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WAGE LABOR AND CAPITAL

Here's an item for McKinley to incorporate in his next speech beginning "I am very glad."

An advertisement for twenty laborers appeared in the P.-I. (Republican Daily) last Sunday. Monday two of our comrades were on hand at 7 a. m., but found every place taken and twenty more men like themselves left over and out.

How much do you suppose the contractor paid the men he took, with those other twenty men waiting there like gulls for garbage?

How much will any man work for under such circumstances?
How much must he get? How little can he take?

Just barely enough to live on. That's what workmen get here and everywhere, because others are hungry to take their places.

Some of you capitalists and capitalist apologists answer: "That is not a fair illustration. Seattle is overcrowded just now."

But why is Seattle overcrowded? If there is plenty of work back East, why do men come out here looking for work? If they are well off there, what brings them here?

No, the employment offices of every city in the country are doing a driving business, men paying their last nickel to get a chance to earn another nickel. Such is the fool dinner pail!

One morning recently in Seattle 150 men stood around the Free Public Employment office waiting for a chance at sewer work to be done by contract, of course—at ten hours a day. But others had already got the jobs. You don't want to forget what a hustling common laborer wrote in "The Socialist" two weeks ago, he averaged one dollar a day since January in this prosperous city.

Why not more? Because a hungry reserve army stands there to take his place, so that he could not get more than a living. That's all any man, of the ordinary sort, can get anywhere in capitalist countries. It is the "Iron Law of Wages." Better call it the Steel Law of Wages, referring production and producers with triply-forged and unbreakable bonds.

Two hundred men waiting for one hundred chances to work ten hours a day in a sewer! That is a sample brick of your capitalist edifice! Workingmen, have you anything to lose but your iron chains? Then unite. Only so can you rend those chains asunder.

It is quite impossible to keep track of the new trusts forming every week.

The latest is a ship-building trust, including the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, the Bath Iron Works, the Newport Iron Works and a half dozen others, to control the ship-building industry.

We did not see the Cramps' Works named in the list, but they will enter later, just as Carnegie entered after two years' of dickering.

And what will become of the poor little Moran plant of Seattle, when the big combine is effected? It must enter or perish. Competition will be impossible against such a giant. Such hopeful business men as the Morans, with all their energy and meanness, have not a ghost of a show to succeed alone. They must get in and take places on salary—that is, join the wage-earners and see how it is themselves. This, too, is an Iron Law, the Iron Law of Combination, as deadly to the small business man as the Iron Law of Wages is to the workman.

Did you ever see a ship or a log or a dog or a man trembling on the outer rim of a whirlpool?

And you watched till it plunged? That is the small business man. He is being sucked in, and no power in hell or heaven can save him. A law as immutable as that which condensed

Homestead Steel Works



THE WEALTH MAKERS

New York Yacht Club



THE WEALTH USERS

The Working Class and the Leisure Class

HARPER'S WEEKLY, WHICH CALLS ITSELF A JOURNAL OF CIVILIZATION—THAT IS, A JOURNAL OF CAPITALISM—FURISHES US THESE TWO CLASS PICTURES, PUBLISHED ON SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

THE TWO TOGETHER COMPRISE A COMPLETE PICTURE OF CAPITALIST CIVILIZATION. THEY ARE LIKE TWO SIDES OF ONE COIN, YOU CANNOT HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER... THEY ARE THE HELL AND THE HEAVEN OF MODERN LIFE, AS INSEPARABLE AS THE THEOLOGICAL HELL AND HEAVEN.

THOSE NAKED MEN IN SO HOT AN ATMOSPHERE THAT EVEN A COTTON SHIRT IS INTOLERABLE, LABORING LIKE TITANS TO MAKE ARMOR-PLATE FOR VESSELS OF WAR!

AND THOSE OTHER MEN, "GENTLEMEN," LOUNGING IN THEIR COOL LUNCH-ROOM, WITH WINE AND CIGARS, DISCUSSING THE COMING INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE, THE PROSPECTS OF SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S "SHAMROCK" AND PIERPONT MORGAN'S "COLUMBIA."

