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TAMMANY'S PROMISES.

Present Administration Has Broken Every Pledge Made in 1897.

Tammany Denounced Injunctions and Issued Injunctions—Denounced Trusts and Took Bribes from Trusts—Promised Schools and Turns Away 65,000 Children.

Bill Nye once said that political platformers have been away from the platform since the days of the railroad. When we look back at the platform upon which the present Democratic administration of this city was elected four years ago, and contrast the promises it then made with the course it has followed from that time to the present day, we are struck with the truth of the humorist's remark.

In its platform of 1897 the Democratic party of this city said: "We demand in all municipal work the enforcement of the eight-hour law and the payment of the prevailing rate of wages."

That was a plain enough promise, was it not? How was it kept? At almost every one of the weekly sessions of the Central Federated Union, during the four years since that platform was adopted, COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED THAT THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW WAS BEING VIOLATED BY CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CONTRACTORS ON PUBLIC WORK AND COMMITTEES HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO ASK THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENFORCE THE LAW AS IT HAD PROMISED.

In February of the present year, at the instance of a contractor upon public work, the Court of Appeals, composed of four Democrats and six Republicans, decided that THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES LAW WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and thereby made the contractors a free gift of more than \$6,000,000 out of the public treasury. DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE DENNIS O'BRIEN WROTE THIS DECISION AND DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE GRAY AND CULLEN SUPPORTED IT, along with the six Republican members of the court.

That is how Tammany keeps its promises. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. In its platform of 1897, the Democratic party of this city said: "All proper municipal functions should be exercised by the municipality itself and not delegated to others. We favor municipal ownership and municipal control of all municipal franchises."

When the present Tammany administration came into office upon that platform the Brooklyn Bridge cars were run by the municipality, and employees received from \$1 to \$150 a day. This Tammany administration voted to franchise to a private company, and the men have to strike for living wages and tolerable hours of labor.

The citizens of New York voted that the underground railway should be owned by the municipality. The cost of building and equipping the tunnel, as calculated by experts is \$25,000,000. This Tammany administration has voted to pay Contractor McDonald and his partners \$35,000,000 for building the tunnel and to give him the use of it for SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS. The profits, as proven by Albert Johnson and Judge Gaynor, will be \$8,000,000 A YEAR. That is, Tammany has made the capitalists A FREE GIFT OF THE PUBLIC EXPENSE OF \$7,000,000 DOWNSIDE AND \$8,000,000 A YEAR FOR SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS—in all, \$67,000,000 and the interest thereon. The workmen employed by the tunnel contractors have had to strike again and again for the enforcement of the eight-hour law and for union wages.

That is how Tammany keeps its promises. TAMMANY'S PROMISE ABOUT INJUNCTIONS. In its platform of 1897 the Democratic party of this city further said: "We protest against the extension of the law of injunction in suppression of the struggles of the laboring masses to alleviate their hardships, against the perversion of legal process contrary to time-honored precedent, and against the subversion of the rights of citizens by public assembly and freedom of speech to agitate for the redress of grievances."

That was a plain enough promise, was it not? How was it kept? On August 5, 1899, the New York "Sun," long infamous for its bitter and slanderous attacks upon organized labor and its open contempt for the whole working class, discharged all its employees, some of whom had been creating wealth for its owners for thirty years, for the sole reason that they were members of trade unions. WHOLE COMPANIES OF POLICE WERE SENT BY DEMOCRATIC MAYOR VAN WYCK to help the "Sun" bring in scabs and thus TO ASSIST IN THIS CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE PERSONAL LIBERTY OF WORKING PEOPLE.

Not the slightest attempt was made by DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT ATTORNEY Gardner, or by the police authorities to punish the managers of the "Sun," or the Pinkerton thugs employed by them for repeated, violent assaults upon the persons of union men. BOOKSTAYER'S INJUNCTION. In December of the same year, DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE BOOKSTAYER of the Supreme Court, ISSUED AN INJUNCTION FORBIDDING THE ORGANIZED WORKINGMEN OF THE PRINTING TRADES EVEN TO ADVISE OR REQUEST OTHER

CHILDREN IT, thousands of children have been driven away from the schools or put in part-time classes. Since the beginning of the present year, six weeks ago, FIVE THOUSAND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN DENIED ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOLS OF THIS CITY AND ABOUT SIXTY THOUSAND HAVE BEEN PUT IN PART-TIME CLASSES, for lack of school room. That is to say, ABOUT ONE EIGHTH OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO APPLIED have been denied their right to adequate education. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS LIES SOLELY WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHICH MADE THAT PROMISE IN 1897, for it has had four years of absolute power in which to perform its duty.

That is how Tammany keeps its promises. BUT WHAT ELSE COULD ONE EXPECT? But what else could one expect? When Tammany nominated a LAWYER-POLITICIAN like Van Wyck for Mayor, a WALL STREET BROKER like Celer for Controller, and a CORPORATE LAWYER AND REAL ESTATE OWNER like Guggenheimer for President of the Council, how could the workmen of the city suppose that Tammany for one moment intended to keep its promises to the working class?

And now, when Tammany has nominated THREE LAWYER-POLITICIANS upon its ticket, how can the workmen suppose that it intends to keep any promise that it may now make?

The Central Federated Union and the unions represented in it have been leading the Democratic administration, all through the four years, to keep its promises and enforce the laws. HOW MUCH BETTER IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THEY HAD VOTED, FOUR YEARS AGO, FOR MEN OF THEIR OWN CLASS TO ADMINISTER THE CITY'S AFFAIRS. Instead of begging from their enemies and begging in vain, they would then have had only to present the facts to their chosen servants and their will would have been done.

They have a chance to right their mistakes now. They have a chance to put into the Mayor's chair one of the men against whom Democratic Justice Bookstayer and the "Sun" conspired. BENJAMIN HANFORD, of the International Typographical Union. They would then have had only to present the facts to their chosen servants and their will would have been done.

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FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK.



BENJAMIN HANFORD.

ARE THE WORKERS COMPETENT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES.

Fellow workmen, you may think that you could not creditably fill the public offices of this city and state; maybe you think that you and few members of your class have not the ability required for such important places. It would seem that the workmen of this country must have formed such a low estimate of their own character, from the astonishing regularity, with which they elect lawyers, capitalists, and saloonkeepers to make and execute laws for them. IT IS AN UTTERLY FALSE OPINION.

