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SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM

The small company of socialists which assembled in Highland Park last Saturday night probably fairly represents the standing of the movement in this conservative community. The lecturer of the evening is one of the most prominent and able exponents of the cause, Rev. E. E. Carr Editor of the Christian Socialist. Mr. Carr is a fervent eloquent speaker of the stump orator order and earns applause honestly by the sweat of his brow.

We were sorry that he departed from the subject announced for his lecture as we hoped to have heard the principles of Socialism explained and its practical application made clear.

In choosing capitalism for his theme he found ample scope for his declamatory powers but in doing so he had no time to show "the way out."

No thoughtful or sane observer can fail to see that there is something radically and hideously wrong in the economic world when almost omnipotent power and colossal wealth is vested in a few men and combinations of men, while millions of honest, industrious people suffer the pangs of poverty and want.

But to observe that a disease exists does not necessarily imply a correct diagnosis of its causes. It is doubtless true that capital has been used as a weapon against the common weal and general good. Not even the most vigorous language of the most prominent socialist is too strong for protest against the robbers who plunder the poor and enrich themselves by cornering food and fuel.

But capital is as necessary to production as labor and the future hope lies in the direction of turning it into service for mutual and general good. Capitalism and competition seem to be synonymous terms in the mind of Mr. Carr for he talked of the two things as one.

When he says for instance that capitalism wastes resources he illustrates it saying that the competition which employs advertising, commercial travellers and sales-clerks is absolute waste. He draws a picture of the millions so employed who are simply "non-producers" and therefore so many wasters.

Viewed from the strict economic division productive work is limited to a very few avenues of employment. To make a shoe is production but to sell it is not. To print a book is production but to print an advertisement of it is not. To go down a coal mine and bring up fuel is productive, to transport it where it is needed and deliver it for consumption is not. Yet everybody knows that the values are exhausted by distribution.

Seeking for an illustration of this theme Mr. Carr hits upon the

Post Office and remarks, first that the Post Office does not advertise stamps and, second, that one post office serves all of Highland Park while in competitive business many stores and manly clerks are engaged in useless labor.

Possibly, if all things could be reduced to a common denomination as a postage stamp for example, it might be possible to do without advertising but in proportion as the Post Office department goes into general business it does advertise. Thus it announces stamped envelopes of various sizes and prices and enters into competition with stationers and printers in the supply of "Return addressed" envelopes.

But the illustration was still more unfortunate for Mr. Carr's argument since the Post Office is wholly a non-productive business. It does not produce anything, but is simply a carrier for the people. Moreover it employs, in the non-productive work more clerks and non-productive workmen than any other ordinary institution in proportion to its volume of business.

This article is not written in the spirit of opposition to a very much needed reform. We recognize that socialism is doing a great service to civilization by forcing attention to great economic questions. We do not get farther from needed changes but nearer to the much desired haven by a fair discussion of the facts and arguments presented.

We believe that the root of the evil lies deeper than any method of commercial dealing and that reformers will some day concentrate upon a fundamental wrong that will turn the economic world right side up.

W. B.

Real Estate Transfers.

Wm. Mentzer and wife to Frank Duke-low, lot 4, blk 2, Hall & Ostermans add, Deerfield. W D \$300.

A. M. Osterman to Lincoln Pettis lots 3 and 8, blk. 2, Hall & Ostermans add., Deerfield. Q C \$600.

Fred'k Ott and wf to Lee Seiler lot 1, blk 2, Truesdell's add, Deerfield. W D \$1400.

Wineford Cummings to Mary Swanson lot at Highland Park. Q C \$100.

Elizabeth W. Towner to Wm Ballinger e 12 1/2 ft. lot 13, blk 24, Highland Park. W D \$100.

F. T. Williams and wf to Nettie Williams lots 11 to 20, blk 15, Deerfield Park. Q C D \$100.

M. S. Willing and wf to Antoinette K. Dangler lot 272 and land adjoining Lake Forest. Deeds \$10.

H. J. McBirney and wf to Mary L. Coonley, north part lot 16, western add., Lake Forest. Q C \$100.

Dennis Driskell to Jennie McNeill and husband part lot 5, McDaniels sub., Highland Park. Q C \$100.

John Newhall to Benjamin Newhall, lot 18, sub. of lots 6 to 9, McDaniels sub., Highland Park. W D \$100.

E. A. Erickson, part lot 2, blk 26, Highland Park. Q C \$100.

Margaret Turner to M. B. Smithe, lots 5 and 10, blk. 21, Lake Bluff. W D \$1500.

John Barnett and wf to J. J. Bohn, w 55 ft. lot 6, blk. 49, Miller's sub., Lake Forest. W D \$500.

J. J. Bohn to Christina M. Barnett, w 55 ft., lot 6, blk 49, Miller's sub., Lake Forest. W D \$500.

Mary A. Towner to Beatrice P. Smith, lot 22, blk. 32, Lake Bluff. W D \$900.

