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GRAND DEMONSTRATION At Exposition Music Hall ARRANGED FOR AUGUST 16th.

Whether McGrady of Kentucky, and Thomas J. Morgan of Chicago, to be the Speakers of the Evening.—To be Preceded by Monster Street Parade.

First Meeting of General Committee Large and Enthusiastic.

Grand demonstration at Exposition Music Hall on August 16 preceded by a monster parade on the downtown streets of St. Louis, will mark the formal opening of the Socialist campaign in this city.

The meeting was presided by the meeting of the General Committee last Sunday at Delabar's Hall. It is now the duty of the committee to "fall in" and make this the demonstration ever seen in St. Louis.

Thomas J. Morgan of Chicago has been mentioned as the speaker, and it is very probable that he will be spoken of. Other speakers have also been mentioned, among them Father McGarry of Kentucky.

The severe rain storm which visited St. Louis on Saturday and Sunday has done much to delay the meeting, but there were nevertheless over a hundred precinct committees present, together with the delegates from the unions, including the Central Trades and Labor Union.

The meeting was called to order by City Secretary A. E. Sanderson, who read the minutes of the city convention which created the general committee and provided for its first meeting.

Comrade Felix Lawrence was then chosen chairman and L. E. Hildebrand and J. E. Hildebrand were chosen as the credentials committee composed of Comrades E. Val Putnam and L. E. Hildebrand.

Recommendations were read from the City Central Committee, which provided for the selection of several sub-committees to carry on the various divisions of the campaign work.

The sub-committees recommended are as follows: On general mass meetings, on street agitation, on shop agitation, on literature and finance.

The recommendations were adopted by the committee, filled with the following delegates: General mass meetings, A. J. Lawrence, W. Edler, Jos. Glader, L. E. Hildebrand and M. Ballard.

This committee was instructed to arrange for the Music Hall demonstration and parade of August 16. Comrades S. A. McInturf, Wm. Greenmann, Wm. Cronch, C. C. Groebs, and Phil Muehler were selected for the shop agitation committee.

L. E. Fitzpatrick, Julius Rudolph, Val Putnam, C. Scheffler and Otto Schrammer were put on the street agitation committee.

The literature committee chosen was instructed to have prepared leaflets and pamphlets bearing on the present situation published for general distribution. Comrades E. Val Putnam, G. A. Hoehn, L. E. Hildebrand, Wm. Greenbaum and M. Ballard were selected for this committee.

A committee of five on trade union organization was then chosen to work in conjunction with the campaign committee of the Central Trades and Labor Union.

J. E. Koch, F. Miller, L. Stoll, A. Sanderson, Jos. Glader were selected for the finance committee.

A committee of three on rules of order was selected with instructions to report at the next meeting.

By motion St. Louis Labor and Arbeiter Zeitung were requested to issue special editions the week of the Music Hall demonstration, every precinct and ward club being urged to purchase as many copies as possible and every trade union delegate was urged to bring the matter up in his union.

After a collection amounting to \$100 had been taken up the meeting adjourned to meet on Aug. 3, the hall to be chosen by the city central committee and every delegate to receive notice.

FAVORABLE SENTIMENT INCREASING.

Labor Press Conference Taking Firm Hold on Organized Labor.—Capitalist Papers Useless.—Meeting of July 10, Promises to be a Big One.

Sentiment favorable to the Labor Press Conference is beginning to be manifested from all quarters, and a great many trades unions are becoming very enthusiastic over the question.

The matter certainly merits enthusiasm. The working class is becoming more conscious every day that it cannot depend upon the papers of the capitalist class, no matter how "friendly" they may be.

A working class press, supported and controlled by the working class, is the only hope, and the chance is now before the workers of St. Louis.

There is no doubt that they appreciate it and have determined to do all in their power to make the Press Conference a success.

Those who have not yet taken an interest in the matter should look into it at once, as there is no time to be lost in a matter of this nature.

Above all, let every delegate be certain to attend the next meeting of the conference, in order to do his duty. The committee selected at the first meeting will be ready to report and work will begin in earnest.

One of the best ways to capture the heathen is to put a good party paper into his hands once a week from now until election. Read our campaign offer at the top of the first page, and take a few of them in tow.

FOUNDRY TRUST IS FORMED.

St. Louis Concerns Go Into Combine for Purpose of Lessening Expenses and Stopping Competition.

The Class War Narrowing Down

New York, June 26.—The plans of the American Steel Foundries Company are now complete, and will be made public in the next day or two. It has an authorized capital of \$10,000,000, one-half 6 per cent cumulative preferred and one-half common, but there will be issued only \$15,000,000 of the preferred and \$15,000,000 of the common stock.

Among the firms to be taken over are the American Steel Castings Company of New York, the Reliance Steel Castings Company, Limited, of Pittsburg, the Leighton & Stewart Steel Company of St. Louis, the Franklin Steel Castings Company of Franklin, Pa., the Sargent Company of Chicago, and the American Steel Foundries Company of St. Louis. The properties will be taken over about July 1, and the new company is expected to assume control not later than July 15.

Still they come. How many years will it be until there is only one trust? When that time comes, one may ask, what are they going to do when they can't grow any more? Socialism is the answer. When that time comes the working class will have "seen something," they will understand whose labor it is that creates the wealth we live upon, and they will demand that they be given the enjoyment of it.

The working class has no kick at the trusts. They are not hastening the day in which wage slavery will come to an end. They are the means through which the workers will be organized into the Socialist Party and gain control of the powers of government. It is only with this power that the workers can ever accomplish anything, and if the trusts are to be destroyed, it is through the means through which this comes—the trusts serve a splendid purpose and are not to be destroyed, but preserved until their workings have brought in Socialism.

