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PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

will benefit mankind.

but not the great body of citizens.

Private ownership of railroads means the operation thereof. The more pro- to Reason, had made fits the better they like it.

Profits are largest when rates are way magnate hit back. high and labor cost is low. Profits wages go up. It is the policy of railroads, therefore, to seek to maintain high rates and to get their labor as principle at stake being the question of that were as so many men are out of their fingers to the bone. wages. The C. P. R. can now employ work it would be better all around for feated.

service is where the service is not profit- get more work done.

decreased service where the service will rates and a charge as high as the

ly managed, means increased service at The post office is an example of This. Rates on letters have been dropped from three to two cents and to one cent in the cities. The service has been extended as the new rural mail delivery

EUGENE V. DEBS

didate for President. His name was employed. rendered notorious in connection with icans as their leader. The secret of speer at us for heing behind the times. The American doctors blicked the reso. Debs' power is that he knows how to and uncivilized. The old Jews at least lutions for financial reasons. suffer for his followers. In 1893 when knew how to look after their poor the railroad men were thinking of could not win. He was against the strike and his cry was, " Don't strike,

he goes about the streets of the villages be possessed by the government. Many, in which he is known the children will railroads in Russia are owned by the Q. E. D. follow him about. The man whom hit- government. They are, however, certhe children will follow, cannot be had tainly not run for the benefit of the

is not fit to be president. He is too purposes. The railroads are often used mpathetic, and too much of an abso- for the conveyance of troops to lute revolutionist. He is a man, how the revolt of the people of Russia ever, whom the common men instinct- against tyrannical government. Anively love and is the best possible charcient Athens possessed many things by acter to rouse the interests of the people. government ownership as well as did The very fact that he has gone to prison the city of Rome. This state owner is not landed in jail or killed by the benefit of the merchant princes who trust leaders before he accomplishes ruled Venice with a rough hand.

THE RED SPECIAL

The Leading Weekly of the for President of the United States, has do not benefit. The road is overman-rougher the worker has it. been travelling over the length and ned and Liberals along the line get the breadth of the land in a special train, benefit of rebates. It is run as a party Starting from Chicago he has been to machine and the benefit goes to a few California and back again to New York. and not to the many. MAIN STREET - COWANSWILLE He has delivered numerous addresses We can imagine a state of society in and wherever he has been he has re- which the Manufacturer's Association knowledge of how to work the people-EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR thousands of admirers.

drawing card and has proved to the urers. Under such a state government scattered Socialists that their party is a ownership would not benefit the people, strong and growing one. It has been but would simply benefit the manufact- is are laboring hard to work the labor- many long rows of machines. Be particular happening he had wita visible token of the fact that the urers. Freight rates would be low on er. Socialist leaders are not visionaries the lines but the price of goods would without the power of action. The be none the lower. The decreased cost

A péculiar circumstance that is draw-Local Readers—First insertion—3, afford a special train for its presidential fines 25C, 6 lines 50C, 8 lines 70C, 10 lines 90C, 12 lines 81.00. Subsequent insertions 50 per cent off.

Subsequent thousand dollars—The content of the people.

ON THE REWAR ing attention is the fact that the Social- ownership would then not be for the SPECIAL RATE on Want, For Sale does not come from a few big corporations, but from thousands of small consalong the way as much as nine hundin small coins.

In the West the Special was richly We are working under a system of the authorities insisted upon all decor. Christian and advanced their country is In practice it is found that the search Jim Hill it was frequently delayed, and turn out beautifully engraved stock that the owners want to make out of ings. The Socialist paper, The Appeal factories and politicians will not stir on Hill and this was the way the rail, in our cities and the saloon flourishes

PAY

The city of Montreal has had propos

Private ownership means large profits would be altogether wrong were it a for evil doing are large and the rewards of the few. Lord Strathcona is a private corporation which was getting shining light as to how private owner-the work done. When it is a city the ship does not benefit the people, it means then case might be regarded as different as the mass of the citizens would not pay itself. Sweetsburg station is benefit. However, any scheme of re- There are certain individuals who an example of this. It means high lief whereby workers are given work at believe that persons without property diminished rates with good prices for la- for a pittance the whole of our civiliza- Canada. They believe that a man who and spirit, and an inferior class is de- lowed the franchise. veloped which is fit only to dwell in A good deal may be said for the exact

