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The Twentieth Century.

An Address by A. R. ANDRE.

We are all nineteenth century people, but we are living in the twentieth, and we have not grown used to it.

Man is the product of his environments and if we desire to make an estimate of his character we must study the conditions by which he is surrounded.

The nineteenth century was an age of dissimulation. The man of muscle has been laid low by the bullet of civilization.

And just as the primitive man did not struggle with his brute competition without becoming brutish, just as the warrior could not wage war without becoming cruel and treacherous;

The humorous side of the situation is that while we can see people practising deceit and self-deceit all around us, we fail to see these things in ourselves.

The commercial magnate contemplates his own virtues with entire self-satisfaction. He robs a community and calls it business enterprise.

And the revolutionist, most curious of all self-deceivers, too often converts his love for humanity, than which no other impulse ever rose in the breast of man, into belief in a theory or plan of social reform.

What sacrifice does he love to call the peculiar ideas which move as his mind? The fact that his adherents grow less and less in numbers, as newer plans take the place of the old, makes him the more determined never to waver.

fashion, until people learn to look for his ritual and laugh in his face. He becomes a freak—and he started with the noblest idea in human mind can grasp.

The workingman who realizes that there is a fight to be fought against the tyranny of employers and the special privileges of kings and lords, finds himself confronted with two plans of social and industrial reform.

The trades-unionist soon learns to regard his movement as the only possible solution of the labor problem. The strike, the boycott, the union label—these are the weapons with which the workingman must be emancipated, and no others.

The Socialist sees so easily the only plan to better humanity, and the plan is so simple, that he loses all patience with any one who does not or will not understand it.

The missionary, carried away by the plan of salvation, there is of course no other, is so sure he is right and the rest of humanity wrong that he cheerfully plunges the nations of the earth in a long and bloody war in the name of the Prince of Peace.

But these are all nineteenth century people, born and nurtured under a system that puts a premium on dishonesty and makes a penalty for honesty.

Man is the product of his environment; his character patterned from his surroundings. The successful savage was a brute; the knight of the middle ages who survived a bully; the nineteenth century man who kept his head above the sea of competition was forced to deceive everybody.

Savages are dead, feudalism is dead. Competition is dying. Industrial democracy, the co-operative commonwealth, the workers' republic—call it what you will—is being born, and with it real men and women, with hearts true as steel, with sympathies as wide as the world.

Some philosophers tell us that heaven and hell are not realities, but states of consciousness. Be that as it may, one thing is sure, and that is, if we adapt ourselves to the universal environments of the twentieth century we may be relatively happy.

Callings, Comments and Conclusions.

BY JOS. J. NOEL.

What Dr. Jordan Used To Say.

"If there be in this country a town, north, south, east, west, on the banks of the Yazoo or on the banks of the Hudson, where a man with his honest mind without risk of violence or social ostracism, in that town our freedom is but a name."

Dr. Jordan is always fair of speech. No doubt it would be unjust to imagine him voicing in his baccalaureate address of 1893 something in which he did not believe.

In the heat of battle one cannot look at certain accents without bias. Passion makes of one a hoodlum-blind. One may be honest and sincere, but also incapable of looking at both sides of a question.

This latter we have done and have come to the conclusion that Dr. Jordan is fair of speech. The noise of the shouting over Dr. Ross' dismissal has subsided, and we can be impartial.

But Dr. Jordan might say, my baccalaureate address referred to towns on the banks of the "Yazoo or the Hudson," and not to universities. And it is true.

What an Ex-Mayor of New York Says. Mr. Abram S. Hewitt, a former mayor of New York, has astonished a gathering in the Free Cathedral with an eloquent outbreak upon the unequal distribution of wealth.

This from a former mayor of the chief city of the country, is pretty strong. Unfortunately it is mere calumny howling with no adequate remedy for the cause of the howl.

What a Chicago Lawyer Says. I do not think there is such a thing as crime, as used in the ordinary sense. These men in jails are not criminals.

What Francis E. Willard, Temperance Worker Says. "I would take not by force but by the slow progress of lawful acquisition, through better legislation as the outcome of a wiser ballot in the hands of men and

women, the entire plan that we call civilization, and make it the common property of all the people, requiring also to work enough and to earn to give the finest physical development, but not enough to become burdensome in any case, and permitting all to share the advantages of education and refinement.