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHED.

Tenth Congressional District Will Put Up a Vigorous Campaign.—Campaign Manager Chosen and Funds Started.—First Meeting of Congressional Committee.

Things are going in the Tenth Congressional District and they are to be kept going until the votes are counted in November.

The Congressional Committee, composed of the precinct delegates from the Tenth District, held its first meeting at Dewey Hall, 2301 South Broadway, Friday night, June 27, and plans outlined for a vigorous campaign.

Headquarters will be established on South Broadway, a thorough plan of work laid out and the Socialist vote in this district will cause the hair of our capitalist friends to stand on end.

The committee meeting was called to order by Comrade A. E. Sanderson, who called for nominations for chairman, resulting in the selection of Comrade G. A. Hoehn. General discussion followed upon the general work of the campaign, every delegate present being enthusiastically in favor of pushing ahead in a determined manner.

A committee on finance was then chosen to devise ways and means for carrying on such a campaign; composed of Comrades Wm. M. Holman, Wm. Ruesch, Julius Bitterlich, Jr. and M. Ballard Dunn.

After a short session the committee reported the following recommendations: First—That campaign fund lists be sent to every Socialist in the District, a record of the same to be sent to the precinct and ward organizations for collection.

Second—That a committee of seven be selected to appear before the unions meeting in the district for the purpose of soliciting funds.

Third—That the picnic at Ebersbach's Garden, Gravois road and Arsenal street, be pushed to its utmost. The recommendations were adopted with a proviso that 25 per cent of the fund collected be turned over to the City Central Committee for the use of the general fund.

Upon motion it was then decided to establish a permanent campaign headquarters and a committee of three selected to arrange for the location and the raising of funds to get things under way. Comrades Geo. Rulle, Henry Struckhoff and J. Voigt were chosen on this committee.

The secretary was instructed to send special lists to every precinct delegate for the purpose of raising the necessary funds. The committee to solicit funds from the trades unions in the district was composed of Comrades H. Struckhoff, W. A. Edler, W. M. Holman, A. E. Sanderson, Otto Bitterlich, L. Stoll, Chas. Budt and J. Voigt.

Upon motion Comrade Dunn was then chosen to take charge of the campaign with Comrade Sanderson as assistant.

Tuesday evening, July 15, was set as the date of the next meeting and the body then adjourned.

This means that every comrade in the district is called upon. The time for action is here. If the Socialists are to make a good campaign for Congress this fall it depends upon the men in the precincts. If they fail to do their duty the work of a campaign manager is of no value. Rally to the standard, comrades, and keep it floating aloft.

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST.

By John W. Slayton, Recently Elected Alderman of New Castle, Pa.

You may ask me why I am a Socialist, and I answer, because I love freedom and hate slavery—I love independence and hate tyranny.

I know that social justice will never obtain while it is possible for one man to gather millions from the toil of others. I despise with every drop of my blood a social system in which the lay dogs of the rich are treated better than millions of the children of the poor.

A little while ago I stood beside a great Southern factory and saw hun-

STRIKERS SHOT DOWN IN AUSTRIA BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

Socialist Members of Parliament Bitterly Denounce the Government and Demand An Explanation.

Strike Settled Through Fear of Revolt.

A communication from Lemberg, Austrian Poland, relates a most cowardly massacre of striking workmen of that city on June 8. The building trades of that city had gone on strike for better conditions nearly 4,000 strong. On the afternoon of the 8th of June they had gone to a public park, where they listened to several addresses and received the reports of their strike committees. They were on the point of adjourning when several divisions of infantry and cavalry appeared on the scene and charged the strikers, setting them in commotion. They rallied, however, and demanded an explanation for such action. Their only answer was a fusillade from the cavalry, which resulted in the wounding of 40 strikers and the killing outright of five of them.

The matter brought up in the Austrian Parliament the following day by the Socialist Deputies, who bitterly denounced the government and the so-called Christian party which would sanction such action. They demanded an explanation, and the government promised to "investigate," which will doubtless be the end of the matter, so far as the government is concerned.

The working class will learn another lesson from it, however, and the support of the Socialist candidates will be increased in the future.

Public indignation and a threatened uprising of the working class of Lemberg prompted the employers to settle the strike at once. The Associated Press dispatches have never made mention of the occurrence, showing its subservience to the capitalist class.

HOODLUMS THROW EGGS.

Organizer Saunders of Illinois, Falls a Victim to Capitalist Hirelings.

A news dispatch states that on Monday J. W. Saunders, of Chicago, State organizer of Illinois, was "egged" out of Assumption, Ill., Thursday night of last week, undoubtedly by a gang of political hoodlums.

A local capitalist paper has this to say concerning the occurrence:

"He made a talk on the streets of Assumption on Wednesday night, and according to his statement talked about socialism and anarchy, taking care to say that he was not in favor of anarchy, but was in favor of the law.

"When he appeared on the streets Thursday night and began to talk a crowd gathered and some one cried 'Egg him!' There were threats of lynching. The outcome was that a crowd hustled him to the depot, throwing eggs all the way, and even threatening to hang him. His clothes were covered with eggs. He came to Decatur and met some of his friends here. They furnished him a new outfit of clothes."

This is the first time that Comrade Saunders has run into such a crowd, and its political significance is plainly apparent. There is no excuse for confusing Socialism and Anarchy, and it was not such ignorance that prompted the disgraceful scene. Socialism has taken hold on the workers, and is going to make itself manifest in the Socialist Party, and the hirelings of capitalism in the Democratic and Republican parties are compelled to resort to such means in an effort to offset the arguments of the Socialist organizer.

