

surance should beware of Socialism. on election boards. However, Sec. He might lose it. Ask the Times 1124, same chapter, provides that "Any

While floundering about in the usual sea of platitudes which he palms off as a speech, President Roosevelt said on Labor Day that so long as the farmers and wage earners are prosperous all other classes are prosperous also. This is a blundering admission on the part of the president of the truth of the Socialist position that labor creates all wealth, and that all other classes are parasitical and dependent upon the working class.

Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, said in his Labor Day speech that "The wage earner has rights-a right to a living wage, reasonable hours, and more than even a living wage when circumstances and success warrant it." Of course when the "circumstances and success," or rather the caprice of the employer does not warrant any more, a living wage, or mere animal existence, is good enough for the wage earner. At last we have a statement as to what constitutes a "fair share of the product of labor"-a living wage.

A letter from a Muscatine comrade states that some of the Socialists of that city believe the Socialist party there is entitled to judges and clerks of election because the party in that city cast over two per cent of the total vote at the last not give them places on the election boards. Sec. 1093, Chap. 3, Title VI.,

The workingman who carries life in- A third party is not given representation number of persons, not exceeding three, from each political party having candidates to be voted for at such election, * * who are appointed and accredited by the executive or central committee of such political party or organization respectively * * * to witness the counting of ballots, may be present at the polling place." To insure the counting of all the votes, it is important that the Socialists take advantage of this provision by having representatives at every polling place wherever possible.

> In a lengthy editorial on Labor Day the Dubuque Times charges labor unions with having committed about every crime on the calendar with the possible exception of horse stealing. It is claimed that the unions and the employers associations have formed a conspiracy to fleece the consumer. But the hypocrisy of this solicitude for the consuming public is shown in the remedy suggested for the tyranny of organized labor-a stronger, more centralized organization of the employers. Just how this would benefit the dear consuming public is a mystery to us unless it is hoped that it would result in the destruction of the unions; and that this would be of benefit to the public.

"Milwaukee, Sept. 9 .- The Journal says: The slogan for what promises to election. While this entitles them to go be one of the biggest contentions in on the ballot as an official party, it does which organized labor has been engaged -one with the Catholic church-has been sounded by Father M. J. Ward, of Code of Iowa, in relation to election Beloit, who has declared that neither he boards, provides that "The membership nor any other priest of the Roman Cathof such election board shall be made up olic faith will give absolution to those or completed by the board of supervisors who have taken the oath of the Internafrom the parties which cast the largest tional Typographical Union. The oath and next largest number of votes in said of this union requires the member's alprecinct at the last general election." legiance to his union shall have priority



Another "Labor" Parade

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over every obligation, religious or other

"Father A. F. Schinner, administrator of the archdiocese, said today that Father Ward was altogether justified in making such a statement and that he would himself say the same thing."

The clause in the obligation of the typographical union to which his holiness objects is as follows:

"My fidelity to the union and my duty to the members thereof shall in no sense be interfered with by any allegiance that I may now or hereafter owe to any other organization, social, political or religious, secret or otherwise.'

That the Catholic Church, which has ever been the bitterest foe of progress in every department of human endeavor, which is opposed to democratic institutions and the rule of the people, which demands the abject surrender to its authority of the bodies, souls and intellects of its communicants, should object to the taking of this oath by any of its members is to be expected, but we are strongly of the opinion that the Catholic members of this great union will prefer the imaginary future hell to which those who deny them absolution would consign them to the hell of battling singlehanded against organized capitalism or in the ranks of a "union" emasculated by the domination of capitalism's allythe church.

The Cathedral Quarterly, issued in the interest of St. Raphael's parish, contains a long article against Socialism by Rev. Rickaby, the English Jesuit, whose attacks on Socialism are torn to tatters by Father McGrady in "A Voice from England." We print a reply on another

The concerted action on the part of the Catholic clergy in denying absolution to printers who have taken the typograpical union oath is intended merely as a dissension breeder.

The Chicago Chronicle says that most of the trouble which now besets industry is due to the denial by organized labor of the rights of free labor. Guess

Labor having marched one day to the sweet strains of music, resumes its march to the discordant screech of the factory

LABOR THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Within the working class there has always existed the germ of the world's progress. Despised it may have been, but ever conquering.

When the present society began, capitalist and wage earner (master mec'anic and apprentice) were both workers.

But industry has undergone a revolution, and now instead of hand labor being the rule, the great machine is here. Instead of the individual plan of effort the great co-operative process is here.

The capitalist has ceased being the master mechanic. By owning the

machinery or the raw material, or both, he is master of the situation merely as OWNER. The master mechanic himself becomes a wage earner. The capitalist class, therefore, becomes useless and the signs of decay

are already at hand. The useless class must disappear; must be absorbed by the useful class.

The men who have learned to co-operatively produce the goods, must learn to co-operatively distribute the goods, in order that the goods may be consumed and the wheels of industry kept turning.

This is the present day mission of the working class. Here is the ultimate outcome of the trades union movement. First came the guild to regulate the relations of apprentice, journeyman and master mechanic. This old relationship being destroyed, the trades union came to unite the men into their own crafts. Now the craft itself is being displaced by powerful and nimble machinery and the industrial form of organization becomes inevitable, uniting the men who work in a single plant or single industry.

The next change is upon us. When the last country has been brought into the present form of industry, the world market fails because there will be practically no people to buy the goods except the people who make the goods. When these industries cannot run because profit cannot be made, then the workers, the industrial labor unions, must conduct these industries without profit, merely giving to each of its members according to the work he performs. We must complete the co-operative process.