Government ownership will pay the work by the city or by the Dominion. The man with property looks out for If the worse comes to the worse the C. property rights and is apt-to regard P. R. might change its mind and give human life as of little consequence that thirty-five millions it is going to when compared with his proprietary in-Eugene V. Debs is the Socialist can- give to its stock holders to its un- terests. How many railroad accidents

Our civilization is devoloping grave safety appliances? How many person the Chicago railroad strike of 1893. In defects when in a country of three mil. have been done to death from consumpthat strike, cars were burned, rioters lion square miles and but six millions tion in overcrowded tenements because down by the federal troops and of inhabitants men can stare in the property rights were more sacred than Debs himself was sent to prison for six streets or wander over the country hun-human life? Recently in the Tubermonths for his part in the oproar. His gry and out of work. Our cizilization culosis Conference held at Washington. The people is a beast of muddy brain, name has been howled from all the re- is run more or less on a vicious princi- the foreign delegates desired to bring sponsible papers of the states and today ple. Did even the old primitive Jews in a resolution against overcrowded he is acclaimed by millions of Amer. of Pallstine come to Canada they would slums and tophcavy office buildings.

40+m PEOPLE

boys, but if you do strike. I'm with and public utilities must be by the tyless man, therefore, whose viewpo'nt Confused and stupefied by bug bears vain, people and for the benefit of the people. is not obscured by his stocks or bonds Most wonderful! with its own hand it out on the floor in the midst of older." The little children like Debs. When It is not sufficient that public utilities or tenements, could give a more unbiaspeople. Many of the lines were origin Debs himself acknowledges that he ally built for military and strategic and has suffered for the faults of an un-ship, however, did not benefit a great reasoning railway union endears him to mass of the people who were slaves. the heart of the working people venice owned large warehouses, but There is a great future for Debs, if he these warehouses were reserved for the

Government ownership, to be effect-

ive, must be for the benefit of the people. The Intercolonial railway Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate possessed by the people but the people

thousands of admirers.

thing would be run so that goods might

Prejudice never promoted an indivithe Red Special has been a great be made to the profit of the manufacts dual or gave the world any good any special presumed by Special Persussion

Special has made thousands of con- of freight shipments would be added to saddled, with another tenth waiting to profits and not to the reduction of the ride them as soon as they can carry. setting price of goods. Governmen

ON THE REWARD OF LABOR

labor is a great study. Of course our great a curiosity in America as he tributors. At some of the meetings civilization is the greatest civilization today in heaven. on earth. Do not all the newspapers red dollars were collected at a time, all tell us what a wonderful people we are? decked, but when the train came East ly tell their citizens how prosperous and of heredity.

over the railway system managed by fifty cents a day. The man who can for profit benefits those who find them the train would arrive at a station about a hole in hole in the ground twelve hours after it was scheduled to makes his hundreds of thousands and for us to do for ourselves and help simultaneously and swiftly. Then men, and also, "the Inspector." appear, thus disorganizing the meet- even his millions. Children toil in the our fellows. Let us help to make proa savage attack unless compelled to. Evil is rampant in our midst. The best citizens think it beneath their dignity to associate with diminish when rates are cut or when MORE WORKERS WITH LESS a woman who mops out their stores or offices but are pleased as can be to be seen associating with the licensed hotel keeper, the man who has been the cheap as possible. The C. P. R. has ed an old scheme for the relief of cause in many instances of compelling won a contest against its employees the distress. The idea has been broached women for the sake of bread to work

The day must come, unless Canada men at whatever it sees fit to give them, the city to reduce the price it pays labor is to be flung back into the dark ages, the union principle having been de- and to employ more laborers. In this when the large financial rewards shall manner more men would be kept from not go to those who work evil. That Private ownership means decreased the pangs of hunger and the city would state of society is best in which it is made hard to do evil and easy to do The proposal is a specious one. It good. As yet in Canada the profits

