

The emancipation of the working class must be the class-conscious work of the working class.--KARL MARX.



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MAC GROOMS HIS CANDIDATE

To Run For The School Board

For several years the representatives of a certain element in the Town of Fairbanks have tried to get control of the school but have been systematically and persistently defeated at each election. That there is to be another desperate attempt on the part of this same element is apparent. Already, it is said, McGowan is grooming his candidate, and the recent attack on Moody in the notorious News-Miner, which, according to its last published statement, McGowan is interested in, indicates from which direction the enemy can be expected to appear.

A TRUE DEMOCRAT TO ACT

As Jury Commissioner To Assist Clerk of The Court McBride.

Martin HARRAIS, a well known member of the Democrat party, has been appointed by Judge Bunnell to act as jury commissioner to assist Clerk of Court McBride in drawing grand and petite jurors to serve during the coming term of court.

Regarding the appointment of a jury commissioner, the law says: "The Judge of the District court shall appoint a jury commissioner to assist the clerk of the court. . . . He shall be a well-known member of the principal political party in the district and of the opposite politics to the clerk of the court."

CIVIC CLUB WILL SURE HAVE ITS HANDS FULL

If It Undertakes To Reform Fairbanks.

It is generally conceded that if the Civic club expects to reform Fairbanks it has a hard job ahead of it. We would suggest that it commence on the newspapers. If it can reform them it's some civic club.

LAWYER--So you want to make a case of it?

FARMER--Yes, by jing! I offered to settle by fair means, an' he wouldn't. So I decided I'd hire a lawyer an' have him took into court.

Come North and grow up with the boom Like any staunch old timer If you are certain there is room For you and Guggenheimer.

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THE POSITION OF THE LEADING SOCIALISTS ON THE WAR.

Some Of Them Did Not Lose Their Heads.

The Russian Socialists

VANDERVELDE WRITES

Some time ago Emile Vandervelde sent a letter to the comrades in Russia. He had learned that they were opposing the war. He wanted to persuade them to give up their opposition. He told them that the cause of the allies is the cause of civilization, that the great thing is to beat the Kaiser and German militarism.

THE RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS REPLY

Mr. Emile Vandervelde got out of Russia an answer that must have made him sit up. Russian civilization may not be up to the mark of western Europe. But Russian Socialists are above par. It is more than ever clear that the great eastern autocracy will be taken care of by its own rebels.

Here is part of the answer that came out of Russia:

"We Russian Social Democrats do not overlook the anti-democratic character of the Prussian government, but we cannot forget that other enemy of the workingclass and of all Democracy, the Russian absolutism. This absolutism remains unchanged as to its internal policies. In Russia we have the same old despotism and exploitation. Even now, in the midst of the war, when we might have expected it to be more cautious and magnanimous, our absolutist government has remained true to its nature; it persecutes our various subject peoples and the entire workingclass now as it always has. All Socialist papers are suppressed; all workingclass organizations have been broken up; arrests and banishments without invest-

igation or judicial procedure are still taking place. And if the war should result in a complete victory for Russia, without a democratization of political power, this government would continue to pursue its anti-proletarian policies inside as well as outside of its own boundaries. Under these circumstances Russia might become the world leader in the work of reaction.

THE POSITION OF THE RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS

"On this account the Russian Social Democracy cannot under any circumstances consider the conclusion of even a temporary truce with the Russian government. Among us there can be no question of a betrayal of our faith. On the contrary, we regard it as our duty to carry on against the Russian government an unrelenting warfare on the basis of the demands made by the Russian proletariat during the revolutionary movement of 1905 and renewed since the revival of the movement during the past two years.

"Our task during this war is to utilize the present crisis to develop the organizations of the working class and the democracy and to enlighten the whole people to the end that our demands of 1905 may be the more easily secured.

"After the close of the war there will come a time when it will be necessary to develop the forces of democracy with great rapidity. If then, the reactionary power of Russia stands victorious in our path, with increased power and reputation, it will constitute the greatest imaginable obstacle to democratic development. We regard it as our duty, therefore, to oppose the Russian government in the interest of Russian freedom. In

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Howard Merritt Admits That His Company Got No Franchise WHEN SENATOR GAUSTAD CALLS AROUND HIS WAY

It is reported that a few days ago Senator Gaustad, on visiting the Fairbanks Telephone Co. Office, in discussing the franchise business with Manager Merritt in answer to a question received the following reply: "I don't know if we have a franchise or not."

Sometime ago word was received that R. S. McDonald of flying machine fame was put into the council for the purpose of helping the franchise along.

MATRIMONY Ceremony Parsimony, Acrimony, Testimony, Alimony

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WHO RUNS THE SCHOOL?

Council Votes Public Money to a Sectarian Institution--St. Mathew's Library, Issues Franchise and Other Things Which They Have No Right to do.

But They Leave Undone That Which It Is Their Duty To Do--Namely Provide Funds for the School.

At a recent meeting of the city council Dr. Myers stated that "Mrs. Zimmerman has done more work for the school of Fairbanks than anybody else" yet notwithstanding all that Mrs. Zimmerman has done and is trying to do for the school, along with J. E. Moody and W. H. Adams, certain members of the council have evidently made up their minds to embarrass the board in every way possible. Repeated requests to the council to furnish funds, as provided by law, for the purpose of paying the salaries of the school employes, have met with but scant consideration at the hands of the council, which seems to be dominated by some subtle, invisible hostile influence, and Mrs. Zimmerman and

Mr. Moody have borrowed money from private parties to pay the school teachers

Those who are ready to offer apologies for the apparent hostile attitude of the present council would probably say that there are no funds in the city treasury at the present time and dismiss the subject. Yet the council has been disbursing funds regularly and as far as we have been able to ascertain, some of the other city employes have been drawing their monthly allowance on time.

When the devil observed that the Allies and the Germans all went to heaven together hand in hand, he rushed to St. Peter and inquired angrily:

"What do I get out of this war?" "The rulers," replied St. Peter.--Ex

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS ON THE COAST.

Never Before Since the Days of Cleveland Have Such Conditions Prevailed--The Much-talked-of Era of Prosperity is Apparent Only in the Columns of Democratic Newspapers.

The Conditions Which Prevail On The Coast Are Typical of Conditions Throughout The Entire Country.

Some of the local philanthropists are working themselves into hysterics over the predicament of the Belgians. It seems, however, that it is not necessary to go to Belgium to look for starving people. A writer in one of the late magazines says of conditions on Puget Sound:

the harvest.

THEY TRY CHARITY

The Executive Secretary of the Charities Organization, Miss Virginia McMechen, is a somewhat disillusioned type of uplifter and an expert in Social Service. She marvelled that her committee of employers and business men could not reckon upon any phase of unemployment save that of the itinerant worker and could not get attention to the condition of resident unemployed heads of families. The writer was able to show her that the "home-guard" was less inclined to make a public problem of himself, constituted no threat against property, would hold on as long as possible to a respectable status and the good opinion of his neighbors, but that she would not need to wait long, for even he would lose his moorings.

"Presently a committee of family men presented themselves before the City

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NO WORK

A month earlier than usual the Seattle Chief of Police reported that the number applying nightly for the cement hospital of the city jail had reached all he could accommodate. Petty thieving was on the increase, burglaries had begun on a winter scale ahead of time, citizens were being held up, the city jail and both the city and county stockades were full, and still they came on every boat and train, and now in mid-winter they are still coming. "Why don't they stay in the country?" is an innocent question; but in truth it is harder to winter there. There are no ten-cent lodgings and no cheap restaurants in country towns, and these men will not be wanted on the farm until