When the modern temple of business falls into ruins of its own top-heaviness, only LABOR, the hope of humanity, can erect into a more beautiful struc ture the industries of the civilized people.

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BEN HANFORD'S TOUR



Ben Hanford, of New York, began a long deferred western tour, ander the direction of the National Lecture Bureau of the Socialist Party, in Pennsylvania during the last week of August. Hanford is one of the most popular and best known Socialists in the eastern states and a prominent member of the Typographical union of New York city, better known as "Big

He has been a trade unionist ever twenty years and a Socialist over ten. Three times he was chosen as Socialist candidate for governor of New York-in 1898 by the Socialist Labor party and in 1900 and 1902 by the Social Democratic party, which is the official name of the So-

cialist party in New York state. In 1902 the vote for Hanford for governor was increased from 12,069 to 23,400, putting the party from fifth to third place on

When the trades unionists of Yonkers, N. Y., were looking for a man to answer the sixteen questions recently put to them by John C. Havemeyer, the sugar trust magnate, they selected Hanford as their spokesman, and his speech at the great mass meeting held for the purpose in Yonkers, and at which Mr. Havemeyer was present, created a profound impression and attracted wide attention.

Speaking of Ben Hanford's qualities as a speaker, Algernon Lee, editor of "The Worker," New York, says: "Two qualities go to make Hanford a convincing and an inspiring speaker-a burning earnestness, as evident in his daily private life as in his appearance on the platform, and an ability to clothe his thoughts and feelings in the simplest and most direct of language, so that no hearer can fail to understand.

"More than this, he is a workingman, a class conscious workingman, in every fibre of his being-living the life of the working class, thinking its thoughts and instinct with its feelings, full of its growing hope and self-reliance, hating class rule with all his soul and despising the sham and meanness and crueity which are necessary to what is conventionally called "success." Thus he speaks for the working class when he speaks from his own experience, and he speaks in the sincere and unmistakable language of his class."

Hanford was the speaker on Labor Day for the United Trades and Labor Council at Cleveland, Ohio. His tour to the West will take him through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado in the order named. For dates, terms and other information, address National Secretary, Socialist Party, Omaha, Neb.

Hanford will speak in Dubuque during the campaign. Watch for date.

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carried on for the high purpose of atthe division of the world as to its goods, present form of government. he chooses the parallel of. Dives and

cred rights of property." Strictly, does It far antedates 2,000. The earth was property have rights? Individuals have given to man; not to a man; to all manrights-have rights that others are in kind, with a right to not merely live, but duty bound to respect. It goes without to enjoy and develop his highest mansaying that property belongs to the indi- hood. Man could not attain to the highvidual who creates it. If this be so, all est development alone. Hence he was property belongs to Him who created given a helpmeet. Not competition. all things. This is the statement of the but co-operation was the first principle Psalmist: "The earth is the Lord's and of the human race in the Divine constithe fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein."-Ps. 24:1.

True, we hear much said about the "Sacred rights of property," meaning the advantage of his fellow is not of the sacredness of private ownership. If there exists any deference to the word of God, it teaches above all truth the sacredness of the private ownership of property. But it claims, and logically. that there is but one such owner-which is God. "The earth is the Lord's and that dwell therein," by the right of creation. This right is sacred. This dis-owned is sacreligeous. It nowhere is in and the fullness thereof, and made sacred the ownership thereof to any individual, or class of individuals. He has live in an enjoy the fullness thereof. The truth taught in this parable by lesus is to the point. It teaches the sacredness of human rights, and the doom of those who disregard and violate those rights. Lazarus had the right to life and happiness. It may be supposed his condition came through deprivations of the necessaries to life and happiness. cause of the misery of the class he would have Lazarus represent, the inwe may admit that much of their condition is their own fault, as Christ represents in the sad condition of the younger son, in the parable denominated "The Prodigal Son." He represents that portion of mankind whose lives placed in the other down as the weight of gold. Yet he had not forfeited his right to life of God.

Now for this sad condition of a large portion of human society the writer atone thing to one and something else to other. another. This evidently is true so far as himself and Socialists generally are publics have been created and perished, Preposterous! This we can yet hear concerned. For he immediately imputes a design which no Socialist advocates, for he states that "Socialism carried to an extreme involves a transfer, sudden and probably violent, of all capital to the state, and that apparently cause. The same cause produces in thread of the Lord and the prophets without compensation to the sufferers evitably the same effect. Introduce a was what Jesus taught his disciples, and by the change." Then having unwar- different cause and a different effect fol- that was to be the Golden Rule of His rantedly and unjustly imputed evil he subtly turns to win confidence and acceptance of the end he seeks, he allows of wealth. This is the cause of the the definition of the term "neighbor" he to his readers the consideration of the very ends and method proposed by all Socialists in the way of remedying the evils he has before admitted to exist. He evidently has an "extreme form" of Socialism in his mind, of his own creation, which he denominates "a huge, intolerable and abhorrent evil." All this "to every good Catholic and every other rational being." And lo! this great and intolerable, and abhorrent evil may be evils. But the intelligent Socialist looks approached to, but there is danger in for a new heaven and new earth because ism. If the gospel of Christ is to be coming toward it "too near," or "too the old has passed away. The disciples the remedy for existing disparities of rapidly." Why come to or toward it at expected the old customs to continue in men, and the cure of the "Lazarus all if it is so "huge," "intolerable" and the Christian dispensation, but Christ sores," surely the first thing to be done "abhorrent" an evil.