Estate of W. F. Steele (minor) to W. S. Miller lot 27, Green Bay add., Lake Forest. Deed \$865.

May O. Newell et al to H. F. McCormick, 30.79 acres in s w 1/4 sec. 3, Deerfield Twp. W D \$200.

James Shreve to Henrietta Silver, lot 10, blk 4, Highland Park. Q C \$5.

State Bank of Lake Forest to Christian Hansen, lot 51, Green Bay add to Lake Forest. S W D \$725.

Highland Park Bldg. Co. to Catholic Bishop of Chicago, lots 22 and 23, blk. 11, Highland Park. Q C D \$100.

Amelia Shreve to Henrietta Seiler, lot 10, blk 4, Highland Park. Q C \$5.

C. L. Nelson to A. H. Thiele & L. D. Eastman, lot 46, Nelsons add, to Ravinia Woods. W D \$3700.

PARK QUESTION DISCUSSED

A well attended meeting to consider the proposed park district was held on Monday evening, May 24th, at the Highland Park Public Library. The meeting had been called by those interested in the district to give an opportunity to those who had not attended previous meetings to learn the purposes of the movement and to discuss candidates.

Rev. Dr. Wolcott called the meeting to order, and at his request Mr. Everett L. Millard stated the objects to be attained by the creation of a park district and the powers and duties of the commissioners, if such were elected. Mr. W. T. Underwood pointed out the advantages to be gained by organization of a park district, such as the care of parks, preservation of the shore opposite public property, and the protection of Ravine avenue. A general discussion followed in which Messrs H. Shields, F. W. Cushing, J. V. Norcross, J. L. Fearing, E. S. Bourneque, Olson and others took part. No objection appeared to be urged against the district except the question as to whether it would be of sufficient value to justify a small increase in taxes. After the discussion the meeting unanimously passed a resolution favoring the creation of a park district. The Chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of three to suggest names of ten candidates, five of whom should be voted for by each voter on election day. The names of the candidates selected by this committee were as follows: F. W. Cushing, W. W. Willets, Fred Schaefer, J. L. Fearing, Ralph F. Seymour, F. N. Baylies.

Memorial Day at the Presbyterian Church.

Next Sunday is Memorial Day, and a special service has been arranged in recognition of the day and its significance at the Presbyterian Church. The G.A.R. men are to attend in three bodies—those from Highland Park—those from Lake Forest, and the Delegation from Waukegan. There will be patriotic songs, decorations with stars and stripes, and the pastor—Columbus Polk Goodson—will preach on Present Day Campaigns for Present Day Patriots. The service begins promptly at 10:30 a. m. and closes at 11:35 a. m. Members of the G.A.R. will assemble in the lecture room of the church and march into the church as in 'ye days of old'—sitting just behind the young men in uniform from the Northwestern Military Academy.

A BOY WHO WAS LUCKY

The following is a genuine essay by a ten-year-old boy:
My life has been a very lucky one. When I was three years old I fell downstairs and cut my head. When I was five years old I was looking at some hens and a dog bit my leg. When I was eight I went with my brother in the trap and the horse fell and threw us out of the trap; my brother lit on his feet and I lit on the horse's back. Last year I was playing, and I ran into a lurry and cut my eyebrow, and it has left a mark. One day I went into the slaughter house and a big sheep ran after me and knocked me down. I have had a happy life.—Advance.

Notice of Awarding Contract

Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested, that the bids for the construction of a concrete cement sidewalk five feet wide in the City of Highland Park, in upon and along the northerly side of Bloom Street from the easterly line of St. Johns Avenue east to the west line of Oak Street (except in front of lots 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Block 13, plat of Port Clinton were opened on the twenty-sixth day of May A. D. 1909, and Olof Lindbloom being the lowest responsible bidder, the contract was awarded to said Olof Lindbloom on the twenty-sixth day of May, A. D. 1909. Said bid is for the work as a whole and is as follows:

| QUANTITY (approximated) | PRICE | AMOUNT |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 340 cubic yards of excavation | 30c per yd. | \$102.00 |
| 120 cubic yards of cinders | 80c per yd. | \$96.00 |
| 600 square feet of concrete | 10c per foot | \$60.00 |
| Total | | \$258.00 |

The owners of a majority of the frontage of the lots and lands upon said Bloom Street wherein said work is to be done may, within ten days from hereof, elect to take said work and enter into a written contract to do said work at ten per centum less than the price at which the same has been awarded.

WILLIAM M. DOOLEY,
HERMAN DENZEL,
JAMES H. SHIELDS,
Board of Local Improvements.

