

WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU TO BE ALIVE?

By T. Murphy.

What do I mean by that? Just what I say. For instance, what right have you to be alive? Think it over. If you had no property, no clothes and no money, you would starve to death, wouldn't you? Yes, you would starve to death and be arrested as well, that is, you would starve to death in a "civilized" community. If you were in an uncivilized country you would not starve to death because you would have a right to take the means of supporting life, as well as an opportunity to do so, but being in a "civilized" community without money or property, you will starve. No? Yes?

THE LABOR SECRETARIAT.

Steady Growth of a Useful Institution.

Much Accomplished by This Organization, Formed by Trade Unions for Legal Aid and Protection of the Unions and Their Members. The Labor Secretariat of New York was organized a little over four years ago by ten trade unions, with a total membership of about 3,000, for the purpose of affording legal aid and protection to labor organizations and their individual members.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

By Jos. Washoga.

Everybody may be out of town, but you may have noticed that the Socialists manage to rake up a few listeners most evenings, as the police have testified on several recent occasions. A London syndicate has sent up the price of diamonds five per cent, which shows that the trust doesn't play any favorites. It will raise the "necessities of life" on the loafer as well as on the workman.

GRAND LABOR FESTIVAL

LOCAL HUDSON CO., S. P. AND KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 1905 AT UNION HILL SCHUETZEN PARK, N. J. Vaudeville, Prize Bowling, Shooting, Dancing and Moving Pictures TICKETS: In Advance 15 Cents, At the Gate 25 Cents

GRAND MASS MEETING

Will be held under the auspices of the BROOKLYN FEDERATION OF LABOR ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1905, AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M. AT THE BROOKLYN LABOR LYCEUM 949-507 WILLOUGHBY AVENUE

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS

IN NEW YORK CITY. Open-air meetings have been arranged to be held at the places named on the nights designated below. The assembly district organizations are requested to take notice of their meetings and see to it that they have the platform open on time and that sufficient literature is distributed. FRIDAY, SEPT. 1. 14th A. D. - N. E. corner of Tenth St. and Second Ave. Courtenay Lemon, John Collins.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SAVINGS BANKS.

Proof That Interest on Deposits is No Evidence of Prosperity Among Working People.

The following communication was recently published by the New London (Conn.) "Day": To the Editor of the "Day": Your comment in Saturday's issue on savings banks called forth by a gain of \$4,000,000 in deposits in New York State in the past year, seems to accept this showing as evidence of general prosperity among the working class of New York.

THE ARRANGMENT.

By Robert Grey.

What have ye done for the workers That weary till the soil; From the rise of the sun to the set of the sun, That ye may live on their toil? Ye have given them words of fair cheer— But never their portion of grain. Ye have taken the whole of their product, And set them to toil again.

LOCAL NEW YORK CAMPAIGN FUND.

Contributions for the Social Democratic campaign of Local New York (Manhattan and the Bronx) should be sent to U. Solomon, Organizer, 64 East Fourth Street, New York. All receipts will be acknowledged in The Worker. The following contributions have been received since last report: A. Sturdivant, list No. 43, \$2.50; Henry A. Becht, list No. 509, \$5; Wm. F. Ehrert, on account, list No. 927, \$2.50; Fred Knorr, on account, list No. 651, \$5; list No. 698, \$5; G. Hart, on account, list No. 750, \$2; Harry Kelly, list No. 775, \$3; list No. 812, \$10; \$1.75; Chas. Man, list No. 901, \$3; Baker's Union No. 1, list No. 1,377, \$2; Baker's Union No. 1, list No. 1,377, \$3.50; J. H. Wohl, list No. 1,648, \$3.75; R. W. Davidson, list No. 2,010, \$3.25; N. Kiefer, list No. 2,280, \$1.10; Friedrich Kuhne, list No. 2,332, \$10; Harry Lockwick, list No. 2,333, \$2.50; Walter S. Holliston, list No. 2,584, \$2; Max Rosenzweig, list No. 2,588, \$2; Maurice Swartz, list No. 2,818, \$5; Gustave Hummel, 75c; Abr. Panzer, \$1; T. F. Meade, \$1; G. and H. \$3; Angus L. Dusehau, \$1; Beer Drivers' Union No. 23, \$5; total, \$40.90; previously acknowledged, \$45.45; total to date, \$86.35.

WOULD SOCIALISTS EVER SELL OUT?

By Simon Lipsitz.

If a Socialist is elected to office will he represent the working class better than a capitalist official? Why, certainly he will. First of all, the candidates of the Social Democratic Party are workmen; its membership is composed of workmen; its campaign funds come from the workmen; therefore it is their interest to represent the working class.

THE SONG OF CAPITAL.

By Wayne Arer.

On the shores of the swift running rivers, down thru the valley and plain Profits I make, tolls do I take, waging the warfare of gain; Mills do I build in the forest, factories make on the hill; For me the artisan labors, for me the husbandmen till.

MODERN "PROSPERITY."

This visible difference between the old order and the new is closely dependent on the difference between the purposes that guide the older scheme of economic life and those of the new. Under the old order industry—and even such trade as there was—was a quest of livelihood; under the new order industry is directed by the quest of profits. Formerly, therefore, times were good or bad according as the industrial processes yielded a sufficient or an insufficient output of the means of life. Latterly times are good or bad according as the process of business yields an adequate or inadequate rate of profits. The controlling factor is different in the present, and the question of welfare turns on the degree of success with which this different ulterior end is achieved. Prosperity now means, primarily, business prosperity; whereas it used to mean industrial efficiency.—Veblen's Theory of Business Enterprise.

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I would not like to know, my love, That the Jewel in your hair Was the Hedite taken from that broken woman there. I would not like to know, my love, That you were rich and great, With the riches wrung from sorrow and corruption of the state. I would not like to know, my love, That I had wronged you so, That the riddle on your bosom from a boy's heart did grow. That your lovely brow was blushing With the wealth that I had wrung From the hunger-driven mothers and their helpless, homeless young. I would not like to know, my love, That the silken dress you wore Was the bread that I had taken From the tables of the poor. That the soft and white necks on your white and stainless breast Were the heart strings of the mothers who had died to save their nest. I would not like to know, my love, That any deed of mine Cast a shadow on the being that I hold to be divine. I would not like to know, my love, That I had done one thing That would block a single feather in your white soul's stainless wing.—W. Covington Hall.