee.

We do most fervently thank Thee for having blessed us so abundantly, with Thy presence in the past, but we pray that Thou wilt remain with us and multiply a billionfold in the near future, so that ere long we may own the earth and the inhabitants thereof and secure a clear title to heaven and its throne of eternal glory.

in the meantime we ask that Thou wilt continue to exert in our behalf Thy unlimited power to guide and mould the actions of legislators, to bribe judges, to pack juries, to buy churches and press, and to fashion the thoughts and utterances of editors, professors and clergy, after our own hearts, so that our labor for Thee may be one of ease, peace, joy and comfort.

We pray that our conscience may be so moulded that we will remain insensible to the agony and cries of the widows and orphans and that we be enabled to enslave and debauch lovely women, rob them of their virtue and dignity, yea even of their life, for our own gratification without fear, hesitation or remorse.

Again we thank Thee, Almighty Dollar, for the many favors Thou hast bestowed upon us, we pray that Thou wilt increase and multiply them many fold in the near future.

Send all contributions to Jas. S. Smith, 181 Washington street, Chicago, who will acknowledge same through the columns of the Chicago Socialist.

Hallowed be Thy name. May Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in perdition.

Give us this and every day our daily profits (blood money). And forgive us our debts, but not our debtors.

Lead us not into the treacherous path of Socialism. But deliver us from all scrapes.

There is another type of little girls in our country. You can go into any city or large town in any part of the land and find them.

STORY OF A LOAD OF COAL

"Heads I Win, Tails You Lose."

I simply MUST tell you about my latest purchase of coal! It is such a cute little story!

About Feb. 24 I ordered from W. P. Read one ton of chestnut anthracite coal for domestic use, price \$7.75.

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"We have heard several such stories and we know you are right. But we buy coal from the coal trust and we do not know even from what mine it comes."

As I stood in that coal office, utterly helpless, with no possible means of redress, with a full realization of the fact that payment for everything falls at last on the workers.

This little tale goes to show that even the large dealer is at the mercy of the trust.

I contracted for first-class coal and got almost worthless stuff. How many of you people still think a man can run a big business and also be a Christian?

A vote for Socialism is a vote to bust the present system.

WILSHIRE'S FOR MARCH.

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Grand Commune Festival and Anniversary

The Entertainment Committee of Cook Co., have in hand a grand entertainment for March 26th. It will be a festival and anniversary of the commune.

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NOTICE.

The Spring Campaign Committee meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at party headquarters, 181 Washington street.

Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the stockholders of the corporation Charles H. Kerr & Company held on February 4, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., at its office, No. 37 1/2 North La Salle, Chicago, Illinois, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the authorized capital stock of the corporation, Charles H. Kerr & Company, be increased from \$10,000 to \$100,000 by the issue of four thousand additional shares of stock at \$10.00 each.

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FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WHY WOMEN SHOULD JOIN THE SOCIALIST PARTY

BY MARY E. BRECKON.

Editor Chicago Socialist:

Why are there not more women in the Socialist movement? It is not because she does not feel the presence of capitalism...

ingment, women and children are suffering to-day. We must stop turning a deaf ear to this cause.

To the Socialist Party of the United States of America:

Comrades—In accordance with the call issued, I hereby announce the apportionment of delegates to the National Convention of the Socialist Party...

ORGANIZED STATES AND TERRITORIES.

- Alabama 3, Arkansas 3, Arizona 4, California 12, Colorado 5, Connecticut 3, Florida 3, Idaho 3, Illinois 18, Indiana 6, Iowa 4, Kansas 6, Kentucky 3, Louisiana 2, Maine 4, Massachusetts 11, Michigan 5, Minnesota 8, Missouri 11, Montana 4, Nebraska 4, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 8, New York 20, North Dakota 2, Ohio 10, Oklahoma 5, Oregon 4, Pennsylvania 14, South Dakota 2, Texas 3, Vermont 2, Washington 11, West Virginia 2, Wisconsin 11.

UNORGANIZED STATES AND TERRITORIES.

- Georgia 1, Indian Territory 2, Maryland and District of Columbia 1, Mississippi 1, New Mexico 1, North Carolina 1, Rhode Island 2, South Carolina 1, Tennessee 1, Utah 2, Virginia 1, Wyoming 2.

Article X of the national constitution provides that the basis of representation in national conventions shall be by States, each State being entitled to one delegate-at-large...

"Only delegates or alternates shall be entitled to vote in the convention, and they must be residents of the States or Territories which they are elected to represent."

I have always been one of those women that have stood feebly for my own sex. I have yet to have the woman cross my path that I could blame for her seeming weakness.

When I found that the Socialist science would emancipate women I then and there declared I would do all in my power to help what little I could.

Woman must come and take her place. She must of necessity emancipate herself. That the men will not and cannot do for her, they might want to, but it is not in their power to free her.

"While we cannot vote we can spur the men on to much greater action; if they become discouraged, give new courage; be the power behind the throne."

WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

THIRD, NINTH, TWELFTH, TWENTY-SEVENTH AND THIRTY-FOURTH WARDS.

Editor Chicago Socialist: Our meeting of Feb. 28, with Comrade Robert Sidel, the German National Organizer, was a success.

Twenty-sixth Ward Members. Above ward branch will hereafter meet every first Sunday of the month, 6 p. m. sharp, at 800 Sheffield Ave., corner Noble.

SPECIAL NOTICES. BRANCH SECRETARIES AND HALL COMMITTEES, TAKE NOTICE.

3D WARD BRANCH. Sunday, March 13, at 8 p. m., G. Miller, of Telluride, Col., will speak.

4TH WARD BRANCH. Mass Meeting, Sunday, March 13, at 2:30 p. m. Speaker, Walter Higgins.

12TH WARD BRANCH. Sunday, March 20, 2 p. m., Ladtin Kiel Hall, corner 10th and Leavitt streets.

19TH WARD BRANCH. Sunday, March 27, 2 p. m., Social Chicago Hall, Kedzie avenue between 23d and 24th streets.

25TH WARD BRANCH. Sunday School at 11, physical culture lesson at 12:30. Comrades, send the children.

28TH WARD BRANCH. Friday, March 25, at 8 p. m., Old Settlers' Hall, Leavitt and Humburg streets.

31ST WARD BRANCH. All the comrades and sympathizers of the Socialist Party are cordially invited to attend the great Mass Meeting at Bagley's Hall...

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