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SEEK THE CAUSE. Whatever there is of good or evil, there is a cause for the existence of either. Just now I believe it is conceded that we have a surplus of evil. The greatest evil in our midst is poverty and the slums. These are both disease and crime breeders.

What is the cause? The good charity workers never touch on mention that. For years the Socialists have been telling you that poverty produces disease, crime, and that capitalism produces the poverty.

They are socializing things over in Europe. To fight a successful war they are doing what they refused to do to establish a lasting peace. The claws of the monopolist have been clipped. Nobody can "corner" any of the necessities of life in the warring nations. The governments have been forced to a very large degree of Socialism. All of the necessities of life are under government control, and the government not only fix the price to consumers, but the amount he may buy at one time also.

No pig up for a rainy day as the boys who the masses starve. Then every body has work—if not in the ranks, then in the factory or field—at good pay. Woolwich, England, is a manufacturing city. Before the war it had its slums, just as New York, Chicago and St. Louis has them. In his recent annual report the health officer of Woolwich has this to say:

"As a result of the increased prosperity in Woolwich, the houses are better furnished, the provision of bedding is more satisfactory, and the children are better clothed. With better financial conditions many of the houses are almost as good as new. Beyond belief, WHICH GOES TO PROVE A VERY EMPHATICALLY THAT IF WE WANT TO ELIMINATE THE SLUM TYPE OF HUMAN BEING AND SLUM TYPE OF HOUSING, WE MUST FIRST BRING ABOUT A GOOD LIVING WAGE."

EVE'S KINGDOM.

The war has brought Eve into her kingdom both as a mother and as a man. When I said Eve is a man I mean what I say. She is doing a man's work in many of the ways. The only thing that puzzles me is to find out anything she cannot do. She can drive a motor ambulance and she can run a great military hospital. She can turn herself into a surgeon and operate as skillfully as any man. She can make bullets. She can direct great businesses. I believe she could fight if we allowed her to fight, as many women in the Russian army are fighting.

Her only limitation is her physical strength, and there are many women strong enough to beat their husbands physically as well as intellectually. There is no use in denying that men are afraid of Eve. With her brains, her industry, her sobriety, her honesty, and her persistence, as a trade in any trade or profession she is by no means outdone. Eve is making the old Adam feel that he is a little bit of a coward. He is afraid of seeing Eve placed on a level with Adam in the kingdom of heaven. The trade union of Adam is shrieking in terror at the idea of allowing Eve to speak in a mission hall. A woman in a pulpit appears to these doddering fossils almost worse than the devil in a pulpit. "The national Mission of Repentance and Hope" must be a male monopoly.

The dream of the past is that without Eve the churches would be empty. Eve is the great church-goer and the great church worker. Being a man, I know there is more need for repentance among men than there is among women, for men govern the world and they are responsible for the state it is in today. Women are helping us to deliver the world from the stupidities of male misgovernment, but they cannot be held responsible for them. If they were to govern the world for the next hundred years they could not possibly make more mistakes than we have made—London Opinion.

Republican orators and organs refer to Gardner's Land Bank as a Single Tax measure. The landlords have educated the little home-owning farmer to believe that the single tax would get him and the purpose is to scare somebody. There is no danger of either old party putting anything in their platforms that would be as beneficial to the masses as the Single Tax. In fact, two years ago the landlords of both old parties tried to put through a constitutional amendment that would deprive the people from ever voting on the Single Tax question again. They were afraid that, some day, the people might wake up and unhorse the landlord.

Stick to the unmuzzled Kicker.

DO YOU? Do you really believe that your home will be destroyed when the fear of losing your job will be banished from its threshold? Do you really believe that the extermination of poverty, misery and despair will rob you of your religion?

Do you really believe that there can be no morality, no intellectual cleanliness, no self-respect, without capitalist exploitation?

If you really believe all this then, of course, you must oppose Socialism, for Socialism will banish from the threshold of your home the fear of losing your job; it will abolish poverty and misery, exterminate despair, all of which is the result of inhuman social conditions; and it will do away with capitalist exploitation.

