

TO ORGANIZE SLAVES OF CAPITAL TO VOTE THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION

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SOCIALISM IS COMING!

FOR PRESIDENT



EUGENE VICTOR DEBS.

SEE US GROW==THESE FIGURES DON'T LIE.

ACTUAL VOTE UNITED STATES

1890	13,704
1891	16,552
1892	21,512
1893	25,666
1894	30,020
1895	34,869
1896	36,275
1897	55,550
1898	91,749

GERMANY, STRONGEST PARTY

1867	30,000
1871	101,927
1874	351,670
1877	486,843
1878	437,158
1881	311,961
1884	599,990
1887	763,128
1890	1,427,298
1893	1,786,738
1898	2,125,000

FRANCE

1885	30,000
1888	91,000
1893	590,000
1898	1,000,000

AUSTRIA

1895	90,000
1897	750,000

ITALY

1893	20,000
1895	76,400
1897	134,496

TOTAL ESTIMATED STRENGTH IN EUROPE AND AMERICA 7,000,000.

In these labor wars the powers that rule have shown their willingness to crush the workers. It is for the working class, while they yet have the ballot, to say whether the near future shall see this country a nation of slaves or a nation of free men. Workingmen of America, unite your trade unions; unite in a political party of your own class; unite in your determination to abolish the wage system and to establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT



JOB HARRIMAN.

FROM HARRIMAN'S BOOK

Workingmen, it is your cause; it is you and your families who are bearing the burdens of this world. It is you who have suffered in the struggle in the Coeur d'Alenes and in all other labor wars of the world. It is you who have the power to rivet your chains tighter upon you or to break them asunder. It is for you to say whether you will unite with your fellow men, with mutual interests in a common cause, and by the use of your ballot take possession of your political rights, and by the power of your votes abolish the capitalist system and advance into the Socialist Co-operative Commonwealth. It is for you to say whether you will support the capitalist system on the backs of slaves, with the rights of men denied, or whether you will have the Socialist system in the hearts of men, with the rights of all maintained.

"Workingmen, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain."

Ten cents for THE SOCIALIST from now to election. We want 5,000 subscribers inside one month.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

Springfield, Mass., July 18, 1900.

Eugene V. Debs, Esq., Terre Haute, Ind.

My Dear Comrade: It is with profound pleasure I advise you that, by the treaty of union formulated by the unity committees elected at the Rochester and Indianapolis conventions, and which was approved by the majority of the membership of both parties on the referendum vote, of the ratification of your nomination as candidate of the Social Democratic party for the office of president of the United States. With best wishes very fraternally,

WM. BUTSCHER, National Secretary.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 31, 1900.

Wm. Butscher, Esq., National Secretary Social Democratic Party, Springfield, Mass.

My Dear Comrade: Your communication of the 18th inst. has been received and I note that by the action of the unity committee elected at the Rochester and Indianapolis conventions, approved by referendum vote, my nomination has been ratified as candidate of the Social Democratic Party

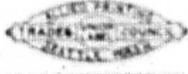
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TAKE NOTICE

This Paper is Published to Make Socialists, Not to Fight Socialists.

Tally No. 1 for Comrade Franz Weyrich, Bay View, Skagit Co. Five subscriptions before noon on Monday.

He got his Socialism straight from Marx, and his hustling, too. Nothing slow about Marx. At least 50 years ahead of his time Weyrich was delegated to the Gotha Convention away back in the seventies—and he knows what exile is. Get him to tell some stories of Marx and Liebknecht and the rest, the next time you see him.

And Liebknecht is dead—yet liveth. World Socialism could have sustained no greater loss in a single man. In his memory, with tears and high resolves, every Socialist should read his last pamphlet, entitled, "No Compromise, No Political Trading." It was written just a year ago and discusses the political situation in Germany and France—especially with reference to the temptation of Socialists to "fuse" on "Reform" candidates for the sake of temporary or local successes. It is pertinent at this very moment in the United States. No Socialist's education is complete if he has not cleared himself of the hope of quick success by compromise or trading. "Fusion" has been slow death to the Populist who was only a Reformer. It would be instant death to the Socialist, who is a Revolutionist.