In the first place, you could hardly, if you set about it deliberately, elect a set of men from any class outside the asylums, who would govern city, state, and nation in a way more injurious to your interests and more detrimental to social welfare than those at this moment in office.

But the case is stronger than that. IF YOU WERE TO CHOOSE MEN BY LOT OUT OF YOUR OWN CLASS, YOU COULD HARDLY FAIL TO GET HONESTER AND ABLE MEN THAN THOSE WHOM THE Republican and Democratic machines have nominated for you and whom you have accepted.

What sort of ability is it that you want in public officials? Do you want men who can dress well and spend a great deal of money and put on a great deal of external dignity to hide a great deal of real stupidity? Do you want legislators who will know how to frame laws that seem to say one thing and that really say something else?

Do you want judges who are skilled in finding loopholes by which rich law-breakers can escape and in detecting technical flaws upon which laws may be declared unconstitutional? Do you want executive officials who are good at finding pretenses for neglecting to enforce some of the laws and who can make shrewd bargains, on the sly, to the great enrichment of their own pocketbooks?

If that is the sort of ability you think a man should have to qualify him for public office, you should look to the capitalist class and the hangers-on of the capitalist class for your candidates. The Republican and Democratic machines will offer you candidates in abundance, endowed with such ability as this.

But that is not what you want. This sort of ability is just what qualified public officials to serve the capitalist class and disqualifies them to serve the working class.

What you want is, in the first place, men WHO KNOW YOUR CONDITION, your wrongs, your wants, your wishes. SUCH MEN YOU CAN FIND ONLY IN YOUR OWN CLASS among those who have stood in the ranks and fought with you in the labor movement. Such men the Social Democratic Party nominates.

Further, you want HONEST MEN, honest men who have been tried and found true to the interests of your class. You know that THERE ARE PLENTY OF SUCH MEN IN THE WORKING CLASS; and if you will go over the list of candidates of the Social Democratic Party, you will find many whose records in the labor movement go back for many years, and not one whose record is not clean and honorable.

Finally, you want men of STRONG CHARACTER AND EXECUTIVE ABILITY. Do you think the working class lacks such men? On the contrary, THAT IS JUST THE SORT OF ABILITY THAT IS TO BE FOUND IN ABUNDANCE AMONG THE WORKERS.

ON THE EAST SIDE.

Fourth A. D., with Hillquit and Halpern as Candidates, Opens a Lively Campaign.

The comrades of the Fourth Assembly District have fallen to work in the campaign with all their old-time enthusiasm. They propose to make this a memorable campaign and to pile up an unprecedented vote for the ticket of the Social Democratic Party.

Morris Hillquit is the candidate for Assemblyman and Dr. Julius Halpern for Alderman. Both are well-known in the district, and will take an active part in the campaign. A great ratification meeting will be held Thursday evening, Oct. 17, at Pythagoras Hall, 177 E. Broadway, which will be addressed by the district candidates as well as by Benjamin Hanford, candidate for Mayor.

At the last meeting of the district arrangements were made to organize the election districts and distribute literature thoroughly. One thousand copies of the present issue of The Worker were ordered, as well as 20,000 cards bearing the party's emblem and ticket, and 25,000 copies of leaflets in English and Jewish especially adapted to the district. A large transparency was ordered and a wagon with signs showing the emblem and ticket was secured for the use of speakers at street meetings.

Morris Hillquit has signified his acceptance of the nomination in the following LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE: "To the Executive Committee of the Fourth Assembly District, Social Democratic Party. Gentlemen:—I accept your nomination for the office of member of the Assembly from your district with a full appreciation of the honor it implies and the duties it involves."

"The Fourth Assembly District is one of the most typically workingmen's districts in the city of New York, and it presents all the deplorable features of such districts. Its neglected and dirty streets are lined with rows of huge, ugly tenement houses, and within those are crowded tens of thousands of poverty-stricken slaves of the sweatshops, with their overworked wives and sickly, ragged, and neglected children."

"The area covered by the district contains a large number of human beings, that is, similar to the rest of the world, with the exception, perhaps, of the most densely populated sections of China; and it contains a larger quantity of human misery than any district of similar size. China not excepted. The poverty of the population is unparalleled, its sanitary conditions wretched, and its rate of mortality appalling."

"This cheerless life of the working population of your district could be vastly improved by the city and state administration. It lies within the powers of the municipal government to provide clean streets, sanitary dwellings, and plenty of playgrounds, parks, nurseries, and schools within the workingmen's districts, and it lies within the power of the state legislature to improve the conditions of labor and existence of the workmen."

"The Fourth Assembly District is and always has been represented by an alderman in the Municipal Council and by an assemblyman in the State Legislature. But these men never represented the interests of the working class, they were not labor candidates, but the tools of employers and exploiters of labor. If members of corrupt Tammany, they coined wealth out of the misery and vice of their unfortunate constituents, and if 'decent' Reformers or Republicans, they had no feeling for the needs of their labor constituency, and made sport of their misery."

"Not a single measure of relief for the workmen was ever offered in municipal or state legislature by the representatives from your district!"

"And now the Social Democratic Party enters the field of politics as the party of the working class. The Social Democratic Party and all its candidates pledge to the interests of labor in all municipal, state, and national affairs, and pledged to support, vote, and work for that class aggressively and incessantly until such time as our disgraceful social system, based on exploitation and oppression of labor, shall give way to the system of industrial brotherhood and equality of all men."

"It is with this distinct understanding that you have tendered me the nomination, and it is with this understanding that I assume the responsibilities of the same; and I hereby pledge myself to devote my best abilities to the great cause represented by the Social Democratic Party at all times during this campaign, and in the Hall of Assembly, if I am elected."

"I consider it a special honor to run on the ticket of the Social Democratic Party, which is headed by a workingman, so well-known for his nobility of character and devotion to the cause of his class as BENJAMIN HANFORD, and on which I will have for running-mate in your district so true and steadfast a friend of labor as DR. JULIUS HALPERN."

"Fraternally yours, 'MORRIS HILLQUIT.'"

COME EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH at Cooper Union, Saturday night, Oct. 12. YOU don't want to miss hearing Ben Hanford, the Social Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York; James F. Carey, the Socialist member of the Massachusetts legislature, and Fred W. Long, the Socialist agitator of Philadelphia. Unfortunately, Cooper Union will not hold ALL who want to hear them. There will be overflow meetings on the streets, but YOU want a comfortable seat inside. Come early.

