

TO ORGANIZE THE SLAVES OF CAPITAL TO VOTE THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION

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DESPATCHES FROM THE FRONT

"The Social Democratic Party, in my opinion, is the coming Party. I am sick of a lot of stuff that is called Reform ideas. There is nothing in the politician except corruption."

This comes from the editor of a well-established county paper in this State, who adds, "I expect to affiliate with your party after the campaign of 1900. Shall also make my paper Socialist. In fact, it has been an exponent of Socialism for five years."

Study Socialism, the real thing, my procrastinating brother, before you "affiliate" "after the campaign of 1900." A paper which has expounded "Socialism" for five years, and is now supporting Bryan and Rogers, ought to think twice and study thrice before affiliating with the Social Democratic Party.

Social Democracy is indeed the coming party and it welcomes all the affiliations possible but it will not welcome as Socialist exponents any who fancy, for instance, that the Cincinnati platform of Baker and Donnelly is even an approximate Socialism. Better be plain now, and avoid disappointments and complications, in the future.

From N. Vorhies, Western, Chehalis Co., A youth of 67: "Have received a sample copy of *The Socialist*. Have read and re-read its full contents. Although it is small as compared with the old party papers, yet it contains a world of thought. Will send inclosed the names and addresses of a few of my neighbors, with postal order to pay for them, for a ten weeks' subscription to *The Socialist*." "This county is now a great field for Socialist propaganda. With a good organizer in the field, with a county ticket made up of the best workers, comrades who know what Socialism means and can tell it, there would be a great surprise to the old parties." "Nearing my 67th year, I can expect to see but little of what Socialism will do for humanity. Yet it gives me much pleasure to know that my one little spark will be a part of that great blaze that will never go out or grow dim till the brotherhood of man becomes a reality."

W. M. Voils, Secretary of the new Local, at Buckley: "We have a very enthusiastic little band here. It is growing rapidly. Now is the most propitious time to work this town and vicinity I have ever seen."

For a party that the newspapers never mention, there seems to be a lot of enthusiasm lying around loose.

Joe Jones, Colby: "I see that Emperor William of Germany, sends his deep-felt sympathy, by way of McKinley, to the destitute inhabitants of Galveston, Texas.

"Wonder how he sent it, by ship or rail,—but then I don't think it makes much difference how he sent it, or how much he sent. It certainly did not reach them, for on the next page of the paper containing the notice of his Majesty's gift, there were large headlines stating that a Bread War would soon be on in Galveston.

"I rather fear that Bro. McKinley

failed to forward the King's donation. Perhaps a committee to investigate would be in order."

"Say, did the kind, good King send any of that precious soul-cheering, heart-blessing material to the sorrow-stricken family and friends of their friend, Wilhelm Liebknecht?"

Brush Prairie, Clark Co.: "I see by the 'Appeal to Reason,' that you want the addresses of Socialists in this State.

I am glad to say I believe myself to be one, and would like to know what is being attempted in this State this fall, and how the work is coming on, and what I can do to help along.

Yours &c A. M. ROBERTS.

We have done everything we know of to get this paper into the hands of every Socialist in Washington. We have sent a sample copy to every postmaster in the State, 800 in all. We have got all the lists of subscribers to

What can you do to help along? Find another likeminded with yourself, or several such, sign and send an application as directed in No. 1 or 5, or 7, send word to Jas. G. Peattie, at Orchards, where they have just organized, and then you two organizations get together, put up a county ticket and get it filed in the county auditor's office at Vancouver, before the 16th, and that's what you can do to help along right now. Then keep pounding away with good Socialist literature for the next four years, till Clark county is converted to Social Democracy and saved from Hell.

The next letter we open is business. John A. Isaacson, Clear Lake, sends 46 names, all in one list. With workers such as those at Clear Lake, Skagit county will give a good account on Nov. 7.

And here's another from one of the postmasters, with 22 names from

velop into a good-sized oak, which will settle the old parties. I may use 200 copies of *The Socialist* later."

Another from Clark Co., A. H. Axelsson, La Center: "I got Nos. 1 and 2 Enclosed find 10 cents, and would like back numbers from No. 3. (It seems he liked the taste). I would like to subscribe for a year, but fail to find whom to send the money to. Can I send P. O. order to 'The Socialist?' Do you take stamps?" Yes, to both questions, and thanks.