He then turns, not to the present, but produce disastrous effects. to the past to find a Socialism that will in some degree conform to his conception of Socialism that may be conjectured to produce all the evils prognostic ited.

the product of the present method of of the cause, the congestion of wealth. It is not a religion, but it is not without government. We cannot recount in de- Only by this can it save this nation from religion. Christ said: "My Kingdom

Truth is discovered by research, and | tail for want of space. But confiscation revealed no less by discussion if it be without remuneration, boodleism and every other evil thus far mentioned as taining to the truth. The spirit of truth likely to occur under the reign of Sois the guide to truth. As representing cialism is now existent as a result of the

Socialism is not wholly then the author of evil. Socialism, he says, is He opens with the sentence, "The sa- 2,000 years old. It is older than that. tution. From that date co-operation has continued as the Divine plan. Competition-fellow attempting to get

God. Co-operation was made the foundation of the Christian system by Christ. Love forbids competition and establishes co-operation. Commonwealth is the foundation truth of the gospel and of Socialism. Wealth in Socialism is not merely gold or silver bonds or stocks, the fullness thereof, the world, and they houses and lands. It embraces all the possibilities of individual and collective development. The competitive system is not favorable to, but destructive of evidence that he has given the earth, this. The assumption that a co-opera- than bullets, and they, with all the tive system may exist on a small scale, but not if extended to all industries is without foundation in reason. Consoligiven to every individual the right to dation of industries already has taken place, and is being constantly enlarged, not merely embracing those of a kind, but dissimilar. And where are all the evils predicted to occur under this idea put into practice? Men have shown their competency to manage the intricacies of these varient industries with all their va- the first one to see moral difficulties. riety of departments and detail. Who can say that these same men would not Such, at least, is the inference of the be competent though the consolidation writer of the article, as he pictures the should embrace all the industries of the nation? Each department has its manager, and this from the highest position sufficiently fed, clothed and housed, and to the lowest works without friction, or the system going to chaos. Socialism is not "a fiction," not "a dream." It is a reality-a present reality. Consolidation of diversified industries and its claimed and admitted beneficence is illustration of the practicability of the the one scale with the dollar in the consolidation of industries to the incluother scale, goes up as a feather, and sion of all and the benefit such consolidation will bring to all in the nation. Morgan has said that he in his course is and happinesss. It is sacred in the eye demonstrating the practicability and doing more toward bringing to reality the socialistic idea than any other individual. "Morganizing" industries is tempts to consider the remedy proposed, socializing them. There is no more erty interest. If its possession was so called Socialism. He claims for the reason for predicting wreckage under detrimental to the present owner, would term an indefinite meaning-meaning the one management than under the

until it has been the conviction of some at least that it is the fate of nations and to his teaching. For the teaching of civilizations. They may rise as the sun; Jesus, as set forth by the writers who with as great certainty must they go are accepted as his true biographers, is down. There is a common and constant fundamental to Socialism. The golden

downfall of every nation, whether a gave in the memorable parable of the monarchy or republic. Remove the Samaritan, and commanded like conpossibility of the congestion of wealth. duct. "This do and thou shalt live." Make wealth common and a new cause It is implied the contrary results in has been introduced, and a different re- death to the individual, and to the nasult, not may, but certainly will follow. The writer of the article under review the principles of Sscialism should, to assumes this congestion to continue un- be consistent, decry the teaching of der his conception of Socialism, and Jesus. consequently a repetition of the existing

be removed. As long as the system have only made the sores worse instead continues by which one person can get of better; the next is to resort to the the earnings of another, so long will all true and only rational remedy, the the evils of the past and present con- "balm of Gillead." It is said Socialism All the evils predicted are at hand, tinue. Socialism aims at the removal is not a religion. It is not irreligious.

the fate of all nations which have perhed in the past. The writer then sees "political diffi

ulties in the way of introduction and

working of Socialism." He evidently is

monarchist-does not believe in dem-

ocracy. He is not a democrat. He here also builds up an imaginary difficulty. He fails to see the practical working of democracy in the United States. True, evils exist under this democracy; and are not absent, the same kind, from the most despotic monarchies. That the life, liberty and happiness would be placed in one man's hand is merely his say so. It is not in the mind of any advocate of Socialism. Then, how different would that be from the present. All this that he imagines will be sure to be under Socialism is verily true today under "the best government under the sun." We have the people, a large majority at least, cry out for a favorite and the reigns of government are placed in his hands, and he holds the life of any individual over 18 and under 45 absolutely in his hands. He has merely to send an orderly for him. And he dare not refuse to obey the summons at the peril of court martial, not a court determined by the constitution, but unconstitutional and may be transported to any foreign country against the constitutional law of the land. This is what republicanism has come to. Could Socialism come to any thing worse than this, as to placing the "life, liberty and happiness" into the hands of one man, a favorite of the majority of the peo-politicians. No, sir, by no means do the Socialists discard the lessons of the past, nor of the present. Ballots are more welcome to them "poetry," patriotism, eloquence and persuasion at their command urge their compatriots, the people-the people whose lives, property and happiness have been placed into the hands of one man, to use their ballots to defend themselves against the bullets of their ene mies and exemies of the republic.

