

Let the bells of Liberty ring out on this, America's birthday, and awaken the nation from a death-like stupor. Let each one voice sentiments of Liberty and Independence, which are the supreme demand of the time.

The combined railroad companies will stop all construction work in the states that favor free silver. Serves us right. Let us own our railroads then the railroad kings can't stop anything because there won't be any under government ownership.

+ Stand together, boys, let nothing weaken the solid ranks of organized labor at the head of the lakes. Your past record is a good one, let nothing mar it in the future. The struggle, in the near future, requires determination, earnestness and solidarity.

+ Put flags in the children's hands to make them patriotic! Put flags on the school house to make them loyal to their country! What a farce! Put hope in their hearts; put opportunities within their reach; put prospects for progress before them and they will be patriotic.

The visiting locomotive firemen didn't hold their convention in the boycotted theater, but when they bought cigars they asked for scab brands. When asked if they wished to purchase the cigar with the union label they replied: "Oh! anything will do," and purchased the Owl brand, the worst scab cigar on the market.

The Republicans at St. Louis gave vent to a wail for help to the "women of America, to help deliver the people from populism, etc." The republicans know better than to add the free suffrage plank to their platform. If they did their wails would turn to groans so far as the American women lending assistance to free the country from populism is concerned.

The army of unemployed is rapidly recruiting. Are men thinking, or have they quit exercising their mental faculties? As sure as time lasts there will be a sudden and terrible awakening in the near future. Is it possi-

ble that a change can only come through revolution? Sneer at this idea, as you may, but your sneer is only evidence of thoughtlessness or a shallowness.—
Sound Money.

The renomination of Governor Altgeld of Illinois is a grand compliment to the man who has been ridiculed and derided by all classes of men. Governor Altgeld is in the front rank of power and his sun has not yet reached the meridian. The "anarchist," "meddler," "socialist," "free thinker," "bondholding millionaire," before the campaign is over will become even more of a national figure than he now is.

Let there be no dissensions in the ranks of labor. Quibbling over questions now only helps to thin the ranks and means defeat. You are fighting for too grand a cause to allow a few people's opinions, that do not accord with your own, to break up the industrial army that is growing stronger every day. There must be men of convictions, with increasing earnestness and determination. Stand by each other and the victory is yours.

We have attended political conventions and labor conventions. For brains and a knowledge of parliamentary rules give us labor conventions. Since attending the late political conventions just held in Duluth, we are more convinced that in the ranks of organized labor will be found the brains of this nation. Organized labor will yet rule this country. Agitate and educate is the union man's cry early and late, and in that alone lies the road to the ultimatum—self-government.

When it comes to the matter of wages, public employes are better paid as a rule than those of private employers. Uncle Sam's mail carriers receive \$600 for the first year, \$800 for the second, and \$1,000 for the third, and have less hours to work than most railroad employes, who receive less wages. For clerical work in the departments wages range higher than for the same class of work in private enterprises. Besides there are no strikes, lock-outs, or suspensions in government employment.

The Brotherhood, when visiting Duluth, had "Justice" represented very conspicuously on the front of the engine which pulled in Jim Hill's special train load. But it would be like looking for a needle in a hay stack to have found it anywhere back of the puffing locomotive.

Vice-Grand Master Hannahan, while in Duluth, said, "Jim Hill's door was always open to those seeking justice, etc." True, very true. When the officers of the Brotherhood find their way tremblingly through Jim Hill's open door, why he, the great Hill, says: "How much is it?" When others, the A. R. U., for instance, stalks over the Hill threshold, they are met with: "I have nothing to say." There are two kinds of justice.

Every investigation shows that public ownership of public utilities is not only cheaper to the people, but it removes most of the inducements for corruption in the legislatures and the courts. The average cost of electric light in 131 cities in the United States operated by private enterprise, is five cents per candle power. The average cost of electric light in twenty-four cities in the United States operated by the municipal governments is two and one-fifth cents per candle power.

It is charged by the opponents of railroad ownership that it will open up the gates to political corruption. It would be impossible, for there to be as much corruption as there is at present. Enterprises owned and operated by the government, like the postal department, are freer of corruption than are the great systems of finance and transportation now existing. Legislative investigations in New York have proved that the Erie road spent a million dollars in a single year to influence legislation, and the New York Central spent \$205,000.

If there is such a thing as too much money the working people of this country would enjoy the sensation of it for a little while at least. When they get too awfully much and can't stand it any longer they can readily blow it in and relieve the intensity of the situation. The