

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Socialist Woman's league meets 311 Masonic Temple, Saturday, 2:30 p. m. Speakers: Alice Henry on "Woman and Modern Industry"; Max Loeb on "Social Legislation of City, State and Nation."

Meeting of Maplewood Y. P. S. L., Temple hall, 2565 Fullerton av., tonight, 8 p. m.

Socialist Woman's club, 28th ward, to have entertainment, Thurs., 2 p. m., Rockwell hall, Milwaukee av. and Rockwell.

Esther Falkenstein Settlement Woman's club to meet Thurs., 2 p. m., 1917 N. Richmond st. Bazaar Dec. 9 and 14.

—o—o—o— BITS OF NEWS

Walter Scott Clark, son of C. S. Clark, chief architect Armour & Co., and Howard Tucker, 18, accused of assault and battery by Anna Leitch, 20, 4306 Calumet.

Chief Healey has formed flying squads to "clean up" town.

Gov't hunting Chinese blackmail gang.

Capt. John Donlon, Fire engine Co., No. 26, died in station house, Lincoln st. and Grand av.

Zanesville, Ohio
Dear Editor:
I am in need
of clothes, but the
high prices get
my goat. Do
you advise me
to be measured
for a suit? I
weigh 450 lbs.
Cerey
Lora

Answer: No, not measured. You should be surveyed.

SIMONS ANALYZES WHY THE SOCIALIST VOTE DROPPED

A. H. Simons, former editor Chicago Daily Socialist for five years, has an article in the New Republic this week on "The Future of the Socialist Party." He states the Socialist vote nationally will probably not exceed 600,000. He then makes an analysis of why the Socialist vote dropped from 901,000 in 1912 to the vote of this year. Methods and motives of the Socialist party are attacked bitterly and the accusations are sure to bring denials and counter-accusations.

"Three days after election the Socialist press and the national headquarters were still claiming 1,200,000 votes," writes Simons. "Everyone who had access to the news reports knew before the decision had been made between Wilson and Hughes that the Socialist vote had dropped. There was a time when the Socialist party tried to educate its followers rather than to 'fake' election returns.

"Intellectually and politically the mind of the party is in Europe. The war has emphasized this. A careful scheme was set in motion to capture the machinery of the party by those in sympathy with the ruling class of Germany. On every question they worked in complete accord with the German-American Alliance. Most of our press did the same. Yet it is only just to add that this was partly through the fact that the pacifist movement had been also manipulated in the pro-German direction, and most Socialists followed the pacifists. "It is not even considered good form to denounce autocracy, and 'Prussian militarism' has not lacked its defenders within the Socialist party."

"At a time when the American people and, indeed, the whole world is turning against the liquor traffic, the Socialist party allows itself to be dragged at the heels of the brewery and saloon forces."