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**ARE YOU THINKING?**

All that we Socialists ask of anyone—man or woman—is that they use their brains. We can appeal to nothing else. One can take money, or booze, or flattery and get a bunch of capitalist votes, but that is an appeal to the stomach or vanity. To make Socialists it is necessary to get at the brain. Booze reaches the brain all right—but only to befuddle it. That is why booze is indispensable in a capitalist campaign. But clear brains are necessary to grasp Socialism.

First, let us take up some admitted facts. You know that crime, insanity, suicide and poverty are on the increase. If you do not know it, then go to the prisons, issue asylums, morgues and poor houses and you will be convinced. Or read any daily paper with its record of crime and misery.

Now, if all these things that are so detrimental to society are on the increase, then there must be some cause for this increase. Most of you have been willing to pass the matter up by a waive of the hand, a wise look, or to charge it up to God. It never occurs to you that these results are the effects of causes that are removable.

What is the cause of crime? The prohibitionist will tell you that it is drunkenness. This has been thoroughly disproved but, for the sake of argument, let's admit it. What is the cause of the excessive use of stimulants? Or drunkenness? Any authority on the subject worthy of the name will tell you that it is poverty—the exhaustion, worry and mental state produced by constant struggle for existence.

This same mental state produces insanity and suicide. You may say that the rich are also subject to these. But that is because they are at the other extreme. Extreme riches are as harmful as extreme poverty.

What is the cause of poverty? This is the rule. There are, of course, exceptions to all rules. Poverty and strife are the basic cause of all our ills. Read an account of a suicide, and in nine cases out of ten the papers will give the cause as "depression." It is a polite way of saying that the person had tired of the battle of life and given it up.

Nearly all crimes committed are either directly or indirectly traceable to property. A murder may be committed, but if you trace the cause you will generally find that property was at the bottom of it. Envy and jealousy exists in every community—all because of rival interests. If you were engaged in a certain kind of business in a town and your father started up a similar business in the same locality, you would soon despise each other—all because of an outworn system that forces the small business men to compete or scramble for existence. The big capitalists are not such fools. They have socialized their interests and refuse to compete.

The commonest crimes are burglary and larceny—theft. Very few people steal because they like to. They steal because they are out of work and need food or clothing. If society wants to punish people for stealing, then society ought to guarantee work to all who are willing to work. Don't you think so?

If you were out of work and hungry and cold, and was refused a chance to earn bread and clothing, you would have left the choice of either stealing or starving. What would you do? It is all nice talk—this talk about it being their own fault—but people do not starve because they want to.

**MORE "REFORM" WORK.**

The Cape papers tell us that the mayor, Fred Kage, has ordered the police to clean up the town. By this is meant that the "smart women" have been ordered to "hit the road." The mayor of Poplar Bluff has issued similar orders. I am not acquainted with the mayor of Poplar Bluff, but Mayor Kage is as fine a man as you will meet anywhere. He means well—but where does he intend that the unfortunate women that society has trampled under foot shall go?

Like the workingman out of a job, he is ordered by the police to "move on." He leaves, goes to another place to seek work and soon hears the same order of "move on." The fact is that the present system is on its last legs. It is giving down and going to pieces all along the line. Any observer can plainly see this.

Capitalism is so over-loaded with its own evil products that it can only maintain itself henceforth through hypocrisy, deception, brutality and force. When that peters out, then up—or down—goes the plutocratic system.

What would you think of a concern if you could buy its notes for 95 cents on the dollar when these same notes had sold at a premium only a short while before?

What would you think of your bank if stock in it was offered at 65 cents on the dollar that had previously sold above par?

Wouldn't you think there was something wrong and, if you had money on deposit, withdraw it? What would you think of a government whose bonds had always sold above par dropping below par?

"As good as a government bond" is the expression used when the par excellence of security is intended to be described. Nothing is considered better.

Yet government 2s have fallen 4 1/2 below par in the New York market and declining. What are you going to do with that? Upon these bonds are issued your money—the national bank notes. Bankers buy these bonds and re-deposit them with the government. Then your kind government prints \$95 in bank notes for every \$100 in bonds deposited. The bank notes are loaned to you by the bankers at 8 per cent.