NOW, WHAT IS THE RELATION BETWEEN THESE TWO CLASSES?
WE SOCIALISTS REPLY, EXACTLY THE RELATION WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN THE SLAVE AND THE SLAVE OWNER. THE SLAVE IS A SLAVE BECAUSE HE MUST WORK FOR WAGES. THE SLAVE-OWNER OWNS THOSE SLAVES BECAUSE HE POSSESSES CAPITAL.

AND WHAT IS CAPITAL, AND HOW WAS IT GOT?
THE SOCIALISTS REPLY, AND NO ECONOMIST CAN REFUTE THE REPLY—CAPITAL WAS BROUGHT INTO EXISTENCE BY THE LABOR OF THE WAGE-SLAVES AND RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO THEM. EVERY BAR AND BEAM AND WHEEL AND FURNACE IN THAT STEEL PLANT WAS MADE BY SOME LABORER'S WORK. EVERY TABLE, CHAIR, PANEL, DISH, CIGAR, WINE, GLASS, JEWEL, COAT, YACHT, SAILS AND MASTS AND ENGINES—ALL WERE CREATED BY THE HANDS OF WORKINGMEN. IF THESE LABORERS WERE GIVEN THE WEALTH THEIR LABOR CREATES AND THE LEISURE IT WOULD ALLOW THEM, THEY AND THEIR CHILDREN WOULD BE JUST AS CULTIVATED, REFINED, RECHERCHE, AS "MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN" IN THEIR "GRILL ROOM."

THE GRANDFATHERS OF THOSE CLUBMEN WERE BLACKSMITHS, SAILORS, SHOEMAKERS, MACHINISTS, WHAT NOT? THEY GOT THEIR ADVANTAGE AND THEIR RICHES BY ROBBING THEIR EMPLOYEES OF A PORTION OF WHAT THEY PRODUCED.

NOW, EVERY READER MAKE A NOTE RIGHT HERE, THERE IS NO OTHER WAY (BARRING ACCIDENTS) OF GETTING RICH BUT BY PAYING WAGES, AND WAGES ALWAYS MEANS ROBBERY. GO AND FIND OUT WHAT THAT MEANS, FOR IT IS THE TRUTH, THE DEEP DOWN FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH OF MODERN INDUSTRIAL LIFE. SOCIALISM IS BASED ON THIS SCIENTIFIC FACT, THAT WAGES IS ALWAYS ROBBERY.

WHAT HAS MADE SO MUCH WEALTH IN THESE MODERN TIMES, NEVER DREAMED OF BEFORE? WHAT MADE THE 19TH CENTURY DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHERS? JUST ONE THING, VERY SIMPLE: THE MACHINE, MACHINERY, INVENTIONS, STEAM, MILLS, FACTORIES, RAILROADS. BY MEANS OF MACHINERY, MAN HAS SUBDUED THE EARTH AND BROUGHT FORTH ENORMOUS WEALTH.

NOW NOTE ANOTHER SIMPLE THING: THIS MACHINERY, EVOLUTIONIZING ALL OLD METHODS, BELONGS TO A FEW MEN, AND ALL THE REST OF MEN HAVE TO WORK FOR THESE FEW OR STARVE. THAT MAKES WAGES—JUST ENOUGH FOR THE WORKERS TO LIVE ON. ALL THE REST OF THE VAST PRODUCT GOES TO THOSE WHO OWN THE MACHINERY.

THE WORKERS CAN NEVER BE FREE TILL THEY OWN THE MACHINERY. THEY CAN NEVER OWN THE MACHINERY TILL THEY TAKE POSSESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY VOTING TOGETHER.

THAT IS SOCIALISM. SEE?

stars out of nebulae is working toward concentration and organization of industries—that is, toward Socialism.

Some unbiged capitalist writers like the editor of the P.-I. seize every chance to explain away the tremendous phenomena displayed in the 'Progress of Trust-Formation.

His latest is to clap his hands because H. C. Frick late slave-driver for Carnegie, is organizing a new Iron Corporation on the Jersey coast. This owl of the P.-I. sees light in his darkness. Frick, says he, is not afraid of the Giant Steel Corporation. Look at him form another company to compete with the giant. He will lick the giant, too, says the owl. He's small, of course, only a Million against a Thousand Millions, but Frick's rot brains and the Giant is too big to handle himself—and you'll

see, says the owl, just as I see. Don't be alarmed at Trusts. They'll go to pieces of their own weight.