What a Texas Preacher Says.

Rev. E. M. Wuestel of "Parker's Barlow."

"The day is at hand when a pauper will be as impossible as a millionaire. The very spirit of greed is teaching us the wastefulness of blind competition. The lesson of our present national misery is being taught so well that it will never be forgotten or need a repetition.

"The answer to the question, 'What is to be done with the trusts?' is, 'Run them.' When the millions of working men get their brains out of their stomachs and think, the question will soon be acted upon.

What the Vice President of a Railroad Says.

Chicago Iron-Works, (Republican)

"I do not believe it will be a good thing for the country or for the railroads, but the logical result of centralization of financial control, is government ownership of railroads," said a leading official of one of the most important western systems.

What a Chicago Lawyer Says.

I do not think there is such a thing as crime, as used in the ordinary sense. These men in jails are not criminals. They are men who have found themselves in that position where all opportunities of escape are closed.

Every time the trusts in Chicago raise the price of meat, they send a certain number of poor people to the penitentiary.

Perhaps Mr. Darrow knows of Spencer's relative ethical principle and how he placed it in juxtaposition with the ultimate ethical principle that transcends all other.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Send all money directly to ADVANCE, if you do not subscribe through... Contributions must reach the office by Wednesday preceding the issue...

We have a grand country, rich and glorious, but why should we hand it over to the syndicates. It belongs to us...

The Democratic party's permanent candidate for President has published a paper. This is ancient history of course...

We always knew that Bellamy's "Looking backward" was many and various things, but that it was a sugar-coated pill...

Representative Lentz of Ohio will soon be appealing to the country to raise a free-speech fund for his own benefit. He dropped a few remarks about the price Brother Hanna paid for his seat in the Senate...

The "Lexow" committee which has for some time been investigating the San Francisco Police Department recommends to those chief culprits whom it found guilty of disobeying the law...

From all over the country come complaints of the grafting done by members of the various State Legislatures. This is a periodical thing—not a Legislature meets but what the members from some scheme to extort money...

The wide-spread scare which the formation of two billion-dollar trusts created in the sanctums of prominent papers made many of them forget on which side their bread was buttered.

The Cubans' object to being "benevolently assimilated." The possibilities of war, or as it will be called, to shut off outside interference, revolt, are very great.

The eight stipulations that were suggested by McKinley, Hanna & Co. to guide the constitution framers in their work...

Cuba becomes a sovereign State. To reduce Cuba to a condition of vassalage to break this nation's pledge to the Cubans is possible to McKinley, Hanna & Company...

SOME REAL OPPONENTS OF UNITY.

[This editorial] by Comrade Noel was unfortunately misplaced last week. It appeared in the London Letter, by Comrade Penny.

We are in receipt of several communications which from the headlines might be thought considerations of the unity problem...

space in this paper. If there is one thing that has caused more unnecessary heartaches and dissension in our party than any other it is descent into vituperation and abuse to prove a point.

We are not omniscient. The actions of men arise from causes about which we may know nothing.

There is a lot of reason in all of us, and till a man has been proven absolutely dishonest and incapable of reasoning we refuse to hold him up to the scorn of his fellows. Even the absence of the reasoning faculty will not great crime, and the man so handicapped by fate will soon drop to his proper level in our ranks.

THE REPUBLICAN REMEDY.

The formation of two billion-dollar trusts within one week has aroused such alarm that the politicians have deemed it advisable to make some show of legislative antagonism. The following telegram shows the peculiar bluntness of the Republican party:

"Washington, February 14th.—Representative Babcock, the chairman of the Republican National Campaign Committee, gave an authorized interview tonight in which he asserts that he will push his bill for placing on the free list all of the articles which are proposed to be controlled by the new gigantic trust."

"Mr. Babcock in his interview sounds the same kind of alarm to the Republican party which was sounded in the Senate today by Senator Lodge on the extravagance of the party in appropriations.

"The utter insincerity of the Republican party and the absolute stupidity of the Democratic party, in supporting this measure, can be best comprehended when its complete insincerity is understood.

"The next is a telegram from Wall street—certainly competent authority—and proves the truth superfluous in finance and manufactures:

"In this country all the natural resources bend toward the production of iron and steel in an economical way. The enormous supplies of coal which can be turned into coke for the furnaces, the almost inexhaustible iron mines of the Mesaba range and the cheap transportation facilities, will enable the manufacturer to undersell the producers of any other supply form here in the near future, as well as its steel."