THE POWER TO VOTE

starvation wages is wrong. The man should not have the right to vote. This who works is worthy of his hire and class of people live mostly in England

That to the world are children;

Though them it feels the glo should be paid a decent living wage, and are called Tories. Certain individ-When the worker is compelled to labor uals of this species however, live in tion becomes deteriorated. The under- does not possess any property has not a prid laborer becomes weakened in body sufficient stake in the country to be al-

slums and to fill jails and poorhouses, opposite view that a person with pro-Those out of work might be given perty should not be allowed to vote. have occured from the lack of proper

The men without property, however, are free from all such influences. They One kick would be enough to break up on it. Twelve years before, "He's always looked that striking. Debs fought against the ces- BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE are apt to regard life from a different viewpoint. Human life should be regarded as sacred and as far more val-Government ownership of railways uable than mere property. The proper- It does; nor its own terror understands,

A little ad. in the want column of THE OBSERVER will do the trick every



Thoughtful Pointers

The smoother the politician is," the

There may be reason in all things, but there is no reason in all people.

Knowledge is power. Especially the

The fellows who tell how noble labor Nine-tenths of the people are born

prisons are for those who are caught,"

The phrase should be amended to read, "for poor people who are caught."

Somebody made heredity. If hered-

"Do something," "Do it," "Do it."

gress, or try to fight leaks, or at all events help those who are working.

means to his own advertisement, but succession of weaver's knots: whose faces he ground it.

The Children

Oh! what would the world be to us If the children were no more We should dread the desert behind us Worse than the dark before.

What the leaves are to the forest, With light and air for food Ere their sweet and tender juices Have been hardened into wood

Through them it feels the glow Of a brighter and sunnier climate That reaches the trunks below.

Come to me, O ve children ! And whisper in my ear What the birds and the winds are sing-

ing wour sunny atmosphere. For what are all our contrivings, And the wisdom of our books, When compared with your caresses

And the gladness of your looks? Ye are better than all the ballads That ever were sung or said; For ye are living poems,

And all the rest are dead. -Longfellow.

The People

That knows not its own force and therefore stands

Loaded with wood and stone; the powerless hands

the chain;

For pence doled out by kings from its

own store and heaven;

To tell this truth, it kills him unforgiven. -Thomas Campanella, 1612.

А Спесквоок Men's lives should be open books, So their good wives expect; And they seem to think each page Should represent a check.

Beware the old oaken bucket, the on-bound bucket, the germ-c bucket that hangs in the well.

THE APOSTATE

A Child Labor Problem rible oaths into the whirling bob-

BY JACK LONDON

The small bobbins were emptied with the overseer. so rapidly, and there were so But at eleven o'clock there was is moments.

orphans and under-paid toilers from ing time and machinery by not caught his eye, and he stopped replacing the small bobbins abruptly. He caught Johnny by when they ran out. And there the arm to draw him back a step was an overseer to prevent this. from the machine; but with an ex. He caught Johnny's neighbor at clamation of surprise he released the trick and boxed his ears. "Look at Johnny there-why

ain't you like him?" the overseer tendent laughed anxiously. wrathfully demanded.

was long ago, very long ago. His cause tuberculosis gets him first." apathetic face was expressionless as he listened to himself being understand. Furthermore he was held up as a shining example. He not interested in future ills. There was the perfect worker. He new was an immediate and more serthat. He had been told so, often. ious ill that threatened him in the It was a commonplace, and be- form of the inspector. sides it didn't seem to mean anything to him any more. From the tell me the truth," the inspector perfect worker he had evolved in- said, or shouted, bending close to to the perfect machine. When his the boy's ear to make him hear. work went wrong it was with him "How old are you?" as with a machine, due to faulty material. It would have been as he lied with the full force of his possible for a perfect nail-die to lungs. So loudly did he lie that cut imperfect nails as for him to it started him off in a dry, hackmake a mistake.