All such efforts will fail, however. The abolitionists before the Civil War were stoned, "egged" and lynched, but chattel slavery was destroyed.

Wage slavery will be just as surely wiped out and all the capitalist hirelings in the country cannot prevent it.

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The Socialist campaign is always on. Remember this and put your shoulder to the wheel, comrades.

Socialism is the organized political movement of the working class, and every workingman should study the platform and declarations of such a party.

Don't be afraid to let your neighbor know that you are a Socialist. It is becoming fashionable these days. You must be a Socialist or you will be on the outside. Attend the next meeting in your precinct, and see if you don't believe you should belong to a working class party and vote a working class ticket. That will also be very fashionable among the workers in about 1904.

CHICAGO AMERICAN'S FRIENDSHIP FOR LABOR.

The Chicago comrades have been invited into the embrace of the serpent. At a recent meeting of the Public Ownership League of that city invitations were extended to several organizations to work with the league in electing "men who will advance the cause of public ownership," among them the Socialist Party.

The leaguers might better have saved their stationery. Far from joining hands with them in this sort of move, the Socialist Party will array itself firmly against them.

It is at this point that the Socialist movement differs from all so-called public ownership parties or leagues.

The Socialist movement is a revolutionary movement. It aims at a complete transformation of our present order through giving to society the complete control of all tools and machinery of production, not for the mere purpose of easing existing conditions, but for the purpose of giving to the creator of wealth, the laborer, the full product of his labor.

This can not be accomplished through the present ruling class for the reason that they profit by things as they are, and their material interests prompt them to support those things which give them the most.

The working class itself must then assume the obligation, and they are compelled to do so for the reason that their material interests suffer under a system of capitalism, surrendering as they do the greater portion of the wealth created by them to those who to-day own the machinery with which the work was performed.

The capitalists and the workers are thus lined up against each other, and any movement for the betterment of either becomes a class movement.

The Socialist Party is the political expression of the working class in its demand for the social ownership of the tools of production, and is, therefore, a class movement, and any action taken by it is taken upon that basis.

For that reason they hold entirely aloof from all movements which are not based upon the same ground, because all such movements are in reality supporters of the ruling class.

The Public Ownership movements merely seek to gain the public ownership of certain industries, not for the purpose of helping the workers, but to ease the conditions of those members of the capitalist class who have been ground down in the mill of competition until they are in danger of being forced into the working class.

In order to offset this they seek to lessen their taxes and curtail the power of their more successful competitors in a vain attempt to continue their condition as exploiters of labor. It is for this reason that the Socialist party of Chicago will refuse the proffered friendship of the Public Ownership League. While such a refusal may retard their present growth, they will be but the better for it when the leaguers shall have passed out of existence, as they necessarily must when the onward march of capitalism shall have swept away the last force of the middle class, the small capitalist.

THE SERPENT WOULD EMBRACE

The Chicago American and the rest of the papers in the Hearst syndicate are attempting to coin the general un-

rest of the country into grist for the Democratic party. In their editorials they constantly refer to what the wage workers should do, advising them to "go to the polls" "vote as they work," and a dozen other things all of which they will eventually turn into the Democratic camp by hiding up that party as the "saviors of the common people."

The following was clipped from a recent issue of the American:
"When the millions of citizens who toil for wages learn to vote — they work — in their own interest — we will witness an intelligent, a truly democratic movement that will result in making strikes unnecessary.

For this movement will recognize in MONOPOLY the deadliest foe of labor.

When that happens there will be a national strike at the ballot box against the appropriation of the country's natural resources, against the private ownership of the national highways and all public franchises, against tariffs that breed and protect trusts, and against all SPECIAL PRIVILEGES which license some people to tax for personal profit all the people."

It is the howl of the little capitalist who sees the ground slipping from under him, sees his blessed right to make profit being usurped by the trust magnates, and in his fear he calls upon the wage workers to preserve him. It is as a champion of this small capitalist class that the Democratic party exists and it is in this spirit that the Chicago American writes. The wage workers of the world have ever fought the battles of their masters and the appeals now being made to them is for a repetition of the old story.

The Chicago American has for its arch enemy "Monopoly," "special privileges," etc., but never a word is uttered against the profit system.

They do not oppose the profit system, they would be perfectly content with things as they are so long as their right to make profit is uninterfered with. Their only opposition is to the class which wants to monopolize all the profit.

They insist that the "swag" shall be divided up that they be given their inalienable right to their "share."

Labor has no interest between these warring factions of capitalists and they should be extremely wary lest they fall into the trap set for them.

Far from opposing "monopoly" as such the wage workers' interest stands opposed to capitalism in its entirety and any action taken by them which does not aim at its destruction is useless and wasted energy. The wage workers' interest opposes profit in all forms whether the profit taking be done on a small scale by a thousand capitalists or on a large scale by one capitalist.

The mere ownership of franchises by the capitalist does not furnish the basis of the profit system and the robbery of labor, and merely their ownership by the government will not put an end to it. The entire system of production must be changed before labor can be relieved permanently. Production for use must supersede production for profits, tools, land and factories must be owned by the government, for their ownership by the capitalist class is what gives them the power of determining the wages of the workers.

In short Socialism must supplant capitalism.

In this struggle for the mastery between the capitalist and the working class, such papers as the Chicago American are the meanest foes of labor for they hide their poison under smiling faces and thousands of workers fall victims to their spell.