COMMERCIAL VALUE AND THE LANDLORD. David Gross in the Grand Hotel. A socialist's version of the war is that the capitalist class are restricted to certain profits on necessities, and, as a result, an opportunity for the landlords to loot their sisters of sin.

The opportunity for graft on the part of the landlord is so choice as to render the policeman on the beat, if he be a grafter, a mere piker. For instance, the segregated district of Akron, Ohio, is on a street assigned to it by the city authorities and one house rents for \$400 per month—the house itself would not rent for \$50 a month on the best street in Akron.

We are always after the grafting policeman in such districts. A New York policeman having once been sent to Sing Sing for accepting a basket of peaches from the keeper of a disorderly house, but we pass up the landlords simply because no one has ever called attention to them.

Yuma, Ariz., Oct. 20—Allen L. Benson, Socialist presidential candidate, carried his campaign into Arizona today. After a vigorous tour of speech-making in California, the Socialist leader declared that unless federal action is taken and an embargo on wheat exports is carried down, a famine will be the result. "Wheat is now higher than it has been at any time since the civil war, and it will be a great deal higher before next spring, unless exports shall be prohibited," he said.

Our wheat crop this year is short. If we keep it all, we will not have enough for ourselves. We annually need 630,000,000 bushels. We have produced this year only 611,000,000 bushels, yet the astounding fact remains that American exporters have already contracted to export 400,000,000 bushels. If these contracts are carried out, America will be left to starve. "Make no mistake—the cost of living before next spring will become so high that millions will suffer from lack of food, and every workman's family will be hard pressed to pay for its living."

City officials of San Diego and officials of the exposition were on the platform at a met Benson after his address there last night, among themselves.

WHERE IS YOUR SHARE? From Milwaukee Leader. The Democratic Campaign Book assures us that the total wealth of the United States now amounts to \$225,000,000,000, which is about \$225 for every man, woman and child in the nation.

Sixteen years ago it was just a little more than half this sum. Think back 15 years and see whether you have twice as much now as you had then. The workers of this country have produced this hundred billion, somebody else has it. If the wealth were evenly divided each family of five would have about \$11,000. Now, we are not going to "divide up" that big sum already been done. A few thousand people took the billions that labor created.

These billions are now gone. They are in the hands of those who will use them to take other billions from those who produce them. Next year we will produce other billions. We can keep these if we wish and if we show our wishes by voting to take possession of the things which we use in producing this wealth.

Missouri has sixteen representatives in congress. Of these 14 are lawyers, one is a banker, and one a preacher. Is that not a miserable showing for an agricultural state? Which of these can you expect to represent the interests of the producers? We talk about the people of Mexico or the Philippines not being fit for self government. Yet they are ahead of the "free born American citizen." They kicked up a rebellion when conditions became unendurable.

Who pays the freight? Millions upon millions of dollars are being spent in campaign work. The country is literally covered with spell-binders, and the newspapers are pounding hard. And after the people have listened to all of the spell-binders and read all of the dope in the newspapers they will be none the wiser—only muddled. And all of these millions that this performance costs is paid by ye "intelligent voter." He pays the freight.

Stick to the unmuzzled Kicker.

MAKING IT PLAIN. Not wishing to be misunderstood, I will say that, in reference to the McPheeters case last week, the Kicker said the court docket showed the present prosecuting attorney "to be one of the attorneys defending Mr. McPheeters." This has reference to the last docket printed for July. It was in July that Mr. McWilliams was appointed and it is not presumed that he has any connection with the case since. In reading the article after it was in print I feared this might be misunderstood.

THE PIOUS RETAINERS. By Eugene V. Debs. It may be set down as a rule that the gentry who constitute the self-appointed protectors of religion, salvation, and who accuse Socialists of being infidels, and Socialists with having designs upon religion, are themselves servile hypocrites who are profiting by the ignorance and superstition of their dupes, and using the cloak of religion in which to practice their pious fraud and imposition.