The writer of the article then further sees "moral difficulties." But he is not They were seen 2,000 years ago with greater justification. Great evil was then predicted if this new kingdom were to prevail. It was inimical to the then existing form of exploitation, and the lives of many of the people would, indeed, have to be radically changed. The rich would have to become poor that others might be rich. This was what this new teacher promulgated, claiming himself to be an example. He demanded as a condition of discipleship an abandonment of home, houses and lands, even commanded hatred of the nearest and dearest of kindred. That those who were rich should sell their property and give the proceeds to feed the poor. And lo! the inconsistency, the cotemporaries must have seen, so glaring! What about those who should become possessors of their vast propit be less so to the purchaser? This man, setting himself up as a leader and Kingdoms have come and gone; re asking the following of the people. them say, in the present day objectors, kingdom. Love to God Supreme and The common cause is the congestion to your neighbor as to yourself. And tion as well. Those who cry out against

The teachings of Jesus are today as "impractical" as any teaching of Social had no such thought. The old would is to dispense with the "quacks," who these centuries have been applying bal-The possibility of exploitation must sams of their own manufacture which

is not of this world." Yet by obedience to his teaching the kingdoms of this world are to become the Kingdom of God and of his annointed. The children of the Kingdom are to rule the earth. If there is any reality to prophecy this is surely to be. Republicanism is not a religion. But in its palmy day it was not without religion. It was founded upon a religious idea. The Godly spi. which was also in Christ, and taught by him in the parable of Dives and Lazarus and the Good Samaritan. The republican party was the Good Samaritan that came to the aid of the man who had fallen among thieves. Socialists, the Socialistic party, are by no means all religious. Many far from it, and doubtless some because they have followed blind guides, and led, neither knowing whither.

But if they would let the truth open their eyes they would see Jesus, God's annointed, the One altogether lovely, being the poor man's chief friend, a Jonathan to a David; who is a Samaritan to the robbed, loving and doing good by his teaching even to his enemies. The remedy for the cure of the "Lazarus sores" lies truly in the gospel principle of life; that life must be incorporatedincarnated as the life of God was incarnated in Jesus. But must there be waiting until every individual is converted to that life before the principle of that life can be incorporated into the body politic? Civil and religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the individual conscience is a religious principle taught of God in his work from olden time. When that principle was adopted as the constitutional and mandatory law of this nation, was every individual converted to the principle of that law? Are they yet all converted to obedience to that principle? Yet it is a working principle and who will not voluntarily render obedience, yet must obey. So also the law prohibiting stealing, indeed every precept in the decalogue is upon our statute books. All are not converted who live under these statutes. Why not wait for their conversion before we adopt the principles of the decalogue into our body politic?

Surely we need a motive power from above. Our world shows it. Our nation shews it. Our city shows it. And the church shows it, possibly most of all for her hypocrisy. All the anathamas Christ uttered-not vindictively. but corrowfully, pitifully against the leaders of the church of his day, he no doubt would see the occasion to repeat today. For the reason that those who profess to speak and teach in his name know him not, have joined forces with his enemies, those who oppress the poor-rest judgment-and withhold mercy. "Co, deracy," say they, as Israel of old. "We must join the power of the church with the power of the present exploiting system. Why? Because they all are in the same busi-So they, too, have "joined union" for community of interest. Should it be so? What a pity that it is.

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Ming's treatment of Socialism was very not believe "Socialism is the lowest output of hell." On the contrary, he believes it would be an excellent thing, but that it is impracticable. This is a debatable question. Socialism is increasing rapidly among Catholic workingmen. Divested of all verbiage, Socialism stands for co-operation and the rule of the majority. The Catholic workingman can see nothing in this which in any way conflicts with his religious opinions. Hence the difficulty the Catholic church is experiencing in staying the progress of Socialism among its adherents.

The Quarterly Bulletin of St. Raphael's Cathedral, Dubuque, for the month of September contains an article on Socialism written by Rev. Joseph Rickaby, an English Jesuit. Father Rickaby says there is nothing to prevent a Catholic from advocating that the state should take over the control of railroads, telegraphs, gas, water, electricity, brewing, baking, building, etc., and make of them a government monopoly, and that it is difficult to see where the absorption should stop, only let it be done gradually and justly. But there should be some limit. If the state is entitled to do all things, why should there be any limit? Would it not be useless for private capital and private commercial enterprises to compete against government monopoly?

Father Rickaby then takes up what he calls full-blown Socialism as explained in Gronlund's "Co-operative Commonwealth." It is simple justice to Gronfund to say that he states what he thinks may be done under Socialism. No one can say positively what will or will not be done under Socialism. Whatever is done will be done by a vote of the majority. If General Washington had been approached during the progress of the Revolutionary War and asked: "General, what are you going to do when you have gained your independence? What kind of a government will you establish? What laws will you frame?" Washington would doubtless haye said, "My dear Sir, those are matters for future consideration. The first and most necessary thing for us is to gain our independence; the rest can easily be settled." So the Socialist says, "Assist us in establishing Socialism. The details can be taken up afterward."

Father Rickaby then takes up Lassalle's iron law of wages-that wages

Button Workers vs. Penurious Capitalists

MUSCATINE, IA., Aug. 25, 1903.

The above title implies one of those divisions into classes with opposite economic interests which culminates in what is known in Socialist literature as the class struggle, and which in its modern phase finds expression in the strike. lock-out, boycott, riot, suppression of riot, and many other blessings bequeathed to the sons of men by the capitalist economy. Hardly an industry of any size throughout the length and breadth of the United States but what has contributed its share toward the illustration of this principle.