The hardest task for labor is to determine its friends from its foes.

There is a wide difference of opinion regarding the actual wages of the striking anthracite miner. The nominal wages, as figured by the operator, vary from \$59 to \$75 a month. The actual wages, as figured by the miner, vary from \$30 to \$38 a month. This difference is due to the fact that the operator figures on the basis of full time while the fact is that the miner rarely makes full time and is compelled to figure according to the actual number of days he has worked, which in the past ten years have averaged little over fifteen days to the month. The report of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Mines and Mining for 1899 shows that the average wages of the miner for that year would not exceed \$255, an average of \$23.71 per month. Peter Roberts, in his recent publication on the anthracite coal industry, gives the average monthly earnings of the miner for the years 1898 at \$34.10, and that of the day laborer is \$22.46 — an average of \$1.37 per day for the miner and 90 cents for the laborer. — July Pilgrim.

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LECTURES ARRANGED.

People's Fund and Welfare Association Has Outlined a Course of Lectures on Labor.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, JAMES S. ROCHE, SUBJECT—LABOR.

SUNDAY, JULY 6, LEON GREENBAUM.

SUNDAY, JULY 13, L. E. HILDEBRAND.

SUNDAY, JULY 20, L. P. NEGELE, SUBJECT—OLD AND MODERN CIVILIZATION.

SUNDAY, JULY 27, WM. BRANDT, SUBJECT—CLASS STRUGGLE.

THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION.

What Should Be The Attitude of the Socialist Party in Wars Between Economic Organizations. —The Policy of the Party Well Defined in Resolutions Adopted at Indianapolis.

"At its recent convention at Denver — the Western Labor Union changed its name to The American Labor Union, and adopted a declaration of its principles which simply demonstrates it to be a second edition of De Leon's Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance without the candor to acknowledge its desire to destroy the Trade Union Movement, and it will be just as abortive as its older but criminal prototype. The trade unions are the naturally historically developed organization of the wage earners. They were not born in the brain of any particular man. They are the growth of our industrial conditions, and they will continue to grow and gain in strength, fight the battles for labor's rights and secure labor's final emancipation, and this, too, in spite of the antagonism of the capitalist class, or the false and foolish in the ranks of labor."

The foregoing is copied verbatim from the "American Federationist," the official organ of the American Federation of Labor, in its advance July number. It is significant as showing the light in which Samuel Gompers regards the action of the bodies now constituting the "American Labor Union." Regardless of Gompers or his views in this matter, it behooves possible, to supersede it as a national organization of the working class. This means a bitter struggle between the two for supremacy. Aye, unfortunately, it means more — it means division in the ranks of labor on the economic field, at least, and fratricidal strife among the rank and file, whose interests are identical at all times, whether or not they are conscious of the fact. What shall the Socialist Party do in the face of this situation? Shall it ally itself with the "American Labor Union" because of its endorsement of the Socialist Party platform? Shall it align itself in opposition to the new organization? Shall it take sides in the conflict at all; or shall it, in the light of its past and bitter experience — standing on its political vantage ground — discourage any plan ingeniously or deliberately calculated to divide labor forces and thus weaken them in the struggle with the capitalist every thoughtful Socialist and Party member to ponder well the possibilities involved in the attitude recently assumed by the American Labor Union. The inclination is to throw our hats in the air and to all with wild acclaim the new labor organization, because of its grand declaration for Socialism and its determination to back up that declaration by militant action. But calm judgment obtains that we must consider the possible effects upon the labor movement in general and upon the Socialist Party in particular by the contemplated action of the "American Labor Union." Plainly stated, that body has constituted itself a rival organization to the American Federation of Labor — proposes to enter into competition with it, to assume its functions, and, it is class.

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The average life of the factory girl is only thirty years. The children who work in the factory look like little old men and women, and they are more vicious than old men and women, ruined before they are ripe. The child who enters the factory as an operative leaves hope behind. There are exceptions; yet the exceptions only prove the rule. The factory is a Moloch without mercy. — Jacobson.

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file in all labor organizations are honest, bearing in mind the identity of their interests, bearing in mind that corrupt leaders can only exist while ignorance holds sway; knowing, therefore, that education is the great need of the hour, what shall be the attitude of the Socialist Party under these circumstances? Can you drive the mass beyond the point of its intelligence? Does the mere declaration or determination of a number of delegates necessarily involve the acquiescence of their constituency in the line of action determined upon? If such declaration is not in accord with the feelings and wishes of the men so represented, will they not either ignore or repudiate altogether the action of such delegation?

Does any one imagine for a moment that if Samuel Gompers and all the other officials of the American Federation of Labor were to declare for Socialism and the Socialist Party that their action would be endorsed by the rank and file of that organization? Take a vote to-day of that rank and file on this question of Socialism, and let that be the answer.

When the Western Federation of Miners some years ago, adopted a Socialist platform and declared for a Socialist Party through their delegates in convention assembled, how many of the miners voted the Socialist ticket as a result at the election following? Count the Bryan vote, count the McKinley vote, count the Socialist vote, and let that tell the tale. Do not let us delude ourselves. "The brain of any particular man" cannot solve the problem. "Knowledge is power." — the Socialist Party is to-day conducting a campaign of education — it is "boring from within" both the American Federation and the American Labor Union. Our members are in both — in the East and in the West. Union after union of the American Federation is declaring for Socialism and independent political action as a result of our propaganda. Shall we encourage any action, well intended though it be, calculated to further divide labor forces alike on the economic and political field? Surely it is worth a serious thought. All honor to the brave and honest officials of the American Labor Union for their efforts in the cause. I say. But, while doing them honor, do not let us forget that policies — not men and motives — must be our main consideration.