A. V. Angus, Mabton, Yakima Co., one of the proprietors of "Riverside Fruit Farm": "I am in receipt of sample copy and desire to take advantage of your 10 weeks for 10 cents offer. So, here's my dime."

"When one pays \$4 freight on a car of fruit to Chicago, it sets him to thinking what a good thing public ownership of railroads would be."

From one of the "Slaves of Capital," for whose emancipation we work: "Some good soul has been kind enough to send me the little sheet, printed in Seattle, called *The Socialist*. Now, to "get even," I will send it to some others. Find enclosed 30 cents and three addresses.

God speed your good work. Let us have emancipation, and that right soon—Lord.

I am glad to see there is a woman or two in these columns, for, as Kate Field says, "There is not a penny's weight of worth without a woman in it."

P. S. Don't print this, for I am a white slave, and will lose my job, but my heart is with you."

A list of 42 names from Clyde Miller, 312 S. Monroe St., Spokane, and from four or five different towns. He says: "Some of these are on the wavering list, who need a little encouragement to bring them out where they should be. They are afraid they are going to throw away their votes by voting for Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist. I hope they will do it."

From Frank Weyrich, Bay View Skagit Co.: "The Seattle Times, in capital letters quotes Chas. A. Towne as saying:

A great German poet said that no man was entitled to his freedom that was not ready and willing to earn it anew every day.

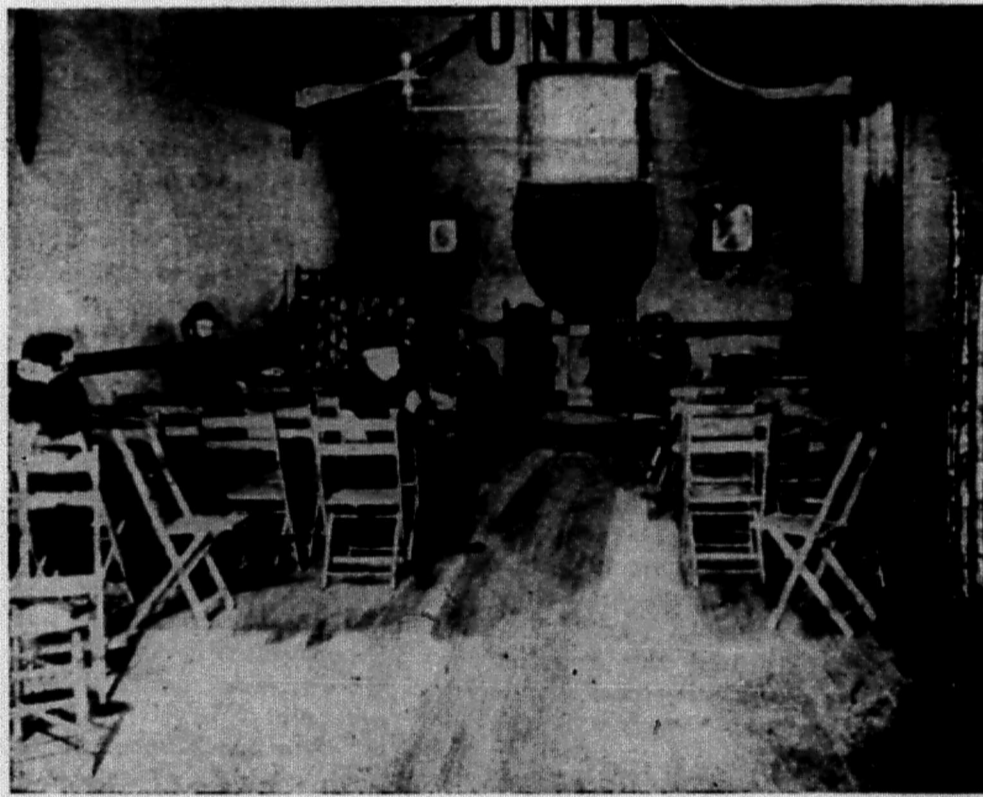
But the great Goethe said a little more on that occasion, which Mr. Towne apparently does not like to quote. I therefore will do it for him:

"Yea, to this thought I cling, with virtue rife,
Wisdom's last fruit, profoundly true,
Freedom alone he earns as well as Life.
who day by day must conquer them anew."