—A British Columbia dispatch, reporting a mine disaster in which a dozen workmen were killed, says: "Twelve families have been rendered destitute as a result of the explosion." Ever occur to you that when a workman is killed his family is left destitute, but that when an employer dies his family are well provided for? Yet it is the workmen who produce the wealth. Don't you think something is wrong?

THE CRY OF "ECONOMY."

How the Program of the "Reformers" Threatens Workingmen's Interests.

"Reform" Victory Means Economy for Benefit of Capitalists. Tammany Victory Means Extravagance for Benefit of Heelers—Social Democratic Victory Means Government by and for the Working Class.

Both the old parties in this city are talking "economy" and "business-like government" just now. This is because election is at hand and they think this a good way to cast votes. When Tammany promises to practise economy, Tammany lies. Tammany's business is to make all sorts of promises in order to get its men into office, and then to loot the city treasury to reward its leaders. That is what Tammany always has done and always may be expected to do.

The "reformers" are a little more sincere when they declare for economy. The "anti" constitution represents the sort of people who like to call themselves "respectable citizens"—that is, the merchants, manufacturers, and real estate owners, who do not want to pay high taxes.

But what difference does it make to the workingman whether the city government is economical or not? What difference does it make to the workingman whether the capitalists have to pay high taxes or not? Almost all the taxes are levied either upon real estate—land and buildings—or upon "securities"—bonds, stocks, and the like.

You laborers, mechanics, factory workers, clerks—all you wage workers—do you count yourself in the same class with the property owners? You don't own your home, do you? You don't own any stocks or bonds, do you? How will it benefit you to lower the taxes on other people's property?

WILL NOT REDUCE RENT. Maybe you think that if taxes on real estate were lowered your landlord would reduce your rent. If so, you will be badly disappointed. If there were more houses than the population of the city needed—if landlords were competing to get tenants—the lowering of taxes might possibly lower rents a little. But that is not the case. New York City is crowded. The population is growing faster than the housing facilities. The landlord has you tight, and he will squeeze you for all he can get.

In such a city as this, at least, rents are fixed, not by the needs of the landlord, but by the general ability of the people to pay. If taxes are lowered, the landlord will continue to get just as much out of you as he can—just as much as he gets now—but he will gain by not having to pay so much over to the city. He will be richer and you will be just as poor. Why should you vote for his interest? He never votes for you.

Suppose the "reformers" get in and reduce the tax rate. What would be the result? They would have to cut down expenditures, would they not? The largest item of city expenditures is for public education. It takes nearly one-quarter of the whole revenues. Even now, there are 65,000 children either shut out of the schools or put in part-time classes, for lack of funds to build and equip schools. Do you think that the "reform" administration could or would increase the school appropriations while it was cutting down the tax rate?

Remember, it is YOUR children, the children of the working class, who are shut out of the schools. The "respectable citizens," as they all themselves, would prefer to send their children to private schools, and let yours grow up in ignorance.

Do you think the appropriations for the departments of public health, water, sewers, street cleaning, fire protection, and charities ought to be cut down? If you workmen who spend your lives in disease-breeding tenements, work in unsanitary shops and are in danger of bodily accident at your work, it is you workmen who suffer most for lack of water when the supply runs short, as happened last spring. It is you workmen who live in narrow, crowded streets that need careful draining and sweeping. It is you workmen who inhabit fire-trap houses and run the risk of being burned in your beds. It is you workmen, who, when you are too old to be profitable to a boss, stand in need of public assistance.

Do you think the city does too much for the working class now? Would you like to have it do less? If not, why should you vote to reduce the taxes of your employers and your landlords, with the certain result of reducing the little benefit that you now get from the public service?

But maybe you think if the reformers got in they would cut down their own salaries and give you good service at bargain-counter rates. Don't be too sure. Beth Low may be a truly respectable citizen, but the wages haven't sprouted on his shoulders yet. You may safely assume that they would lay off a thousand street cleaners or laborers before they would cut down a single high salary.

If the "reformers" get in you may count on their practicing a very shrewd economy, for the benefit of the capitalists and AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WORKING CLASS.

If the Democrats get in again, you may count on their continuing to practise lavish extravagance, for the expense of both the workers and the capitalists. If only Shepley and Low were in the field, it would be hard for you to make a choice.

But you don't have to choose between Shepley and Low. Hanford is in the field, too. The Social Democratic Party is in the field with workingmen candidates on a workmen's platform.

HOW TO USE THE TAXES. If the Social Democratic Party is entrusted with power in this city, we can assure you the taxes on capitalist property will not be reduced. We can assure you that they will be spent in a way that will not please the capitalists a bit. If you vote the S. D. P. into power, enough school houses will be built and enough teachers employed to educate every child in the city, even if it should be necessary to tax away the last dollar of capitalist profits and rents in order to do it. If you prefer to have your children running the streets or toiling in the factories, don't vote for the Social Democratic Party.

IF YOU VOTE THE S. D. P. INTO POWER, the rapid transit companies will be compelled to obey the ten-hour law, which they now violate openly. How? Let Mayor Hanford appoint on the defective force a few old conductors and motormen—men who the companies have discharged for trying to organize a union; let them get the evidence and bring it before a Social Democratic judge. It is easy to enforce the law, if you have a party in power that wants to enforce it.

IF YOU VOTE THE S. D. P. INTO POWER, the dark, foul, unsafe tenements that now exist in defiance of law will be condemned and destroyed. In their places will be erected modern and fire-proof dwellings, to be let to workingmen at cost of care and maintenance. They will be paid for out of taxes levied on the men who have grown rich from the rent-rolls of the old rookeries. And the contractor will make a fortune on their erection; in other words, they will be built by union labor—well paid, eight-hour labor—under the direct supervision of officials appointed RIGHT FROM THE RANKS OF THE BUILDING TRADES.

CAN YOU NOT RULE YOURSELVES? These and other measures for the direct and immediate benefit of the working class are the things you may expect the S. D. P. to do if you cast your vote for its ticket in the election. You have the vote. You are the majority. It is for you to decide—UNLESS YOU THINK THE BUSINESS MEN OR THE POLITICIANS CAN RULE YOU BETTER THAN YOU CAN RULE YOURSELVES.

IF YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY FOR YOUR houses and your landlords, without getting any benefit for yourselves, vote for Low and the whole "reform" ticket.

