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The Basis of Socialism.

Four philosophers sat about a round table in a hostelry Sunday afternoon, and discussed the signs of the times as they quaffed their lager.

"I tell you," said the bloodthirsty philosopher, as he made a semi-circular incision the size of a barrel top in a cheese sandwich, "I tell you, and you mark me, that the Cincinnati riot is only a premonition! There are bloody days before us and they are not far away. Outraged man is crying to heaven for vengeance, and heaven failing to interfere, he will avenge himself, and his revenge will be a fearful one. I feel the time approaching, and when the down-trodden majority turn upon their oppressors their will be riot and carnage before which the horror of the reign of terror shall pale into insignificance, and when that time comes I shall lead the avengers! I am a socialist from beginning to end, from first to last, from Alpha to Omega! The fire of insubordination and socialism are in me! I am full of it!"

"And I am with you," declared the youthful philosopher. "I am full of it, too!"

"You're both of you fuller of beer," observed the skeptical philosopher.

"Well," the drunken philosopher remarked, with a sage hiccup, "beer is the basis of socialism, anyway. Thash all righsh."—New York Times.

In consequence of the fast mail service contract with the government, the B. & M. are intending to at once commence placing their road bed between Plattsmouth and Omaha in rock ballast order over the entire line which runs along low lands in the valleys of Missouri and Platte rivers.

CINCINNATI is a gay and festive city, and festivals are all the rage with the people. Within a few months she has had opera, dramatic and music festivals. Now comes a "circus festival," to be followed by a national cat show. Cincinnati is nothing if not mewsical.

ILIFF, COLORADO.

Cattle on the Frenchman and North Fork of the Republican.

ILIFF, COLO., April 1, 1884.

Northwestern Live Stock Journal:

Have just returned from a trip on the Frenchman and north fork of the Republican, and have to report stock thin in flesh, but have plenty of rustling qualities left.

Grass and water are good on the flat between here and the head of the Frenchman, and a good many cattle. On the Frenchman, down to the TC ranch, grass is rather short along the creek and some cattle are bogging down. General J. L. Brush has an outfit of men at the head of the creek watching weak cattle.

At Benkelman, Neb., I met Ben. Mourning and Dan Powell in from the south fork of the Republican. They report having been down on the Smoky river opening fences to allow cattle to go south to the Arkansas. They saw but few dead cattle in that country.

Jim Mourning, foreman for McGillin Bros., also was at Benkelman.

From Benkelman up to Haigler there are a great many cattle doing very well, all things considered.

From Haigler to the head of Chief creek there are a good many dead cattle, owing to the closing of the gaps left by the railroad in its fences by parties who have large pastures in this part of the country.

From the head of Chief creek to Akron cattle are to be seen all over the prairie, and as all the buffalo wallows are full of water they are doing first-rate.

The loss in this section of the country is confined to through yearling and cows heavy with calf. The reason why those two classes suffer most is obvious to any one who has given the subject any thought. The first are over driven from Texas to this place, and the latter, thanks to the policy of allowing bulls to run the year round, have to tustle to support two when it is difficult for one to exist.

In the German language Staatsachuldenzahlungscassebuchhalter means "Accountant of the bureau where the state debts are paid." Minister Sargent could not pronounce this official's title correctly, and Bismarck therefore concluded that Sargent was incompetent.

Rev. W. L. McGREW, of Somerset county, Pa., is said to be the best rifle shot in America, performing all of Carver's and Bogardus' feats, and a great many others they never attempt. A man has to be mighty handy with a gun to be a successful preacher in some countries. The reverend ought to be sent by the conference on a starring tour through Texas and Arkansas.—Burdette.

THE Supreme Court of the United States has decided that a man who is accustomed to having more than one pair of breeches may bring a second pair home with him from a foreign country without paying duty on them, even if he has not worn them; and so with his wife's petticoats. But the poor devil and his wife, who are not accustomed to having new clothes, must pay duty on what they don't wear, they cannot bring into the country more than their ordinary supply. But suppose the wife wears the breeches, will some astute lawyer tell us how the decision of the United States Supreme Court would apply in such a case?—Bee.

MAN that is born into this world is of few days and chucked full of trouble. He cometh forth as a big sunflower and is cut down, and where is he? Conundrum. Now the evil days come in which he shall say, "I have no pleasure in them," for in a few short days the wife of his bosom will be cleaning house, and he will have no place to lay his head. From the rising even to the going down of the sun, he will be monkeying around, raking the yard burning straw and old rags, and feathers, and government socks, and raising an incense more fragrant than the inside of a wigwam. He will draw water, and carry coal, and beat carpets, and fill bed ticks, and put down carpets, and swear and black stoves, and whitewash, and scrub, and cuss, and paint, and make himself generally obnoxious. He will stand it a day or two and then, some time when his wife isn't looking, take a fish pole, and a little bottle of snake bite antidote, and some worms, a hunk of codfish bate, and a small portion of spiritus fermenti, and go out to have a real good time with the boys.

MAN can be good and happy without fortune and without fame and without church membership, but he cannot reach any good in the path of the drunkard. That vice attacks at one time the money and the body and the brain of its victim. It leaves nothing untouched. As the molten lava rolling down into a tropical valley scorches all things and leaves not a leaf of green and not a drop of water or dew, but transforms a paradise into an iron rock, so the passion for strong drink blights the young man's world, and leaves just enough of body or dust or memory to catch a mother's or a sister's tears. Gambling and other sins ask for and receive their quota of victims, and our age, with a generosity perfectly infernal, hands over an annual payment of thousands of souls, but compared with the ruin wrought by drunkenness the injury from other vices is slight. But for this one evil partly come and partly impending, we could make a tolerable analysis of the young man of to-day, and could read with delight the most probable page of the morrow. Had this one vice kept away from earth, the wound of the serpent in the garden of Eden might have seemed curable, but the cup of ardent spirits having come into the world the sorrows of man seem almost beyond remedy.