You see it is not liberty in the abstract, but liberty and life. The German word is "Leben," a living, the daily bread, what you must daily conquer anew to earn it, Mr. Towne. That is the foundation of Socialism. The mere liberty to choose the master

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Social Democratic Headquarters, 220 Union Street, Seattle.



The above is an interior view of what has become a Home and Business Centre for the Socialists of Seattle and the entire state. The Reading Room at the front does not show in the picture. The Mailing Room of *The Socialist* is in the basement, which is also used as a Banquet Hall.

Socialist papers that were accessible. We have begged every Socialist we could get the ear of, to send us addresses of his acquaintances. We have waded through the dreary columns of the dailies to discover Mid-landers' addresses. We sent twice in vain, to the "Appeal to Reason" for its Washington list of subscribers, only to be told at last that the most of its subscribers were not Socialists. We have spent five dollars in advertising in "The Appeal," to find the Socialists. And after all this, here is a brother Socialist down in Clark county, who would like to know what is being attempted in this State.

A great deal is being attempted, Brother Roberts, and a great deal being done.

Stevens county. This postmaster (Republican?) adds: "Some of the list I know to be Socialist. Some I know to be Republican, but it won't hurt them to read a few facts with the many lies they get hashed up to them."

Wm. T. Bumstead, New Whatcom, sends subscription for his brother, Dr. Bumstead, in California, adding, "Comrade Lux gave us most excellent address last evening, and the interest in our meetings is growing under the stimulus of events and individual work."

Palmer, Mass.: "The movement is gradually swelling, though we have to depend on the far-away West for our lively support. Great oaks from little acorns grow. Your paper is a little acorn just now, but I hope it will de-

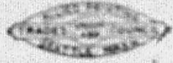
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We have received numerous complaints that subscribers have failed to get their papers. Certainly we regret any errors made in this office. We aim to be prompt and business-like. But you will recollect, comrades, that every man who does the work on this paper is a busy workingman, at hard labor to get his bread and butter. We have to do this work on **The Socialist** nights and Sundays. We are all paying money for the privilege, too. So don't be too hard on us, if we are slow sometimes. You can't be harder on us than than we are on ourselves. We have no ambition but the highest, that is, to make **The Socialist** as perfect an exponent of Social Democracy as we are capable of doing. Help us, all of you, and we shall succeed.

Applications for charters have to go first to the State Committee, which only meets once in two weeks, and then to the National Committee at Springfield, Mass. So that at least three weeks must pass before the charter can be had by the Local. But go right on as if you had your charters and do your work for Socialism.

And if your application for a charter is not promptly acknowledged by the State Committee, lay that to the overworked condition of the members of the committee. They have no clerk and letters have to be written at the oddest minutes. You see, boys, not a salary is paid to a single individual working for Social Democracy in the state of Washington—not a cent of wages—and we are proud and glad of that fact.

King County has put up a full ticket from wreckmaster to Superior judge, and a good ticket, too. The nominees are having cards printed with the full ticket printed on one side and the name of the one candidate on the other, with some Socialist mottoes along the edges. Each candidate will then distribute these far and wide among his friends and acquaintances. This is much better than a personal card alone, which seems to push one man at the neglect of the rest.

We see the National Committee requests H. Gaylord Wilshire, S. D. P. Congressional candidate from Los Angeles, to visit this state to make speeches in this campaign. Wilshire is one of the few rich Socialists and can afford to respond. He is an able man, too, and we hope he will come. We will give him, and Job Harriman later, a regal welcome.

We have some things to say about the Labor Misleader, who must never be allowed to play the same role in the growing Social Democracy that he has in the Labor Unions. But there's lots of time in the future and no space in this issue.

New County Central Committee for Pierce County, Geo. E. Boomer, chairman, 1109 C St.; Thaddeus Hill, sec'y, 834 N. Anderson St.; J. R. Brecken, treasurer, 915 1/2 Tacoma Ave., all of Tacoma; and E. C. Johnson, Puyallup, F. E. McDougall, Buckley.

DEBS ON JONES.

The following letter written to a friend, Mr. L. A. Russell of Cleveland, by Eugene V. Debs has been published. It gives the Socialist candidate's views on the democracy and his estimate of Mayor Jones' "Socialism."