JAMES S. ROCHE.

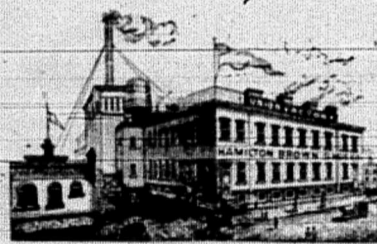
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PARAGRAPHS.

One comes across some very important admissions of the capitalist class by reading between the lines of our (?) dailies. Thus the following advertisement: "Wanted—Girl for housework, can have use of bath," is an admission that to get a capable girl, they are willing to allow the help a little more liberty than other employers. In the same bath tub too that is used by themselves? Must have extra one in the cellar.

Dispatches from the east tell us that the President is taking an interest in affecting a settlement whereby the miners and their employers may work without friction." Must be going to advocate Socialism.

A morning paper says, that "an injection of politics will not help to settle the questions at issue" of the miners. "Business prosperity depends upon the common sense which is applied to the solution of the problem."

In other words this paragraph means that as there is no sense in their politics, politics should be omitted. Let the miners themselves apply Socialist politics.

"Twelve large manufacturing firms that were charged with violating the smoke abatement law in the Court of Criminal Correction were let off with merely paying the costs." For months the smoke inspector has been pleading with the manufacturers to obey the law. None of them have received justice. Workingmen vote the Socialist ticket, and make the capitalists plead.

Do you know, Mr. Trade Unionist, that when you vote for any other party than the Socialist party, that you are electing the policemen that now are trying to break your strikes, and are beating your girl members with their fists? Ask the Garment Workers' Union. They have been shown.

The students of the Socialist Propaganda School recently marched in a body to a meeting of the Garment Workers' Union, who were then on strike, and listened to one of the best speeches they ever heard by Comrade Greenbaum. Could the rest of our comrades have seen how readily the members of this union "took" to the class-conscious talk of our National Secretary they would indeed feel encouraged.

The parable of the Turkish bath was an excellent one. Hit 'em again, comrade.

Trade Unionists! have you joined the party in a class conscious party and go straight to the ballot box and vote yourselves into power and set about at once to establish a workers' republic. We have the numbers and it can be done shortly if we will do so. Personally I am frank to say that I will form a favorable business alliance with either Vrooman or Moran, but in so much as Vrooman's plan is faulty and Ponty has not spoken I will "go it alone" in the usual way until the workers get ready to go with me and upset the whole skin game.

Fraternally, CALEB LIPSCOMB, Liberal, Mo.

WORKINGMEN'S PROTECTIVE UNION

Proceedings of the Last Meeting as Reported by the President.

St. Louis, Mo., June 25, 1902.

At the regular meeting held on the above date the following credentials were received: H. Werdes, representing Tailors' Union No. 11, and Gus. Straman, representing International Association of Machinists No. 41.

At roll call the following delegates were absent: J. J. Hoerr, Joseph Vogt, William Norton, F. C. Miller, Fred Stolle, William Schweitzer, H. Hehring, C. F. Britzwein, Christ. Muth, B. J. Parker, Christ. Breidenbacher, C. H. Pettis and C. W. Prazee.

Affiliated Unions are requested to urge upon their delegates the importance of the meetings of this Union and request them to be more regular in their attendance.

The following cases were accepted by the President since the last meeting:

City vs. Hyman Pettus. Defendant, a member of Garment Workers No. 68, was arrested for doing picket duty. Discharged.

City vs. Max Singey. Defendant, a member of Garment Workers No. 68, was arrested for doing picket duty. Discharged.

City vs. Sam Graber and Ruby Rifkin. Defendants, members of Garment Workers No. 105, were arrested for doing picket duty. Discharged.

City vs. Sam Goetz. Defendant, a member of Garment Workers No. 68, was arrested for doing picket duty. Discharged.

State vs. Frank Kelly and L. Weber. Defendants, members of Garment Workers No. 26, were arrested for assault with intent to kill. Discharged.

State vs. Max Zimmermann. Defendant, a member of Garment Workers No. 105, was arrested for assault and battery with intent to kill, two counts. Discharged.

Frank Hagan vs. Buhler & Cooney Construction Co. Plaintiff, a member of Sewer and Water Pipe Layers, while employed for defendant the fourth day of June a brick fell on his head fracturing his skull, for which he asks damages. Defendants offered \$124, which was accepted.

George Kelley vs. Walker. Plaintiff, a member of Electrical Workers No. 2, had his watch and various other articles stolen for which he claims an indemnity of \$35.

William Christinger vs. McDermott. Plaintiff, a member of Electric

Workers No. 1, bill for balance wages of \$17.75.

C. E. Clough vs. Peteler Shoe Manufacturer, 2nd and Pine streets. Plaintiff, a member of Boot and Shoe Workers No. 126, claim for wages of \$9.45 and \$3.50 for his wife.

The following cases have been disposed of since our last meeting:

City vs. W. Schackirt.

Charles Blawitz vs. Warsaw & Seuch. Plaintiff, a member of Garment Workers No. 105, case was dismissed; neither side appearing.

There are now 40 of the most influential unions affiliated with this organization. All unions should be on the roll.

JOHN F. BERGHERM, President.

NOT IN IT.

Comrade Lipsbomb States His Position With Regard to the Vrooman's "Multitude Incorporated."