The bond is the basis on which this money rests. The money can be no stronger than its base. The market value of these bonds is now only one-half cent above the actual face value of the money issued against them. What will happen should these bonds fall below the 95 mark? The depreciation so far, as reported from Washington, is thirty million dollars.

I felt pretty sure the Democrats would fix it if we put them in. They always do.

Coincident with the news that government bonds are declining in value comes the report from New York that a committee of the National Manufacturers' Association, including John Kirby, its former president, has called for New Zealand to study state Socialism—which means government ownership with the capitalist class in control of government.

New Zealand has a high degree of this kind of government, and the manufacturers who don't want Socialism—public ownership with the working class in control—will no doubt seek shelter under state Socialism.

**FROM NEW HAMBURG**

Joe Hoefler and family, Sol Diebold and family, Mrs. Littlefield, Mrs. Ruebelke and daughter, Antoinette, spend Saturday with Anton Burger of near Oran. Mr. Burger is running a bachelor's hall over on his farm and gave a fine dinner with many different kinds of preserves and jelly that he had put up himself which the ladies pronounced the best they ever tasted.

We would have forgotten to mention that Frank Glastetter has a brand new buggy if some one hadn't said it was so awfully easy riding in Frank's new buggy. Albert Schwartz and family from Kelso, and Mr. Joseph Schlosser from Randles, attended church here Sunday.

Mike Schoen and family from Chaffee spend a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bischer Sunday. Frank Glastetter, Otto Diebold and sisters, Mrs. Ollie and Sybilla spend Sunday at Macedonia. Miss Mary Dirnberger from Ruma III, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dirnberger.

Mrs. Lawrence Hahn from Portageville is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Klipfel. Albert Goetz and family and John B. Gosche were fishing in Huble Creek last week Friday. The marriage of Wm. Urhahn to Miss Amelia Scherer was announced here Sunday.

Andrew Glaus and Mike Schoen and families of Chaffee were visitors here Sunday. John Bucher of Poplar Bluff spend a few days here visiting home folks. Phil Westrich built a fine summer kitchen with a granite porch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hahn had business at the Cape one day last week. Mike Dirnberger and daughter, Sister Cyrilla, were at Cape Monday. Otto Westrich has rented the Whitney Belles farm near Chaffee. Phil Schitter and Mike Brucker were at Lambertville Tuesday.

W. V. Miller from Chaffee is in the neighborhood being busy. Miss Nora Westrich celebrated her 16 birthday Tuesday. Mrs. Katy T. Westrich visit home folks Sunday. George Glaus and family were at Oran Saturday.

John Kilhoefer has a new Graphophone. Joe Westrich got a new Organ for his girls.

**FROM KELS0**  
There was a big party at the home of Donat Scherer Sunday. Those present were George Scherer and family, Wm. Schoen and family, Ambros Bies and family, Joe Scherer and wife, Joe Backfish and baby, Frank and John Schoen, Louis Schlitt, Alois Kern, John Grasser, Ed. Bies, John Theophil and Barney Scherer, Dick Vetter, Fred Lux, John and Lawrence Reingale, Willie Seyer, Joe Westfield, Frank Messner, Phillip and Leo Blattie, Lawrence Weinsmiller, Albert Dumey, Albert Enderle, Steve and Albert Westrich, Ed. Menz, Albert Chattman.

Among those that attended church here Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miederhoff and children, Frank Schank, Albert and Steve Westrich of near New Hamburg, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Essner of Chaffee, and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Heisserer and children and Miss Paulina Schwab of Jackson Wendoline Heisserer wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. Grojean.

Andrew Heisserer is having built a very fine residence near town. It is of brick veneer. Geo. Gordon, who is now doing the plastering of the new court house at Benton has the contract to do Mr. Heisserer's plastering and also to build a concrete porch and probably a concrete fence.

The Misses Annie, Katie and Ida Schoen, Mamie and Olivia Scherer, Mena, Rosalia, Mary and Dora Bies, Lula Dumey Bertha Enderle Mr. and Mrs. John Enderle and children enjoyed refreshments together and report a fine time. Mr. and Mrs. A. Heisserer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welter and children spent Sunday evening with the family of Theophil Scherer.

