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POLITICAL "DOPE"

"Campaign dope spilled," "Campaign gossip rumors," "Deals and lineups," are the various heads under which the present municipal campaign is written up for the daily press and discussed upon the streets. While all has an air of secrecy and mystery, the whole thing is as plain as daylight.

Aside from the three candidates endorsed by the Socialist party, the other 18 candidates are simply looking for a job, either to better their condition by a higher salary than they ever drew before, or to use their official position to bestow favors to industrial institutions that have long fattened upon the city.

The only mystery so far, and it is reaching a solution very rapidly, is who are the candidates that are backed by what is known as the interests? Or who can be purchased by the interests after being elected. The fellow that is mystified beyond all measure, is the one who did not get a job under the present administration.

He wants to pick the winning team and be in line for the pie counter.

He is ready to attach himself to any one whom he thinks has a chance to win. Of course these professed job seekers see no hope of securing anything from a Socialist council, and are hoping that before the primary they can pick the men that will oppose the Socialists in the finals. They might just as well go home and put on their working clothes and secure a job; they are all agreed that there are plenty of jobs for those who diligently seek them.

The three Socialist candidates will surely be elected, so there is no use of these pie-counter artists "stickin' around."

THE POWER OF ONE VOTE

Too many people fail to realize the power of their vote.

Quite often they throw it away by voting for something they do not want or for some one whom they know cannot represent their interests, just because they desire to be on the popular side. Over in Springfield, Mo., the other day the commission form of government carried by a single vote. There has been an instance in history when the governor of a state was elected by one vote.

If one vote decides such an important question as these, then each and every vote cast decides an important question. Your vote is a very important thing. Watch out what you do with it.

RIGHT YOU ARE, BISHOP!

Bishop Fallow, of Chicago, lends much episcopal vigor to the declaration that all men should vote at all elections, if they are qualified. According to that reverend gentleman the man who does not vote is a criminal, a skulker and a coward. Here is exactly what he said: "The pulpits of the land ought to ring out the strongest utterances on the high crime of not voting. It would be a drastic measure, which doubtless would not carry, to disfranchise the man who had the power to vote and deliberately refused to exercise it. The voter is a soldier of the republic. Its affairs cannot be carried on without his aid, any more than the conduct of an army without the soldier's loyal response to the word of command. And he is a coward and a skulker in the civil ranks of life who does not vote, as is the soldier who hides or shows the white feather in time of an engagement."

And if you are a wage-earner, let it be a straight Socialist vote, or you will be a traitor to your class.

Don't scab at the ballot box!

A more favorable environment could not make a man out of a hog, but it can make a better animal of the hog, and a better citizen of the man.

What a sight for the gods to see a hundred strong, brawny men humbly begging a spindle-chanked, debauched capitalist for the right to work! Surely the pyramid is upside down.

Yes, Rockefeller and the miners are partners. They do everything and he gets everything. They do the work and he does them.—Ex.

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The Dead Magdalene

By John Vance Cheney

Winds of the south
On her rose-mouth
Their last fond breath have blown;
She has forgot they let her die alone.

Yes, better dead;
But mark! the head
Somehow too flowerlike lies;
The trodden blossom looks so when
It dies.

I do not say
The summer day
Were gladder, lived she now;
But Nature feels those heel-marks on
her brow.

And piteous eyes
Look from the skies.
'Twas such a fall of hair
The Master looked on, once, and
found it fair.

Fitter to rest
Upon my breast,
This bruised flower than they
Who trod it in the dust, and went
away.

The Master meek,
So may he speak;
And she may bloom again
By him, sad-eyed as when he walked
with men.

God's sun and air
Made her so fair.
Sweet, too, the poisonous flowers;
June mothers them. Heaven hides
her shame—and ours!

EVIDENCE

Day after day she stands
With aching back, her busy hands
Smoothing the silks and laces fair
She does not wear.

Night after night she climbs up to
her barren den,
Whose dingy walls foretell
The drawn-out torture of the future
years.

She shudders, and her frightened
tears,
Flooding the roses of her skin,
Turn it to parchment, wan and thin.
And then—

We call together sleek and prosperous
men,
Fat-jowled and double-chinned,
To find out why the girl has sinned!