"My Dear Mr. Russell: The action of Mayor Jones in voting for capitalism, while avowing himself a Socialist, will, in my judgment, end his political career. I have not time to discuss the matter further than to say that Mr. Jones has made a mistake, and, unless I am wholly in error about its consequences, he will never again be elected to public office. This may be in accordance with his desire, and, if so, his action in supporting a capitalist party will serve the purpose intended.

"As for the Democratic party as such I have no faith in it, nor have I any use for it. It professes to oppose private monopoly, but does it suggest public monopoly? It declares that it will break up the trusts, but it knows such a proposition is idiotic, to put it mildly.

"All the old bloated leaders that were supposed to have been kicked out in 1896, are coming back, one by one. Cleveland will probably be the next to declare for the Democratic party to preserve the republic (?), as against the empire. Perhaps the kind of a republic Cleveland, Croker, Olney, Whitney, Gorman, Steunenberg, Van Wyck, Belmont, et al, believe in may suit you, but it will not suit me. We have an industrial empire here and whether McKinley or Bryan is elected will not alter the situation, for the means of production will still be private property, and the miners of Pennsylvania and the workers generally will still be slaves.

"I am a Socialist and my face is set uncompromisingly against capitalism. You say that, I should be practical. I am intensely so, and that is the trouble.

"Let me remind you that four years ago, just after election, and just after I had made almost 100 speeches for Bryan and the Democratic party, the leaders of the party met at Chicago and solemnly declared through the press, that such Socialists and anarchists as Debs (and others that were named), were responsible for the defeat of the party, and must be gotten rid of, as they had driven out the reputable elements.

"Please bear this in mind, Mr. Russell: The Democratic party has chloroformed the greenback party, the Union labor party and the Populist party, but I will guarantee that it will not deceive and destroy the Social Democratic party.

"I have not the least fear of an empire, for Socialism is coming. I have not one moment to waste on miserable makeshifts under which the millions are groaning. The total abolition of the capitalistic system is our uncompromising demand, and with that as our controlling purpose, we are marching direct as a rifle ball to the goal of emancipation. That march may be slow, but it is sure and free from pitfalls.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

The Bryan candidate for Congress who is bidding high for the Labor vote because he defended the Coeur d'Alene strikers, has been interviewed and he tells the tyrant's tale anew of Permit System in Idaho under McKinley martial law, but quite forgets to mention that the Democratic Governor, Steunenberg, could dismiss those troops with a word.

The horrors of Idaho are both Republican and Democratic horrors, because they are capitalist horrors. No man like Robertson can be a friend to Labor on an Anti-Socialist ticket.

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whom you must serve, the mere liberty to choose the place where you will starve, was not the ideal of the poet, but liberty and a living and every one must earn it daily, Mr. Towne. But our Democratic friends have dropped the latter as insignificant, I suppose. If Goethe lived today, he would be called a rank Socialist."

A. P. Wood, Hastings, Mich.: "I am going to vote for Debs and Harriman, and have got done with either the Republican or Democratic Plutocracy."

Will some reader of **The Socialist** answer Comrade Wood's question which follows.

"Please tell me where in your State I can get good agricultural government land, that I can homestead. My means are limited. Would like to get something to do. Am a big able-bodied man, of fair intelligence, and willing to work."

Have you never heard anything about a "Full Dinner Pail," Brother Wood? You seem to be behind these times of Prosperity.

From O. P. Darr, Puyallup, Pierce Co.: "Comrade D. Burgess was with us Sept. 27th. He and Comrade Johnson billed the town and went through the hop fields, handing out bills to the pickers. Our audience was small but made up for size in earnest attention. Comrades Barton and House have sold considerable Socialist literature the last few days, and I find that two-thirds of the men in the hop fields are Socialists or inclined that way."

J. D. McMillin, Willapa, Pacific Co.: "There is very little enthusiasm in the old parties here."

So everywhere. Ring out the old, ring in the new!

John Graybill, 2820 Pine St., Everett: "Yours of recent date received. In reply would say we organized an S. D. Local here last night, Oct 2nd, with Comrade Burgess, of Whatcom, present. Expect to have a good Local here in short time."

And Burgess writes of same: "Got together seven in Everett, nearly all strangers to one another. Am sure there are many Socialists there, but unacquainted with one another. Everett people will soon be in good shape."

