Socialist Columns

concern of all of us."

In quoting this I do not mean to dismal pits out of which so many of all of us, nor that we socialists mangled corpses. ways has been the concern of all the labor members and the other of us.

rounding him, and is what he is be- grew with every concession. cause of those surroundings. No That is really an excellent stateman alone can rise out of the con- ment of what happened in England incontrovertible fact.

relatively falls. A savage may new order of things. overpower his enemies, but the inmerous exploited classes establishes titled to it. conditions which reflect upon himof money can entirely lift him.

tion than to be the most successful feudal baron that ever lived?

And who would not rather be a common citizen in an industrial of financial feudalism?

Baron's defenses have crumbled, best their heads "uneasy lie." ished in the fierce financial warfare. ly when my inning came I said: There is no security and the groans, curses and threats of the defeated, the sickening degradation known to exist almost "next door" fostering vices worse than were ever known to savagery, constitute a social condition from the polluting influence of which even the millionaire and his family cannot escape.

Not the least of its effects is that deadening of the sensibilities con-

gladly, humbly and instantly have "The injury to one of us is the taken the inconsiderable advance offered them and gone back to the

say that it ought to be the concern of them are taken as bleeding, are going to make it the concern of Their stubbornness has resulted all of us, but that it is now and al- in three things: a break between

groups in the present government; Man does not live to himself suffering for that handy unknown alone. Even before his birth he is quantity, "innocent third parties," influenced by the conditions sur- and, worst of all, an appetite which

ditions of the age in which he lives. and is happening all over the world. All must rise together. This is an It is a great and glorious indication of the widening line of advance, the As far as conditions are compet- great spreading army of the work-

itive one rises only as some one else ing class, that is sweeping on to a Labor is no longer a pathetic, jury to them only binds the chain trembling Oliver Twist, quaveringof savagery about himself. Today ly asking for a little more gruel. a man may gain industrial control Labor is demanding a full meal, not over the lives of others, and gather as an object of charity, not as one riches by the exploitation of their who may have it graciously grantlabor, but the resultant misery, ig- ed or be refused, but as one who norance and degradation of the nu- having produced it knows he is en-

The class is not and cannot be self and out of which no amount satisfied with a "readjustment." They know that a truce can last

The ancient castle with its most only for a short time. Inevitably, and defenses and its defenders in as soon as the work is begun under armor provided only a very limited the new agreement, there come the and uncertain security to the old exactions and extortions of capitalfeudal baron. How much better to ism. It's always after surplus value. have abolished the necessity for That is its role in the scheme of socisuch defenses. Who would not ety and as long as the working class rather be a common citizen of to-, is exploited, as long as through its laday having a mutual interest, with bor it produces and is robbed of a millions of others, in the co-opera- great part of its product, so long tive public defences of a great natimust there be industrial warfare.

"Yes, I have been a socialist for some time, but was not conscious of democracy, having a common in- it. A great many people don't know terest in great industrial plants, sure public defenses against hunger, where they are at until after they Office Phone Columbia 24 are shown, and then it is as plain Residence Phone Columbia 198 cold and disease, and sure guaran. as a society woman. Why the other tee of the opportunity to develop a day." Ad continued, "I ran across higher, broader life, than to be the proudest industrial baron in this age distant relative, Will Tinker-and he was very bitter against socialism.

I fully agreed with him, and the kings have lost their heads, and at more he denounced socialism and So socialists the more I swore. I had too financial defenses have been the commandment all torn to tatbroken down, fortunes have van. ters in a very few minutes. Final-'Of course, everybody knows

comething is wrong.

Tinker agreed. 'But it seems to me the socialists might evolve a remedy that was not enough to convict one of imbecility.

Tinker was delighted.

'If they would only advocate the public ownership and control of the tools of production and distribution, it would end the hated trusts, beat-

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cerning those conditions around us. We take them as a matter of course. These things have always existed and we assume must always exist, just as the serfs of feudalism took their conditions as a matter of course. The majority of us seem unable to grasp the idea that social evolution is bringing about, all the time from age to age is bringing about a complete change in social conditions.

bad world' (when you get used to greatest idea of modern times, and it and we are all used to it.) Vou don't like the street orator's langtage when he insists that by this competitive system some are robbing the others. You are like the fox in the fable who said: "Dou't say stole, cat, it is not nice. Say, obtained by superior ability." And so it is. Some obtain by much superior ability, while those of inferior ability may starve. And it is not the ability to produce but the formed him that owing to the ability to GET, that counts.

You say that in this great and glorious country there is the same high, but he was anxious to pay opportunity for all, and if a fellow it. So I collected two dollars and fails it is his own fault. Well, I sent his subscription to the Appeal. guess that is true in a sense, in the same sense that all would have the same chance in a free-for-all-fight. If a fellow gets his eyes blacked and otherwise disfigured it is his own fault. It is because of his inferior ability. But why should we have a free-for-all-fight? And what bet-ter reason can be named for a free-p. m. for the improvement of Sene

for all scramble for riches? We have a government organiza-tion to stop the one, why not to stop the other.

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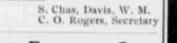
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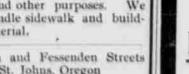
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