And now come the button workers, taking temporary possession of the stage and re-enacting the same old story which has characterized the industrial world ever since the dawn of private property in the means of wealth production, and which goes to make up the contents of all written history.

Until the introduction of the button industry, the city of Muscatine had been noted as a Capitalist Paradise, to which have gathered, and good old Muscatine oasis while the tumult of battle raged round about; where the peaceful relations of Labor and Capital were never disturbed by the hideous voice of the local capitalist the battle raged fame—poverty, and the order to run. In other words the stock-holders of said firm have acquired that all important blessing spoken of by Andrew of Homestead fame—poverty, class.

their constituents.

But in advocating these measures in steps in the over-throw of capitalism and the establishment of the Comperative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an all important blessing spoken of by Andrew of Homestead fame—poverty, class.

Rev. J. P. Ming S. J., recently de-jory. As might be expected, he makes livered a series of lectures at St. Mary's a weak argument. He depends upon Casino in Dubuque before a number of the labor unions to nullify the force of German Catholic priests. If the printed that law. Well, the labor unions have reports of the lectures be true, Father been trying to do that for many years, but even the most enthusiastic trades fair. Unlike Father Sherman he does unionist will hardly claim that the efforts of the labor unions have been an unqualified success.

> ample reason for discontent, Father Rickaby gives his remedy, which is nothing more nor less than state Socialism. As between state Socialism, where the workingman would have no voice in saying what wages he should receive, what hours he should work, and under what conditions he should work, and ideal Socialism, where he would have a voice and a vote on all these matters, most workingmen, it seems to us, would prefer the latter.

> Here, then, are three Catholic priests -all three Jesuits-and all three lecturing upon Socialism. Father Sherman says "Socialism is the lowest output of hell." Father Ming and Rickaby admit that it is desirable, but impracticable; that men would have to be made over before they would be fit for Socialism. Which shall we believe?

> Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, recently delivered an address before the Iowa State Bar Association in which he advocated extending instead of limiting the power of the injunction. As the scope of the injunction is now unlimited, it is difficult to see how it could be extended.

> Judge Brewer also believes that all judges should be pensioned. Well, why not pension everyone after he has arrived at a certain age? Why should a judge be pensioned any more than a laing from \$2,500 to \$10,000 a year can not save enough to keep the wolf from the door in his old age, how can the laborer, receiving less than \$450 per annum be expected to do so? Under Socialism every man will be pensioned when he has grown too old to work.

Another federal judge is a candidate for notoriety. This time it is Judge Rogers, of St. Louis, who has decided that the blacklist is legal. If the blacklist is legal, of course the boycott is legal, for the principle underlying both is the same. But if a number of workingmen should be arrested for boycotting and brought before Judge Rogers, it would be amusing to note how glibly the learned judge would reverse himself. What rare fun we Socialists will have always tend to the point of subsistence, some day in reversing the decisions of

> walking delegate or the sympathetic appeal of the capitalist apologist. This is especially illustrated by the saw mill industry, which at that time was the principal industry of the city. The theory of the freedom of contract in the case of the saw mill workers was stretched to its utmost tension. For years this portion of the working class, a body of meek and lowly Germans (who by the way, must have left their native land before the Reds instilled in the minds of the German workers the idea of socialization, or before Germany was forever scandalized by giving to the world "Das Kapital,") together with a sprinkling of the sons of Erin worked day in and day out for from \$8.00 to \$9.00 per week with the magnificent workday of eleven hours. Freezing up with the saw dust in the winter, they would thus remain until the rays of the vernal sun once more called them forth to their summer outing of 11 per.

> But alas, all this has passed away. The walking delegate, with his counterpart-the capitalist apologist-have put in an appearance. The clouds of battle

German origin, who having landed on with the exception perhaps of a one the banks of the Father of Waters, immediately spotted the Hawkeye paradise and proceeded to embark in the button business. At this time the method of polishing was a secret and Mr. Beapple held the key. But as was later demonstrated, he was not equal to the occasion. Not being familiar with Yankee tricks, the secret was soon transferred to a number of local "gentlemen," who with an eye for business, became thereafter competitors of the aforesaid respectable German. The moment the secret was out the industry spread with amazing rapidity. Little shops sprang up on all sides and the Golden Age of Competition was once more introduced. But not for long, as will later be seen. With the growth of the industry came After admitting that workingmen have the idea of organization, the first union being organized some six or seven years ago. From its birth it had a healthy growth until the demand for labor necessitated by the rapid increase of the industry having materially bettered conditions, the members conceived the false idea that they were as well off without as with the union, which from this time on gradually died out, but for a time only. The industry soon began to show the ear marks of competition. The snail pace set by Mr. Beapple upon the discovery of the secret of polishing became a trot; from this it broke into a canter; thence into a break-neck steeple chase ending in the ditch of a crisis, the inevitable cut following, and the employers giving out the statement that the price of buttons had so fallen as to leave very little surplus value. Nevertheless it was noticeable that the reduction took place in the fall when men were plentiful and work scarce, the standard price being restored in the spring. Such was the condition of affairs when in the spring of 1902 an attempt was made to reorganize the delinquent union, the story somehow getting abroad that the employers wanted the workers organized in order to get the label for the buttons, which was probably true to a certain extent, due to the pressure brought by the garment workers. However this may be, the fact remains that the union was reorganized with this understanding, which, however, proved disastrous. Organizing with this understanding, the members naturally supposed no diffiborer? As a rule the laborer is far more culty would be met with in unionizing valuable to society. If a judge receiv- the shops. When this difficulty was met and the truth known the union immediately went to pieces. However, the general belief obtains that the temporary organization prevented the usual reduction of wages which did not take place in the fall of 1902. Nevertheless the usual amount of discontent was manifested during the winter months, caused to a great extent by the method of weighing. Not being satisfied with the 144 gross, they adopted a gross of 168, counting all buttons against the cutter below the thickness of three lines. The spring of 1903 found the industry in an apparently flourishing condition, another steeple chase being on. Some of the wise ones seeing the inevitable result, once more gathered the faithful under the banner of organized labor, being careful to instil in the minds of the members the fact that whatever they got brough organization would not come in the form of concessions, but would be won by united action. Hardly had the union got under headway when the crash came. Buttons felt in price; factories closed their doors and the small fry began to feel the iron heel of capitalistic oppression. Following these events the present trouble began. The Peerless, one of the largest factories in the city, closed doors for two weeks, reopening with a reduction of one cent per gross in wages. The means here used to reduce wages and at the same time preyent thouble was, to say the least, the product of a genius. Nevertheless this factory is not a fair test, as only scrubs work there because of certain ridiculous regulations. The writer worked there himself and when in the pink of condition was not able to make over \$1.00 per day, so can speak from experience. Following the reduction in the Peerless came one of the same magnitude in the Hagerman and Bishop factories which resulted in a walkout. No sooner had this occured than interviews with Mr. Hagerman began to appear in the local press in which he states that because of severe competition the firm was placed on the verge of bankruptcy