never been a time when he had lungs all morning. not been in intimate relationship with machines Machinery had the superintendent. Of a mere child guide it with bit and almost been bred into him, and "Or sixty," snapped the inat any rate he had been brought spector. But the beast fears, and what the child excitement in the loom-room of "How long?" asked the inspectthere had been a all flutter of way. this very mill. Johnny's mother or quickly. had fainted. They stretched her the shricking machines. A couple "Or younger, I daresay. I supsed vote than can the property owner. And gags itself—gives itself death and of elderly women were called pose he's worked here all those from their looms. The foreman as- years?" sisted. And in a few minutes But this it knows not; and if one arise the doors. It was Johnny, born add. with the pounding, crashing roar "Machine idle? the inspectod ing lint. He had coughed that were flying like-mad. first day in order to rid his lungs of the lint; and for this reason he had coughed ever since.

whimpered and sniffed. The boy's hands of local communal authorities in face was convulsed with hatred April next.

for the overseer who kept a threatening eye on him from a distance; but every bobbin was running full. The boy velled terins before him; but the sound did not carry half a dozen feet the roaring of the room holding it in and containing it like a wall.

Of all this Johnny took no notice. He had a way of accepting things. Besides, things grow mon-He took his place in one of otonous by repetition, and this fore him, above a bin filled with nessed many times. It seemed to small bobbins, were large bobbins him as useless to oppose the overrevolving rapidly. Upon these he seer as to defy the will of a mawound the inte-twine of the small chine. Machines were made to go bobbins. The work was simple, in certain ways and to perform A capitalist magazine asservates that All that was required was celerity. certain tasks. It was the same

many large bobbins that did the excitement in the room. In an The distribution of the products of Fifty years ago a millionaire was as emptying, that there were no idle apparently occult way the excitement instantly permeated every-He worked mechanically, where. The one-legged boy who When a small bobbin ran out he worked on the other side of The papers of the United States and of ity keeps people from living free from used his left hand for a brake, Johnny bobbed swiftly across the Great Britain and of Canada respective want, it is up to us to make a new kind stopping the large bobbin and at floor to a bin-truck that stood the same time, with thumb and empty. Into this he dived out of We are working under a system of the authorities insisted upon all decorlaws which are founded on the belief ations being removed and put a detective on board to see that the order was gravely defective. The woman who much depends on action, that every time, with his right hand, he along, accompanied by a young caught up the loose twine-end of man. He was well-dressed and a small bobbin. These various acts were a starched shirt-a gentle-Wherever we are, there is something with both hands were performed man, in Johnny's classification of

hands as he looped the weaver's as he passed along. Sometimes he knot and released the bobbin stopped and asked questions. Carnegie has made another appro- There was nothing difficult about When he did so he was compelled priation for the reward of heroes says weaver's knots. He once boasted to shout at the top of his lungs, the Hamilton Spectator. Carnegic he could tie them in his sleep at which moments his face was himself is not qualifying for any reward And for that matter, he sometimes ludicrously contorted with the for that form of heroism and self-sacri-fice which would oblige him not to fritter his money away on spectacular single night at tying an endless His quick eye noted the empty machine alongside of Johnny's. to give it back to the widows and Some of the boys shirked, wast- but he said nothing. Johnny also the arm.

"Pretty skinny," the superin-

"Pipe-stems," was the answer Johnny's bobbins were running "Look at those legs. The boy's full blast, but he did not thrill at got the rickets-incipient, but the indirect praise. There had he's got them. If epilepsy doesn't been a time. . . . but that get him in the end, it will be be-

Johnny listened, but did not

"Now, my boy, I want you to

"Fourteen," Johnny lied, and ing eough that lifted the lint And small wonder. There had which had been settling in his

"Looks sixteen at least," said

"For years. Never gets a bit

"Off and on -but that was beits own are all things between earth there was one more soul in the fore the new law was passed, loom-room than had entered by the superintendent hastened to

of the looms in his ears, drawing asked, pointing at the unoccupied with his first breath the warm, machine beside Johnny's, in moist air that was thick with fly- which the part-filled bobbins

To BE CONTINUED

The government of Roumania has The boy alongside of Johnny projected a new liquor law, under which the right to sell drink will pass into the PR The

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have held ele local option, as "dry," driving out of business that when the tenths of the co It is plant