Their pretended solicitude for religion and the spiritual salvation of the poor people is a sham. What they really fear is not that religion will be destroyed, but that hypocrisy and false pretense will be uncovered. These pious misfits, who do not know what real religion is, are all one in raising the hue and cry against Socialism in the name of religion. Most of them have never read a chapter of Socialist economics and are as utterly ignorant of what Socialism really means—deliberately misrepresenting it to receive the stipend and the "well done" from their capitalist masters.

These pious pickets of capitalism prostitute religion in the service of mammon. Of all men on earth, they are the least fit to speak in the name of religion. They have no religion or they would not serve in such a degenerate role.

They are full of cant, roll their eyes heavenward, and glibly parrot their creed; but of real religion, the spiritual influence which exalts man and consecrates him to the loving service of his fellow-men, they are as destitute as is the arctic region of sunflowers. Christ knew these pious imposters perfectly and denounced them as hypocrites and enemies of the people. It is false and slanderous to charge that Socialism aims to destroy religion. The truth is that Socialism proposes to destroy the conditions which make religion impossible.

It is the vilest sarcasm to talk about religion in the cannibalism of the present system in which men devour each other like hyenas, and the millions who are robbed of what they produce sink into hopeless poverty, while their sons are driven into crime and their daughters into prostitution. Never, until this brute struggle for existence is ended, and our industrial life is organized upon the basis of democratic mutualism, will religion come to abide with men—not the religion, so-called, written in narrow creeds and heartless dogmas, but of loving deeds written in the hearts of men whose brethren are all mankind.

STEPHEN BARTON. The Republican candidate for Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Barton, of Fornefelt, is a successful young attorney, who has equipped himself well to fill the office he seeks. Mr. Barton was raised on a farm, attended school at Cape Girardeau and Valparaiso, Ind., and also studied law at the latter place. Being self-reliant, he earned his way through school and has been well trained in the school of "hard knocks."

Mr. Barton is not only well equipped from an educational standpoint to fill the most important office of Prosecuting Attorney, but he is also making a campaign which commends him to the voters of the county. He is too broad-minded to appeal to the prejudice and sentiment of the people, but is making a straight-forward, clean campaign on his own resources. The office of Prosecuting Attorney is an important one of the most important in the county. This officer is not only to look after the matter of the enforcement of the laws, but also must advise the County Court on legal matters. In a county like Scott this is an especially hard office to fill properly, and no voter should consider his choice for this officer in a trivial manner. In Stephen Barton the voters have a man who is honorable, capable and above reproach, give him your support and vote and you will have no cause to regret it.—Adv.

A REAL ESTATE BARGAIN. Eighty acres in Bay county, Florida, at \$20 per acre. Also 50 acres in town lots at \$75 per acre. Also a ten-acre fine farm and truck farm will sell cheap. Any or all of it at a bargain. If you are interested in a home where you can truck farm or raise fruit, address, R. L. Miller, San Blas, Florida. 31-61

ANNUAL MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the Scott County Mutual Insurance Association will be held at Benton on Saturday, Nov. 4, 1916, at 1 o'clock, p. m. Important matters will be discussed.

CHAS. HEURING, Secretary. The capitalists are very patriotic. They are willing to sacrifice the lives of a million of their wage slaves to uphold "national honor."

HERE AND YONDER. The low stage of water in the Mississippi river is hard on boats. The Stacker Lee, a Lee line boat running between St. Louis and Memphis, sank Saturday night while tied to the bank because of low water. She had been snagged and this was not discovered until she began to sink. The boat had a cargo composed chiefly of cotton and cement. The cotton may be saved, but the boat is reported to be a total loss. No lives were lost.

About 3 o'clock Friday morning the steamer Cape Girardeau sunk to her pilot house a few miles above Chester, Ill. She was on her way from St. Louis to Commerce and had on an unusual cargo of merchandise. The boat had landed and was leaving shore when she struck some hidden piling that broke a hole in her bottom. It happened so near shore that the stage plank would reach and all aboard were saved. The steamer is considered a total loss.