**FROM F0RNFE1T**

The religious war here is quite unique. As related in last week's Kicker, the Methodist pastor tried to close the Pence picture show on Sunday evenings by legal process. At the trial it was shown by witnesses that on Sunday nights there was only a religious service; that no admission was charged, and that collections were taken up to defray the expense and pay the preacher who presided. The show won out, and since Mr. Pence has announced that he has rented to them the Park on Sunday nights for their use, and that services will be conducted by them.

It is estimated that the cost of the new Lutheran church at Ilmo will be \$10,000. The contract for building was awarded to J. W. Brandes of Cape Girardeau. While laying the corner stone a copper box was embedded which contained a picture of the old church, German and English song books, daily papers, the names of the minister and church officers, and other church history for future generations to find centuries hence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Baudendistel, George Buha, Otto Schoen, Everett Pate, W. H. Bramlett and W. H. Watley went fishing Sunday and caught about half dozen suckers, got wet and had the usual luck of unsuccessful fishermen.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Steck have returned from Dawson Springs. Among the Dawson Spring visitors last week were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner, Joe Leist, Robert and Gustav Hillemann and Wm. Bert, all of Fornfelt.

Matt Hahn, Otto Westrich and Matt Dumesy went to Hubble creek camped over night and returned with plenty of fish. Sam Vanell went to Texarkana to visit his son, who is in the hospital slowly improving. The stork is still busy around here. This time it is a boy at Chas. Rahmiller's.

Wm. Ferguson of St. Louis was here looking over his farm near Commerce. J. B. Moore was fined \$10 by Mayor White for exceeding the speed limit. Ray Brissenden of Piggott, Ark., is here visiting his brother Ralph. Ex-Mayor Drake of Ilmo is putting in a bowling alley here. Chas. Dunger attended probate court at Jackson last week. W. H. Telkins has returned from a trip to St. Louis.

**FROM HEAD DISTRICT.**  
Last Sunday Henry Sander and family entertained a number of their friends and relatives. Among those were Adam Sander and family, Henry Held and family and W. E. Wise and family. All had a nice time. Gustav Hillemann, who went to Dawson Springs, Kentucky, for his health, took suddenly ill and returned Saturday. He is improving. Gustav Sander auto quite often to Ilmo, but I don't know the attraction unless a pretty girl. David Sander and family visited the family of Robert Taylor Sunday.

Miss Rosa and Freda Hilpert returned home from Frona last week. Judge Albrecht and family autoed to Jackson last Sunday. Mrs. W. Owens returned home from Neelyville Friday. A large crowd visited the family of Dave Eifert Sunday. Grandma Sander is visiting her son, August at Fayetteville. Rudolph and Henry Eifert were bailing hay last week. Miss Helen Hilpert is visiting at Rev. G. D. Hilpert's.

Miss Martha Roth is visiting home folks. Miss Mary Eifert is home for a vacation.

**FROM MORLEY.**  
The town board has ordered the property owners to mow their weeds. This is badly needed, as the weeds are overlapping the concrete walks leading to the graveyard, and are equally as rank in other places. Ray Griggs and "Todd" Yeakey have a fine crop of cantaloupes which have not been injured by insects of any kind. Very few crops escaped injury. The Methodist congregation went to hear the newly elected Baptist minister, Rev. Swanner, preach his first sermon, here Sunday.

Prof. J. C. Vandover, formerly principal of Morley school, has accepted a position at Farmington. H. H. Daugherty had a stroke of paralysis Wednesday of last week. He is now improving. Prof. W. L. Tomlinson, of Farmington, is visiting his father, Dr. W. D. Tomlinson. Douglass Harris, of Point Pleasant, is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L. Harrison. Rev. Walton McDonough has a good crop of plums, berries and currants.

The editor of the Scott County Banner has returned from Vanduser. Mr. and Mrs. James Porter, of Ilmo, are visiting relatives here. Wm. Smith and Geo. Alexander of Sikeston were here this week. Albert Atherton of Blodgett visited relatives here Sunday. J. D. Eckridge is doing some carpenter work near Vanduser. George Jacobs has shipped about 1,000 bushels of peaches. S. S. Grant loaded a car of choice cantaloupes here Monday. Uncle John Evans had business at Vanduser last week. Murphy Bros. will commence bailing straw this week. Subscriber for the only Kicker.