Now, wise bird of the night, tell us about the Standard Oil Company, prototype of Trusts. That seems to flourish in bigness—though a host of little competitors like Frick have tried their brains and nimbleness against its brains and vastness.

The Trust is no fool, if it is big. It knows enough to pay Schwab a million a year for his brains—and even Frick will be bought, if he's dangerous. In fact, that's all Frick is after—to be bought off, you bird on the limb of night.

If you want a suit of clothes, look through our advertisements for the place.

The local German deleon organ contained a two-column article last week showing how one Dalton mopped the earth with James Carey and the S. D. P. at Adams, Mass. But after the votes were counted the latter party was found to have increased from 70 to 360, and the 'deleontes received nothing.

Deleon's old Socialist Labor party is becoming a political burlesque. To hear its egotistical bosses talk the uninitiated would imagine that they are all the "Marxists," but their followers continue to desert them in droves; and the more they shrink in size, the crazier they become, until now they are actually engaged in the pastime of bossing the whole Socialist movement of Europe! Still this would be a sad world without clownishness.—The Cleveland Citizen.

WORKINGMEN.

Don't the splendors of the president's train and the dazzling pageant associated therewith present to your minds a sickening contrast with the conditions of poverty and distress in which the creators of all wealth are forced to exist?

Can you think of a single substantial reason why the workers should not have all the wealth which they create?

If they secured the just reward for their toil would such displays of wasteful extravagance as is here presented be possible?

Skowhegan, Me.
288 Socialist votes at the Town Meeting, against 134 for Debs and the Harriman lot fall.

Thoughts by Your Uncle

Over in Tacoma a few weeks ago the street railway employees attempted to organize a union and well-nigh succeeded. Some 75 names were handed in as charter members at the first meeting on a Monday evening. The next morning when the men reported for work, it was found that the man who had the temerity to act as temporary chairman of the evening before had been summarily discharged. Immediately 60 of the men withdrew their names as members of the union. There are several lessons and half a dozen morals to be drawn from this pitiful tale of modern slavery, though it is but just to the railway company to say that they claim, with some degree of belief by many, that the discharged employee was fired for other things than doing to act as chairman, though the effect upon the rest of the employees resulted the same. The principal lesson to be drawn is the slavish fear that most workmen have of losing a measly, over-worked and under-paid job, and the willingness with which they sell their birthright of freedom of action for a mess of pottage. Meanwhile the committee of trades unions in town having the matter in hand were non-plussed, discouraged and disgusted. There was much indignation expressed at the action of the company at the next meeting of the Central Trades body, and much casting about was done by the delegates as to some way of making an indignation felt by the company. Finally a delegate moved that a severe censure be passed upon the railway company, with condemnatory resolutions, etc., and it might have passed by default had not a Socialist delegate wearily asked what the dickens a corporation cared for a censure, anyway, from workmen, as long as said workmen were asses enough to vote the capitalistic ticket and thereby maintain that private ownership which gave the corporations the power to fire workmen from a chance to earn a living? The censure proposition did not muster a vote, while the statement that the railway corporation was not to blame at all in heading off any possibility of injury to their profits; that the men who were to blame, along with other workmen, and that neither censures nor anything else would prevent discharging of employees, was public ownership—Socialism—and that, it even then, would have to be class-conscious Socialism, with men in office whose material interests were the same as the workers' (neither rent, interest nor profit), was applauded in a way that showed that the representative members of trades unionism, in Tacoma at least, are beginning to see on which side their bread is buttered, thanks to the untrifling zeal of half a dozen staunch and clear Socialists who have somehow won the respect of their respective unions sufficiently to be repeatedly elected delegates. Socialists sympathize with the poor, frightened street car slaves, and urge upon them the only thing that can save them from further suffering from their own folly—hereafter vote no more for your master's interests; vote for your own—vote for a clear, class-conscious Socialist ticket.

Socialist teachings are evidently bearing fruit in unexpected places. Numerous papers, both democratic and republican, commenting upon the double suicide of the Vancouver bankers, have condoned the act of the unfortunate men by laying the blame more strongly upon the "vicious speculation and false social conditions" surrounding them. Good. Even the blind begin to see. It is too bad, though, that so many pitiful examples and human sacrifices are necessary to arouse the sleeping Sampson.