—Ralph Bacon.

FOR T. R.

"Have you had any experience with children?"

"No, ma'am. I always worked in the best families."—Philadelphia Ledger.

AN INFALLIBLE TEST

By H. C. Evans

Christ left us an infallible test by which we may judge all men and all organizations, political and otherwise, whether they be good or whether they be bad. If they are striving to relieve the same classes which He sought to help; if they are defending the poor against the encroachments of the rich and powerful; if they have laid the ax at the root of the tree of evil that is taking the life, destroying the happiness and devouring the sustenance of the people, then they are His co-workers, for these are the things He did. But those who oppress and impoverish the people; those who foster laws and systems which produce glaring contrasts of wealth and poverty—they are not in accord with Him for these things He opposed.

Let us test the present economic situation with this rule. Whence this wide-spread destitution? These idle, hungry, homeless thousands? These two million little ones of whom He said "suffer little children to come unto me"—these little ones bending and breaking their bodies in mill and sweat shop? It would seem that it is only necessary to show to right minded people, particularly to the disciples, the tree that is producing such fruit and they would join hands to pluck it up in the twinkling of an eye—that they would never stop until they had destroyed it root and branch. If Christ was offended on account of the unequal conditions which He found among men; if He deplored the poverty and denounced the heartless-

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Socialism the Gospel of Plenty

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Everywhere beauty and richness of tone and color,—everywhere warmth and PLENTY.

And all of this produced by the workers, who are by far in the majority, in point of numbers, and who regularly, systematically, vote away these comforts, giving them to their masters, at the expense of their OWN families.

I admire the big capitalist in this having and holding of all these enjoyments. He knows that capitalism is a good thing—FOR HIM. He votes for it and works for it. Naturally he wishes to perpetuate it.

Do you blame him? He allows no personal animosities, no prejudice of race, color, creed or nationality to swerve him from loyalty to his class, or to the economic system that gives him and his family such an abundance AT THE COST OF OTHERS' LABOR.

He does not practice economy. He leaves that for those of us who do the work.

Why shouldn't they teach US to economize?

Not long ago a groceryman handed me several cents in change, remarking that one should save the pennies. "For," he said, "that is the way Rockefeller made HIS money, you know."

That is what Rockefeller SAYS. But I don't KNOW that.

By doing a little computation I find that if he had started the Standard Oil business twenty-seven thousand years ago and had "saved" ten thousand pennies, or one hundred dollars, for every day since, counting 365 days in the year, he would, by now, just about have his present fortune.

And he has amassed this number of pennies in about fifty years "by saving," remember—so he tells us.

And how did he get into possession of these pennies that he is alleged to have saved?

That's easy. Those are the pennies that WE earned and did not get.

This is what Socialists call "surplus value."

The real beneficiaries of the system do not select things at bargain sales. They do not decide on an article because "it is marked down," to save thirty-nine cents, in preference to what THEY REALLY WANT. They travel. They enjoy life.

Why should they stint and scrape; why should they worry about the cost of high living when there are more than thirty millions of workers willing to furnish unlimited funds to them—willing to vote it to them at every opportunity?

The masters do not go to a ten-cent

movie when they want to hear a grand opera.

I like them for these things, don't you?

But I do not so much admire a certain "promising" young lawyer who, not long ago, made a slurring remark about Socialism. Instead of replying to him by entering into a discussion of Socialist fundamentals, I asked him how many weeks' groceries he had ahead.

He did not tell me.

I should have spoken in terms of days.

For I happen to know something of the deprivations his family "enjoys," and vote for.

I wish I might have space to discuss in detail the marvelous possibilities of the machine with inventive genius given full play, coining the natural resources of the bountiful earth into comforts for that part of the great human family who are willing to contribute their share in social service.

The average housewife and mother would enjoy all of the essential comforts now monopolized by the wife of the millionaire, did she but understand what Socialism holds out to her for the mere taking.

You ask: When will this state of Socialism come about?

I cannot give you the date.

That is a matter for us victims of the system to agree upon.

It will be when the majority WANTS MORE OF LIFE sufficiently to study and educate, and to work for the education of others.

