

WHAT'S SO AND WHAT ISN'T

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PATERNALISM

No, Socialism is not paternalism. Capitalism is paternalism. We have had paternalism for many centuries and we have it now.

Paternalism is the rule of the few. It is a man or a clique of men governing the people.

Under absolute monarchy, one man did the governing. After the lords compelled the king to divide up his authority with them, the king and the nobility did the governing. When the common people secured the right to vote, it was thought that this would put an end to paternalism.

It did put an end to political paternalism.

We now get what the majority vote for.

But we still have industrial paternalism, a paternalism of the most cruel and unjust character.

A few men own the industries of the country.

They have the masses under their control.

They can starve them to death, or freeze them to death, or work them to death.

They can and do dictate for the most part when they shall work, where they shall work, and what incomes they shall receive.

This is paternalism gone to seed.

So long as it continues, emancipation from political paternalism is useless except as a means of accomplishing emancipation from this industrial paternalism.

By voting the Socialist ticket industrial paternalism can be abolished.

Socialism will complete and perfect political emancipation

by introducing equal political rights for men and women, by introducing the initiative and referendum, proportional representation, the recall, and home rule, by abolishing the veto power on the part of executives, by abolishing the usurped power on the part of the courts to nullify the will of the people by declaring laws unconstitutional, and by making the national and state constitutions amendable at any time by majority vote, so as to do away with what has been called "the tyranny of the dead."

Socialism will accomplish industrial emancipation by abolishing industrial paternalism and introducing industrial fraternalism; in other words, by abolishing private monopoly and introducing the collective ownership and control of the industries now used to exploit the people out of the bulk of the value of their labor.

In the Socialist commonwealth the people engaged in any industry will elect the managers, foreman, superintendents, etc., in that industry.

That will be the rule of the many instead of the few. When the few cease to rule and the many begin to rule, paternalism will breathe its last, and fraternalism will take its place.

When these changes are brought about by Socialism we will have both a political and an industrial government of, for and by the people. These changes will enable the people to govern themselves, both politically and industrially, for the first time since civilization began.

And when the people govern themselves, both politically and industrially, paternalism will cease and fraternalism will begin.

Local and Personal

Have you read The Guide? And scanned The Directory? This new two-in-one combination is a winner.

Dr. C. P. Large was in Stoystown, Tuesday, on business.

Mrs. F. B. Thomas is spending several weeks in Ada, O.

Sylvester Stauffer, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting friends here.

Miss Bessie Smith returned to Lonaconing, Md., Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Engle spent Sunday with relatives at Lonaconing, Md.

H. M. Cook returned Tuesday from a business trip in Pittsburgh.

Miss Catharine Hostetler, of Greenville, Pa., spent Tuesday in our city.

Miss Bessie Smith, of Boswell, Pa., spent Saturday in Meyersdale.

Mr. John Ohler, of Boynton, came to town on a business mission today.

Mrs. Jennie Wilmoth is spending several weeks in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Eva Hoover, of Pittsburgh, visited at her home here this week.

Mrs. Emma Younklin visited friends and relatives in Rockwood this week.

James Phillips, of Fairmont, W. Va., visited at the home of his son, C. A. Phillips, Friday.

Miss Mary Wilmoth, of Acosta, Pa., visited at her home here several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Phillips visited relatives in Vandergrift, Pa., the former part of the week.

Mrs. Harry Hammond, of Youngstown, Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ebbecka.

Misses Helen Collins and Alta Siehl are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. DeForrest Ludwig, in Pittsburgh.

Miss Helen Baer returned to Pittsburgh, Sunday, after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Baer.

Dr. Homer Collins, of Detroit, Mich., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Collins, on North street.

Miss Francis Livengood, of Homestead, Pa., was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Livengood, for a few days.

Miss Rebecca Truxal, a teacher in the Bellevue High School, visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Truxal, last week.

Stanley Pooley, who had been the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Daubert, returned to Pittsburgh, Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Belle, who had been visiting her sisters, the Misses Theresa and Ella McMurrer, has returned to Pittsburgh.

Miss Jean Holmes, the trimmer in the millinery department of the Miller & Collins store during the past season, returned to her home in Lonaconing, Md., Saturday.

L. Paul Goller, the popular young manager of the Bijou Theatre, has disposed of his interest in that popular amusement resort to R. Dale Miller, of Salisbury. Mr. Miller is manager of the Dreamland Theatre in Salisbury, and as we understand it, will conduct both of these popular places of public amusement in future.

It is highly encouraging to receive as callers Commercial subscribers who confess to having been Socialists at heart for forty years but not aware of the fact until they discovered the truth about Socialism. May there be many more Commercial subscribers like this one, who came into the office to call on the Editor last week.

PETER SPEICHER

The funeral of Peter Speicher on Friday morning, was largely attended by relatives and friends from distant parts of Somerset County. Eloquent tributes to the life of their departed churchman were pronounced by Elders P. J. Blough of Hooversville, and Silas Hoover, of Somerset.