H. G. Frobase is moving into his new quarters east of the public square. He has remodeled the old drug store building and has made it quite a commodious residence as well as business house.

The Cason garage at Chaffee was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. Four automobiles burned and Mr. Cason received painful injuries.

John Bucher of Poplar Bluff and Frank Enderle of Oran were Kicker visitors Saturday.

J. B. Finley and son Barry of Oran were here Wednesday with a load of apples.

Joe Compas of New Hamburg was out Sunday trying his new Ford car.

Uncle Jim Allen of Oran was here Monday. He is still a Democrat.

BUSINESS LOCALS. For Sale—Two heifer calves, 5 months old, from good milk stock. Fifteen dollars each. Near Boardman school house. Henry C. Meyers, Sikeston, Mo., R. 2, B. 18A.

For Sale—Duroc Jersey pigs, one boar and two sows. Full stock. W. V. Miller Chaffee, Mo. 35-2t.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE. The state treasury is facing a deficit of \$2,500,000.—Republican Organ. The balance in the state treasury at the close of business September 30, was \$3,967,910.—Democratic Organ.

The above is a fair illustration of how the people are "kept posted" on public matters. Both of the above items appeared in the rural press of last week.

GURLEY COHOON. Gurley Cohoon, with his wife and six interesting children, lives in Chaffee. He is the Republican nominee for sheriff and is known to practically all of the people of Scott county. He was born and raised on the farm and has been a hard worker all his life. At present he is engaged in farming and in the logging and timber business. He has an agreeable, friendly, unassuming manner which has gained for him a large number of friends.

His best friends are those who work with him and have known him longest. He will make a splendid officer; no better man could be elected to this office. It requires a man who will play no favorites, who is high minded and has the confidence of the people of Scott county. Such a man is Gurley Cohoon and such a man to serve them as sheriff. You will make no mistake by casting your vote for Gurley Cohoon for sheriff.—Adv.

TO THE VOTERS. The office of Prosecuting Attorney is now a salaried office. When you elect the your Prosecuting Attorney, I will uphold and enforce the laws without fear or favor; and when information is filed, I will make personal and careful investigation of the charges, and search thoroughly to learn if the motive for the information is personal spite or hatred; our courts and juries do not encourage personal spite cases; it is not my desire to pile up unnecessary costs on the county, or to drag witnesses around the courts when there is no case.

STEVEN BARTON. FROM BLODGETT. Ike Marshall, Thob Cunningham and their families spent Saturday night and Sunday on Little river hunting, and Mrs. McBride and her sister, Miss Fannie Lee Adams, Wilson Jacobs and Roy Green went nutting on the Lake near Charleston Sunday. Also W. O. and Cliff Graham, Henry Shanley Jim Peal and their families were nutting on Little river Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Dickerson and Grand-daughter Miss Clara Eskew spent the week end in Morehouse, with Mrs. Ben Wallace, the daughter of Mrs. Dickerson. The basket ball game here Saturday, between Benton and Blodgett was very interesting. Score 32 to 8 in favor of Blodgett. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Murphy of Morley, spent Sunday afternoon here with the latter's sister, Mrs. Rosie Graham and Miss Verdia Hatcher. John Brown of White Oak moved here Monday. He occupies the house recently vacated by W. P. Porter. The box supper given here Friday night was well attended. Net proceeds \$24.14.

FROM ILLMO. "Snaky" Moore is making his corner of the town loom up. The brick structure connecting the saloon building with his store is finished. Mr. and Mrs. A. Baudendistel and Mrs. Beulah Hayden of Fornefelt spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilman. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Keese were in St. Louis last week shopping, and James Keese was there a few days before. Rev. Hilpert is attending the Lutheran conference at St. Charles, accompanied by Adolph Hilman. Emil Steck of Fornefelt accompanied his wife as far as St. Louis on her way to California. Casper Effert of Fornefelt has sold his interest in the business to his partner, Al Walter. George Roth spent the first of the week in the north end of the state. Wheat sowing around here is about over with. Newt Dover moved to Sikeston Saturday.