Speaking of Revolutionists—I met a granddad this week who didn't know the difference between a Socialist and an Anarchist. Why, even the Associated Press has learned that much. When King Humbert was shot, the report actually pointed out the fact that the Paterson anarchists would have nothing to do with the Socialists because they advocated a peaceful revolution by the ballot-box.

Granny P.-I. makes the same mistake this morning. But she's a sly old Christian and knows better.

You who think Socialism a long way off should have been at the open meeting of the Seattle Central Labor Union last week. Our Comrade Seibert spoke on Labor and Politics, and gave no quarter to mere reformers. He insisted that no relief could come to the workers so long as capitalism remained. In the discussion which followed only one "reformer" ventured to speak and he was only a questioner.

Comrade Randolph was endorsed as nominee for governor, at the Carpenters' Union,

over 600 strong. That is not an endorsement of Socialism, but it is of a Socialist candidate.

That same Carpenters' Union is to have open meetings each month for the discussion of politics. That is sense and progress. Things have changed in the last 25 years, since that old moss-back rule, "No Politics in Unions," was adopted. With a workingman's party in the field, workingmen must be forbidden to discuss it! Are the Rep-Dem-Pops afraid of discussion in open meeting?

It seems we made one more nomination than we ought. The office of public printer was abolished by the last legislature. So Comrade Martin, our nominee, informs us. One less office for the S. D. P. to win.

Remember that articles for publication in **The Socialist** must reach us by Tuesday noon at the latest. And everything must be boiled, boiled, boiled down.

A wide-awake circular comes from St. Louis, from E. Val Putnam, State Organizer. Missouri will make a strong showing at the polls if you keep on like that, Comrade Putnam. It is work that wins.

FIRST WEEK

No Salaries. No Profits.

Condensed Report of The Socialist Publishing Association.

Receipts.	
A. F. Lindwall on issue No. 1.	\$.50
N. N. Thorup, on issue No. 1.	.50
H. H. Holtkamp, on issue No. 1.	.50
H. Sweeney, on issue No. 1.	.50
H. F. Titus, on issue No. 1.	1.00
C. L. DeMotte, on issue No. 1.	.50
J. C. Curtis, on issue No. 1.	2.00
J. J. Fraser, on issue No. 1.	1.00
H. Y. Wright, on issue No. 1.	1.00
H. H. House, on issue No. 1.	1.00
E. F. Rotshek, on issue No. 1.	.50
W. C. B. Randolph, issue No. 1.	.50
D. W. Phipps, on issue 1-5.	5.00
J. V. Mudgett, on issue 1-4.	4.00
Thaddeus Hill, on issue 1-4.	1.50
R. H. Murray, special.	.50
H. C. Crockett, special.	.50
G. H. Peters, special.	.40
J. R. Breckon, special.	1.00
Subscriptions to Aug 16.	13.00
	\$34.80

Expenditures.	
Wrapping paper, etc.	1.30
Subscription Book.	.25
Telephoning to Tacoma.	.25
Postage on Letters.	.35
Regular edition No. 1, 500 cop.	13.00
Extra edition, 4,000 copies.	10.00
Postage on papers to Aug 16.	5.45
(most to be refunded)	
Cuts of Debs and Harriman.	3.00
	\$33.60
Balance on Hand.	1.20
	\$34.80

To August 16, 1900.

STATE COMMITTEE

SEATTLE, Aug. 6, 1900.

A quorum not being present, the meeting was adjourned till August 7. On that date Mrs. Mudgett, Titus and Curtis were present. Organizer reported good progress in his work and announced the appointment of D. Burgess as organizer for Whatcom and Skagit counties. Appointment was confirmed.