On account of making our purchases early we have been enabled to get a full supply of candies and nuts for our Christmas trade. We invite you to call and look them over at—

HABEL & PHILLIPS

Mr. J. M. Kretzman, who is fire warden in Elk Lick township, was in town on business this morning.

Nice assortment of China, Cut Glass, Dinner Sets, etc. at

HABEL & PHILLIPS

ALL RAILROADS ARE NOW CONSOLIDATED

Official announcement is made by the Railroads' War Board of the appointment of Mr. Arthur W. Thompson, Vice-President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in charge of traffic and commercial development, and acting president of the American Railway Association, composed of vice-presidents of the important railways east of the Mississippi River to the seaboard and north of the Ohio River, in what is known as the Official Classification Territory.

This committee will co-operate these lines into one single system, pooling all tracks and equipment in the East, wherever practicable; distribute cars among the roads on the basis of carrying capacity of the pooled equipment; divert freight from congested lines to non-congested lines; and transfer motive power, machine tools and employes to points where needed.

There are thirty-eight important railways in the eastern group, operating a total of 122,050.82 miles of track, and owning 27,000 locomotives, 1,250,000 freight cars, and 25,000 passenger cars.

The magnitude of the business done by these roads for the twelve months ending June 3, 1917, was equivalent to hauling one ton of revenue freight 67,000,000,000 miles; and of other freight necessary for the maintenance and upkeep of the railroads, 40,000,000,000 miles, making a total of approximately 71,000,000,000 miles. This business was handled in trains which averaged 776 tons per train load and 28.6 tons per loaded car. The operating revenue of these railroads for the same period was \$1,750,000,000. To do this business required an expenditure of \$1,237,000,000 leaving a net revenue after operation, of \$513,000,000.

An idea of the extent of the railroad mileage in America thus brought under one control can be gained when it is realized that it is greater than the combined railroad mileage in the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Belgium was before the beginning of the present world war.

The personnel of the Operating Committee of the War Board is, as follows:

A. W. Thompson, Vice-President, Baltimore and Ohio R. R., Chairman. Carl Gray, President, Western Maryland R. R.; G. L. Peck, Vice-President, Penn'a. Lines West; Elisha Lee, Vice-President, Penn'a. Lines; A. T. Dice, President, Reading R. R.; P. E. Crowley, Vice-President, N. Y. C. R. R. (Acting also for Big Four, Mich. Cent. and P. & L. E.); A. J. Stone, Vice-President, Erie R. R.

The Committee will have their offices in Pittsburgh, where they will be in continuous session, reporting daily to the War Board at Washington.

The organization is for the purpose of relieving and preventing congestion in traffic and operating the lines to best advantage by the following methods:

Division of business from the congested and overburdened routes to routes that are free. Re-assignment of locomotives. Routing of freight trains to secure the maximum effort of motive power, and as far as possible favor the routes of lower grades. Avoiding congestion at terminals. The consolidation of one or more lines of Railroads to secure the benefit of three or four track facilities regardless of ownership. The consolidation of terminal facilities wherever possible and expeditious handling can be accomplished. The utilization of unused or partially used facilities for the common good. Each member of the Committee will continue his service in the capacity he now occupies with his respective road in addition to the requirements of the War Committee.

Joseph L. Tressler

Funeral Director and Embalmer

Meyersdale, Penna.

Residence: 309 North Street Economy Phone. Office: 229 Center Street Both Phones.

THE COMMERCIAL'S UP-TO-DATE BUSINESS GUIDE AND PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

These Business and Professional Men Contribute to the Support of The Commercial; Commercial Readers Contribute to the Support of These Business and Professional Men.

List under this heading your business name, location, telephone number and a brief general description of goods carried in stock, or of professional services available to the public. No single ad listed to contain more than seven printed lines. The cost is 50 cents per month.

MEYERSDALE, PA.

R. REICH & SON, 130 Centre St., Furniture, Carpets, Wall Paper, Stoves, Pianos & Musical Goods; Undertaking a Specialty; all phones.

W. B. COOK & SON, Fire, Automobile, Compensation, and Plate Glass Insurance.

WILLIAM C. PRICE, Successor to W. A. Clark, Funeral Director; Business Conducted at the Same Place; Prompt Attention Given All Calls; Both Phones.

GARRETT, PA.

WILLIAM MARTIN, Shoe and Harness Repairing; Shoe Shine.

SIDNEY BURK & SON, First National Bank Bldg., Up-to-date Shaving Parlor.

THE ANGEMA LABORATORY, Manufacturers of Medicines, Toilet Articles, Extracts, Soap, etc., Main office Pittsburgh, Pa.

BEAL'S RESTAURANT, Short Orders; Cigars and Tobacco; Groceries; Ice Cream; and Justice of the Peace. Economy Phone.