You must not wait, Comrades, for an organizer to come to you, as they did at Everett. We are dead poor, we Social Democrats. Every organizer we have travelling, like Burgess and Hogan and May, gets nothing but traveling expenses and sometimes not that. So go ahead and find one another your own selves.

Do as Comrade Nuhse, of Granite Falls, Snohomish Co. He did not wait to get an application Blank even, but just wrote out. "We apply for a charter in the Social Democratic Party," and then followed his own and several other names, making the first S. D. Local in Snohomish Co. You waiting Socialists, wherever you are, go and do likewise.

From F. M. Martin, Palouse: "Comrade Wm. Hogan has been here. His stay here, like most good things, was of too short duration. His visit here has been of great good to the cause. It has shown us that Socialism still lives, has able advocates, who are self-sacrificing enough to devote their best efforts to the cause without expectation of remuneration. It has given us courage and strengthened our convictions."

From one precinct on Vashon Island: "We have no organization here but there are a number of Socialists, and I expect we will poll about 12 votes straight Socialist votes. The balance of the precinct divided between Bryan and McKinley. In all

probably 25 or 30 votes will be cast in our precinct." And this modest correspondent encloses ten subscriptions.

C. B. Kegley, Pullman: Have received two copies of **The Socialist**. Keep it coming. Enclosed find some of Mark Hanna's "Campaign Arguments."

Count on Whitman county for a good Debs vote. Send sample copies to enclosed list. Yours for the fight to win in 1904."

Dr. Angus, nominee for Supreme Judge, writes: "Hope my name will help ticket. It will prevent some Socialists from making mistake of "making a covenant with hell" by voting for one of old parties."

D. O'Brien, Port Angeles, Clallam Co., formerly Secy. W. C. L. U. in Seattle: "Our little town was aroused from its lethargy by arrival of Comrade D. Burgess, of Whatcom, who made us a good talk on Socialism. He gave us a great many undeniable facts which none tried to refute, though asked to do so. He had a good audience composed mostly of Republicans and Democrats. Some of them spoke next day quite favorably of the speaking.

We filed our ticket with the county auditor last Monday and are now asking the county commissioners to give us a clerk or judge at each voting place in the city and county.

There is no man, I care not what his politics, but knows, if he will tell the downright truth, that the present system is wrong and should be entirely abolished.

Yours for the cause of Socialism.

"ONE OF THE BOYS."

Mrs. Lydia Sackett Albert, Cathlamet, Wahkiakum Co. "Mr. A. cast the only Socialist vote two years ago in this precinct, but more will follow this year. I hope the Executive Committee will forbid any joining with either of the old parties, for the 'fuse' takes all the force from the new party and gives life to the old. A new party can't live that way."

SOCIALIST SNAP SHOTS.

Through all warring seas of life
One vast current sunward rolls,
And within all outward strife
One eternal right controls;
Right at whose divine command
Slaves go free and tyrants fall,
In the might of those who stand,
All for one and one for all.
—Clark.

A correspondent favors me with some criticism on the attitude of Socialism toward religion. "It is certainly a critical and interrogative "attitude" and with good reason. The question of how organized religion can ever hope to "save" the souls of men while lending all its power to uphold a system which forbids the following of high ideals, a system which in fact denies man "the right to do right" is a question absolutely logical and legitimate, a question which will not down, cannot be evaded nor answered by abuse. This is not a religious fight and under Socialism all men will be guaranteed religious as well as every other kind of liberty. Meanwhile, under the present status of things, the Socialist is perfectly in order when he rises to inquire of the church, as a professedly world-saving institution, "why, then, don't you do it—the battle waxes hotter, the people are sorely oppressed; do you then really stand for Caesar and not for Christ?"

ELEANOR SHELL.

SOCIALISM AND THE SCHOOLS.

Under the present competitive system all have theoretically the right to be educated at the expense of the State. But before boasting of free schools, it would be well to inquire whether all children are free to attend them.

To attend even a free school, implies that the parents are able to provide by their own efforts, food, shelter and clothing for the family. In many cases it now takes the assistance of the wife and children to earn as much as the man alone formerly received. Exceptional parents may, by intense economy and self-denial, afford a liberal education to their children, but in the great majority of cases the child is taken from school and put at work as soon as he has gained only a few of its elements. The truth of this statement can be demonstrated right in our own locality.