**FROM ORAN.**

Saturday was sale day here for horses and mules. Hanley & Co. of St. Louis, sold a car-load of horses and mares—all from the range—Max and Ben, the Jews, sold a car-load of yearling mules. Chas. Schlitt and Albert Vetter of New Hamburg passed thru here Saturday on their way home from Bell City, where Mr. Schlitt had been visiting his brother August.

Mrs. Lyons, of Chaffee, daughter of Mrs. Robt. Halter, was brought here to her mother a very sick person. It is said she is suffering from Bright's disease. Unless we get rain soon the corn crop will be cut short. Many farmers already complain of considerable damage from drought. John Blattel, Joe Morie and Henry Grojean, the home insurance committee, were here Monday.

Wm. Weidfeld of New Hamburg and Judge Bowman of Sikeston were here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rolwing of Charleston, visited the family of Louis Pfefferkorn Wednesday. Rufus Moore has sold his restaurant to Mr. Bingley, who will run it at the old stand. Louis Gangle and Frank Mier of near Randles were here Saturday. Sol Heisserer and Clem Westrich of Kelso were here Saturday. Leo Pfefferkorn, one of our merchants, is in St. Louis.

**FROM HICKORY GROVE.**  
The home of Gabe Graham was destroyed by fire Friday morning caused by a defective flue. He lost most all his household goods. He is making his home with his father near Blodgett until a new house can be built. Lee Strayhorn and family of Stoddard county are visiting at G. R. Diamonds. Rev. Frank Baty preached for us Sunday night, to a well filled house. Several relatives and friends Sunday at Jim Morrow's. Some melons will be loaded this week.

Get after that neighbor of yours who is not taking the Kicker. Put this paper in every working man's home and see what happens.

**NOTICE TO TEACHERS.**  
The teachers' examination for county certificates to teach in the public schools of Scott county, will be held in the public school building at Benton, Scott county, Missouri, August 1 and 2, 1913, beginning at 8 o'clock each morning. Order of subjects—

**FIRST DAY.**  
Geography—8 to 9.30 a. m.  
Language—9 to 10.30 a. m.  
Algebra—10 a. m. to 12.30 p. m.  
Spelling—11 a. m. to 12.30 p. m.  
Grammar—1.30 to 3.30 p. m.  
Arithmetic—2.30 to 5 p. m.  
Literature—3.30 to 6 p. m.  
Reading—4.30 to 6 p. m.

**SECOND DAY.**  
Civil Government—8 to 9.30 a. m.  
U. S. History—9 to 10.30 a. m.  
Agr. culture—10 a. m. to 12 m.  
Algebra—10 a. m. to 12.30 p. m.  
Physiology—1.30 to 3 p. m.  
Writing—2 to 3 p. m.  
Pedagogy—3.30 to 4.30 p. m.  
Literature—3.30 to 6 p. m.  
Adv. History—3.30 to 6 p. m.

Certificates will be renewed that expire in August, 1913, provided the holder has taught five years and complies with the law governing the renewals. Do not forget the dates of examination—Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2, 1913, at Benton, Mo. CHAS. HARRIS, County Superintendent.

**PUBLIC SALE.**  
Thursday, August 7, I will sell, at my home two miles south of Oran, near C. & A. J. Matthews big barn, two work mules, two mule colts, a filly colt, two work horses, cow and calf, four head of hogs, a binder, two mowers, hay rake, wheat drill, two wagons and shovel cultivators, check-rower, stalk cutter, two disc harrows, three A. A. harrows, a lot of clover hay, some household goods and many other articles. Terms—\$5 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 6 months will be given, purchaser giving 8 per cent note with approved security. Four per cent discount for cash. Sale to begin at 10 o'clock sharp. a. m. W. H. Engle, auctioneer.

**JOHN BRANN.**  
Under capitalism, the tenant farmer gives one-half of all he raises to his landlord, the remaining one-half he keeps as his incentive to work. Under Socialism his incentive would be all he raised. Which incentive do you think you like best, Mr. Tenant?