This is a scheme with which my name has been used and the result is that many people have written me asking me questions. My business takes up so much of my time that I can not answer these letters personally and take this method of reaching the socialists who may be influenced by the publication. First I will say that I did not go into the scheme as was published. In fact, at the time of this publication referred to, I had not given the matter an hour's thought.

I had never read their plan but had heard one of their representatives speak in public on the subject for a few moments and I offered some criticisms. Since my name has been used entirely without my consent or knowledge for the evident purpose of influencing socialists I felt it my duty to look into the matter and here give my opinion. So far as the wage earner is concerned I do not think that he need to give it a thought. The workman who gives up a job under Boss Morgan for Boss Vrooman makes a mistake, for Morgan will be doing "biz" at the same old stand long after the Western Co-Op. Association has been consigned to the scrap pile.

The scheme is a reactionary middle class scheme pure and simple in which the small "would-be" capitalists propose to get together and make one more final desperate stand in which they hope to be able to continue to exploit the workers and as they think thwart the ever advancing march of the great capitalists. It is my candid opinion that this hope will prove as futile as any of the various quack remedies have in the past. My hope is that the workers will array themselves in a class conscious party and go straight to the ballot box and vote themselves into power and set about at once to establish a workers' republic. We have the numbers and it can be done shortly if we will do so. Personally I am frank to say that I will form a favorable business alliance with either Vrooman or Moran, but in so much as Vrooman's plan is faulty and Ponty has not spoken I will "go it alone" in the usual way until the workers get ready to go with me and upset the whole skin game.

Fraternally, CALEB LIPSCOMB, Liberal, Mo.

Comrade John C. Kreis died at the hospital on Wednesday, June 25.

He had been a faithful member of the Socialist Party for nearly three years, and had been affiliated with Cigar-makers' Union No. 44 since 1877, being one of its charter members. He was recording secretary of the union when he died, having held the position for many years.

A number of the Comrades of the Party and fellow-members of the union contributed a wreath for his grave, composed of porcelain flowers. Upon the streamers of red ribbon were the words, "Our Comrade," and "Friends."

OUR PROGRESS.

"Signs of the Times" as Seen by One in the Ranks of the Army.

In traveling over the road to civilization and the Co-operative Commonwealth, it is well that we should look about us and see what has been accomplished. To those who have been in the movement some time, laboring for the good of the cause, those who have stood the brunt of the battle, who have stood insults and abuse because of their belief in socialism, can look with much satisfaction upon the signs of the present time.

They can look with much pleasure over the great changes that have come about in the last few years, they can also feel that the day when their efforts shall be rewarded is drawing near, the day when their neighbors because of their belief have insulted them in the past, will come forward and apologize for the insults, and join hands in the grand and noble cause, the same neighbors, who, a very short time ago heard the word "Socialism" with a shudder of fear, visions of anarchy, bombs, dynamite and all that is horrible, reminding one of death and destruction, rose up before them.

All of these scare crows have been hatched up by the capitalist class and their newspapers for the purpose of poisoning the minds of the people in order to head off the growth of Socialism, while there is no doubt but

what it has had its effect to a certain extent, our army of workers have grown too large, they have been too active, and too earnest in their work to allow this sentiment to prevail and through the eternal vigilance of this grand army the lies have been headed off at last, and reaction is now taking place at a very rapid rate.

As a reward for our earnest efforts in the past we see the following "signs of the time." We see small papers here and their opening up their columns to the discussion of Socialism, we see papers discarding their old political policies and adopting the new. We see here and there a new paper started out to advocate the cause. We see the Unions taking the matter up in their locals, and some National conventions adopting and recommending the question to their members, some even include it in their declaration of principles. The A. F. of L. itself has given the question a considerable amount of attention in the last few national conventions, a growing sentiment seems to prevail at each successive convention, and it is only a matter of a very few more conventions before it will be adopted unless there is a big change in the character of the delegates that usually attend, and there is no likelihood of any change in that direction.

We see locals of the Socialist party being gradually, but surely established in every town and hamlet throughout the land, many of which where the word "Socialism" was never heard up to two or three years ago.

Last but not least, and the best sign of all, is that Mark Hanna is getting uneasy. Mark knows a few things he is not like our scientists of Martinique, who sold of the eruption after it had completed the devastation of the country. Mark sees the eruption coming and he has given fair warning to his fellow capitalists in plenty of time to seek a place of safety, and save themselves from a "disgraceful" life of honest work in order to live. Any casual observer that is any judge of "the signs of the time" will agree that mark is right in his predictions.

When we look back over the route that we have traveled, compare the present with the beginning, and see what a great change has taken place we naturally ask what has brought it about? The answer is the great army of workers, not the generals or those in the top ranks, but the ordinary soldier in the lower ranks, the proletarians, of whom there are many thousands, and the army is steadily increasing every hour of every day, recruits are being enlisted in every country on the face of the globe, all of which is being accomplished through efforts of the private in the ranks alone.

A more earnest set of workers was never found enlisted in any cause than are found working for Socialism, and what has been accomplished they have done by talking to their friends and neighbors, and through them to others, explaining the question to the best of their ability, passing around papers and pamphlets, soliciting subscribers for Socialist papers, and by these means, getting others to read up on the subject, and they in turn, becoming enlightened have joined the ranks of the workers. So it is that the army has gradually gathered strength, and continues to do so.