W. H. CLEMENS, Notary Public; Ice Cream, Soda Water Confectionery, etc. Economy phone.

F. E. JUDY, General Merchandise and Country Produce. Economy phone.

WALK KISTLER, Shoes, Hats and Tailor Made Suits a Specialty; full line of Dry Goods and Notions. Next Door to Postoffice.

HOOVERVILLE, PA.

C. A. LOHR & SON, News Agency; daily papers, late magazines; Candy, Cigars, and Soft Drinks.

HARRY ISAACSON, Water street at corner Bridge; Clothing, Shoes, Gents' Furnishings. County phone 13.

JOHN E. HAMILTON, Main St., Drugs, Soda Water, Cigars. County phone.

J. C. DULL, Water St., Shoes, Gents' Furnishings; Bicycle Supplies.

F. W. MENSER, Plumbing, Heating, Tinning. County phone.

W. E. DOYLE, Main St., Barbering, Shampooing, Massage.

HOOVERVILLE GARAGE, P. M. Boyer, Prop., Successors of Autos. Both phones.

MARKLETON, PA.

MARKLETON STORE CO., General Merchandise and Country Produce. Economy Phone.

ROCKWOOD, PA.

ROCKWOOD HARDWARE CO., W. Main St., General Hardware and full line of Mining Tools. Economy phone.

J. J. KARR, Farmers' and Merchants' Bank Bldg., Tonsorial Artist.

E. A. MALSBERY, W. Main St., Jewelry and Watches; B. & O. Watch Inspector.

FRITZ MACHINE SHOP, All Kinds of Repair Work; Pipe and Pipefittings. Economy phone.

THE HOME MADE BREAD MAN, J. D. Snyder. County phone No. 26; Economy phone No. 15.

Z. ED. MILLER, W. Main St., Fruit and Groceries. Economy phone No. 87.

PETE MANCUSO, W. Main St., Merchant Tailor; Cleaning, Pressing, Repairing; Work Guaranteed.

PHOTOPLAY THEATRE, Geo. Ridenour, Prop., W. Main St., First Class Pictures; Change daily.

MEYERS' HARDWARE & MEYERS' VARIETY STORE, N. F. Meyers, Prop., Miller Bldg., General Hardware, full line of Variety Goods. Economy phone.

MILLER & WOLF, Successors to John D. Locke, Miller Block, Clothing, Shoes and Hats for Men.

MILLER'S HOTEL AND RESTAURANT, Rooms, Meals, Short Orders; Tobacco and Cigars; full line of Groceries. First Class Accommodations.

SOMERSET, PA.

W. CURTIS TRUXAL, Attorney-at-law; prompt attention given to all legal business.

WINDBER, PA.

FRED BRUMBERG, 911 Graham Ave., General Blacksmith and Horseshoer. Local phone.

GEORGE RUDOLPH, 1321 Midway, Custom Tailor. Local phone.

TORQUATO BROS., 1317 Midway, General Contractors. Bell phone No. 107-J.

SOL BRICKER, 1320 Graham Ave., Clothing, Shoes, Gents' Furnishings.

C. D. NUPP, 1214 Graham Av., Newspapers, late Magazines; Candies, Cigars and Tobacco.

J. T. Yoder

JOHNSTOWN

Sells the Champion Cream Saver

THE NEW DE LAVAL

THERE is no machine made in which proper lubrication is more vitally important than it is in a cream separator. A separator that is not properly oiled will turn hard and soon wear out. The old-fashioned method of oiling through a number of little holes with a squirt-can was unsatisfactory for the reason that some users would oil too much and too often, while others would not oil often enough.

The NEW De Laval is automatically oiled

You don't have to fuss around a NEW De Laval with a squirt-can. Simply keep the sight-feed lubricator on top filled with oil and the automatic oiling system will see that every gear and bearing in the machine has just the right amount of fresh, clean oil at all times.

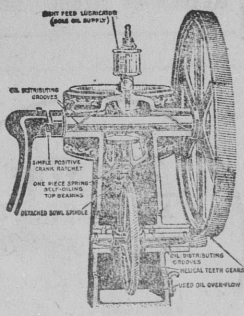
The automatic oiling system saves time and saves trouble, makes the machine run easier and adds years to its life.

The De Laval oiling system has been greatly improved by the addition in the NEW De Laval of an automatically oiled neck bearing and the consequent elimination of the tube that formerly carried oil to this most important part.

There has never been a cream separator that embodied so many improvements as the NEW De Laval.

The new self-centering bowl with its improved milk-distributing device, and the bell speed-indicator which insures operation at the proper speed, are two of the greatest improvements that have ever been made in cream separator construction.

Come in and see the NEW De Laval.



Showing automatic oiling of NEW De Laval.

Big Reduction Sale

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Ladies Coats and Suits at greatly reduced prices. First come, first served.

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Next to Postoffice, MEYERSDALE, PA.

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Another carload of Ear Corn rolling, Special prices from the car, at HABEL & PHILLIPS

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