time dry goods merchant (who, by the way, Mr. Hagerman forgot to mention,) who not being able during his mercantile career to satisfy his lust for gain by selling cheap calico to the children of the poor, retired to the field of production and forthwith proceeded to reduce the wages of the button workers, who by the way, cannot complain as this gentlemen must have had a purpose in view, probably the erection of a pipe organ in some of the numerous synagogues of Satan where an echo of the voice of Christ is never heard from the temples that profane his name.

Another gentleman of great ability in the art of skinning labor is a local coal dealer who managed somehow or other to save enough out of anthracite to invest in a block of stock in a south end factory. Not being able to sell coal at \$12.50 per ton this fall, he demonstrates his genius by reducing the wages of the button workers.

And last but not least, the local papers have gained a reputation for servility, which, to say the least, is not to be envied. But this is hardly worth mentioning as no one believes anything they print-in fact, they don't print anything worth believing.

The above is a very madequate statement of the conditions which obtain throughout the button industry, but may answer the purpose of giving to the peopie the real facts in relation to the business which has been so thoroughly discussed by the capitalist press.

And finally, while the dear old Hawkeye paradise arrays herself in mourning for days of yore, the button workers A. R. Knights & Co. union at last on a solid foundation draws nearer each day to the time when it will become a factor in the shaping of the conditions throughout the industry. Couple with this fact the bright outlook for an increased Socialist vote and you will be compelled to apply that time honored saying, the end justifies the ONLOOKER.

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SOCIALIST PLATFORM

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The Socialist party in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a piolitica 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.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and

ownership by the entire people.

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

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Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and 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 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.

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our entire social system; the rives of the working class are reckiessly 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 dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will aboish 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 uploiding 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.

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. 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 depends 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. As such means we advocate:

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1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines; no part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the taxes of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, and to the improvement of the service, and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

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product of labor.

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SPECIAL ORGANIZING FUND. Since last report, the following con-

organizing fund: 3.00 1.00

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National Organizer Geo. H. Geobel, in one of his reports from Virginia, says: "The demand for workers is certainly intense. If the comrades in the better organized sections could only see the doors of opportunity that are opening to us on every hand the special organizing fund would go up to \$5,000. Not a single locality have I been in, but there was evidence of an abundant harvest to be gathered for the effort. To do this there would have to be more money, but if it was not out of my province, and bearing the appearance of being colored by my relation to the party, I would feel compelled to put strongly to the party membership the need of putting out more of the ablest men we have at once." Ben Hanford's dates from Sept. 11

onward are: Ohio, Sept. 12, Fremont; 13, Fostoria; 14, Springfield; 16, Cincinnati; 17, Hamilton. Indiana: Sept. 18, Jeffersonville; 19, Evansville; 20, Terre Haute; 21, Indianapolis; 22, Richmond; 23, Marion. He will begin in Illinois on Oct. 1 for two weeks in that state.

The Eric People of Aug. 29, speaking of Hanford's lecture in that city on Aug. 26, says in part: "It is a moderate statement to make that the address was one of the most clear and powerful and convincing expositions of Socialism ever listened to by an Erie audience. Hanford possesses to a wonderful degree the rare gift of being able to handle a difficult subject (the Marxian analysis of wealth production) with such simplicity and clearness, that few can fail to follow easily the connection of the argument through to its final conclusion. No abler propagandist has ever taken the field, and as Hanford is now starting on an extended tour west, which may perhaps last six months or longer, it is not results for the party movement may be confidently expected from his tour."

Locals are again reminded that Hanford's tour is entirely under the direction of the national secretary, Socialist party, Omaha, Neb., and all communications respecting same should be addressed accordingly.