One peculiar and pleasant feature about the movement, is the fact that when a man once becomes imbued with the idea and fully understands it, he at once becomes an active worker, not the indifferent workers usually found in similar work, but he becomes an enthusiastic worker from the beginning, exerting every effort, allowing no opportunity to pass, spending his last hard earned dime if need be, in order to help the cause along and to convert his fellowman. As a general thing they are working men depending upon their daily toil for a livelihood and are not favorably blest with this world's goods, but they are always willing to contribute their mite. Not only that but they are willing and ready at all times to undertake any duty or any task that may be named if it will assist the cause for which we are all working (Socialism).

Such are the signs and conditions that confront us today and it is with great pride that we as a class of proletarians can claim the honor of accomplishing what seemed a hopeless task only a few years ago.

But let us continue to work; Comrades, let us not consider our task accomplished, let us move on and on, step by step gathering recruits on every side, gathering strength from every hand until finally with one mighty effort we will sever the chains that bind us and stand up as free men. There will continue to be barriers placed in our path, the Capitalist class will not stop at anything to retard our progress, they will probably threaten to close down their industries—as they have done before,—if their party is not given the power of government, and many others that are just as ridiculous. But heed them not, it would be a blessing if they would. Labor made their industries, and if the capitalists see fit to close them down labor can build others and run them just as they have these. So let us not stop in the march of progress to listen to such "bluffs," but continue on and on until we are at last free; not in name only but in fact, free to go and to come without asking the permission of a master, free to live without asking the permission of others who control the means by which we must live, free in every sense, that the word implies, such freedom can only be attained through the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth and

a Democratic government, under Socialism. "A government of the people, for the people and 'by the people.'" Then and not until then should our efforts in behalf of the cause be relaxed.

"Fueled pomp has piped its story, Lords and kings and popes are stony, Mother of life, now sing of freedom; The immortal, ever young.

Sing of Freedom; sing of Freedom; Lo, a braver race is born with song And sight and summer-golden Monarchy of Morf."

W. M. HOLMAN.

Child Slavery In America.

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"Where We Stand," a lecture by John Spargo, Originally delivered under the title: Our Position, Economic, Ethical and Political. Price, 5 cents a copy; 10 copies for 35c; 25 for 80c; 50 for \$1.40; 100 for \$2.50.

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IS NOT A CLASS ISSUE.

Meriwether Makes an Appeal to Business Men.—The Working Class Has Learned Better.

The attempts of the Meriwether party to revive itself are ludicrous in the extreme.

Their campaign of 1901 was all in "the interest of workingmen" and upon this basis he received his support.

Since that election, however, the workingmen who were caught by his fine phrases have learned a thing or two and are now working for the support of their own party, the Socialist party.

In order to offset this loss, however, Meriwether has adopted a new plan. He has sent to every doctor, lawyer and as many business men as possible, a circular letter wherein he urges them to become members of the "Public Ownership Party."

The following is quoted from the circular:

"Will you not co-operate in selecting this ticket? In other cities Merchants, Lawyers and Doctors have aided in the movement for Public Ownership, and it will be a reproach to our city if in St. Louis this plain BUSINESS reform is not accomplished by the efforts of BUSINESS MEN as well as workingmen. Labor is the bone and sinew of St. Louis as of every other city, but Public Ownership is NOT A CLASS MOVEMENT and should receive YOUR counsel as well as that of members of organized labor."

Labor is very thankful for the admission. It has been learned that any movement which is to benefit its class must be a class movement and as a consequence Mr. Meriwether and his "business" friends will go it more or less alone.

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Socialist Clubs of Missouri.

-What They Are Doing.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Owing to a request for an extension of time to get the names of members to the State Secretary, the names of ex-members will not be taken from the mail lists until July 10th. Members desiring to receive the paper a. or that date must see that their secretary sends their names to the State Secretary, Comrade J. H. Rathbun, Sedalia, Mo. Fraternality.

A. J. LAWRENCE,
Business Manager Missouri Socialist.

STATE SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORT.

The following is the first monthly statement of State Secretary J. H. Rathbun, comprising the time between June 19 and July 1:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from St. Louis	\$ 00
Springfield N. & S. dues	30
Ava N. & S. dues	30
Irwin N. & S. dues	30
Sedalia N. & S. dues	2 00
Avilla N. & S. dues	2 00
Advanced J. H. R.	15

EXPENDITURES.

Frt. supplies from St. Louis	\$ 75
Office supplies	2 15
P. O. box rental to July 1, '92	25
Deposit for P. O. key	20
Stamp	50
Ink	10
Typewriting	60
Stationery (envelopes)	25
Stationery (paper)	65
National dues	05
Springfield	45
Ava	40
Irwin	25
Sedalia	1 00
Avilla	1 00
Postage	40

J. H. RATHBUN,
Sedalia, Mo.

In St. Louis.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

The Women's Socialist Club held a very well attended meeting on Thursday afternoon, June 26, admitting two new ladies to their ranks, Mrs. Annie Mindor and Louise Gehweiler.

Plans for the future were talked over, but nothing definite reached. The ladies are taking a very active interest in the success of the Labor Press Conference.

The club's next "coffee" will be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Gebelstein, 2522 North Thirteenth street, on July 10th.

All ladies interested in the welfare of the working class should attend.

The meeting of the Sixth Ward Club of June 26 was addressed by Comrade F. H. Dineo. Comrade Wm. Hallbauer was elected as delegate to the Labor Press Conference. J. B. Nelson was elected to represent the third precinct on the General Committee. F. H. Hallbauer the fourth, A. Winkler the fifth, H. Herminghaus the sixth, Wm. Hill the seventh, John Zach the eighth and William Weibusch the tenth precinct. Dues for June were ordered paid to the city secretary, and arrangements were made for collecting the dues of recent members. The work of organizing precinct organization in the ward was also taken up.