The secretary reported publishing report of state convention in the New Light and paying \$5 for 500 copies of same. Report accepted. A full report of the treasurer will be given at the close of this month.

Moved and carried that the organizer be instructed to issue a circular containing platforms, ticket, biographies, etc.

Traveling expenses of the treasurer to the meeting were allowed.

Comrade Seibert sent in his resignation as member of the committee. Accepted.

Comrade David W. Phipps was elected in his place, subject to referendum by the state.

Meeting adjourned. J. D. CURTIS, Sec.

August 1. special meeting. Phipps, Titus and Curtis present.

Moved, that in view of the fact that issue No. 1 of **The Socialist** contained the same matter contemplated in the proposed circular, that the State Committee take 1,000 copies for \$7.50, being a saving to the state of at least one-half. Carried.

Moved and carried, that the secretary reply to communications in regard to endorsing the nomination of candidate for judge of another party.

The secretary reported sending out circular with instructions about paying dues.

Meeting adjourned. J. D. CURTIS, Sec.

FUSION.

Certain of our comrades have asked in regard to the endorsement of Populist nomination for judge, as they had no nomination for that office in their locality.

Section 5, article 3, of our new constitution says: "Under no circumstances shall any local or state organization co-operate with a capitalist political party, and with no other political party without the consent of the National Executive Committee."

Put up one of your own number, comrades. You might not get as much law, but you would get more justice.

J. D. CURTIS, State Sec. S. D. P.

A meeting of members of The Socialist Publishing Association will be held August 19 at 11:30 a. m. at Socialist headquarters, 220 Union street, Seattle, Wash. It is very important that all should attend.

Seattle Local has very kindly given **The Socialist** permission to use Socialist Headquarters for business purposes.

Hereafter locals will be known by name and not by number.

The Socialist may be small, but it is like an egg—full of meat. Watch us hatch out.

Some of our comrades are literally working night and day to make this paper a success, besides giving from two to eight dollars a month. A few minutes of your spare time daily in getting subscriptions will accomplish wonders.

Take a postal card and send us the names and addresses of ten sympathizers whom you can not see personally.

RANDOLPH'S REMARKS

"What do you Socialists want, anyway, the earth?"

Why of course we do, it is ours.

The voters, in choosing between two evils, thereby vote to perpetuate those evils.

Withdraw your support from these evils and uphold a party with real principles that you don't have to class as "evil."

If the two old parties are capable of doing anything for the working class, would not they have already done it, seeing that they had thirty years' trial each?

Do you imagine that the two old parties are immortal, that they can not be superceded by a new party with new principles? They must die some time, why not now?

The British Columbian parliament is sitting now, and one would think, in reading the reports of their proceedings that they were reading our own congressional record.

The Chinese question came up a few days ago and they decided that the salmon industry could not get along without the Chinese. So, so; then the salmon hatcheries on the Fraser river are for the benefit of the Chinese and cannery owners. The white working man has nothing to do with it except to pay the taxes.

Fifteen thousand planing mill men are on a strike in California for an eight-hour day. The mill owners say they can not concede the demand on account of eastern competition. But nevertheless competition is a "good thing" for the workers. What is an eight-hour day compared to a "good thing."

When the change was made from ten hours to nine, these same mill owners said that they never, never could make a red cent in eight, that they might as well not steam up for only nine hours, but organized labor demanded a little more on their share of the wealth they produced, and the stiff-necked owners had to give in. Your honorable servant noticed that they still wore silk hats on nine hours, they built fine houses on the nine hours, they bought up all the timber land in the state on nine hours, and it is my humble opinion that they could manage to wiggle along on eight hours.

SOCIALIST SNAP SHOTS

Debs as the candidate of united, progressive Socialist party will cut a bigger swath in this campaign than the capitalist politicians are willing to admit.

Don't make a mistake—no man can serve two masters. A candidate running on a capitalistic ticket can't serve your interests and those of the trust magnates and Tammany. Debs and Harriman stand for the workers, and for no other interest whatever.