In Seattle less than five per cent. of our school population ever reach the high school and less than one per cent. graduate therefrom. But even these figures, small as they are, do



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not reveal the true state of affairs. When we remember that the above mentioned five per cent. and one per cent. are largely composed of children of wealthy or well-to-do parents, we are forced to the conclusion that the part or lot of the laboring class in what is called secondary education is practically nothing.

No thoughtful mind can fail to be touched by the number of children in our stores and on our streets, bearing the burdens that belong to their elders; young men and women stunted by the spirit of commercialism when they should be developing their latent powers in the high school, college or university; and sadder still the hoodlum, rotten before he is ripe, fit product of an industrial system whose foundation is injustice.

For mark this—under co-operative system, where each receives the full product of his labor, no individual unless he were a complete wreck, would be incapable of producing a competence.

Socialism, then, would make the school free by making the children free. By guaranteeing each man remunerative employment, sufficient for the proper support of his family, there would be some sense then in passing a law that all children should attend school. Lunches would be furnished at noon, and when necessary, even clothing and food at home would no more be considered charity than text books and teachers are now.

The interests of teachers, although

all of them are not aware of the fact, are exactly identical with the rest of the working class. They are subject to the same iron law of wages which keeps their wages down to the point at which they can barely maintain the station required of them. Merely sojourners, afraid to express a positive opinion on any subject where it would be likely to jeopardize their position, their bondage is indeed pitiful, considering the fact that they are supposed to be teachers whose mission it is to point the way to intellectual freedom.

Socialism would first give them an opportunity to get a proper education; it would dignify their profession by replacing competition with emulation; it would stimulate their professional spirit by giving them a greater control over our educational system and last but not least, it would, through proper civil service regulation, ensure the permanence of their positions to such a degree that the consequent freedom of thought would make them real intellectual leaders instead of mere repositories of book knowledge.

But lack of space forbids pursuing this line of thought any further. As the discovery that the sun was the center of the solar system revolutionized astronomy, so the discovery that humanity and not the individual is the center will revolutionize society.

Let it not be thought, however, that Socialism is based wholly upon altruism. The scientific Socialism of today appeals directly to the material interests of mankind. If identity of interests could make warring capitalists unite for profit, shall it not make workmen unite when self preservation is the object? J. D. CURTIS.

ELECTION NUMBER

No. 12, Oct. 28, will be Election Number, to contain pictures and biographies of all our candidates, the platforms, directions for voting, a sample ticket, reasons for voting the S. D. P. ticket, etc., etc.

We ought to issue at least 10,000 copies to distribute among the voters everywhere. Send in orders at once. Remember, 20 or more copies are only 1/2 cent a copy.

Many people don't know even yet that we have a ticket. The capitalist papers never mention us or our ticket, if they can help it.

SOBER SECOND THOUGHTS

By a Delegate to the Western Central Labor Union Who Voted for Middleton's "Resolution of Confidence" in Middleton.

I wonder, thought the Delegate, if those things *The Socialist* said about Billy Middleton are really true. Why didn't he demand an investigation, anyhow? If I'd been in his place, I'd show every receipt for every cent and make my accusers swallow their damned lies.

But it seems he did get a big haul. Ten dollars an inch for advertising! Who ever heard of such a price! \$2,000 collected for that little program! What a sum for the Union Treasury! There's the pinch. What became of all that money? The Union only gets \$100. I wish I'd voted to wait for an investigation. Why didn't he ask for an investigation. That beats me.

If it's true, continued the Delegate to himself, if it's true that those advertisers paid their money to help the Unions as *The Socialist* said, why, then, they have been cheated and the Unions are responsible for it. We must pay them back their money or be dishonest ourselves. If I was in Middleton's place, I couldn't keep a cent of that money if the advertisers didn't intend I should have it. If they paid for the Unions, then I'd pay it to the Unions or pay it back to the advertisers, one or the other.

Why was Middleton's name on that contract, that's another thing I'd like to know. The Western Central voted the Program job to the Union Printing Co. Why didn't the Union Printing Co. appear on the contract instead of W. H. Middleton, Chairman Labor Day Committee? That looks bad, very bad.

Middleton said in his speech this attack of *The Socialist* was a political dodge. I don't see how the Socialists are going to make anything out of it. It seems to me they'll lose votes by stirring up things this way just before election.