A beautiful point just brought out is the fact that a certain manufacturer of pianos in this country, knowing he has a superior article, does not wish them to become common by a sale to all classes." So says H. H. Prescott of the Prescott Piano Company of New Hampshire. Prescott ought to know. Besides, by making the sales exclusive, prices are kept up, profits fattened, and labor cost kept down, through the intermittent work given employees, because of curtailed production. How splendid it is that we of "all classes" who make the pianos, are not fit to enjoy the best, but must content our-

selves with a cheap, shoddy grade. Ain't we wise? We could become the incentive if we could have the best of music and everything else?

The Illinois man who got up in his sleep and committed suicide without knowing it can be excused, but it is impossible to overlook the idiocy of several thousand others of us who condemn ourselves and the ones we love to a life of want and worry worse than death by committing political suicide with our eyes wide open. The Illinois man is at rest—while we—well—even Teddy says it is a "strenuous existence," and that term doesn't half fit.

Instead of there being an incentive, the competitive system offers none whatever. This is illustrated in such a little thing as the widening and deepening of the East river channel, done by the government, of course, as all such work is where there can be no direct profit come to some private "skinner." The result of the improvement will be that steamships will no longer be forced to take on pilots, thus throwing hundreds of skilled men out of employment forever, and with not a penny saved to the people who pay for the improvement. A close analysis will reveal the fact that the "incentive" of the competitive system simply means the "main chance to skin the rest of the people." That kind of incentive belongs to the days of brigandage and piracy, and that is the reason that the Lord that Socialism will really do away with it forever.

I note that quite a list of millionaires and society butterflies have sailed for Europe. And in the same paper is also a paragraph lamenting the large arrival of poor immigrants. The paper is inconsistent. The much-lauded millionaires would have mighty few shekels to blow in were it not for the fresh supply of cheap bone and brown to be transmuted into gold.

The present system is about ready to burst up, and it ought to. It is either swelled to the point of bursting, or it is so rotten that it is going to fall to pieces in a moment. I don't know which, in spite of McKinley prosperity, when it has arrived at the jumping off place where New York merchants find it necessary to attract customers to their "bargain sales" by hiring unfortunate individuals to sit in the window and collect a crowd, who would like to lay and can't, by jabbing their faces in the window, and that needless, while other merchants hire victims of the "full-dinner-pail" bunco game to sit in their windows and eat soap suds. It is a pretty pass, indeed, when the life of trade depends upon raising our children to be human pin cushions or training them to eat soap instead of washing with it. But, then, a new path is opened to "incentive."

London, England, is still further pursuing the suicidal policy of Socialism. That unhappy burg is now going to build several thousand small cottages, sufficient for some 50,000 people, and they are to be let at from \$1 to \$2 per week. How awful this Socialism, even of a weak kind, is, isn't it? What will the poor landlords do? What will become of their "incentive" if they can no longer build shacks, like they do in Seattle and Tacoma, and all other righteous competitive cities which Socialism has not yet blighted, and rent them at a 400 or 500 per cent profit and raise that 50 cent two or three times a year. Down with public ownership! Up with the private landlords and higher rents. As has Socialism!

In spite of the official report that our borax deposits are inexhaustible, I notice that our life-or-death friends who run the drugstores continue to charge the same old price as when borax was rarer than amber and harder to get. Nature's generosity somehow doesn't seem to filter through the many profits screens of fine texture that still stand between the people and their inheritance. The middle class is struggling that the meshes of the big capitalist screens be enlarged, the pure and simple trades unionist wants to punch a few little holes in the middle class screen, while the Socialist will remove the screens entirely and prohibit the leasing of any more screening privi-

leges. This quarrelling about the size of the mesh you're going to be caught in is driving idiocy. See the point?

A reformed burglar informs me that the decrease in burglaries is not evidence of decrease of crime, as some authorities have been claiming. He says the quality of goods now handled by jewelers and merchants is so fraudulent and shoddy that even the most industrious burglar cannot make half a decent living for himself and family. There is just as much robbery now as ever, he claims, even more, only it does not come to the attention of the police, being done at first hand, without the somewhat costly labor of the burglar specialist.