FROM FORNEFELT. A good game of basket ball was played here Saturday between Cape Girardeau and Fornefelt high school. Fornefelt won—16 to 0. Our high school team has won every game played by it this year. The Republicans and quite a rally here last week, and a club was organized this week for a parade on the arrival of their speakers Wednesday. The teachers of Illmo and Fornefelt met at the old school house in Fornefelt. The reading circle work this year is very satisfactory. Mrs. Fred Gammons of Pine Bluff, Ark., came up to visit her brother, Wm. Klughart, County Clerk Purnan was here Sunday. W. A. West's brother is visiting him.

FROM CANHAM. The community regrets the loss of Pete Prowl and family, who have recently moved to Sikeston. We wish them success in their new home. Rev. Harris of Vanduser is holding a meeting at Canham school house. Every body invited. The Misses Mabel and Bessie Matney, left Saturday, to visit up Joys in Arkansas. Miss Pearl Fullerton, our teacher, spent the week end with home folks at Benton. Frank Snodgrass and family of Ellis District visited at All McAninch's Sunday. Jas. Luper and family of Redman's switch, Sundayed at Fred Callerson's. The dance at Earle Canham's Thursday night was well attended. We are soon to have a "Smith Hero," installed at our school. Our school is progressing. There are 24 enrolled. Miss Mary McAninch has been sick, but is better.

THE DEADLY PARELLEL. The voters of Missouri should investigate the records of the candidates for Governor. They should know if these candidates have honestly performed the duties of citizenship in the past and if they have borne their share of the public burden in the form of taxation. We submit for the consideration of the voters of Missouri—

TWO AFFIDAVITS. Candidate Gardner's BOND Affidavit IN FEBRUARY, 1913. Candidate Gardner's TAX Affidavit IN SEPTEMBER, 1913.

FRANK M. RYAN, et al. vs. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. F. D. Gardner proposing to become bail and surety for defendant, PAUL J. MORRIN, in this behalf, makes oath and says as follows, to wit: My name is Frederick D. Gardner. I reside at 4508 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo. I, also, own personal property, in my own name and right, amounting to ONE MILLION DOLLARS, over and above all my liabilities. (Signed) FREDERICK D. GARDNER. Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named Frederick D. Gardner at St. Louis, Missouri, this 12th day of February, A. D. 1913. IRVINE MITCHELL, United States Commissioner at St. Louis, Mo. (SEAL) EDWARD M. HOLLOWAY, Clerk. Filed, Feb. 14th, 1913.

The above is the affidavit Frederick D. Gardner swore to regarding his personal property when signing the bonds in the Federal Court for a convicted dynamite. It is on file in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, of the Seventh Circuit at Chicago.

In the opposite column is shown the affidavit Gardner swore to regarding his personal property when fixing the amount on which he was to pay taxes.

MR. TAXPAYER—The above hits you. How do you like the comparison? The taxes somebody else dodges, you help to pay, especially if you own land, which never escapes taxation.—Advertisement.

Frobase Restaurant. Removed to East Side of Public Square. CALL AND SEE HIM THERE.

FROM NEW HAMBURG. Married Monday Oct. 22nd Mike Bucher, son of Uncle Lawrence Bucher, to Miss Henretta Linhart daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Linhart, all of this parish. John will take charge of his father's farm, and on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dannebauer was married to Miss Rosalia Welter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welter, also of this parish. Both of the above named young ladies were members of the choir.

The box supper given by Miss Viola Diebold, at the Diebold school, last Saturday night was a pleasant affair with 60 present. Those from Benton were the Misses May Sullenger, Margaret and Vera Brock, Leona Timmerstein, Anna Daugherty, Cecil Cannon, Dorothy Diebold, and Lorretta Bertrand, Otto and Jacob Diebold, Wads Miller, Frank Grant, Chester Frabuse, Ben Drury, George and Lawrence Essner, Theodore Diebold and family. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Compas and baby Sundayed with the family of Leonard Schmitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Lois Scatterer spent the day with the family of August Gaus.

