

WHAT'S SO AND WHAT ISN'T

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SLAVERY

No, Socialism is not slavery. Capitalism is slavery. In order to demonstrate that capitalism is slavery, all that is necessary is to repeat a portion of what I said in the chapter on Paternalism.

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 slavery gone to seed. Socialism will abolish this slavery.

Socialism is freedom. Socialism will give every worker an equal voice in the management of industry. It will give him the greatest industrial liberty that is possible for him to have under any imaginable industrial system. As men are very different in their makeup and their tastes, it will be able, as a rule, to give them the kind of work they prefer, in the locality they prefer. It will also afford mobility, so that a man can move about from place to place if that is his desire. It will give him the full value of his labor, which will be enough to afford him not only all material comforts, but also all the higher things in life. It will give him short hours of labor, so that he will have the time and the disposition to avail himself of the higher things of life.

In short, it will give him industrial freedom in place of the present industrial slavery.

In order to repeat myself as little as possible, I will refer the reader for further matter bearing upon this subject to the chapter on Individuality, and the chapter on Individual Initiative.

I told children tales of elf and Fern.

Wee, happy folk that fly; They heard—but O; where did they learn To smile and then—to sigh.

He's true to God who's true to man; wherever wrong is done.

To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding sun,

That wrong is also done to us, and they are slaves—most base.

Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all the race. —Lowell

CALL NO LAND FREE

Call no chain strong which holds one rusted link. Call no land free that holds one fettered slave.

Until the manacled wrists of babes

Are loosed to toss in childish sport and glee;

Until the mother bears no burden save

The precious one beneath her heart; until

God's soil is rescued from the clutch of greed,

And given back to labor, let no man

Call this the land of freedom. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox

The will of Peter Speicher, late of Somerset township, was probated December 10, 1917. He bequeathed all his real and personal property to his wife, Jane Speicher. Jane Speicher and Park Speicher were appointed executors. The will was dated March 24, 1916, and witnessed by A. Kent Miller and Elsie M. Berkey.

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Local and Personal

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

Mr. Peter Petenbrink, of Sand Patch, was in town Monday.

Mr. John Leydig, of Glencoe, was here on a business mission yesterday.

Councilman James Darnley, who has been spending a three weeks vacation in beautiful Florida, returned home just in time to get the full benefit of the cold wave which swept over this section of the country. He says it was some contrast in weather conditions.

The severe snow storm and cold wave that came with it the last of the week caused much discomfort in nearly every home in addition to tying up some industries for a couple days. Prosperity beams from the smile on the plumber's face, while consternation removes it from the face of most of us. Fifteen degrees below zero was the lowest report coming to the attention of the editor.

REV. BUCKNER A POPULAR PASTOR

Somerset will lose one of its ablest and most popular ministers when the Rev. Samuel G. Buckner, pastor of the Christian Church, departs for North Yakima in the State of Washington, next month, where he has accepted a call to serve a large and growing congregation of that denomination.

The Rev. Buckner will deliver his farewell sermon to his Somerset congregation Sunday evening, December 23rd. A reception will be given Rev. and Mrs. Buckner on Monday, December 17.

During his five years' pastorate with the Christian Church in Somerset the Rev. Buckner has made a record, that is unprecedented in that congregation's history. Under his able and strenuous leadership the congregation's membership has been increased by more than 250 additions, and the church debt of some twenty thousand dollars has been reduced to \$3,900. The congregation's current expenses of last year were \$3,600, and in addition to this a lot was purchased for \$1,650 and paid for. He will leave the congregation in flourishing working condition and growing in all departments of its activities, with its splendid edifice of worship almost paid for.

The Rev. Buckner is a chairman of the church militant. He is not only aggressive but he is constructive as well. Somerset will miss him, and also Mrs. Buckner, whose voice has charmed and thrilled our people through the years of his ministry here.

The State of Washington is a thoroughly progressive commonwealth. Most of the reforms for which the Rev. Buckner has stood among us—Woman Suffrage, the Referendum, etc.—are things already accomplished there; but he will have ample opportunities to engage his energies in his new-found Utopia of the Northwest.

SOMERSET

The Anniversary Services in the United Brethren Church of Somerset resulted in reducing the church debt by \$2,100.

Bishop W. M. Bell, of Washington, D. C., spoke three times on Sunday, morning, afternoon and evening, the lecture for men only, in the afternoon, being largely attended and eliciting the highest praise of all who heard it. He spoke on "The Social Aptness of the Early Church," taking his text from the fourth and fifth chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Christ's mission on earth, he said, was spiritual, economical and social, and soon his church must broaden its policy to cover all of these.

Letters of administration have been recently issued as follows:

Ada Walker, estate of Merle Walker, late of Somerset township.

Prof. James C. Begley's public school at Edie rendered the play "Rip Van Winkle" to a crowded house last evening, and the pupils in the cast showed good histrionic talent.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Following is the report of the Grand Jury of Somerset County for December Sessions, 1917:—The Grand Jury for the December Sessions of the Criminal Court for 1917, upon their visitation to the Somerset County Home and House of Employment and Hospital for the Insane, December 6, 1917, beg leave to submit the following report:

First. We find the institution in a crowded condition and for want of a separated building the employees occupy at present rooms intended and needed for inmates. We therefore recommend: (A) That only applicants from our own county be considered for admission as long as this crowded condition exists. (B) That as soon as feasible a suitable building be erected, the first floor of which to contain a chapel for religious services and recreation room, the second floor to have at least twenty-five sleeping rooms to be used exclusively for employees.

Second. We recommend that the barn be repaired, and that the roof be attended to immediately and that the barn be enlarged as soon as feasible.

Third. That we have examined the utensils in the dining rooms and find the granite ware used unfit and recommend that it be replaced in future purchases by aluminum ware.

Fourth. We find that the supply of milk cows is insufficient to meet the present demands and recommend that a sufficient number of cows be purchased to supply the needs of the home.

We also find that management of the home and hospital are using every effort to fulfill their duties as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the rules governing said institution in so far as we are able to observe and learn.

Very respectfully submitted, M. A. Rutter, Foreman of Grand Jury.

NEW PIPE ORGAN DEDICATED

The new pipe organ installed in Somerset Grace United Evangelical church was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Virgil C. Zener, former pastor of the church, preaching the dedicatory discourse.

Grace U. E. Church is one of the large Somerset Churches and its congregation is third in numerical strength. Beautiful edifice was completed four years ago, while the Rev. Zener was the congregation's pastor. He has since become a member of the faculty of Albright College, at Myerstown, Pa.

The heavy expenditure of money for the building of the church induced the congregation to forego the luxury of a pipe organ at the time of its building, but the membership has increased and most of the church debt has disappeared, so that recently the congregation determined to procure the organ, and the work thereon was completed last week.

It was a fitting incident that the Rev. Zener, who labored so ardently for the building of Grace Church, should preside at the ceremonies for the dedication of the pipe organ.

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J. C. DULL, Water St., Shoes, Gents' Furnishings; Bicycle Supplies.
F. W. MENSER, Plumbing, Heating, Tinning. County phone.
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