GIVE LIMPY A CHANCE

"Here, boy, let me have a paper."
"Can't."
"Why not? I heard you crying then loud enough to be heard at the city hall."
"Yes, but that was down' other block, ye know, where I hollered."
"What does that matter? Come now, no fooling. I'm in a hurry."
"Could'nt sell you a paper on this here block, mister, 'cause it b'longs to Limpy. He's just at the furdest end now. You'll meet him."
"And who is Limpy? And why does he have this block?"
"Cos us other kids agreed to let him have it. Ye see, it's a good run, 'count of the offices all along, and the poor chap is that lame he can't git around lively like the rest of us, so we agreed that the first one caught sellin' on his beat should be thrashed. See?"
"Yes, I see. You have a sort of brotherhood among yourselves."
"Well, we're goin' to look out for a little cove that's lame, anyhow. "There comes Limpy now."
The gentleman bought two papers of him and went on his way down town, wondering how many men in business would refuse to sell their wares in order to give a weak haltering brother a chance in the field.—The Watchman.

WHY HE LOST HIS FRIENDS

He was always wounding their feelings, making sarcastic or funny remarks at their expense.
He was cold and reserved in his manner, cranky, gloomy, pessimistic.
He was suspicious of everybody.
He never threw the doors of his heart wide open to people, or took them into his confidence.
He was always ready to receive assistance from them, but always too busy or too stingy to assist them in their time of need.
He regarded friendship as a luxury to be enjoyed, instead of an opportunity for service.
He never learned that implicit, generous trust is the very foundation stone of friendship.
He never thought it worth while to spend time in keeping up his friendships.
He did not realize that friendship will not thrive on sentiment alone; that there must be service to nourish it.
He did not know the value of thoughtfulness in little things.
He borrowed money from them, and forgot to pay it back.
He was not loyal to them.
He never hesitated to sacrifice their reputation for his advantage.
He was always saying mean things about them in their absence.
He measured them by their ability to advance him.—Success.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 161.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a cast iron lateral main water supply pipe, together with fire hydrants, shut off valves and special castings be constructed and laid along and under Waverly Street in said City, connecting with the water main now laid in Sheridan Rd. and running thence south easterly along said Waverly St. to and connecting with the water main now laid in said street at a point intersected by a line produced from the northeast corner of lot 10 block 69 across said Waverly street. The ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and having applied to the to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 7th day of June, A. D. 1909, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit. Said assessment is payable in five (5) installments with interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, on installments from and after date of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said Court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

CHARLES L. FINNEY,
Officer appointed to make said assessment.
Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, May 21, A. D., 1909.

Highland Park News

At the State Sunday School Convention held at Peoria, May 25 to 28, Mr. F. D. Everett was elected President of the Association for the ensuing year. The following delegates attended from here. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Steele, Mr. Allan F. Flinn, Mrs. G. G. Carlyle, Mrs. J. J. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sedgwick and Mr. Noerenberg.

At the Wednesday evening meeting at the Coliseum, five thousand people listened to addresses and sang the Sunday School songs.

New time-table for Northwestern trains last Sunday.

Don't forget to visit the Presbyterian church parlors today, afternoon and evening. The boys junior club of the church will have on sale a great variety of useful articles in brass and copper. This is the work of their own hands. At the same time the girls junior club will give a children's drama.

Mr. O'Keefe the Superintendent of the Railway Men's Home has just returned from Columbus where he has been attending the Railway Men's Convention. He went with the intention of asking the convention for a donation of \$10,000 toward the cost of their new buildings. He comes back in good spirits for he has the promise of \$15,000 and says this practically assures the new buildings before the next winter weather sets in.

Miss Eva Gilbert of Libertyville, visited with Mrs. J. E. Bittinger for a few days last week.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the First Baptist Church will be held at the church on Wednesday evening, June 2.

If you are lovable, you will be loved; and your light, radiating in dark places, will enable your brother to perceive the better way.

Bob Ives Gets Diamond

A \$200 diamond stud was presented to Robert Ives retiring superintendent of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad, Thursday night. About 150 of his friends gathered at the Knights of Pythias Hall, Highwood to bid him farewell. Mr. Ives will be succeeded by E. J. Bock, of Chicago.

Notice of Awarding Contract

Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested, that the bids for the construction of a concrete cement sidewalk, five feet wide on the westerly side of Sheridan Road from Beech Street to Cedar Avenue (except sidewalk now built) in the City of Highland Park were opened on the twenty-sixth day of May, A. D. 1909, and Delhaye Bros. being the lowest responsible bidder, the contract was awarded to said Delhaye Bros. on the twenty-sixth day of May, A. D. 1909. Said bid is for the work as a whole and is as follows:

| QUANTITY (approximated) | PRICE | AMOUNT |
|--|---------------|----------|
| 400 cubic yds. of grading | 30c a cu.-yd. | \$120.00 |
| 350 cubic yds. of cinders | 95c a cu.-yd. | \$332.50 |
| 1225 square yds. of concrete 10c a sq.-yd. | | \$122.50 |
| Total | | \$675.00 |

The owners of a majority of the frontage of the lots and lands upon said Sheridan Road wherein said work is to be done may, within ten days from the date hereof, elect to take said work and enter into a written contract to do said work at ten per centum less than the price at which the same has been awarded.

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