The present tremendous inflations of value in Wall street presages a reaction that will make the erstwhile hard times of some years ago look like a clover field to a horse who has eaten nothing but oat shavings for a week.

It is claimed that the Logansport, Ind., woman who died leaving a note requesting to be buried face downward, did so because, having associated with so many holier-than-thou individuals who talk as if they had their crowns already picked out and a corner lot in heaven, she preferred to go the other way.

UNCLE SAM.

ATTITUDE OF S. D. P. TOWARD TRADE UNIONS.

Official Declaration Published by the State Committee of New York—Should Be Read by All Union Men Who Have Heard That Socialists Are Opposed to Unions.

The Social Democratic party has not and does not desire to have any organic connection with the trade unions. It is the party does not desire to control the policy of the unions, nor to be controlled by them.

The Social Democratic Party and the trade unions have, however, a common object in view. The trade union is the organization of the working class, by which the workers carry on their fight against the capitalists in the workshop, by the strike, the boycott, and similar methods. The Social Democratic Party is the organization of the working class, by which the workers carry on their fight against the capitalists on the political field, by education, agitation, and political action. Both are necessary. By different methods they work for the same object—the interest of the wage-working class.

It follows, then, that there ought to be the most friendly relations between the two movements. The Social Democratic Party has declared, in its national convention, that all Socialists ought to join the unions of their respective trades. It has pledged its support to organized labor in all its progressive demands. And it has kept this pledge—as witness the moral and material aid given in the "Sun" strike, the recent cigar-makers' strike, the strike of the coal miners of Pennsylvania, and similar cases.

On the other hand, we believe that every trade unionist ought to recognize the Social Democratic Party as the party of his class, ought to study its demands and work for its success. And we believe that the trade unions ought to allow and encourage the free discussion of political and economic question in union meetings and in the union press, to the end that the workmen, instead of merely petitioning legislators and public officers to pass and execute laws for Labor's protection, may learn how to use their united political strength to take possession of the public powers and use them for the emancipation of Labor and the abolition of capitalist exploitation and tyranny.

VOTE DOUBLED IN MICHIGAN.

Comrade A. A. Yeager, from Saginaw, Mich., gave us a call last week. He reports Socialism as growing rapidly in Michigan, more than doubling last fall's vote this spring—taking the state average. He says this was a straight Socialist vote, too. In Michigan there are branches affiliating with Springfield, and branches which, like Chicago, but all recognize the State Committee, and have one state organization.

This is as it should be. A solid state organization should be maintained in every state. All seem to be agreed on this point.

STATE COMMITTEE, S. D. P.

Seattle, Wash., May 5, 1901.
Present—Mrs. Ida W. Mudgett, H. F. Titus and J. D. Curtis.

Application of Pomeroy and Arlington for charters for locals were received and approved.

Moved and carried to pay J. D. Curtis \$5, remainder dub him on loan.

Secretary submitted a list of locals that had responded to notice of tour of Charles H. Vail, viz: Buckley, Aberdeen, Fairhaven, Colfax, Spokane and Seattle.

Moved to include Tacoma and Olympia and secretary to try to get others. Carried.

Secretary made partial report in regard to responses received concerning state convention. Matter laid over till next meeting.

Treasurer reported some locals behind with their dues. After a general discussion on this subject it was moved and carried that the State Committee recommend to the National Committee that a plan be devised to collect dues by locals instead of from individuals, locals to pay dues out of a common fund, and dealing with individual cases as they see fit.

Letter from Wm. Butscher in regard to the subject was read.

Monthly report of Treasurer was received. J. D. CURTIS.

Sec. State Committee S. D. P.

REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING S. E. U.

Seattle, Wash., May 5, 1901.
Present—W. C. B. Randolph, H. F. Titus, H. Holtkamp, Mrs. Ida W. Mudgett, John Downie, G. H. Peters and J. D. Curtis.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Applications for membership were received from the following persons:

John Cameron.
Mrs. M. A. Hartmann.
T. E. Latimer.
Otto Shields.
Susan Pryor.
James Sturgeon.

Ballots being taken, they were declared elected, with the understanding that each one sign the by-laws and statement of principles.