The Eleventh Ward Club will hold its next meeting at the home of Comrade D. M. Haakin, 2146 South Seventh street, Saturday evening, July 5. Good speakers will be on hand. As many as can should be present.

The Twelfth Ward Club, including Wards Thirteen and Twenty-three, will meet on the second and last Thursday of each month at the home of Comrade Wm. Crouch, 2632A Caroline street. Next meeting July 10. Be on hand.

DIE IN A WRECK.

Workingmen on a Visit to their Wives, Killed on "Blind Baggage."

Two workingmen from St. Louis were killed in a wreck on the Frisco Railroad a few days ago. They were riding on the platform of a baggage car when the smashup occurred, killing them instantly.

They were on their way to see their wives in Steelville, Mo., at the time they did not make enough wages to allow them to travel as human beings should, and they braved the "blind baggage" in order to visit their wives, whom they had not seen for some time.

Socialism would destroy the home, we are told. Capitalism makes a miserable protector.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Watch This Column for Meeting Dates and Announcements.

LABOR PRESS CONFERENCE, LIGHTSTONE'S HALL, 11TH AND FRANKLIN, A. P. M., THURSDAY, JULY 10TH.

STRIKE PLAY AT ECLIPSE PARK, VIRGINIA AVE. AND PRIMM ST. FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. LOUIS LABOR. TICKETS, 25c. JULY 17.

MONTESANO EXCURSION FOR THE BENEFIT OF LABOR PRESS. STEAMER CITY OF PROVIDENCE. TICKETS 25c. BOAT LEAVES FOOT OF OLIVE ST. 9:30 SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 13.

THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT COMRADES HAVE ARRANGED FOR A PICNIC TO BE GIVEN AT EBBERSBACH'S GROVE, ARSENAL ST. AND CRAVOIS AVE., ON JULY 20. A COMMITTEE OF NINE HAS BEEN SELECTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. THERE WILL BE GAMES, DANCING AND SPEAKING. TICKETS, TEN CTS.

FIRST WARD CLUB WILL MEET AT NIEKUM'S HALL, 4820 NORTH BROADWAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH, AT 8 P. M.

FIRST PRECINCT CLUB, EVERY TUESDAY, 436 N. BROADWAY.

FOURTH PRECINCT CLUB, EVERY FRIDAY, 1308 JOHN AVE.

SIXTH PRECINCT CLUB, EVERY WEDNESDAY, 2011 COLLEGE AVE.

EIGHTH PRECINCT CLUB, EVERY THURSDAY, 6215 PRESCOTT AVE.

NINTH PRECINCT CLUB, EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY, 618 N. NEWSTEAD AVE.

SECOND WARD CLUB AT 2116 N. BROADWAY, EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY, EIGHT P. M.

SIXTH WARD CLUB AT 705 CHOUTEAU AVE., THURSDAY, JUNE 26. COMRADE F. H. DILNO WILL SPEAK.

TENTH WARD CLUB AT OHIO & POTOMAC STS., THURSDAY, JUNE 26, EIGHT P. M.

TWELFTH WARD CLUB, (INCLUDING WARDS 13 AND 23) WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF COMRADE VIERLING AT 3137 ST. VINCENT AVE., THURSDAY, JUNE 26, EIGHT P. M.

FIFTEENTH WARD, AT 21ST & FRANKLIN AVE., EVERY THURSDAY, EIGHT P. M.

SEVENTEENTH WARD, AT 2511 BENTON STS., EVERY WEDNESDAY, EIGHT P. M.

EIGHTEENTH WARD, AT BENTON HALL, 14TH & BENTON STS., TUESDAY, JUNE 24, EIGHT PM.

TWENTIETH WARD, AT THE HOME OF COMRADE DRAKE, 1505 N. LEFFINGWELL AVE., EVERY THURSDAY, EIGHT PM.

TWENTY-FIRST WARD, AT THE HOME OF COMRADE LYONS, 3619 LUCKY ST., EVERY TUESDAY PM.

TWENTY-SEVENTH WARD, AT 2316 GILMORE AVE., SATURDAY, JULY 5, EIGHT PM.

WOMAN'S SOCIALIST CLUB, AT 22 NORTH FOURTH ST., ROOM 7, FOURTH THURSDAY.

CITY PLATFORM.

The Socialists of St. Louis in convention assembled, reaffirm their adherence to the principles of international socialism and declare the aim of the Socialist Party to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the

entire people.

Development of Industry.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Effects of Private Ownership.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes--the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

Domination of Capitalist Class.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial domination abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

The Working Class and Socialism.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage-workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

Means to the End.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

Duty of the Socialist Party.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist Party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

Municipal Measures.

As municipal measures we, therefore, advocate:

1. The public ownership and operation of all public utilities, such as street railways, gas and electric plants, telephone systems and all other industries which the powers of the municipality permit it to acquire; the revenues to be applied to the increase of wages and shortening of hours of labor of the employees and to improve generally the condition of the working class of this city, but under no circumstances shall any part of said revenues be applied to the reduction of taxes in favor of the capitalist class.

2. The abolition of the contract system on all public work, such work to be done under direct supervision of the city and under union conditions, with a minimum wage of two dollars per day of not exceeding eight hours.

3. Inauguration of public works for the employment of the unemployed.

4. The enactment and strict enforcement of laws protecting all workers in stores shops and factories.

5. Compulsory education of all boys and girls up to the age of sixteen years; the city to provide all books and school supplies free and food and clothing where necessary.

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