

The Weekly Gazette.

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THE COMMUNIST CITIZEN.

And How His Brethren Applied the Doctrine, "Property is Theft."

It was a worthy citizen,  
And chief of the commune,  
Was sitting lone, despondent,  
In a busted beer saloon,  
Singing to himself a dismal song  
To a melancholy tune.

And he sang: "Regard my blackened eyes;  
Behold this swollen nose.  
I smart and ache from wounds as well  
That I may not disclose,  
Further than this—they are not in front,  
And were inflicted by tees."

'My fell ambition lured me on  
An orator to be,  
And eke a leader unto those  
Whose watchwords are the three  
Familiar words, whereof the first  
Is it not liberty?

"In beer I dealt as well as blood—  
I made the business pay;  
Clattered the glasses ceaselessly  
From dawn till twilight gray;  
Nineteen good legs of beef I drew  
With my red right hand each day.

"For 'starving communists,' somehow,  
In workless seasons drear.  
It not wherewith to feed their wives  
And clothe their children dear,  
Can always find the money for  
Their whisky or their beer.

"Enthusiast, idler, ruffian—all  
Took hitherward their wings  
To reconstruct society;  
Without principle, kings;  
To anarchism, government;  
And generally smash things.

And talk bards thins, and thirst made trade  
Till I, the communist,  
Who urged the massacre of all  
The riches that exist;  
Because I, self what I would call  
A "bloated capitalist."

"Two thousand dollars I had here  
A single hour ago;  
A goodly piper I, with a smile,  
Who brands all property as a crime,  
Who brands as capital's dead foe."

"Twas late, and I alone, when in!  
Came stow commissary and three  
With the king's banner, with the king's  
And priests and society;  
Hurrail for liberty, fratern-  
ity and equality!"

"Draw and set up for the beer  
In white and sandy dock;  
Drink deeper, that I might quaff  
Some swine's usurper's blood,  
And grind his corpse with my red right heel  
In the burning city's mud.

"All men are brothers, all property's theft;  
What's mine belongs to thee,  
And what thou hast thou must divide  
With us thy brothers three;  
Hurrah for liberty, fratern-  
ity and equality!"

"Amen! I cried in rapture, that  
Is the creed of creeds for me,  
Full high the mug with Samian beer,  
Cries the swine's usurper's three;  
And they drink nine rounds to the reform-  
ation of society.

"Then they turned to go, I said, 'citizens,  
Lend me your red right ear.  
Then that you may never you'll forget  
Who— who pays me for that beer?'

"Then one stern communist locked the door,  
And one put out the light,  
And the third and stoutest clutched my  
throat.  
In his brawny fingers tight,  
'Traitor, he hissed as he moaned my nose,  
If the communist creed be right—'

"If property's theft, how darest thou ask  
Our cash for thy bloated beer?  
How darest thou let me through  
This iron-train, rangeade here,  
Who is false to the faith each communist  
Should above all else hold dear."

"They stole my money, they robbed my till,  
They stoved my beer kegs in;  
They smashed the glasses, they broke the  
chairs,  
They pummelled me like sin.  
Came officers none, for they thought that  
one  
Of our meetings was raging within.  
Which it how I came by these blacked  
and by this bloody nose;

"Why I acho and smart from wounds as well  
That I may not disclose.  
Further than this—they are not in front,  
And were inflicted by tees."

## SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

CONVENTION OF THE SCHOOLS OF HONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP.

The Honey Creek Sabbath-Schools met in convention at Farmers Chapel on August 11th at 10 o'clock. The organization was effected by selecting John Cupps Pres't, and W. P. Hickman Secretary.

The forenoon session was consumed in hearing reports from the schools, speeches, music &c.,

The reports of schools were as follows:

Farmers Chapel S. S. United Brethren:  
No. of scholars on the roll  
Teachers  
Officers

Total  
Average attendance

Mt. Zion S. S. Baptist:  
No. of scholars  
Teachers and officers

Total  
Average attendance

Grove Sunday-school, Methodist and Bethel S. S. were both reported to be in good condition, with a larger attendance than in the past, and increasing slowly but surely.