Mr. Bryan isn't agonizing so much these days about Humanity being crucified on a cross of gold. It is Labor, of course, that is crucified, always under the capitalistic system. Mr. Bryan probably thinks yet that silver should be the preferred metal for this purpose, but Socialists, clear-eyed and philosophical enough to get to the root of our economic evils, still continue to object

to the crucifixion of the workers on any sort of a cross whatever. Mr. Bryan sadly needs light as to the "reason of the cause and the wherefore of the why."

A machine has just been started in a Chicago steel plant which is capable of doing the work of 250 men, requiring only six men to run it. No doubt some of these men who are thus thrown out of employment will begin to think the Socialists were right when they have told the workers that the age of mechanism has come to stay, and that if the people do not own these machines they will own and starve the people. That's all there is about it. In the hands of private capitalists they are operated for private profit. That means markets glutted with machine-made goods, which the people, robbed of their purchasing power, have no means of obtaining. The result is, always, in due time, another period of depression—a panic. Oh, yes, a Socialist is a crank, but observe how the old capitalistic politicians fail to fool him with bald platitudes about "over-production," "protection," etc. Because his head's on straight, see, and he thinks with it.

ELEANOR SHELL.

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for the office of president of the United States.

Permit me to return my thanks to the committee and to the comrades they represent for the ratification of my nomination, which I esteem a signal honor.

Having responded to the call of my comrades in accepting the nomination their confidence and partiality bestowed upon me, I am deeply sensible of the responsibilities which rest upon me as a Socialist candidate for the office of president of the United States.

Fully imbued with the philosophy of Socialism, I seek no personal preferment, and I claim consideration only as a representative of the principles of international, class-conscious Socialism. In that capacity, and that alone, I appeal to the working class and to my countrymen at large for support.

The confidence implied by the unanimous action of my comrades moves me to regret my limitations and to wish myself a worthier representative of the principles so sacred to them because fraught with such grave import to the countless victims struggling in the grasp of economic bondage.

But all the strength and ability I have are at their service. Long since I consecrated myself to the cause, and all I have is laid with joy on the altar of Socialism.

As we look abroad we behold the steady march of transformation. Capitalism, which has written its record in the tears and blood of the human race, is staggering to its doom, while Socialism, herald of light and freedom, quickened by the spirit of the new revolution, is sweeping over the world.

Here in the United States of America we are on the eve of our first great battle. Let us gird on our armor and press forward to meet the enemies of freedom, the oppressors of the people, the exploiters of the working class and the foes of humanity.

Let us dismiss all minor considerations and unite in every state and territory, from end to end of the land in one mighty effort to hasten the end of capitalism and the inauguration of the co-operative commonwealth.

Thanking you again, and through you the members of your committee and all your comrades, for the honor conferred upon me, I remain, Yours fraternally,

EUGENE V. DEBS.

THOUGHTS BY YOUR UNCLE

"The iron and steel industry" says Bradstreet, "is more depressed than at any time for three years past." This is strange news in the midst of our glorious prosperity. When the gold standard and wars galore can not keep the capitalist system from coming to pieces the darn thing is too rotten to worry about, and should be decently but hastily interred. The Socialist vote this fall will give due notice of time and place of interment. No flowers.

The Republican candidates in this state will be seen to be mostly lawyers and corporation attorneys, a slight sprinkling of large manufacturers, and with a few farmers to take off the curse, though the latter are capitalists just the same. The leaders of the unwashed Democracy and fused-out Pops are mostly lawyers also and business men, though all of the small fry. The Socialist candidates are practically all workmen. The Republicans want to maintain present conditions, only more so; the Democrats want to do something that will postpone the crushing process sufficiently to enable the little feller to maintain his parasitic hold upon the wealth producers, and give him chance, by and by, to grow into a big fellow too. Therefore it should be plain to even a blind man that for a workingman to vote for either of the old parties is to simply make a choice as to which set of exploiters may rob him. He is bound to be forced out of all he earns anyway, and to worry over the question as to who shall have the honor to skin him is utterly ridiculous. Anyone who didn't know would naturally think that the best thing for a workingman to do would be to put in office someone who wanted the same things he did, but it appears that the idea is prevalent that the way to get what you want is to vote for what you don't want, and elect those who don't want it too. Somehow this sounds kinder odd, but a workingman friend of mine who gets a dollar and a quarter a day for dodging flying sticks from the rip saw over in the St. Paul mill, and who is hollering himself hoarse for McKinley in order to hold onto the sinecure, if possible, assures me that the statement is accurate.