That is what we Socialists are doing now.

Socialism is not a scheme. It is a process.

It is first and foremost an educational movement.

It is essential that we understand that we are NOT voting FOR OR AGAINST MEN.

We are voting FOR OR AGAINST AN INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM.

The capitalist candidates stand for an industrial system that entails the most rigid self-denial and relentless economy, for the workers, in order to provide MUCH FOR THE FEW.

The Socialist candidates stand for a system of PLENTY made possible by the common ownership of the natural resources and the machinery of production, in order to provide MUCH FOR ALL (who are willing to work).

If you vote for even a city dog-catcher who wants the present order of things continued, you have delayed the work of education just that much.

On election day will you retard this work of emancipation of the race, or advance it by your vote?

That is for you to decide.

REVOLUTION

One can not but wonder gloomily whether the unemployed will be ignored until an English city is burned and half the inhabitants stoned and beaten to upset order and the other half shot and sabred to restore it. Our lords and masters, politely called "the governing classes," because, although they can not govern, they won't let anybody else govern, are continuously inciting the masses and their leaders to violence and disorder by constituting themselves a permanent object lesson in uselessness to themselves and everybody else. No body ever succeeded in teaching them anything, but any criminal can intimidate them.

Carlyle, Ruskin and Dickens appealed to their consciences with angel pens, but got nothing but sympathetic interest, invitations to dinners and offers of knighthood.

I have always thought it a pity that, although the French governments of the eighteenth century would not allow their attention to be diverted from Marie Antoinette's gambling debts to the poverty of the common people by the reasonings of Voltaire and Rousseau, they forgot them immediately when the Bastille was destroyed and the chateaux burned about their ears by the people with no manners and less sense.—George Bernard Shaw.

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Woman's Viewpoint Needed

By Algernon Lee

Educational Director, Rand School of Social Science.

As a rule, women are by nature neither better nor worse than men, neither abler nor less able.

If, on the average, the women of today may be somewhat more narrow and reactionary in their view of public affairs than are men, that is because they lack the educating experience of actual participation in public life. Keep them in the status of political nonentities and they will continue to be narrow and reactionary, and will continue to exercise a bad influence on politics, none the less powerful for being indirect. Let them share the activity and the responsibility and they will be men's comrades in progress instead of impeding the march.

For women to be ruled by men is as bad as it would be for men to be ruled by women. Either relation is bad for both ruled and rulers. Let them act together as equals and they will learn to understand and respect and help each other.

I fully recognize that there are some natural differences in the psychology of the sexes. That is an added reason for breaking down the bars and welcoming women to the polls, the legislative hall, the executive and administrative office, the bench, the jury box, and the bar. The more varied kinds of ability we enlist in our public life the broader and truer will be its vision.

SELF REVERENCE

While reading Tennyson's "Princess" again, these words seemed full of meaning to all wage workers: "Self reverent and reverencing each."

This idea should guide us at all times whenever there is any necessity, or opportunity, to express our solidarity, as in the present city election. If we are self reverent we shall vote only for our three comrades, each of whom is honest, well grounded in economics, and capable. All three stand faithfully in our ranks and are altogether worthy.

Let us vote for our principles. The rest of the kettle of hodge-podge candidates stand for anything and everything SIMPLY TO GET A GOOD JOB.

Do you imagine that because another candidate who may be more prominent, or who may have more property, will make a better commissioner? For such reasons, time and again, the workers have sold themselves for a song. Afterwards they have been compelled to dance to a tune that had lost all its music.

Never commit the blunder of thinking your vote does not count. Some day you will have the hateful memory of having lost a splendid opportunity merely by neglect. Support the three Socialist candidates with the expectation of placing them where they can wield governmental power at the opportune time, which always

comes sooner or later. Let us therefore be always ready.

Every moment is great, if we will make it so. Let our votes in this election be a measure of the approach of greater and more triumphant doings.

Let us be self reverent.—Spokane Socialist.

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ETERNAL EQUITIES

All the poised balances of God would swerve,

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And all the vigorous scales of fate would turn

Did men not get the punishments they earn.

—Edwin Markham.

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