IF YOU WANT TO GET MONEY TO THE political heelers without getting any benefit for yourselves, vote for Shepley and the whole list that Croker has chosen for you.

But if you want the government of this city to become, for the first time in its history, a government by and for the toiling majority, the working class that has built the city and keeps it going, then vote for BENJAMIN HANFORD and the whole ticket of the Social Democratic Party under the emblem of the ARM AND TORCH.

REGISTER! Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12, are registration days in New York. In cities having a population of five thousand or more, no one can vote who has not registered. THE FACT THAT YOU REGISTERED AND VOTED LAST YEAR DOES NOT PUT YOU ON THIS YEAR'S VOTING LIST. YOU MUST REGISTER ANEW. Let no Socialist neglect this. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, are also registration days. October 19 is the last day. But no Socialist should wait for the last day. There is always the chance that you may be sick, that you may have important business, that you may forget, that the registration place may be crowded. Register at the first opportunity. We want every vote. DON'T FAIL!

SOCIALISM vs. ANARCHY. Capitalism creates poverty and ignorance. Riot and assassination are the result of poverty and ignorance. Socialism would put an end to poverty and ignorance. Socialism is the hope of civilization.

FRED LONG WILL SPEAK at Cooper Union, Saturday evening, October 12. BRING YOUR FRIENDS to learn why they should vote for Hanford, Brown, and Stahl. You don't have such a chance every day.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER.

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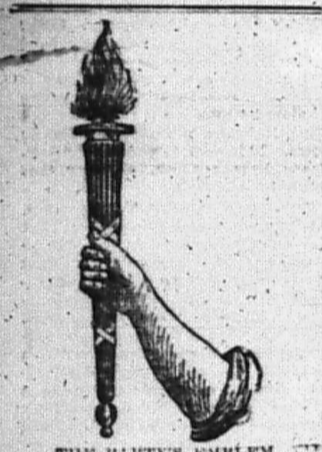


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NEW YORK CITY TICKET.

FOR MAYOR—BENJAMIN HANFORD. FOR CONTROLLER—MORRIS BROWN. PRESIDENT BOARD OF ALDERMEN—HENRY STAHL.



THE PARTY'S EMBLEM.

The Socialist Republic or the Trust and Empire—what will you have?

Chauncey M. Depew says there is not a single Socialist among the railway employees of this country.

At the last city election, the "Sun" considered Low a very bad man. Now it supports him.

WHY SOCIALISTS SACRIFICE FOR THE CAUSE.

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THERE IS WORK FOR ALL.

It is not only work party members that we expect ready and energetic service in this campaign.

able to join our organization, but who wish success to our efforts. They can contribute to the party's campaign funds.

At the last city election, Shepard thought Croker a danger to the welfare of the city, and said that Low was the man for mayor.

THE SPOKEN WORD AND THE PRINTED WORD.

The age of oratory is passing rapidly away. In politics of all shades, as in all other phases of social life, the speaker counts for much less than he did fifty years ago.

Judge Bookstaver, who issued an injunction against the "Sun" strikers, is supporting Shepard.

ONE OUT OF A HUNDRED.

If one leaflet out of every ten that we distribute is read, and if one out of every ten that is read reaches a man who is just in the right state of mind to consider our arguments and be convinced, we may count that the ninety-nine which pass unread or unheeded are paid for over and over again by the careful reading of that one.

THEY DO NOT KNOW.

There are tens of thousands of men in this city who do not know that we have a ticket in the field.

NOT MEN, BUT PARTIES.

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THAT HE WHO RUNS MAY READ.

If the average number of listeners at one of our street meetings at any given moment is two hundred and fifty, it is safe to say that a thousand different persons are in attendance for some part of the time, some going early, some coming late, comparatively few staying from beginning to end.

The ten-hour law for street railway employees has not been enforced under Democrat Van Wyck.

NO EFFORT IS WASTED.

Still better is the distribution of literature at meetings in distribution from house to house.

THE WESTERN TRADE UNIONS.

The Western trade unions are setting a good example for their brothers in the East.

THE SEATTLE "POST-INTELLIGENCER."

The Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" is openly advocating the disfranchisement of Socialists.

COAL TRUST GROWING.

Another step in the trustification of the coal industry. The Clarksburg Fuel Company has assumed ownership and control of the properties of nine formerly independent coal and coke companies in West Virginia.

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ed by a workmen's party without fusion or endorsement from one of the old parties.

But further we answer: As a rule, the politicians of every party are true to the powers which really put them into office.

THE IMMENSE WEALTH OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

And the immense wealth of the City of New York, a large portion of the population succumbs in abject poverty.

THE CITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR THE CARE AND EDUCATION OF ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE PEOPLE.

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MUNICIPAL PLATFORM OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

OUR CANDIDATES: For Mayor—BENJAMIN HANFORD. For Controller—MORRIS BROWN. For President of the Board of Aldermen—HENRY STAHL.

The Social Democratic Party of the City of New York, in entering upon the municipal campaign of 1901, declares its unwavering adherence to the principles of revolutionary Socialism.

We call upon the workmen of this city to recognize that their interests in this campaign are totally different from and opposed to those of the capitalist class.

Hitherto our city has been administered exclusively in the interests of the possessing classes and their political henchmen.

The man who should play false with the real power that has supported him would be a fool.

In a word, it is not men that rule, but parties. A good man can hardly be elected by a bad party; and if he is, he can do no good; that he will not dare to oppose his real masters; he is only a tool in the hands of his party machine.

While the residential district of the wealthy of the metropolis, with its vast and picturesque parks, its beautiful avenues and palatial mansions, stands almost unrivaled in the universe, the portions of the city inhabited by the workmen are the worst that ever disgraced and disfigured a large city.

The establishment of a complete system of re-employment bureaus to be conducted by the city under the supervision of the labor organizations.

The creation of a municipal fund for the maintenance of aged, sick or disabled workmen and working-women.

The city to undertake public works, especially in times of depression, for the purpose of giving employment to workmen displaced in the competitive system; such works to be carried out under the same conditions as to hours of labor, etc., specified above for all public employees.

The city to provide adequately for the care and education of all the children of the people.

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By the co-ordination of physical and technical training with general education throughout the whole course, in order to fit every pupil in the highest degree for the various duties and opportunities of life; and by the improvement and extension of the system of free libraries and reading rooms, museums, art galleries, lectures, concerts and evening classes, in order to give the greatest facilities for the further self-education of the people.