A Socialist vote this fall, boys, is worth ten a few years from now. The great mass of the people are ready to make a change for Socialism. All that is needed now is a good start and they will come like a flock of sheep. Every one of us who votes the straight Socialist ticket this fall will have something to remember with pride, as being one of the pioneers that helped blaze the way to industrial freedom, justice and peace.

Every Socialist button worn this campaign will make another Socialist. Someone will curiously ask what the button means, and then, with the aid of a little literature which you always ought to have in your pocket, you've got him. Besides, the presence of a button now and then will encourage some good meaning brother who believes "Socialism is all right, but that we can never get it," to come out of the bushes and help get it.

UNCLE SAM.

We want a good live agent in each locality. No individual profit about this; all we make goes to the cause. Send in your name and we will furnish you an outfit.

Political Resolutions of Western Labor Union

Adopted at Third Annual Convention, Denver, Col., May 17, 1900

WHEREAS, The State Federation of the State of Colorado has continually tried time and again to enact laws that will be of a benefit to the class we represent; and

WHEREAS, The old political parties that have held sway in this country for the past forty years have continually thrown them down, thwarted their purposes and refused to give an ear to the warning cries of the oppressed working man; and,

WHEREAS, We realize that the only way to accomplish any good for the laboring people of the west is through the ballot, and we further know that the greater per cent. of that power is held by the laboring men and that if they make a bold front and stand together as one for the interests of all they will make and enforce laws for the benefit of all, and

WHEREAS, We realize that if the present plan of political action which the Federation has outlined is carried out it will be of a lasting benefit to all humanity; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Western Labor Union in their annual convention assembled approves and endorses the plan of political action which the State Federation of the State of Colorado has undertaken to carry out; be it further

RESOLVED, That they have the earnest support of this great organization and we wish them success in this great and noble undertaking; be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this be sent to the convention of Western Federation of Miners after we have approved it and they be asked to do likewise.

Western Federation of Miners

PRESIDENT BOYCE'S LETTER TO JOB HARRIMAN

BUTTE, MONT., July 19, 1900.

Mr. Job Harriman, 184 William Street, New York City.

Dear Friend Harriman: I have read your pamphlet on the Coeur d'Alene mining trouble with much interest, and must say that it is the only fair and logical presentation of the situation that has ever been published. It is a true history of the labor difficulties, and does not contain a single statement that can be contradicted by the mine operators.

I must say that you deserve great credit for the good work you have done in writing the true history of this great struggle

under such adverse circumstances. I wish every laboring man and woman in the United States could read this pamphlet. There would be fewer volunteers to shoot down workmen for such combines as the Standard Oil Company, and still fewer to vote for the parties that support and foster such combinations.

Let us know when you publish the second edition, and I will send you an order for ten thousand copies for distribution. Fraternal yours,

EDWARD BOYCE,
President Western Federation of Miners.

The Class-War in Idaho. Horrors of the Bull Pen.

THE CLASS WAR IN IDAHO.

This is the title of Harriman's new book on "The horrors of the Bull Pen." It is the cheapest book ever printed for five cents. It is an exhaustive treatise and would be published as a dollar book by a capitalist book house.