The capitalists who have in hand the steel combination are no doubt looking far ahead and appreciate the conditions not only of the present but those likely to exist in the future.

Least any fail to realize the real import of this conquest and understand the adverse conditions under which it was made, let them read this third note: "One of the ways in which Germany has been seeking to shut out American goods from her markets is through advertisements of things made in the United States, like the American H. H. H. Company's sub-General in Berlin, reports to the State Department that for the last six years the German trade papers have refused to publish advertisements of American bicycles and sewing machines. The tariff did not shut out the American bicycles, so the German manufacturers got together and declared that they would patronize no paper devoted to the bicycle trade which took advertisements of American wheels.

Several German manufacturers of bicycles are also manufacturers of sewing machines, and they decided to include those in the boycott list. At first there was considerable damage done to American trade, but after a while the "German" papers flooded Germany with gorgeous posters and taking circulars, and now are in a position to ignore the German trade papers—which they do."

In view of the fact, then, that American trusts undersell foreign manufacturers in their own markets, what chance do the Republicans or Democrats think they have to state the proposition in a position to ignore the German trade papers—which they do?

Slavery in South Carolina.

Charleston, Feb. 17.—A form of slavery more binding than that which flourished before the Civil War has been existing in Anderson county to such an extent that bloodshed may be necessary to end it.

There is a State scandal involved, and the sensational incident will bring about a change of justice who owned slaves in the '50s just as they practically own them to-day.

There was a man named Brown. His owner shot him dead. The trial jury freed the slave dealer. The exposure that the owner made like a bombshell. Proofs are shown that the owner had been a slave dealer in the past.

The original section rate is rather crude in its methods. They even shock the nerves of the perpetrators of the "bull pen," Hazelton, Latimer and Homestead atrocities.

Immigrants will begin to flock to the State. At first they must be treated about half well. By degrees the necessity for politeness will wear away, then you can show them where you are made of.

What is all this machinery of government for, if not to keep the workers in their proper place. One need have no anxiety while one has the National Guard.

On the Way To Socialism.

Specialism will come because the capitalists will so organize industry and exploit the world that a few will control all the wealth and all capital will find opportunity for investment; because labor, displaced by self-organization and imposed by such exploitation, must combine for its own emancipation from the hard condition of the wages-system; because, finally, the cooperative Commonwealth is the only possible solution which at once preserves the economies of organized industry and gives to every citizen equal enjoyment of its benefits.

The billion dollar steel trust has been incorporated in New Jersey. The properties included are valued at \$1,000,000. Bessemer plants and claims located in various parts of the United States, it has reached out to control Canadian plants.

The American Tin Can Company will, after April 1st, control the output of every factory in the United States that employ more than four thousand people, will be shut down.

The billion-dollar railroad combine is planning reduction of expenses possible by its complete organization. Twenty thousand men, including three thousand men in the higher offices and drawing \$11,000,000 salaries, will be dispensed with.

Verkes, the Chicago street-car magnate, has sold out to a company in which Pierpont Morgan is a leading spirit.

The United States Steel Company (the billion-dollar trust) is laying its wires to secure control of the Australian steamship lines. We presume this is preliminary to the invasion of China it seems also to contemplate.

When purchasing goods see that they bear the union label.

Industrial Arena

By Jos. J. Nezel. Work-people, who belong to any trade that is not yet organized should be of their names and addresses to the "Labor Editor." These names will be arranged in the order of their trades and will be published in this column, a meeting will be held and a union organized with a view to the organization of the labor force.

We always like to open up the "Arena" with a bit of news that encourages the workers. There is nothing better to feel that progress is being made in organization, that victories are being won against the common enemy, that workmen are acquiring the habit of sticking together and making an injury to one, the concern of all, marks the real progress of today.

There are many things that really concern the organization, that victories are being won against the common enemy, that workmen are acquiring the habit of sticking together and making an injury to one, the concern of all, marks the real progress of today.

The bit of goods news we have relates to the back-draw of a capitalistic organization known to fame as the "Typotheta" in its fight against the allied printing trades. For years this organization has spent its fury on the ranks of the workers.