Moved and carried to publish the names of all members of the S. E. U.

The following Board of Trustees was then elected by ballot, to serve for the next six months:

H. F. Titus, H. Holtkamp, John Downie, Mrs. Ida W. Mudgett and J. D. Curtis.

Dr. H. F. Titus was then elected by ballot to serve as editor for the next six months.

After a few remarks from Editor Titus concerning the best way of building up the Union and the paper, and especially calling upon all friends and members to support the advertisers of the paper, the meeting adjourned.

J. D. CURTIS, Secretary S. E. U.

Following the regular meeting of the S. E. U. the newly-elected Board of Trustees held a meeting and elected the following officers:

President—John Downie.
Treasurer—H. Holtkamp.
Secretary—J. D. Curtis.

Staff of The Socialist—Editor, Hermon F. Titus; assistant editor, Geo. E. Boomer; business manager, Hattie W. Titus; chief of subscription department, John Downie; chief of mailing department, G. H. Peters; advertising agent, John Cameron; circulation agent, T. E. Latimer.

WORKERS, SABB THIS?

The daily papers report that the Alaska Transportation Companies have decided to combine their capital, get under one management, and thus "avoid the evils of conflicting interests."

Aha! So you petty capitalists are changing your tune, are you?

It seems only yesterday that the beautiful song of the "benefits of competition" was chorused by the parrot crowd of unthinking innocents, who were led in the beautiful song by the hiring political economists of the employing class.

Deader Than a Nit.

This one-worshiped, "competition" is now believed in only by the working class, who strangely cling to that exploded theory which hurts them a great deal worse than it does the capitalists, long after the latter have abandoned it.

All the competition that the employees want now is competition between the workers for the purpose of

lowering their wages.

Take a Case.

A trust manager sits in his office receiving applications for employment. A man steps up and says he will work for \$3 a day.

Another offers to do the same work for \$2.50. Yet another says that, if he has no family, he can live on \$2 a day, and is promptly hired.

These men have "competed" with each other for a job.

And now capitalists and political economists in grand refrain sweetly sing "All hail the beauties of competition."

The same trust manager receives a telegram that a rival company is competing with them for business. In great alarm he wires them to meet him and abolish "the evils of conflicting interest—competition!" Second verse: "Employers and capitalists all sing one note, 'Oh! the heavenly 'mutual interests' of the trust and workingmen!'"

Law Impotent.

The law is the remedy of the supposed observer.

Making a law prohibiting combinations of capital is impossible.

This would be a direct blow at material and orderly development of industry.

Large machinery and plants are every way more economical and efficient than small undertakings, and every business man, whether great or small, feels the promptings of this principle in nature, and is trying his level best to increase the size of his implements and accessories of business.

Such a law would conflict with the daily operations of every business to the world. It would, if passed, promptly and rightly declared unconstitutional.

Even if allowed to stand as a law, it would be no more than a name, as it could not be enforced. No people would endure its restraints.

Competition Leads Into Monopoly.

All competitors seek to "avoid the evils of conflicting interest" just as soon as they learn law.

They find that, under a "community of ownership" they can make more money for themselves than they can by cutting rates, and that being the case, they will combine, law or no law.

They would form a secret agreement as to rates, if prevented from open combination.

So we Socialists no longer put our heads against an impossible removal of "conflicting interest," but recognize that this development is bound to be eliminating all waste of competition, and organizing the industries of the world into compact centers ready for public ownership, and we now give notice that at the proper time the working people of this country will use their votes to acquire all the means of life as the common heritage of all to be operated by the real owners—the whole people—and the proceeds equitably divided among those who work.

When this is done—when thus the "evils of conflicting interests" have been abolished and "community of ownership" has been secured to the whole people, then, and not until then, will we, as a working class, enjoy the blessings that the material means of life are capable of giving to us.

This, fellow worker, is our solution of the trust problem. If you do not agree with us, propose a better one.

W. C. B. RANDOLPH.

Not a capitalist paper in Chicago mentioned the official returns of the Socialist vote in their columns. The same policy that carefully conceals the fact of the class struggle accounts for this lack of "journalistic enterprise" on their part.—The Workers' Call.

