

S. S. TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION

Delegates From Many Colleges to Meet Here on December 29 and 30.

The Christmas holiday will offer an event of considerable note and interest to collegians in the form of the second annual convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society...

On Friday morning the executive session will take place in the library of the Rand School of Social Science...

The culminating feature of the conference will be the dinner on Friday evening, 6:30 o'clock, at Call's restaurant, 16 Park place.

Among the colleges where affiliated chapters for the study of Socialism exist are: Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Barnard, Wellesley, the City College of New York...

Attention! Mass Meeting of the Alteration Painters and Paperhangers' Union

Will be held at the PROGRESS ASSEMBLY ROOMS, 28-30 Avenue A, On Thursday Evening, December 22

The purpose of the meeting is to set a campaign for getting all unorganized workers into the union.

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SPARGO REFUSES TO BE A 'BOY SCOUT'

Reply to the Secretary Who Wanted Him on National Council.

The following letter was sent to the secretary of the Boy Scouts by John Spargo in reply to an invitation to accept a place on the national council of the organization:

"Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12, 1910. 'Lee F. Hammer, Esq., 124 East 23rd St., New York City:

"My Dear Sir—Your letter of December 6, 1910, inviting me to become a member of the national council of the Boy Scouts of America, of which council the President of the United States is the honorary president, reaches me here.

"Among the members of your national council are several of my personal friends, men whose work for the welfare of our youth deserves the highest praise.

"I regret, therefore, that I must decline the honor implied by your invitation, for the reasons which follow.

"During my stay in England recently I availed myself of the opportunity to study the Boy Scouts movement which my visit afforded.

"The movement has done and is doing a wonderful amount of good to the boys, through healthful exercises and pastimes, cannot be doubted by any one who has observed the great superiority of the boy scouts over other boys in their physical appearance, habits and general deportment.

"Now, as most of the boy scouts I saw in England belong to the working class, I could not do other than rejoice in the benefits they were enjoying.

"The objection to your organization, and all similar organizations, seems to me to far outweigh their advantages.

"In the summary of the 'scout law' which you send me, I find the following: 'A scout is loyal to his country, his officers, his parents, and his employers.'

SOCIALIST NEWS OF THE DAY

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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The Call is compelled to exact this requirement because of the increasing size of this department and the growing difficulty of publishing news of this character at short notice.

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Brownsville Branch of the People's Forum. The fifth lecture of the course arranged by the Brownsville branch of the People's Forum will be given this evening at the Knights of Pythias Temple, 432 Hopkinson avenue.

Classified Advertisements

Small Ads That Will Bring Big Results. Try an insertion in The Call, the most clearly read daily paper.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE DIRECTORY. BRANCH NO. 2, Arbiters Union of Brooklyn, meets every Friday evening in Social Traction Hall, 23-25 Bartlett street, cor. Harrison ave.

UNFURNISHED FLATS AND APARTMENTS TO LET—West Side. AMSTERDAM AVE. 1781—New 4-room flat; all improvements; light, airy; \$18. Janitor.

NEWARK, N. J. Meyer London will speak on "The Workingman Before the Courts," on next Sunday afternoon. Being a staunch defender of workmen's rights in various labor troubles, he is in a position to give us this knowledge first hand.

PATERSON, N. J. The headquarters committee will hold a social dance tomorrow night in Weaver's Hall, 184 Main street. Admission 10 cents.

PHILADELPHIA. James Maurer, Pennsylvania's first Socialist assemblyman, will speak this evening at Mercantile Hall. A chorus of 100 Socialist children will sing Socialist songs.

SHAMOKIN, PA. Comrade Charles H. Crane writes an interesting letter regarding the progress of the Socialists in Shamokin. After telling of the successful meetings held during the campaign, he says:

"We have a local of almost 300 members, and among them we have four comrades who do public speaking. They are George W. Dornbach and Charles Hochensbroch, who speak in English; Herbert Miller, who speaks in German; and John Levitski, who speaks in Polish.

ERON PREP. SCHOOL. 185-191 EAST BROADWAY. Commercial, Regents, College and Civil Service Courses. Day and Evening.

SITUATION WANTED—MALE. YOUNG COMRADE, sober and experienced, wants position as waiter or dishwasher. Address G. L., 10 E. 7th st., 2d floor, City.

SENATE REPEALS LAND GRANT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate today passed the house bill repealing the grant of 160 acres of land in Oklahoma to James P. Rowell, a white man married to an Indian woman.

TRUSSMAKER. HENRY FRAHME TRUSSMAKER. 1400 3d Ave. Est. 8th & 9th Sts.

RESTAURANTS. LITTLE HUNGARY. 207 E. Broadway St. Table d'hôte; every Sunday; Hungarian table d'hôte; every Sunday.

VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT. 257 EAST BROADWAY. 1000 KRALY, PRES.

NOTICE. Address and Adolph Spitzer, 400 Broadway, 4th floor, New York, N. Y.

Union Shoe Co. 52 Avenue B, cor. 4th Street. All our fall and winter shoes are ready for your inspection.

DR. B. L. BECKER'S OPTICIAN AND OPTOMETRIST. 263 East Broadway, Tel. 2345 Orchard. No Other Branches.

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PREPARING FOR PEACE AND WAR.

Secretary of War Dickinson sends forth the shrill alarm that we are totally unprepared for war. So, probably, we need more ships, new types of small arms, heavier guns and an increased standing army.

A CAPITALIST BEAUTY SPOT.

Mr. Munyon, sometimes known as Old Dr. Munyon, who, with upraised hand and index finger pointed skyward, has often proclaimed that he would rather regulate the livers of the nation than make their laws, has been fined \$600 for selling fake medicines.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

By BERTHA W. HOWE.

It is here again! We have been bound and gagged and made helpless by it. It has drawn us onward to defeat as irresistibly as a shingle nail is drawn by a loadstone.

A GREAT "CONSERVATIVE" TRIUMPH.

By L. B. BOURDIN. At last the President has made up his mind how to fill the vacancies in his "Continuous Constitutional Convention."

But the principle that the ownership of property is embraced within the power of Congress to regulate commerce whenever that body deems that a particular character of ownership, if allowed to continue, may restrain commerce between the states.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

CHURCH TAXATION.

Editor of The Call: In The Call, of the 9th inst., Comrade Anna Rochester takes kindly issue with me upon my article advocating church taxation, deprecating my bitterness, and deploring my lack of understanding of the "spiritual truths in Jesus' teaching and the church."

There are other such gems in the opinion which prove conclusively that the sacred "rights of property" are always uppermost in Mr. Justice White's mind and that our capitalist class is absolutely safe from improper or "hasty" legislation which may interfere with those combinations of capital which they need in their business.

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LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

A SONG OF THE WEST WIND.

By W. R. Van Treack. The day was bright and my heart was light. And the flowers they bloomed and were glad with me.

VIEWS OF A WHIMSICAL OPTICIAN.

Any further creation of Utopias after the fashion of Bellamy's famous "Looking Backward" is discouraged by The New York Call.

IN LONDON.

"Er'e a rummy lookin' chap, Gargoyle." "E'e's a Pharos, one of those blokes wot worships the sun, Willyum."

TALES TWO.

The editor wrote: "Dear Madam, please send me the 'Kiss' you were so kind to write for me."

FOUR PARTS.

"Well, Donald, did you see? Christmas this time?" "No, Aunt Cornelia; but I know a good deal more about it than you do."