We received today a letter from one of the old fighters in the Socialist ranks, E. M. Anthony, of Stockton, that is a slight evidence of the solidarity we speak of. The letter contained the following self-explanatory circular, which was distributed by thousands in Stockton.

Wanted Teamsters. To know that the Union Teamsters of San Francisco, are on strike for better conditions...

When you see comrades of their own volition paying for the printing and distributing of hand-bills to protect workmen they have never seen and who are even opposed to Socialism, you justified in your ultimate victory of our movement is faith in growing.

The comrades of Stockton are to be congratulated on their display of disinterestedness. An unselfish act so entirely successful in its outcome (the agent who was looking for men to take the places of striking teamsters was chosen out of town, is a credit to the Local and to the Socialists generally.

The Vinegar and Pickle Factory workers are organizing. There is fully a thousand of these men and women in this city working for what it pleases some well-fed, well-groomed superior other people's money to give them. They have absolute nothing to say about the length of their work-day; they have absolutely nothing to say about anything concerning their own welfare.

"The well-fed, well-groomed inferior of other people's money says, not in so many words, perhaps, but says, nevertheless: 'I am the brains of this concern. I will look for every man and woman in the factory. I will order your coming and your going. I will tell you how much you can eat. The clothes you wear you get because I permit it.'"

Perhaps it will be hard to convince the "Arena" readers that a cafe catering to the aristocrats only, the millionaires, where a man pays twenty-five cents for a ten-cent drink and half a dollar for a sandwich, pays the waiters \$20 a month and extra help a miserable quarter of a dollar for working from ten o'clock till one or two in the morning.

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The Pickle Factory Workers may have a word to say about this in a day or two. They are organizing and a strong union is promised. A call for a meeting will be announced in this paper soon.

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OFFICIAL National Executive Committee

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 17, 1901.—There are about 50 towns which have failed to send in their semi-annual reports...

For the week ending Feb. 16th, I report the organization of the following: ... Wm. Butcher, Secy.

SOCIALIST DEBATING CLUB

Pythian Castle Hall was far too small to hold the audience that assembled on Sunday evening to hear a debate on "Have the religious organizations of the world advanced retarded the intellectual, moral and economic progress of mankind?"

Scott Anderson was chairman and introduced two of Comrade Baiduhn's children, who favored the audience with a violin solo, with pianoforte accompaniment.

Mr. Jones dealt very ably with his side of the question. Mr. Eagle gave some of the crimes of Judaism and of Christianity.

In closing the debate Dr. Scott maintained that there were only two creatures in the world that had any religion—man and his companion, the dog. Man worshipped God, and the dog worshipped man, and they were ahead of all other creatures.

The subject for debate at the Socialist Debating Club Sunday evening, March 3d, is "Resolved, That Socialism is the next step in social and industrial progress sure to come."

PROPAGANDA MEETINGS.

On Thursday evening there was a large attendance at the Academy of Sciences Hall. Comrade Frances Nacke occupied the chair, and carefully explained to the audience the object of the meeting.

There was a large crowd at Sleepers Hall, San Jose, last Sunday to hear Comrade O'Brien recite his tale of the treatment he received in the city prison.

Editor "Advance": Our propaganda meeting Sunday evening, February 24th, was addressed by Comrade Peter Boyle, who spoke upon "Twelve Years in a California Dungeon—A Personal Experience."

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When workingmen come together and each names the state in which he was born, the Missourian all ways says, "I'm from Missouri; now laugh, and you'll see it will be so no more. To have been born in a state where the members of the House of Representatives invariably obey the wishes of their constituents is unique enough to confer distinction."

San Jose Defense Fund. W. Gnauck, Benicia, 50 cts.; J. M. Reynolds, 25 cts.; Friend, Santa Cruz, 50 cts.

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Reviews. We are in receipt of Bersford's "Facts," a pocket-book of statistics. A third edition of this work has been found necessary to supply the demand.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS. LOCAL OAKLAND, of the Social Democratic Party, has signs at Wednesday evening lecture at 48 1/2 Washington St.

LOCAL ALAMEDA, of the Social Democratic Party, has signs at regular public lecture every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

THE SOCIALIST DEBATING CLUB holds regular Sunday evening lectures every Thursday at 8 o'clock.

ACTIVE SOCIALISTS will find Comrade Bersford's "Derringer book of Statistics" and "Scientific Socialism" of great value.

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