The extension of the parks, playgrounds, public baths, and similar conveniences, adequately to meet the needs of the whole population.

The city government to use all the powers conferred upon it by law to prevent the erection of tenements or tenement houses and to bond the destruction of such as exist in violation of law.

The city government to begin at once the erection of modern tenement houses, with ample provision for light and air, for proper sanitation, and for privacy; such tenements to be let at rates sufficient to cover the cost of care and maintenance; the work to be begun in the poorest quarters of the city, and to be extended as rapidly as possible, with the ultimate object of providing adequate dwellings at cost to the whole population.

The Social Democratic Party, when constituted with the administration of the city, will at all times use the police powers on the side of and for the protection and benefit of the working class in its conflicts with the capitalist class; in every case of doubt we will construe the law in favor of the working class, and so far as the law permits, we will use the resources of the city treasury for the benefit of the working class as against the capitalist class.

The only class which has a real interest in changing the rule of our city administration for the benefit of the working class, is the working class itself, and the only political party that can effect such change is the party of the workers, the Social Democratic Party.

The Social Democratic Party is well aware of the fact that the existing social evils can be entirely removed only by the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production and the substitution thereof of the Co-operative Commonwealth through the powers of the state and nation.

But it lies within the power of a city administration, if controlled by a class-conscious labor party, to put into effect many measures of immediate relief which shall, at the same time, be steps toward the realization of the Co-operative Commonwealth. We, therefore, put forth the following program of immediate measures, to which we pledge our candidates, and for which we ask the support of all workmen desirous of real freedom and justice:

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PROFITS ABOVE LIFE.

Overwork of Employees on Steam and Electric Railways Accounts for Many Fatal Accidents—A Direct Result of Private Ownership—Old Parties Will Not Enforce the Law.

Two freight trains collided a week ago last Monday, on the Berkshire division of the New York and New Haven Railway, with the result that three men were killed and three others seriously injured.

On investigation it appears that this man had been kept on duty from Friday noon till 9 a. m. on Sunday, the day before the collision—FORTY-FIVE HOURS of most exhausting work on a single stretch—and that on Sunday he got ONLY FIVE HOURS SLEEP.

But why not vote against the capitalist as well as strike against him? If he is your enemy in the shop (as he is) and you have to organize to resist and fight him there (as you do), is it not evident that he is your enemy in politics too, and that YOU OUGHT TO ORGANIZE TO RESIST AND FIGHT HIM AT THE BALLOT-BOX?

The capitalist considers every political question as a matter of business. He advocates those political principles which will make his profits safe. He supports those parties which will serve his business interests. Why should not the workmen do the same on his side?

In a strike, all the advantage is on the capitalist side. The capitalist has wealth saved from the workmen's product; he can afford to wait till the men are starved out. He has the political power on his side, because the workmen have neglected to vote for their own party.

Suppose the workmen had chosen judges, mayors, sheriffs, and governors for themselves, from their own class, to serve their own interests. Would it not make quite a difference when you come to fight the capitalist?

A strike is often a question of dollars against dollars. The capitalist has thousands of dollars where the workman has one. An election is a question of men against men. The working class has nine voters where the capitalist class has one.

A strike is a costly business for the workers. BUT IT COSTS NOTHING TO VOTE RIGHT.

The police and militia can bring seals in to break your strike. THEY CANNOT MAKE YOU SCAB AT THE BALLOT-BOX.

The capitalist may blacklist you for striking. BUT YOU HAVE A SECRET BALLOT and they cannot punish you for voting the ticket of the workers.

It is better for you to vote for what you want and not to have to vote for what you don't want and get it "in the neck" as you have been doing in the past. But if you vote for what you really want, you will get it, in spite of the capitalists. YOU ARE MANY, THEY ARE FEW.

Workmen of New York, vote your bosses out and yourselves in, and thus escape the necessity of strikes in the future. Vote for Ben Hanford for Mayor. VOTE UNDER THE ARM AND TORCH.

Workmen, the country over, vote for your own freedom, the freedom of your class, by casting a straight Socialist ballot.

It costs you nothing. You run no risk. It costs for more than anything else you can do. Even though you do not win this time, THE LARGEST THE SOCIALIST VOTE you cast, the more you will FRIGHTEN THE CAPITALISTS—frighten them into a defeat regard for your rights.

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As reported two weeks ago, the American Tobacco Company, the trust which practically controls the tobacco and cigar industry of this country, has started to open England, having absorbed one of the largest British tobacco companies. Now observe how the thing works. Here is a dispatch from London, dated Oct. 3.

Lambert & Butler, the Hignett, Messers, Wilson, and Pinyon and others, including almost all the leading British tobacco manufacturers, have signed an agreement preliminary to forming a combination with a view to preventing the American competition.

So, already, in place of a large number of competing companies, we have two big combines fighting each other. Of course, one will have to be beaten—and of course it will be the weaker one. The American Tobacco Trust will then gobble the whole business, and look around for other worlds to conquer. So competition leads to combination. Capitalism breeds monopoly.

FUNDS NEEDED—DON'T WAIT.

Comrades, money is needed for the campaign fund NOW. Each of you is supposed to have a list and to solicit contributions. Don't wait to get your list full before turning in the money.

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VOTE AS YOU STRIKE.

Workingmen often have to strike against capitalists—sometimes for larger wages or a shorter workday, sometimes against a reduction of wages or a lengthening of the workday or intolerable "driving," sometimes against tyrannical rules and the abuse and insults of foremen and superintendents.

Workingmen show great heroism in these strikes. They recognize that the interest of one is the enemy of all. Hundreds or thousands of men often go out to prevent injustice to one of their number. That is admirable. More real courage and manly devotion to duty is shown in the average strike than in the average battle.

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THE WORKER FAIR.

A grand Fair will be held for the Benefit of "The Worker" at GRAND CENTRAL PALACE, LEXINGTON AVENUE, 43d & 44th STS.

From November 10th to 17th. All comrades are expected to assist us in making this fair a success. Particulars later.

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Trades' and Societies' Calendar

Standing advertisements of Trade Unions and other Societies will appear under this heading at the rate of \$1 per line per annum.

BRANCH 2, S. D. P. 34th and 35th A. D. (formerly Socialist Science Club, meets second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month at the Workingmen's Educational Club, 530 Third Avenue.

BRANCH 2 (English), 7th A. D. (Brooklyn), S. D. P. Meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening at 709 Evergreen Avenue.