In a review of the political situation in Massachusetts, preliminary to the coming state election, the Boston Herald, the leading democratic paper of New England, practically concedes the election of a Socialist representative rom the district which our late Com rade MacCartney represented for four terms. The Herald also admits the possibility of the Socialists carrying other districts, and in Plymouth county it says the democratic party seems to be a smaller factor in politics this year than ever, the Socialists "seeming to have taken the position formerly occupied by the democrats."

The state convention to organize the Socialist party of Louisiana will be held in Temperance Hall, corner Campbell Lake; Oct. 1, Cresco. and Lafayette streets, opposite Lafayette square, New Orleans, on Friday, Sept. 18, at 2 p. m. The local comrades are arranging for the convention and Sept. 17, Council Bluffs; Sept. 18, will do everything possible to make it Logan. successful.

The national office is now ready to supply the new gold rim party button at 15 cents each, or in lots of 100 to party H. Brower; Keb, John M. Work; Jefofficials at 10 cents each.

Next week an extended report will be given of the work of the national organizers, all of whom report most encouragingly and enthusiastically of their receptions in the respective fields.

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WAPELLO COUNTY CONVENTION. The Wapello county Socialists held tributions have been made to the special their convention here. About thirty were in attendance. The following

ticket was nominated by acclamation: Representative-W. C. Minnick, Ottumwa. Sheriff-James Nevin, Keb. Treasurer-Roy Christie, Ottumwa Member Board of Supervisors-E. H. Mather,

Coroner-Miles Martin, Keb. Surveyor-Bert Gillette, Ottumwa

JASPER COUNTY CONVENTION. The Socialists of Jasper county met convention and nominated a ticket as

Representative-Seymour Howard Treasurer-W. M. Shaw Sheriff-P. M. Caswell. Superintendent-John N. Porter. Member of Board of Supervisors-W. J. Por

Surveyor-W. C. Rucker. Coroner-Bert Squires.

W. M. Shaw was elected committeeman.

I believe we will have some news for everybody after election. The democrats say to our recruits from their party that they hadn't ought to sign our petition because it takes votes from them. But their only reply is the hope it will take all of the votes from all of the W. J. PORTER. other parties.

Comrade W. C. Benton, in charge of Coming Nation Van No. 1 will distribute samples of The Iowa Socialist and take

Comrade F. A. Shepherd, of Bloomfield, sends in a club and writes: "We have organized at this place; have fourteen members, and more to follow. Comrade J. M. Work will speak for us Sept. 14, and we will have our regular meetings every Sunday at 4 p. m.

Comrade Ben F. Dyer, of Muscatine, orders a bundle of the Labor Day edi-

Comrade J. G. Kent, of Muscatine, fires in a club.

Comrade A. K. Gifford, writing from Wichita, Kan., says: "Well, here I am. a student in the American Socialist College. Of course, I am still a citizen of Iowa and candidate for lieutenant governor. Some may think I ran away from the fight and so I did but it was too much to say that extremely valuable only to better prepare myself for the next one. Have been here just one week, but that week has been more than full. Wichita is alive with Socialism. The Stricklands were here two nights, Mills one night, one night the students held a street meeting. On Monday and Tuesday night Geo. E. Bigelow will be with us. The school has students from quite a number of different states. Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, Missouri, New York, Florida, Colorado and Kansas. My expectation is to remain here heart and best wishes will be with the Iowa Comrades this fall."

> Comrade J. C. Saltzman, of Mt. Ayr, sends in a club and orders a bunch of sub postals.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The following additional dates have been made for Comrade Work: Sept. 28, Lake City; Sept. 24, Denison; Sept. 25, Dow City; Sept. 26, Sioux City; Sept. 28, Rock Rapids; Sept. 29, Clear

Dates for Comrade Jacobs during the coming week: Sept. 14, Red Oak; Sept. 15, Atlantic; Sept. 16, Shelby;

Socialist Labor Day speakers in Jowa: Davenport, Frederick G. Strickland; his dogship. Those members of the Clinton, Mother Jones; Dubuque, Jas. union following the mascot and also ferson, A. D. Pugh; Marysville; A. H. Weeks, and the Coming Nation Van at Centerville.

and Des Moines-contributed \$55.10 to scab every day of the year except one the state organization during the past and on this day he puts his unionism in month.

Examine the financial statement issued written there?

on 552 members, an increase of 173 necessary it was to get a poor dumb

All locals having nomination papers am no scab." We say down with the Burlington, Courad Holstein, 1324 N. 7th St.

in their possession are requested to for-ward them to the state secretary imme-that man who will scab at the ball

There are still a few open dates for Comrade Work, which may be secured. As his tours are arranged for two or three weeks in advance, it is necessary to make application at once. Address J. J. Jacobsen, 1129 Twelfth street, Des Moines. The terms are \$3.00 and expenses.

Contributions to the organization fund during the past week: Des Moines, C. Christensen, \$2; Logan, D. Ehrhart, 50 cents; J. S. Burrell, \$1.50. Total, \$4.

Cheer up! Frederick G. Strickland will campaign in Iowa from now until Day parade and the celebration at Twin

Introduce the national dues paying system as provided in the state constitution. Dues stamps are furnished when dues are paid for the month of August, and a sufficient number of membership books furnished to the locals free of charge. Experience has demonstrated that the system provides a greater revenue both for state and local organizations.

Comrade Jacobs has held successful meetings at Oskaloosa, What Cheer and North English during the past week and organizations are expected to follow these meetings.