Wedding Presents
Silver and Cut Glass
At
Goldman's
Cheapest place in Seattle for fine goods.
SECOND AND MARION, Burke Bldg.
High grade watch repairing reduced.
Main Springs \$1.00
Cleaning \$1.00

AN EDITOR'S BAD BREAK.
A newspaper is a social barometer. It responds instantly to the slightest change in the social atmosphere. And there is no more potent proof of the movement's rapid growth of Socialist sentiment than the increasing amount of attention the movement is getting from the press of the country. That these dispositions, either sympathetic or hostile, are the result of a misrepresentation or ignorant ignorance, are generally only of the mark, in a little while, and the Socialist waste is a fair yield and so forth. The truth is likely, and will prevail.

The Record, a Los Angeles daily, in its issue of April 22nd, published an editorial under the caption, "True and False Socialism."
The substance of the article was as follows: The Socialism advanced by the avowed Socialists is not the true Socialism, because it would destroy the motive of material gain, which is the mainspring of all progress. True Socialism is found in the minds of good men in every age. It is the spirit of Christ. Luther, Washington and Lincoln were true Socialists. True Socialism would compel the equality of wealth and poverty before the law. It would cause rich men to give their wealth for the public good. And it would bring about these reforms and still keep careful of the capitalist system.

"Up to within two years very few grocers here have been sold in Western New York by the Chicago stores, but now many farmers buy all their groceries in Chicago. A few days ago a farmer living out among the hills east of here sent a New York draft for \$100 for the supply of groceries, and a neighbor of his sent a draft for \$240 to pay for a cutter, harness, fanning mill and parlor suite. Last year 200 bicycles were shipped from city department stores to this country, most of them selling for \$16.50.

"If the men have the milder order habit, they have a light attack in comparison with the women, who are the real friends of the department stores. Shoes, cloaks, hats, corsets, hosiery, dress goods, baby carriages, confectionery, perfumes, soaps, and a thousand other things are bought by mail. The department store is the big cities. It is likely to cause a revolution in the methods of the small town merchants. It means fewer stores and better ones. More live merchants and fewer old-fashioned ones who insist that they know the people who live in the city of Rome country about them is theirs by right as much more petty."

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Washington (United States) Socialist Party
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
MEETS EVERY SUNDAY 7:45 P. M. AT 229 UNION STREET
For the purpose of discussing Political and Economic questions. You are cordially invited to attend. Music and Singing PROGRAM
FOR MAY
May 6—The Attitude of Socialism toward Trade Unions
May 13—The History of Checks and Balances in the American Constitution
May 20—Socialism in America will not be obtained through a Class Convention Movement, but will be the result of a Moral Uplift
May 27—Socialism is the next step in the Evolution of the Social Science. Socialism offers the final solution of the problems of Society. Socialism leads to All a Human Life.

his history correctly. It was the fellow he opposed who acted strictly from the incentive of material gain and the Washington risk his neck and endure eight years of terrible imprisonment just to get a chance to steal from the community department?
There are lax, over-fed shoulder-strapers in Uncle Sam's army now who never exposed their worthless noses to anything more dangerous than champagne at \$5 a bottle, who spend more on wine and women in one week than Washington received for eight years' imprisonment.
And take Lincoln. Mr. Schwab, of the United States Steel Company, receives nearly as much in one month as Lincoln got all the time he was putting down the Rebellion and freeing the black slaves.
The poet's dream, the artist's vision, the scholar's insight might, the scientist's love for and persistent search after truth—are not these high motives than the motive of material gain?
Wealth and poverty are not equal before the law, and with the economic system which wealth in private hands possesses, they never will be.
If the rich man is under moral obligations to give his surplus wealth back to society, is not that fact acknowledgment that it belongs to society, and if it belongs to society, why should it ever have been taken from society?
You cannot reform the despot with out abolishing despotism. There have been good kings and queens like Alfred the Great and "Good Queen Bess," but that does not argue in favor of limited monarchy. And if there is here an industrial despot who is willing to "be good" and give back his unearned wealth, that argues not in favor of economic despotism.
The noble men mentioned above were not Socialists except in the most superficial, ideal sense. Socialism, like capitalism, is a product of modern industrial development.