After the reports, M. S. Dr. Elder spoke to the convention on the great object the Sunday-school work. At the close of Mrs. Elder's speech the convention took a recess.

It was noticed early in the day that great numbers of well filled baskets, had put in an appearance. To explore their contents and refresh the inner man, was the object of the recess.

## P. M. SESSION.

The meeting was called to order, prayer, music and speeches followed.

Mr. W. W. Byer's speech was listened to with marked attention. The subject was of a general character and was an answer to many of the embarrassments and discouraging things found in the Sunday-school work.

Mrs. Byer's essay on the care of S. S. room was very good. It showed how by a little labor and no expense the school rooms may be decorated and beautified, making it attractive and more cheerful. The essay was very good, and should the S. S. workers in the city visit our country schools now or hereafter, they will see the fruits of Mrs. Byer's essay.

Questions were asked and answered by quite a number.

The next meeting will be held at Mt. Zion Church, on the 2nd Saturday in September. A permanent organization will then be effected.

## DRUMMOND.

## His Decision in Reference to the

## Strikers' Committee From Terre Haute Reviewed

By R. E. Nisbet, a Member of the Committee who was not Arrested,

## And who Writes From a Shady Retreat.

## Did the Strikers' Committee Stop the Logansport Train?

## He Says No, Speaking Whereof he Knows.

(From Saturday's GAZETTE.)

The following article was received yesterday through the mails. Mr. Nisbet will be remembered as a prominent member of the strikers' committee from the Vandalia shops. Just after the strike, he wrote an article discussing the strike which was published in the GAZETTE.

He promised to write a series of articles and the second was to have been published on the Saturday following the publication of the first one. But about that time Judge Drummond lit up the horizon and Mr. Nisbet changed his residence.

The situation of affairs, preventing his writing, is stated in a note received before the communication. The note is as follows:

THE NOTE.

INDIANAPOLIS AUG. 14th.

MESSRS W. M. C. BALL &amp; CO.

GENTS:

Circumstances over which I had no control induced me to change my base of operations, before I could write the promised communication for your issue of the 4th inst. I have placed my thoughts on paper, and if you chose to use the manuscript I send you, do so. Hoping to see you in person shortly, I remain

R. E. NISBET.

The communication is devoted to a review of the decision of Judge Drummond and is as follows:

THE COMMUNICATION.

INDIANAPOLIS AUG. 14th, 1877.

To the Editor of the GAZETTE.

As one of the late Committee of Vandalia "strikers" I think I can speak as one having authority on the question of the innocence or guilt of my late comrades in the "committee business."

As far as my knowledge of the late strike at Terre Haute extends, not one of the committee interfered in any way, shape or manner with the operations of the L. C. &amp; S. W. Railroad. If they did, it was upon their individual responsibility, and without the knowledge and consent of the rest of the committee.

I have read Judge Drummond's charge, and the sentence of six of my friends to ninety days imprisonment for contempt of court, and after reading the testimony in the case, I cannot conceive a more just or upright judgment.

At our daily meetings in the shop we tried to impress upon the minds of our fellow workmen the necessity of allowing roads in the hands of receivers to operate without hindrance. That we had no desire to get in any difficulty or trouble with the U. S. courts. That the committee would not under any circumstances order or suggest the traffic upon such roads. Also that in case such stoppage occurred, either by R. R. men or others, we were not to be held responsible as a committee, but the responsibility must rest upon all concerned in the strike, alike. When Mr. Claybrook met us in the Union depot and asked us to allow his trains to run, we told him he could move all his trains and we would not interfere in any manner whatever, but if his trains were surrounded by a mob we could not protect nor assist him in getting out his trains, because we had all we could attend to in looking after our own affairs upon the Van. and I. &amp; St. L.