Every workingman should read it. The class struggle in Idaho no one can deny. It is the world-wide class struggle boiled down and easy to comprehend. Up there in the Coeur d'Alene canyons you find a miniature of the whole civilized industrial world. There are Labor, Capital, Politics. There are thousands of workingmen fighting for living wages. There are a few capitalists fighting for big dividends. And there is Politics, the police force, that each side fights to get possession of.

Study carefully this little industrial

world in the pioneer wilds of Idaho, you workingmen everywhere. Labor knew enough there to act politically as a unit. It controlled Shoshone County. Capital was defeated so long as outside force was not called in. United labor, united at the polls, was invincible until state militia and U. S. regulars were sent in by Steunenberg (Dem.) and McKinley (Rep.)

Learn, therefore, that Labor everywhere, in all these states, must vote as one man, in order to win over capital in the saddle.

The Western Labor Union has grown out of the Western Federation of Miners. They are behind this Coeur d'Alene fight. They have learned that Labor must unite at the ballot box. Gompers and his eastern Federation of Labor are too slow to grasp the awful facts. But they are coming, too. They must come—or perish.

Tacoma citizens are still waiting breathlessly for the "good and kind friend of the working people," President McKinley, to send a message of condolence because of the killing of 46 honest working people in the street car wreck there on the Fourth. None has come, however, and it is feared that the exertion of welling up a few tears

for a king over in Italy who was never known to earn a cent in his life and lived a royal pauper upon his people, has exhausted the presidential fount of sorrow.

Our next number will be The Educational Number, to answer the question, "What is Socialism?"

WORSE THAN WAR

War Has Its Rules and Regulations for Decency. Capital Has None. Read the Facts.

On the arrival of the troops, Sheriff Young and the commissioners were deposed. Dr. France was installed as sheriff and also new commissioners were appointed. Immediately thereafter eight hundred men were taken from the mines in their working clothes and driven like sheep into a few box cars and an old barn. For twenty-four hours they remained without food or drink or a change of clothing; and for three weeks they were kept in these places, where there was not a bed and not sufficient room for all of them to lie down at the same time; and during these three weeks the food was nauseating, and altogether unfit to be eaten. These outrageous conditions resulted in typhoid, pneumonia, malaria, dysentery and other diseases. There being but one outhouse and only one man being permitted out at a time, the barn loft, which was crowded with men, being laid with loose boards, was fairly dripping with human excretions upon the men below, and the whole place became a veritable cesspool, in which the men were compelled to stand, to sleep and to eat, for twenty-one days and nights, without fire when the days were chilly and the nights were cold and crisp.

From the inhuman treatment several of the men died, and many contracted diseases which still linger with them.

To satisfy the public that the men were vicious, the officers ordered the men to dig a trench. The men, knowing that they were innocent, refused to do such work. It was at once proclaimed to the world that the men were unruly. They were ordered to toe a line, and not to move, head, body or limb for seven hours each day—on penalty of death. This was continued eight days in the hot sun—for summer had come.

This awful nervous strain changed one man into a raving maniac, and many showed signs of insanity. After this man was adjudged insane by the court, Dr. France, with guards, started with him to the asylum. Not knowing what he was doing, the insane man broke the cords with which they had foolishly tied him, and ran away. He was told to halt, as though he knew enough to halt, and when he ran, the men were ordered by Dr. France to shoot. They obeyed, and this so frightened the poor fellow that he jumped into the creek and was drowned. I submit that an order to shoot at an insane man, given by a sheriff, under such circumstances, is not only cause for his removal from office, but is a crime against the state for which he should be imprisoned. Yet he is still acting as sheriff, executing other crimes at the command of his superiors in office and in crime. Not any officer was arrested for committing these crimes. Men who were guilty of absolutely no offense were thrown into the Bull Pen and kept there for months.

Read the whole of this awful story in Harriman's book. No man could believe till he reads and knows.

Three new big battleships are to be built. They are supposed to have been ordered for the protection of the peace society at its next meeting, and, incidentally, to aid the tottering steps of "Christianity" and American trade as they go wandering down the steeps of time together.