CARL SARN CLUB MUSICIANS (UNION), Meetings every Tuesday at 10 p. m., at 64 East 4th Street, New York.

CIGARMAKERS PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL UNION No. 90, Office and Employment Bureau: 64 East 4th Street.

PENNSYLVANIA. WILKES-BARRE Local Luzerne Co., Pa., Socialist Party meets every Sunday at 3 p. m., at 487 South 8th Street.

Arbeiter - Kranken- und Sterbe-Kasse fuer die Ver. Staaten von Amerika. WORKMEN'S Sick and Death Benefit Fund of the United States of America.

Workmen's Children Death Benefit Fund of the United States of America.

WORKMEN'S Furniture Fire Insurance Organized 1872. Membership 14,000.

Social Democratic Women's Society. Annual Conference at Clubhouse of the Workers' Educational Ass'n, 206 E. 95 St., on Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

LEO SIELKE, ART AND MURAL DECORATION. Simon Sultan, Counselor at Law.

L. B. BOUDIN, Attorney-at-Law, 245 Broadway, New York City.

LEOPOLD P. WOLFSOHN, Pianist. HENRY L. SLOBODIN, COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW.

DR. A. W. CASPE, 222 E. Broadway, New York.

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The Economic Struggle.

The Fall River, Mass., cotton manufacturers have refused the 5 per cent. advance asked by the operatives.

On Oct. 1 all the employees of the South Side Elevated Railroad of Chicago received an advance of 10 per cent. Although the company denies it, this is construed as a direct result of the strike of the men.

The Michigan State Federation of Labor, at its recent convention in Saginaw, adopted a resolution calling attention to the concentration of wealth.

AS TO STREET CARS. Useful Capitalists Now Pocketing \$9,500,000 a Year in Manhattan and Bronx.

The figures for the city of New York are worth considering. The Metropolitan Railway Company makes an average net profit every year of \$8,250,000.

GENERAL COMMITTEE. Following is a report of the last meeting of the General Committee of the New York, held on Saturday, September 28, with Comrade Berlin in the chair.

LECTURES IN EAST NEW YORK. The comrades of East New York have arranged the following series of Sunday evening lectures.

THE WORKER FAIR.

First Meeting of Conference Shows That It Will Have Trade Union Support.

At the trade union conference for The Worker Fair, held Saturday evening, Oct. 5, the following organizations were represented: Central Federated Union, American Federation of Women of New York.

The Federated Trades Council of Milwaukee adopted a resolution lamenting the death of President McKinley, and calling on all liberty-loving citizens to unite with us at the ballot-box.

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PATERSON CAMPAIGN.

Plan to Organize a Rival Party Fails - Vail and Glanz Stand as Workingmen's Candidates.

The Socialists of Passaic County, N. J., and of the city of Paterson have their ticket in the field and consider the prospects very bright.

Comrade Vail has addressed good meetings at Orange, Hoboken, and Newark, as well as at Paterson. No interference or disorder has occurred.

THE IRONY OF CAPITALISM. Millionaires to Teach Labor How to Cope with Capital.

Chas. M. Schwab, & S., of the Steel Trust; E. M. Harriman, & S., president of the Southern Pacific and general railroad magnate; H. H. Rogers, & S.; Alexander E. Starr, & S.; Seth Low, & S.; and other multimillionaires, are about to establish a school for the purpose of elevating the workmen and their sons in political economy.

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IN ROCHESTER.

Good Prospect That at Least One Workingman's Representative Will Sit in the Common Council.

A fifth Social Democratic campaign club was organized in Rochester last Tuesday night, with twenty-four charter members.

Comrades Bach and Swain are kept busy addressing the various clubs of all phases of the Socialist movement.

CUFFALO'S TICKET. The Social Democrats of Buffalo, N. Y., have held their city convention and nominated the following ticket:

SOCIALIST PARTY AND TRADE UNIONS. The Socialist Party, in convention assembled, declares that the trade union movement and independent political action are the emancipating factors of the wage working class.

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COMMITTEE OF A not meet Saturday at the residence of the author.

ADLER FRASER, OF the newest socialist, who is also a member of the workingmen's street meetings.

LAYLORD WILSHIRE WILL be at Columbia Hall, One Hundred and First Street and Columbus Avenue, Sunday evening, Oct. 13, at 8 p. m.

THE OLD "AMERICAN BRANCH," Brooklyn, now calls itself the Socialist League and has arranged a series of Sunday evening lectures to be held at Sunks' Assembly Rooms.

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC Young People's Club of Yorkville made a complete success of its first annual ball Saturday night.

COMRADES GOLDBERG, GIDDEN, Herman, and others have helped the Organizer greatly during the past two weeks by volunteer work at the Labor Lyceum.

THE SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL League of the Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Assembly Districts has received a grant of \$100 from the New York State Education Department.

Letter Box

J. J. Brooklyn - Comrade Ben Handford never at any time served on any committee of the New York Educational Union or any other union.

TAMPA CAPITALISTS OFFER NEW YORK WORKERS A LESSON.

Workingmen, you remember how thirteen of the leaders of the striking cigar-makers at Tampa, Fla., were kidnapped by a committee of business men, who do not approve of strikes, were carried away to the coast of Central America and left on a desert island to starve; how it was only by the chance aid of a spy-Indian that they escaped this living death devised by their civilized bosses. You remember, as an incident of the affair, how one of these men was torn from the bedside of his wife, who had just given birth to a child, and how the wife died from the shock.

These are among the things that the New York "Times"—a paper which hates Socialists and trade unions, and supports Mr. Low, by the way—referred to as "the humorous features of the strike."

There is now another chapter in this story of capitalist outrage. It is not quite so startling, but it is even more instructive.

THE POLICE AUTHORITIES AND JUDGES OF TAMPA HAVE TAKEN TO ARRESTING THE STRIKERS EN MASSE AND GIVING THEM THE CHOICE OF GOING BACK TO WORK IN THE SHOPS AT THE BOSSES' TERMS OR OF WORKING THIRTY DAYS IN THE CHAIN GANG ON THE STREETS, UNDER THE TAUNTS AND BLOWS OF BRUTAL OVERSEERS. SIXTY STRIKERS WERE ARRESTED AND SENTENCED IN ONE BUNCH LAST WEEK.

The Democratic city authorities of

Tampa are doing this, and the Democratic state authorities of Florida and the Republican-national authorities do not lift a hand or speak a word in protest.

