Socialist Columns

Business Men We Can Recommend DR. RAMBO

For Mayor-Dr. A. W. Vincent. HAVE CLEAR-CUT METHODS For Councilman at Large-G. L. It is the conviction, or should be, Perrine of every socialist, that no man has

For Councilman First Ward-R. C. Stokes.

or advocate or use violence to For Councilman Second Ward-N. A. Gec.

change conditions or laws when he has a remedy in the vote which can be made effective.

the moral right to believe in

tions existing because of ignorance,

have no respect.'

So far as I am concerned none of that is true and never will be as

If our party is to continue to ex-

If there were a design to destroy

The socialist national convention

should itself bring up the question,

ANOTHER VERSION

We hear that the present state The laws at present in effect were Office Phone Columbia 140 made by men elected to office by Resident Phone Columbia 38 to control the public utilities in St. I the working class. The great bulk Johns. Well, it is never too late of working men belong to the old JOSEPH McCHESNEY, M. D. to begin a thing like that, but we parties, vote their tickets and are wonder why it was not thought of responsible for results. before. Could we socialists do it? Rebellious bitterness over condi-

Have we the nerve? Dear voters, we are not promis- has no place in a political party de-

ing the impossible. There are many voted to the education of the ignothings which might be done in St. rant, and the permanent relief of Johns, and which might have been the conditions

done in the past. But the control Our coming National Convenof the public utilities is a question tion when confronted with the prop. that has never been solved and is osition that will be presented, should not to be solved by one or two put such emphasis on its rejection officers of a little town, even so of the doctrine of violence as a good a town as St. Johns. It is weapon that it will not be heard a question as broad as the land and from again.

as old as the oldest corporation. The socialist occupies a legiti-And all this time we have waited mate field, its position is impregnafor a Moses or a David or (a Davis) ble, its membership is growing or some other miracle worker to con- with wonderful rapidity and it is trol them. Isn't it about time for the imperatively necessary for ultimate people to try to do something for success in the shortest time that it themselves? Say, for instance, keep in the straight and narrow to furnish themselves with water, path. as they do in Portland, and Its weapons are education and

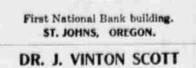
with light, power, communication the ballot. When a sufficiency of and transportation as they ought to the first brings enough of the second to bear on the capitalist system do everywhere?

No! we socialists are not going to it will crumble. repudiate franchises and other ac- I, for one, don't want a placard tions of previous administrations, hanging from my neck: "I will use We have a wholesome regard for any weapon to win the fight against the capitalist courts. Some of our capitalism. I do not hesitate to people have been "up against break the present laws for which I them.

And now the great light and power companies of Portland have lot formed a merger, and the solons of that city are amazed. It was their ist and retain equal rights that sign "understanding" that when they had better not be put up. granted a franchise that nothing of that kind was ever to happen. Doesn't that sound just like our the socialist party this year, no better scheme could be devised. Piano Moving a Specialty. Hauling done to and from Portland own city dads, who had an "unstanding" that the railroad company would build a spur to the city if not presented as proposed. Right dock?

now is the time to bury it so deep It is the understanding of every that even a gold miner could not find it. T. C. Rivera. one who has studied the principle find it. of economic determinism, (which being interpreted means every socialist) that industrial corporations will merge, that they must merge, and that it is just as wrong and Of that parable of the prodigal son absurd to say that they shall not who had been living in a far coun-do so as to say that two tribes shall try on husks and decided to return not unite to fight a common enemy, that they shall not form great nations, or that nations shall not form he perked up his nose, and took alliances nor agree to arbitrate dif. some long whiffs. "Um, if my old ference.

corporations have fatted calf," he said, hastening for-These two



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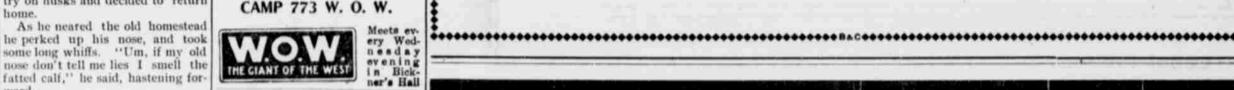
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signed a treaty of peace and you ward. would compel them to continue in in war so that others might have off and ran forward to greet him. an opportunity to grab some of the He also fell on his neck and kissed spoils. How long, Oh Lord! will him. such as this be counted wisdom?

