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2. Le Sun. Pittsburg, Ks.  
March, 1917  
April

#### A REAL SOCIALIST.

Early Monday morning as a representative of the SUN was coming down to work he noticed a little, old woman standing at the corner of Fourth and Broadway. As he approached she attracted his attention and in very broken English asked if

he knew when the funeral of Mrs. Ida Callery was to be held. He told her it was to be held at 2:30 in the afternoon, which she replied, "I thought it was at 10 o'clock this morning." Later in the day he saw the woman still tramping up and down the streets waiting to show respect and reverence to one she loved. We have no way of knowing just what service Mrs. Callery rendered this old woman. It may have been very trivial but it must have penetrated close to the heart. At any rate it is indicative of the personality of the departed one. She delighted in being courteous and rendering service to those less fortunate than herself. To her the woman clad in calico had a greater appeal than one clad in silk and fur. She was a Socialist because she believed that party held more hope for those struggling in poverty and ignorance. She embraced Socialism because she believed in its tenets, not because she desired to use it as a stepping stone to wealth or official prominence. Men prominent in Socialism have departed from this community, some led away by Death, some by the call of Wealth. No tears were shed because in the hearts of all there was a suspicion that those men had used the poor man's party to their own selfish, personal gain. There were few dry eyes at the Callery funeral Monday for this little woman's allegiance was bound by her sincerity and love.