What are YOU going to do about it, workmen of New York and of other Northern cities?

Maybe you think that because this happens in Tampa, a thousand miles away, it does not concern you. Maybe you think your bosses in New York or in Boston or Philadelphia or Cleveland or Chicago or St. Louis or San Francisco, will never think of trying such measures on you.

Don't be so sure. If you fail to register your protest at the polls against the two old parties which allow or quietly permit such outrages, against the capitalist system which gives rise to them, then there is every chance that YOUR masters will try the same sort of treatment on YOU. They are watching you now, to see how docile and servile you will be.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Every Socialist vote you cast next month will be a warning to the capitalist class that you know them and are ready to fight.

Read that bit of news over again and then answer whether the Social Democratic Party is not right when it pledges itself that IF ITS CANDIDATES ARE ELECTED TO OFFICE THE POLICE WILL BE USED TO KEEP SCABS OUT AND TO HELP STRIKERS, NOT TO BRING SCABS IN AND HELP BEAT STRIKERS.

SOCIALIST DODGERS.

Only three weeks more!

Simple Tom (groaning): "Republican hemorrhage. Democratic diarrhea. Reform nausea. Oh, my!"

Sam Wasthere: "Here is a sure cure. Make a cross under the Arm and Torc on November 5."

"Vote for Hanford" is the watch-word.

(To the tune of "Yankee Doodle.")

Workmen, Hanford is your man. Vote, vote, vote for Hanford! On the ballot look for "Beu." Vote, vote, vote for Hanford!

Low is Tommy's goo-goo boy. Vote, vote, vote for Hanford! Shephard will be Dickey's toy. Vote, vote, vote for Hanford.

Hanford stands for the S. D. P.; vote, vote, vote for Hanford! Hanford stands for you and me; vote, vote, vote for Hanford!

Vote for Hanford, vote for Beu, vote, vote, vote for Hanford! Vote for Hanford, and again vote, vote, vote, vote for Hanford! (His ad libitum.)

Parading comrades should march to the tune of "Yankee Doodle."

If you get hold of a Socialist leaflet or paper, read it and then pass it to your neighbor.

Fifty-eight thousand one hundred and twenty-three children in part-time classes, getting deficient instruction; 5,200 children refused admission to schools because of lack of accommodation; and it is estimated that at least 20,000 children have not applied, because it was of no use.

A vote for Hanford will bring more schools sooner than a vote for Low or Shephard.

Seth Low stands for cant, sham, hypocrisy, and respectable fleecing of the working class. The workmen should spurn this Saint Lucifer.

Every vote for revolutionary Socialism is like the Handkerchief on the Wall. It compels the capitalists to make concessions to the working class.

The cards announcing our ratification meeting in Cooper Union, on Saturday, Oct. 12, should be widely distributed. They can be had in the Labor Lyceum.

Tammany wants municipal ownership for the benefit of pollers. Vote for the Social Democratic Party and municipal ownership for the benefit of the workmen.

The time is not far distant when the capitalist class will attempt to destroy the liberties of this country by subverting the right of free speech. It will be proven that the Socialists are the true republicans and true democrats.

Workmen, don't throw away your votes on Low or Shephard. A vote for Hanford will bring about a betterment in your conditions much sooner than a vote for the tools of the capitalist class.

John indignantly: "Vote for the Socialists? Why Seth Low gave a million to a university."

Mrs. John: "Yes, universities! And our boy was not admitted to primary school because there was no room!"

The nomination of Low and Shephard shows that the great capitalists are busy with the political machine out of the hands of politicians pure and simple. H. S.

THEY KNOW SHEPARD.

James Shephard, of Tammany Hall, being asked if any pledges were asked of Edward M. Shephard when the Democratic nomination was offered him, replied that such a suggestion was "preposterous." It would be an insult, he said, to propose pledges to Mr. Shephard. If Mr. Shephard tells the truth, it simply means that Tammany is "dead sure" of Mr. Shephard, without any formal pledges. Tammany knows what it is about. It does not choose its candidates in the dark. It may get fooled yet—for not one Tammany man or in all history ever failed to serve the gang at the expense of the people. Mr. Shephard will not break the rule.

FOR THE CAMPAIGN FUND.

To All Comrades, Friends, and Sympathizers of the Social Democratic Movement in New York and Vicinity:

Our municipal campaign is under way. We have a strong ticket. The names of Hanford, Brown, and Stahl command the respect of the workers. Our platform appeals to the working class. What we now have to do is to make a vigorous campaign for this platform and fight, so as to get as many votes as possible on November 5 under the Arm and Torc.

The Campaign Committee has already started on the publication of nearly a million pieces of campaign literature. It will arrange hundreds of meetings in halls and on the streets. We are to carry on war from now till election day. In order to do that we need money and again money and more money. We need it now. Don't wait. Rush it to the campaign fund, dollars, dimes—and we shall not object if you go any higher still.

All moneys received will be acknowledged in this paper and in the "Volkszeitung." Send contributions to J. Gerber, 64 E. Fourth street, treasurer of the Campaign Committee.

Previously acknowledged: \$234.15

- List 112, Wm. Feuerstein, 1.25
List 428, Wm. Swoboda, 1.25
List 141, Dr. Grosse, 1.00
List 529, B. Asch, 3.75
List 75, Chas. Dehal, 1.00
List 845, J. Hoogroff, 2.00
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IN YORKVILLE

Algernon Lee is the Social Democratic candidate for Assembly in the Thirtieth Assembly District and Adolph Groehlinger for Alderman. In last year's election this district stood among the two or three casting the largest Socialist Democratic vote in the city. This is because it is almost exclusively a workingmen's district, and the Social Democrats have made it very clear that their candidates stand only for the working class. A very good campaign is being made by the 30th A. D. organization, with the assistance of the Young People's Social Democratic Club of Yorkville and of several of the progressive labor organizations.

For Member of Assembly—Enall Napp. For Alderman, Twenty-fourth Aldermanic District—Charles A. Sprenger. For Alderman, Twenty-fifth Aldermanic District—L. Sohr.

The workmen of the 23d A. D. are invited to attend a series of public meetings to be held on Sunday evenings, beginning Oct. 13, at Beckmann Hall, 1423 street and 8th avenue, where the principles of Socialism and the purposes of the party will be explained. Admission is free and questions and general discussion are invited after each lecture.

COOPER UNION, OCTOBER 12

TEN THOUSAND A DAY.

