

Socialism on Every Tongue:
Open Letter to the *Social Democratic Herald*
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To *The Herald*:—

The conventions will close today or tomorrow and their work will be complete and glorious.¹ The old politicians and their henchmen who did all in their power to defeat political action on the part of organized labor are stampeded and thoroughly alarmed.

You would be surprised could you realize what a tremendous change has taken place during the past few days. In this city of 200,000 the one pervading theme, go where you may, is socialism. The red buttons of our party are in the churches, the stores, the restaurants, and everywhere; stranger meets stranger as comrade, and all are happy over the inspiring outlook.

The one danger that must be guarded against is too rapid growth. There may be trouble from this source, but I am confident that we have a sufficient number of comrades scattered over the state who are well grounded to keep the ship true to her course and guide her safely to her destined port.

Eugene V. Debs.

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¹ Debs refers to the joint conventions of the Western Federation of Miners and the American Labor Union, held in Denver.