J. J. JACOBSEN.

SIOUX CITY NOTES

Arrangements have been completed for the coming of Eugene V. Debs, Sunday, Sept. 27. Comrade Debs will speak in the opera house on that date and a big success is anticipated. The Labor Day address, also took to the comrades are already at work selling

The club members wound up the month of August with a picnic on the Sioux river the last Sunday in the will devote several months to the cammonth. Owing to the threatening weather there was not a large attendance, but a good time was had by those land do not need the assurance that present.

Rev. Carl Thompson is expected to speak in this city about the 15th. Other speakers are being arranged for during an agitator's department in The Iowa

I AM NO SCAB,

Labor Day in Sioux City, viewed from the standpoint of the unionist and the other fellow who deals in "soft soap" on such occasions, was a grand success. Every union in the city was represented in the parade, the entire number in line being about 2,000. As we stood and viewed this grand demonstration of the labor movement we could not help but feel that there must be something wrong, else this power would be the rulers instead of the slaves. On this occasion the labor unionist again says to the world "we demand justice," "we demand a fair share of the product of our labor." We follow the procession to the speaker's stand that we may see for ourselves how many of this marching mass are really in earnest and desire to learn of known as No. 11. It starts with twentythose whom they have selected to instruct them how to get rid of their great burden of oppression. Here a different thought takes possession of our mind when we view the small crowd of only about 200 surrounding the speaker's during the school year which will end in stand, many of whom were Socialists June. You may send my paper in care and women. By this scene we are once of the American Socialist College. My more confirmed in our belief that the workingman does not think and does not care to investigate but simply hangs on to a union of his fellows, because some one of his number is thinking for him and is leading him at will. The rades of Wapakoneta have gotten toworker must learn that the way out is gether and applied for a charter, for him to think for himself and act for his own interest.

One of the striking features of the parade was a lean, hungry looking greyhound, bearing a tin saddle, leading the tinners' union as their mascot. On the saddle were these words: "I am no scab." This struck us very forcibly as a truth; the dog following nature's laws gets the full product of his labor, a fair share, if you please; he never goes on a strike, is independent of lockouts and on all occasions works for the interest of preceding him in line bore no label except that of the worker who howls for the interest of the workers, the brotherhood of the laborers, a fair share of our The three Ds-Dubuque, Davenport product for a wage, and down with the the closet, seals his lips, closes his eyes and blindly walks to the ballot box and and published this week. Is your name votes directly against every interest he has labored for during the other 364 Iowa paid national dues for August days of the year. Thus you see how brute that could be honestly labeled "I

that man who will scab at the ballot box. We say give the laborer not only a fair share, but all he produces. Thank God the day is not far distant when all the people can take part in Labor Day exercises in a true spirit of brotherly love. Then there will be no scabs and Socialism will be the battle cry. KRANK.

Local Notes

L. J. Richardson, of Chicago, gave red hot talk before Local Dubuque at its last meeting.

Dubuque had 1,700 men in the Labor Springs was an unqualified success. J. H. Brower, of Elgin, Ill., spoke on the "Progress of Labor," tracing the development of the modern wage earner from the prehistoric captive of war whose life was saved that his labor as a slave might be utilized. A large and attentive audience listened to Comrade Brower's forceful denunciation of the wrongs that are still perpetrated upon the workingman and his eloquent appeal to the laborer to give the social problem his earnest and careful consid-

Comrade Brower spoke for Local Dubuque at the corner of Seventh and Main streets Tuesday evening and a fair sized crowd turned out and remained throughout in spite of the rain.

Comrade Frederick G. Strickland, who arrived in the city Tuesday morning from Moline where he delivered the soap box Tuesday evening and issued a general challenge to any speakers in the city to meet him in debate on the subject of Socialism. Comrade Strickland paign in Iowa, making Dubuque his headquarters. Those who know Strickthere will be "something doing" in Iowa while he is here. Beginning with next week Comrade Strickland will conduct Socialist.

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Ohio Notes

A Coming Nation Van has been shipped to Ohio from the headquarters in Rich Hill, Mo., and we expect to use it very effectively during the coming campaign. All Ohio comrades who are on the line of travel should exert every Red Oak, E. W. Churchill, 109 W. Elm St. effort to get up good meetings and help push things along.

The circuit speakers have been increased by one and still another will be placed on during this month.

No. 2.

Sigourney, Edward J. Rohrer.

Sioux City, J. C. Smith.

Waterloo, F. Connor, 1112 Franklin St.

Webster City, L. W. Hockman. placed on during this month.

The Krainers of Cleveland have formed a new branch which will be four members.

The Lucas county convention (Toledo) was held last Sunday and a full county ticket placed in the field for the fall election.

The call for nominations for national committeeman to represent Ohio on the national committee for the next year has been issued and all nominations will be received at state office until midnight of Oct. 2.

East Liverpool has been reorganized by Howard H. Caldwell and the com-

Father Hagerty will lecture at Sandusky, Ohio, Sept. 16; Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 17; Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 21, and Lansford, Pa., Sept. 22. He will also speak at the fall festival given by the Chicago comrades on Sept. 27.

Isaac Cowen will tour Ohio from Oct. 19 until the election and dates can be secured by writing to the state secretary. One hundred and seventy-seven new

members were admitted into the party during August which is a considerable gain over the previous month.

Ashtabula is a new addition to the circuits for two days per month. The circuits are steadily growing even at this W. G. CRITCHLOW.

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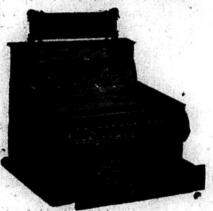
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