W. A. COREY,
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THE MANUFACTURE OF PROLETARIANS.
The New York Sun prints this from Bolivar, N. Y.:
"The country merchants of Western New York are today facing the hardest proposition they have ever encountered. If the city department stores continue to increase their mail order trade during the next three years, at the same rate as in the past year, it is declared that at least 25 per cent of the small country merchants will be forced out of business."
"Take the village of Bolivar, for example. It has 1,200 population and is the trading center for about 4,000 people. In the best eleven months \$10,000 worth of goods from Chicago and New York department stores have been received at the Bolivar store. In addition, hundreds of dollars worth of goods have been received through the mails.
"This state of affairs prevails in al-

most every village in Western New York. At the freight office at Black Creek, in this county, a haulnet of 200 population, twenty-five stores were removed in the past eight months from Chicago department stores. It is believed that not less than \$100,000 of Allegheny county money found its way to the department stores of Chicago and New York last year.
"The department stores, on receipt of \$1, will ship a tonstone property before the balance, \$3.85 and freight to be paid to the freight agent on delivery. This is one of the latest deceptions, and has aroused the wrath of country department dealers. No line of business in a country town is exempt from the competition of the department store.
"Up to within two years very few grocers here have been sold in Western New York by the Chicago stores, but now many farmers buy all their groceries in Chicago. A few days ago a farmer living out among the hills east of here sent a New York draft for \$100 for the supply of groceries, and a neighbor of his sent a draft for \$240 to pay for a cutter, harness, fanning mill and parlor suite. Last year 200 bicycles were shipped from city department stores to this country, most of them selling for \$16.50.

"If the men have the milder order habit, they have a light attack in comparison with the women, who are the real friends of the department stores. Shoes, cloaks, hats, corsets, hosiery, dress goods, baby carriages, confectionery, perfumes, soaps, and a thousand other things are bought by mail. The department store is the big cities. It is likely to cause a revolution in the methods of the small town merchants. It means fewer stores and better ones. More live merchants and fewer old-fashioned ones who insist that they know the people who live in the city of Rome country about them is theirs by right as much more petty."

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TREASURER'S REPORT—Receipts.
Previously reported.....\$1,125 11
April 21—
G. H. Peters's donation..... 1 00
John Dowle, donation..... 2 00
Mrs. H. W. Titus, donation..... 3 00
Book sales..... 7 50
Entertainment, additional..... 2 75
Advertisements..... 5 00
May 3—
Book sales..... 85
May 5—
Subscriptions..... 3 50
Advertisements, corrects..... 3 00
Book sales..... 7 50
Mr. and Mrs. Mudgett..... 1 00
Subscriptions..... 9 30
Leonard D. Abbott, donation..... 1 50
John Dowle, donation..... 2 05
G. H. Peters, donation..... 2 50
Mrs. H. W. Titus, donation..... 3 00
Book sales..... 4 45
Advertisements..... 32 75
J. M. Cameron, dues..... 25
M. Hartman, dues..... 25
Otto Shields, dues..... 25
T. E. Latimer, dues..... 25
Susan Pryor, dues..... 25
James Sturgess, dues..... 25
E. Lax, dues..... 25
Total.....\$1,207 51
Expenses.
Previously reported.....\$1,125 97
April 21—
Deposited in P. O. to cover postage..... 1 00
Deposited in P. O. to cover postage..... 5 00
275 pounds paper..... 11 00
Commissions for getting advertisements..... 1 50
May 5—
Commissions on subs..... 1 55
1,000 envelopes..... 85
Engraving cuts during Polk Bureau..... 9 81
Linotype work, Nos. 28 and 29..... 18 65
Telephone for February and March..... 3 50
Repairing cutter..... 1 50
Distributing papers Nos. 36 and 37..... 60
Commission on advertisements..... 15
One 5-inch elbow..... 18
Stamps for mailing premiums and letters..... 2 50
Newspapers for "Uncle Sam"..... 1 00
Money orders and postage..... 10
Postage..... 27
Commissions on ads..... 3 50
Expenses of agent to Black Diamond..... 3 50
Distributing papers..... 60
Commissions on ads and car fares..... 3 75
Commission on subs..... 4 25
Total.....\$1,204 10
Balance on hand..... 3 41
Total.....\$1,207 51

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