Miss Otilia Dirnberger left for Ruma, Ill. Friday where she will enter the Precious Blood Convent to become a sister. She was accompanied by Sister Rosa. Joan Fisher, wife and baby of Poplar Bluff arrived Saturday to visit home folks and attend the wedding of his brother, Mike, John Looks wed. Mrs. Lena Dancy of Keiso, and daughter, Mrs. Louis Umerstall, of Sals Creek spent Monday here with Mrs. Dumeys's sister, Mrs. Justin Dumeys. Mrs. Albert Goetz and children spent the first of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Uhrhan. Oscar Linhart and Raymond Stehr were at Anzell Sunday and Joe Scherer and Charles Dumeys of Snyderville were here. Dr. Schneider and wife returned from Farmington Friday, where they attended the funeral of her father, Adam Motech. The marriage of John Shonhoff of Cape Girardeau, to Miss Ollie Diebold, of this place was announced Sunday.

Henry Westrich and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bucar and Jacob Uhrman and wife were Chaffee shoppers Saturday. Theodore Kilhaffner and sisters, the Misses Pauline and Mary, and Peter Wampson, attended church here Sunday. Frank L. Diebold and wife of Benton, spent Sunday with Uncle Jake Diebold, of Schererville. Miss Anna Schlosser of Randles attended church here Sunday. Frank Dumeys and family of Anzell attended the Bucher-Linhart wedding Monday. Miss Anna Schlosser of Randles is staying with her Grand-mother, Mrs. A. Dohogne. After a four months illness Mrs. O. Glaus is able to be up. Miss Ollie Eichhorn is still very low with typhoid fever.

FROM MORLEY. L. C. Martin's store caught fire on top the roof Monday at noon, and about 25 or 30 shingles burned, was all the damage done. F. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Foster, Creal Black and Ralph McCullough attended Masonic Lodge at Commerce Monday night. L. Ford, F. Kirkpatrick and Fred Williams attended Odd Fellows' Lodge at Blodgett Saturday night. Mrs. Kattie Allen and Miss Ruth Oakes returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Barlow, Ky. John Porter and his sons, Cale and Dock returned Friday from a visit to relatives in Illinois. R. K. Griggs and B. Nations took a car load of stock to St. Louis last week. Mrs. Nora Garrett returned to Vienna, Ill. after an extended visit here. The Boyce Mercantile Co. are having their store re-painted. J. W. Bowman on route one was here Monday.

FROM BLEDA. Arthur Mier and Martin Halter are making their regular trips up in the hills. It is reported that they expect to fall heir to some very rich land. Romanus Halter bought a fine Plymouth Rock rooster which soon committed suicide by hanging himself on a picket fence. Judge Finch of Fornefelt made us a fine Republican speech Tuesday night of last week. Joe Hahn's new residence is nearly finished, and the family will soon move in. Bleda is improving. We have another new merchant.

FROM ELLIS. The Misses Dorothy and Doris Snodgrass were at Commerce Saturday, and Miss Rosa Ditterlein spent Saturday night with them. Mrs. Nannie Greer of Pleasant Hill is visiting the family of Chas. Greer near Redman's Switch. Mrs. Bertie Elmore of Indiana is here visiting her brother, Mr. Snodgrass and family. Mrs. Maletta Hanks an Sdon visited their uncle, Frank Snodgrass last week. Miss Mildred Daugherty spent Sunday evening with Miss Opal McAllister. The Misses Myrle and Georgia Smith visited Mrs. E. C. Taylor Sunday. Rev. Mayo of Vanduser will preach at the chapel Saturday night. Arthur Schivitz and Miss Pearl Fullerton were at church Sunday night. Miss Ida Georger visited relatives in the hills Saturday. Dewey Miller visited his sister, Mrs. Tom Bent.

ALMOST. "We've learned a lot from the present war." "Yes, indeed. Everything except what it's all about."—Detroit Free Press.