Let me see, how much has Billy made out of this deal? He says his arrangement with us was to give us 10 per cent. of the profits. He pays us \$100. So he must have made the other \$900 himself. Then they voted him \$100 the other night for his services that month. That makes \$1000 for Billy out of the Labor Day.

And the Western Central is \$450 in the hole for Labor Day. I am not surprised that the Carpenter's Union and the Painters' Union are kicking about paying that per capita tax to make up that deficit. What a fool I was to vote for that Resolution without first finding out for myself. But those fellows, Armstrong and Middleton and the rest, made such a roar that I just was carried off my feet.

If that paper, *The Socialist*, shall prove to be right and is just doing this thing for the good of the Unions, and no axe to grind at all, why, then, I'll say, *The Socialist* was our true friend.

Those Socialist boys are a pretty square lot of fellows, too. Even the S. L. P.'s, you know where they stand, if they do fight the Unions. And the Social Democrats are among the best Union men we have. They fight for the Unions every time. There was Geo. Vonderheid, no better union man ever walked. And there's Randolph, and Holtkamp and Seibert and Lindwall and Thorup and Geo. Ficks and Oldham and Charles Eulitz and Kidd

and a lot of others like them. They're all right. And 'Gene Debs carries a Union card. They are all a square-toed crowd and if that paper of theirs should be right, after all! It's ten to one it is right, hang it.

And to think I voted for this ridiculous resolution:

Whereas, Mr. Middleton has been proved guilty of obtaining from the merchants of Seattle some \$2,000 under pretense that it was for the Labor Unions, and

Whereas, Mr. Middleton has got \$1,000 of the same and the Labor Unions have only \$100, and

Whereas, Mr. Middleton does not deny the facts,

Therefore, be it Resolved, First, that we have full and unlimited confidence in Mr. Middleton.

Second, That we condemn and denounce *The Socialist* for telling the truth.

 No. 11 of *The Socialist*, Oct. 21, will be a FARMERS' NUMBER. We invite our subscribers and others to answer briefly the two questions: (1) "Why should farmers become Socialists?" (2) "Why are Washington farmers becoming Socialists?"
 You farmers yourselves please give your own answers. We want facts from the field.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE SOCIALIST.

Receipts.

1900.	
Amount reported last week, ..	\$209.58
October 3rd:	
Subscriptions	8.00
J. V. Mudgett 7-8 (10 subs)....	1.00
Ida W. Mudgett 7-8 (10 subs)..	1.00
H. H. House 6- (10 subs).....	1.00
E. F. Rotscheck 5- (5 subs)....	50
October 7th.	
N. W. Thorup 7-8-9-10 (20 subs)	2.00
A. F. Lindwall 8-9 (10 subs)..	1.00
October 8th.	
D. M. Angus 10-14 (50 subs)..	5.00
Total	\$229.08

Expenditures.

Amt. reported last week.....	\$189.32
Oct. 4—Pigott & French Co.,	
2,000 copies No. 8	20.25
Balance on Hand	19.51
Total	\$229.08

The Socialistic commonwealth is an assured fact—it is coming, and whether in our time or not depends largely upon us. The outlook is encouraging. Since '96 our cause has advanced incalculably. Of the work that you are doing, comrades, history will tell. High on the roll of undying fame she will write her tribute to the pioneer heroes of the class struggle, the friends of Humanity, the Apostles of Freedom!

Friend, fall into the line. Leave to your children as a glorious heritage, the fact that you, also, in the time of need faced the crisis, was on the right side and fought like a man! Take up the better burden! "Men of thought and men of action, clear the way!"

This issue of *The Socialist* is devoted to notes from the field as a special feature. Such a study of facts is most valuable as well as interesting, like a prospector's specimens. We will not publish names if so requested, but prefer the names every time. Write out of your hearts, comrades, and give us news every time.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic Party of the United States, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of International Socialism and declares the supreme political issue in America today to be the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the powers of government. The party affirms steadfast purpose to use those powers, once achieved, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of private property in the means of production, and establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

In the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation and communication), and the large and ever increasing class of wage-workers possessing no means of production. This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class the full control of the government, the pulpit, the schools and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is reducing it to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and suppressed, intellectually and physically crippled and degraded and its political equality rendered a bitter mockery; and the contest between these two classes grows ever sharper. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies goes the annihilation of small industries, and the middle class depending upon them; ever larger grows the multitude of destitute wage workers and of the unemployed, and ever fiercer the struggle between the class of the exploiter and the exploited, the capitalists and the wage workers.