INVESTIGATE UNEMPLOYED

and old party politicians in Chicago exclaimed the old man, "with yeal have decided to investigate the 30 cents a pound-nothing doing, problem of the unemployed in that my son." So the prodigal sat him-Charles Crane, son of the late well butter, chrome alum bread and a Hall, city. A commission headed by self down to a feast of cotton seed known ironmaster, is nobly trying choice dish of "Try-a-bunch-ofto find out how the other half exists. The terrible old fashioned winter breakfast food-for the high cost of has produced conditions for thousands out of work that are pitiful sore in the extreme. This commission the still colder capitalist system. Understand, however, that merely the results-not the cause of unemployment with its suffering will be probed. To investigate the causes of enforced idleness might muss up the placidity of "our best people," and as the head of the commission states, there will be nothing sensational in the work of the commission. We will work calmly and sensibly and gather all of the sta-

tistics necessary.' Statistics! No sensation!

What brutal candor. The estimates of the commission show that and at least 10 per cent. in all oth- tricity now to run motors, elevators er large industrial centers.

stave off the biting cursed winter statistics, Mr. Unemployed Workingman?

Did you ever try to appease their hunger-with statistics?

Did you ever try to get medicine for your sick wife-with statistics?

What do these well fed members of Mayor Harrison's commission suppose the workingman is going to do-but starve-while the statistics are being gathered? And if he is alive after they are gathered -what good will this array of mathematics do, after it is turned

charity organization? Verily the unemployed asks for diatribe bread and ye give him-statistics.

Teddy is in favor of referendum

and recall-to be exercised only by the legislature. Who's going to recall the legislature? Pabl Adst

His father saw him a long ways After the congratulations were

over and nothing was said about eating, the prodigal blurted out: "Father, I have been in a far

country living on husks--how about Some kind hearted capitalists that fatted calf." "Fatted calf."

> Shavings"-the family's favorite living had indeed pressed them full

"Gee," murmured the prodigal, will investigate the conditions of as he picked some of the breakfast the victims of the cold winter, and food out of his teeth, "wish I was back where I could get a good feed of husks or something fit to eat." Moral: Blame it on the tariff."

FOUND WANTING

George Brewer delivered his Lyceum Course here in Spokane to a full house. During the course of his remarks he said: "Imagine now that we see Benjamin Franklin coming down the aisle, and as he approaches, he says: "George, why so many bright lights here? My, how brilliant." I say, "Yes, those are electric lights. Do you remem ber the time you tried to call down approximately 300,000 men are out the lightning with your kite string of work, in New York city; 125,000 and key? Well, we use electricity in Chicago; 20,000 in Los Angeles now to telegraph and telephone (under Good Government Rule) across the continent. We use elec-

and all sorts of machinery. We Statistics! Did you ever try to use it to run automobiles, street cars, and even railroad trains, and air that was freezing the life out of we have great improvement in your little children by the use of printing and many other machines for manufacturing and producing purposes, etc.," and Ben would say: "Yes, you have certainly made

wonderful progress. It is wonderful progress, it IS wonderful indeed, but I see you are still fiddling along with the same old Constitution, which was made in the infan-

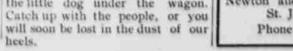
cy of this republic. How about it, Mr. Old Party Voter? F. D. Wright.

"We must get back to the peoover to the tender mercies of a ple," declares Mr. Roosevelt in his latest(? as we go to press) campaign

Get back! Theodore-back?Why

bless you, what you want to do is to "catch up with the people. You have been lagging behind like the little dog under the wagon.

heels.



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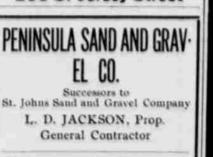
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