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**FROM CHAFFEE.**

Mrs. Effie Heeb, who has been in the neighborhood visiting relatives and friends, returned to her home at Harrisburg, Ark., Saturday. A good rain visited us Sunday—but not near enough. Mrs. Jane Wylie and daughter, Miss Roxie, are in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for health.

Friday Mrs. J. W. Heeb and Mrs. Otto Heeb started to Oran with a pup in a sack which the latter intended to take home with her. At Oran the sack and pup disappeared. George Mecher of Effingham, Ill. is here looking after his real estate interests. Ike Eilers and S. E. Owens are bailing hay in the hills with Ike's baler and S. E.'s gasoline engine. Frank Hendrix and family visited at Burfordville last week. Mrs. Emeline Hunt is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Finley, near Poplar Bluff.

Chaffee and Senath played two games of ball Monday evening. In the first game Chaffee was victorious 8 to 0. But the Dunklin county cloud-hoppers are long-winded and carried off the second game 5 to 3. A very large crowd witnessed the game. J. J. Wehling and family have returned from their brief vacation on the lakes.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE.**  
Whereas John Lucht and Augusta Lucht, his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated July 25th, 1908, duly acknowledged and recorded in the recorder's office of Scott county, Mo., in book 22, at page 136, conveyed to the undersigned, as trustee, the following described real estate, situated, lying and being in the county of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of lots No. 9 and 10, in block 15, in North Ilmo addition to the town of Edna, Scott county, Mo. Which said deed was given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed described, and whereas default has been made in the payment thereof now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in conformity with the provisions of the deed of trust, I, the undersigned trustee will, on Saturday, AUGUST 2, 1913, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the north front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, county of Scott, state of Missouri, sell the above described real estate at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said note and the execution of this trust.

Martin Bohnhardt, Trustee.

**FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Andrew Amrhein deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the probate court of Scott county, Mo., to be begun and holden at the court house, in the town of Benton, said county and state, on the third Monday of August, 1913.

Frank J. Amrhein, Admr.

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Phillip Seyer, Executor.  
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**OPENING OF THE MISSOURI STATE NORMAL SCHOOL—3d DISTRICT.**

Cape Girardeau, Mo. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1913:  
1. College Courses are offered leading to A. B., B. S. in Education, and B. S. in Home Economic degrees, with the Normal diploma, which has the force of a life state certificate in this state.

2. Advanced Professional Courses are offered leading to the Normal diploma—a life state certificate.  
3. Elementary Professional Courses are offered leading to the elementary professional certificate—a limited state certificate.

4. A Course for Rural School Teachers is offered, upon the completion of which the State Superintendent will grant students a limited state certificate.

The Normal school is a Teachers' college, offering full college courses in academic and professional subjects, including courses in English Language and Literature and Public Speaking, History, Mathematics, the Sciences, Latin, Greek, German, French, Spanish, Psychology, Principles of Teaching, Sociology, Educational Sociology, The History and Philosophy of Education, and courses embracing every phase of the Theory and Practice of Teaching; Home Economics, Agriculture, Manual Training, Music, Drawing, Physical Education including first aid and preventive medicine, Stenography, Typewriting, Book-keeping, giving a complete business education. For further information or catalog, address, W. S. DEARMONT, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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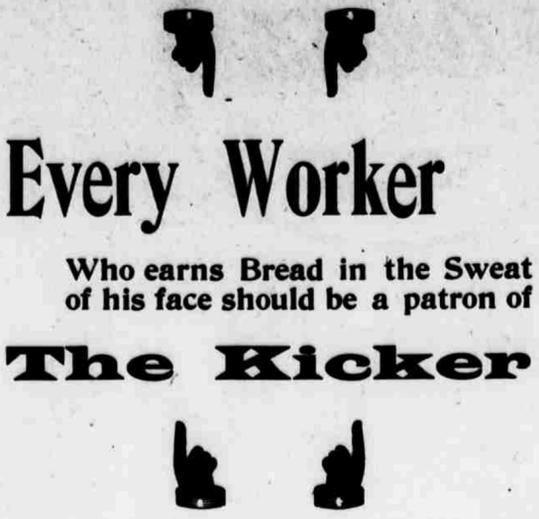
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