This Mr. C. cannot truthfully deny.

He distinctly understood before he left the room that we were not intending to run afoul of the United States Courts or Laws. Nor did we, so far as I can learn.

Mr. C. knows as well as I do that Conductor Grayson's train was stopped and ordered back into the yard by a mob of men, numbering a hundred or more, and that a large portion of them were outsiders, that is not employed by either the Van. or I. &amp; St. L., also that the leaders of that mob were not members of the committee. We were at the time the affair occurred, in N. K. Elliot's office, and saw the crowd and train as it stopped and backed up, and one of our number, J. B. Watson I think, went down to see about it and what it meant. He took no part in it, but came back in a short time and reported the details, as far as he could learn, to us. So much for that train, which is the only one stopped by a principal, and allow that principal to go scot-free? If not, why not cause the arrest of those who proposed our names, and also those who voted "aye" when our names were submitted the assembled employees for their approval. Perhaps working in a machine shop, and associating with laboring men for twelve or fourteen years, has blunted my sense of right and justice to such a degree that I cannot see a valid reason why my friends should be confined. If any whose eye this may meet, can give a good and sufficient reason for their confinement, I should thank them for the information.

Respectfully,  
R. E. NISBET.

SNEAK THIEF.

A few days since a well dressed young fellow approached a prominent merchant in this city and asked how much he paid to Hunter's Laundry for having his clothes washed. The merchant replied giving the price he was paying. The fellow then said he was representing a better place that only charged about half as much and asked to be given a washing to show their work. The merchant gave him several articles but they were never returned. A day or two since the clothes were discovered by the merchant in a washerwoman's yard. On investigation it was found that the thief had pawned the goods to a family for a small sum and had left. Watch out for such tricks.

SOUTH end people complain loudly of watermelon thieves.

## THE WILL.

## The Last Will and Testament of the Late Chauncey Rose Admitted to Probate.

## He Bequeaths an Additional Hundred and Seven Thousand to the Polytechnic Institute.

## Also one Hundred and Fifty Thousand More to the Orphan's Home.

## A Magnificent Bequest of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars to Establish a Medicinal Dispensary to Provide Advice and Medicine Free, to the Poor.

## Various Private Bequests.

(From Saturday's GAZETTE.)

I Chauncey Rose of the city of Terre Haute, county of Vigo, and State of Ind., being of sound mind memory and discretion, feeling the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and desirous of disposing of my estate do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in the following manner.

(1.) My will is that the expenses of my last sickness and funeral, with the expenses incident thereto, and all past debts owed by me shall first be paid by my executors herein after named.

(2.) I give bequeath and devise to my cousin Sarah A. Hemingway of Terre Haute Ind., certain real estate situated in the county of Vigo and State of Ind., in fee simple with the appurtenances, and to my executors to be sold and the proceeds to be used for the support of the Rose Polytechnic Institute, the corporation named in the third item or paragraph hereof.

(3.) I do hereby constitute and appoint Wm. K. Edwards, Firman, Nippert and Josephus Collett, of the county of Vigo and State of Ind., executors of this my last will and testament, without being required to give bond, and each to be paid reasonable and proper compensation for services.

(4.) I do hereby revoke and declare

void any former will I have heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of February Anno Domini, 1877.

CHANCEY ROSE.

MANY WHO ARE SUFFERING

from the effects of the warm weather are debilitated, are advised by physicians to take moderate amounts of whisky two or three times during the day. In a little while those who adopt this advice frequently increase the number of "drinks" and in time become confirmed alcoholics. A beverage which will create thirst for intoxicating liquors, which is intended especially for the benefit of debilitated persons, whether at home or abroad, is Dr. Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic. Containing the juices of many medicinal herbs, this preparation does not create any thirst, but on the contrary nourishes and supports the body, and is especially good for the effects of debilitated persons.

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