The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises continually rendering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of production have outgrown the existing social order based on production for profit.

Human energy and natural resources are wasted for individual gain.

Ignorance is fostered that wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women and children.

The lives and liberty of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are fomented between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes despite their apparent or actual conflicts are interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the means of production. We therefore charge that in this country the Democratic, Republican and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike the tools of the capitalist class.

The working class, cannot, however, act as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied class.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, without distinction of race, color or sex, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class to organize under the banner of the Social Democratic party, as a party truly representing the interests of the toiling masses and uncompromisingly waging war upon the exploiting class, until the system of wage slavery shall be abol-

ished and the Co-operative Commonwealth shall be established.

Pending the accomplishment of this our ultimate purpose, we pledge the effort of the Social Democratic party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor, and also for the securing of its progressive demands.

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

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:

First—Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to complete control of government by the people irrespective of sex.

Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

Social Democratic Ticket.

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Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation, and communication; all water works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

Fourth—The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, coal and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

Fifth—The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities for production.

Sixth—The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose.

Seventh—Useful inventions to be free, the inventor to be remunerated by the public.

Eighth—Labor legislation to be national, instead of local, and international when possible.

Ninth—National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

Tenth—Equal civic and political rights for men and women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women.

Eleventh—The adoption of the initiative

and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall of representatives by the voters.

Twelfth—Abolition of war and the introduction of international arbitration.

THE STATE PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic party of the state of Washington in convention assembled, lays down the following platform:

First—We reaffirm our belief in the principles of International Socialism, endorse the nomination of Debs and Harriman, and the platform as adopted by the Unity Committee of the S. D. P. and S. L. P.

Second—The principles of International Socialism, based on the irrepressible struggle of wage-labor against modern capitalism, are fundamental to our existence as a party. We arraign capitalism as a system incompatible with freedom and justice. We assert that capitalism and wage-slavery are inseparable twins. We demand the abolition of human slavery, the emancipation of the wage-working class, the destruction of capitalism.

Third—We affirm this irrepressible class-struggle to be a historic fact, a process of social evolution. Our demands are therefore in the line of progress. We are as sure to succeed as the laws of nature are inevitable.

Private property based on personal labor is honorable and just. But that has been superseded by private capitalistic property, based on the exploitation of labor by others—which is robbery.

The Social Democratic party aims to unite the exploited and robbed laborers into a political unit, fully instructed and conscious of its historic mission and power.

We, therefore, call upon all wage workers to vote for their own class interests, to forsake all parties and measures that do not recognize and advocate the supreme issue of modern times, namely, wage-slaves against capitalist tyrants.

We are fighting for no half-way measures. We will not be content till every workingman understands how he is exploited and robbed by the capitalist and understands also that he has an immediate weapon in the ballot whereby to achieve his own emancipation.

We propose to show every worker with hand or head that he is being expropriated by his capitalist masters, and that the time has come when the expropriators must be expropriated.

Ours is no sentimental fight for human brotherhood though we believe that also will ensue upon our victory. We demand justice. We fight for justice. We will obtain justice.

Fourth—While aiming at the ultimate collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution, we demand as intermediate steps direct legislation, public ownership of public utilities, abolition of the contract system in all public improvements, use of the taxing power to establish a system of public improvements, upon which the unemployed shall be employed.

Fifth—While we recognize the Labor Union movement is a necessity under the capitalist system, we wish to point out the fact that it is impotent to bring any permanent relief to the working class. We feel it our duty to stand by the unions in all their struggles and in turn call upon them to complete their emancipation by united political action.

Sixth—We denounce all wars of aggression and we call upon all workers everywhere to cease to bear arms in the interest of capitalists who seek to make cannon-food out of those who create all wealth in order to perpetuate their mastery over the workers.

Resolved, That we chose a State Executive Committee of five members who shall also act as a State Campaign Committee and instruct it to abide by the result of the referendum now being taken by the Unity Committee.

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The above is an interior view of what has become a Home and Business Centre for the Socialists of Seattle and the entire state. The Reading Room at the front does not show in the picture. The Mailing Room of *The Socialist* is in the basement, which is also used as a Banquet Hall.