The New York City Campaign Committee has issued a second leaflet, addressed to trade unionists. The matter appeared in The Worker two weeks ago under the headline, "Put the Capitalists on the Defensive." It is a good one—short, clear, and strong.

The leaflet is a small one, only four by seven inches. It is an easy matter to carry a sufficient supply with you for house-to-house work or for distribution in your shop and at meetings. Get them out. Put them before workmen everywhere. One hundred thousand copies were printed last week. They ought all to be out within ten days. That means ten thousand a day. That means "hustle." Do it.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER. COOPER UNION, OCTOBER 12

CAPITALIST SYSTEM CRUSHES CHILDHOOD.

Hypocritical "Benevolence" of Southern Mill Owners—Poisoning Babies for Profit in Our Own State.

At a recent meeting of Southern mill presidents, at Columbia, S. C., a committee was appointed to represent the interests before the legislature in regard to the question of child labor. This committee is to urge the fixing of the age limit for child labor for South Carolina at TEN YEARS FOR DAY AND TWELVE FOR NIGHT WORK, and "to explain to the legislature what the corporations are doing in an educational way for employees."

And in our own state law-suits are in progress against the manufacturers of condensed milk for selling bad milk. ESPECIALLY INJURIOUS TO YOUNG BABIES.

These two little items of news, which the great public presses by mean the wheels and ruin of scores of young lives. They call to mind the whole long list of crimes against childhood by which capitalism thrives.

In many of the cotton mills of the South children of six and seven years of age are dragged out of bed at half-past four in the morning to go to work at 5:30 and work till 7 in the evening. Some of them are paid TEN CENTS A DAY. "Mother" Jones, the beloved old friend of the workers, who obtained employment in the cotton mills of Alabama in order to learn the truth about the conditions there, says:

"I must give the company credit for having hired a Sunday-school teacher to tell the little things that Jesus put into the heart of Mr. — to build the factory so that they could have work with which to earn a little money to enable them to put a nickel in the box for the poor little heathen Chinese babies."

Perhaps this is part of "what the corporations are doing in an educational way for employees."

Miss Irene M. Ashby, the young English woman who was sent to Alabama by the American Federation of Labor to inquire for the passage of a bill against child labor, says:

"I asked one tiny girl, 'What do you do when you're tired?' 'I cry,' she answered. 'And then what happens?' 'The superintendent tells me to go on with my work.'"

"DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY." Miss Ashby tells of factory children taken into the country who "didn't know how to play."

These are the conditions that prevail in most of the mills of Alabama, Georgia, and the Carolinas. There was once a law in Alabama prohibiting the employment of children under twelve years of age for more than eight hours each day. This law was repealed at the request of the "Gaston Company," which would not invest capital until the repeal of the law was promised.

The powerful lobby of the Southern mill owners defeats all attempts to legislate against the evil.

The insolent assassins of childhood occasionally wait on the legislature to forestall opposition with their recommendations under the guise of generosity. They are willing to have a law passed prohibiting the employment of children under ten years of age if they are allowed to drive to death the slaves who have reached the advanced age of ten and eleven. They are willing to let the child slaves be educated—if it's done outside of the twelve hours that they labor in the factory. How kind these gentlemen are! How noble these fine plutocrats, grown fat on the torturous labor of tiny toddlers!

If your workman's shirt is made of cotton, look down on the sleeve and reflect that into that cloth are woven the cries of children, the blood of babes and the tears of mothers. How pleasant to think that any common piece of cloth we have use for is fashioned for us by the tired tiny fingers of underfed, pain-racked children.

And what of the condensed milk companies of our own Empire state? Why have they sold bad milk which poisons babies? Because it is made, not because the babies need it but because the capitalist needs the money. It is made, not for use, but for profit. Socialists think things should be made for the use of the people, not for the profit of an individual. One set of capitalists overwork and underfeed the women of the working class, with the result that they are not able to nurse their own children, and then another set of capitalists sell them bad milk which kills their babies.

The cotton mills of the South and the impure milk sold in New York are only two items out of the long record of the sacrifice of childhood to the greed of capitalism.

Go into the sweat-shops of the New York slums, where humanity rots and reeks in filth, misery, and disease, and you will see little children with wan, white faces, working day and night for bare existence, often without food, without clothes enough to shield them from the blasts of winter, without education, with no music in their lives but the hum of a spindle or a machine, with no sunshine penetrating the cellar of the sweatshop, that human hell where poverty slowly grinds to death the body which the soul has long since left, where filth and stench take the place of sunshine and air, where humanity is outraged and crushed to fill the pockets of the capitalist.

Go to the coal breakers of the Pennsylvania mines and you will find mere boys, children who ought to be in school, working under similar conditions, sorting out their gloved hands with key, rapier, water and brushed by the heavy lumps.

Go to the slaughter houses of Chicago and you will find other boys cutting up the meat which is to feed the world, surrounded by horrible odors and stinking, eek-deep in a stream of water used to carry off blood and refuse into drains—while the beef-packer piles up his millions. You can read about this in the report of the state inspector of factories of Illinois for 1895.

DO YOU REALIZE IT? Do you realize that the meat you eat, the clothes you wear, and the coal that warms your fireside have passed through the thin weak hands of suffering children, children who pile up profits for the useless capitalist?

Thus so much of the work of the world is done by emancipated boys and girls who go to work at six in the morning, without the beautiful play of childhood, without education, even without pure food or pure air or the light of the sun. Stunned and stolid they are, mentally and physically starved, morally debauched and degraded.

In our cities, the girls of our signs have the choice between the false glitter of prostitution and the hopeless, merciless, never-ending wage-slavery; the babies, in the summer time, confined in the hot tenements, die like insects for lack of fresh air and pure milk.

THE PRICE OF PROFIT. And this is the price that we pay to preserve the sacred institution of profit—profit—profit. This is the tribute that is exacted from the race to satisfy the inordinate greed of the man whose only joy in life is to see one dollar become ten.

Through all this dismal chaos of despair, the Socialist alone sees the ray of hope, the dawning light of a better day. For it is the child, the full-grown working class and the working class alone, who are robbed and wronged, and the working class is becoming conscious of its own interests and its own might. It is learning that it must work out its own salvation; it is learning that its condition is becoming worse and worse under the system of private ownership of the means of production, and that the only hope for it is in the child, the full-grown working class and the working class alone, who are robbed and wronged, and the working class is becoming conscious of its own interests and its own might. 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