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THE MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION

BY JOHN C. CHASE
 A Review of the Situation by the Candidate for Governor, Ex-Mayor Chase, of Haverhill. A New Force Apparent in American Politics. Boston Daily says: "Most Pertinent in History of American Politics." But They Should Study the Laws of Evolution. Capitalism Inconsistent with Freedom. Master Class Loses Nothing by Death of Workers. Socialist Vote Means Capitalism Must Be Abolished. Not a Revolt Against Any One Political Party. Room Now for Only Two Political Movements. This Election Marks the Beginning.

This System a Product of Ages.

The present system under which we live and have our being, is a product of ages. It has been necessary, as a rock in the middle of a brook is necessary to enable one to cross safely over to the opposite side. We are in the process of evolution still, and we have to very soon take the step which shall take us out of the present condition into one which will be entirely different.

Chattel slavery of centuries ago gave way to feudalism.

Feudalism later gave way to the present system which at this stage in its existence, has come to be known as capitalism.

Capitalism, while having been necessary and inevitable as one phase of the industrial development and progress of the race toward absolute freedom, industrially and politically, falls far short of giving or allowing freedom to the many!

More Pernicious Than Slavery.

Capitalism is more pernicious in its oppression than any form of slavery the world has ever known.

Under all forms of slavery in the past the bondsman was entitled to and by the very nature of things received, a living from his master. Under capitalism the toiler, nominally free, is practically a slave, and fortunate indeed if he has a master. He cannot have a master, no matter how much he may desire to sell himself, unless the products of his toil, to which he sells to the class owning the implements which he must use, can be disposed of at a profit. When there is no opportunity for the disposal of his products at a profit, by the class who controls his right and privilege to labor, he must starve, and the master class care nothing about it, for the reason that they lose nothing by his death.

Notwithstanding all the horror of the present system, it has served a useful purpose in showing the way for the attainment of a better system of producing and distributing wealth justly and equitably among men.

Trusts Logical and Natural.

Gigantic organizations which control the means of life, upon which millions depend, for existence, have logically and naturally come into being. The owners of these combinations exercise a power over the people greater, by far, than any like number ever dreamed of exercising at any time in the history of the past.

Again, we can see that this has been natural, and necessary as well.

Necessary in order to show the people the possibility of a greater and more scientific organization of industry and to teach them that, if all would be free all must own collectively the means of life.

Abolition of Capitalism Demanded.

The vote for Socialism in Massachusetts and all over the nation was a demand for the abolition of capitalism and the inauguration of Socialism; the ownership and operation of industry for the good of all.

It was not a revolt against any one political party, but a revolt against the system which is championed and fostered by both parties—Democratic and Republican.

This vote came, not from one of these parties, but from both, and it is doubtful if from one any more than the other.

Collectivism or Individualism—Which?

There is room for but two political movements of strength in American politics. One which makes for collectivism or Socialism, and one which seeks to retain individualism or capitalism. This election marked the real beginning of the alignment of forces.

The Socialist party is now established throughout the nation, as the party of Socialism and of the working class. One or the other of the Republican or Democratic parties must get out of commission as a factor in politics.

Extinction of Democratic Party.

All signs point to the extinction of the Democratic party, as that party has no

longer a definite class interest to conserve.

The capitalist element in the Democratic party will find its proper place with the Republican party. The rank and file of both will take their place in the Socialist party and the battle will be between these two forces, one seeking to control government and perpetuate industrial slavery, the other seeking the emancipation of the race from this last system of industrial servitude. That this will be the result will not be believed by the philosophers (?) mentioned earlier in this article. But that does not alter the case at all.

Emancipation Needs New Party.

History fails to record a single instance where a new political party was not necessary to accomplish any great emancipation movement.

The party or parties in control of government under and during the system which was to be abolished, were always owned by the power which was finally overthrown. Socialism is coming, and the Socialist party which gives expression to Socialism is here and established as a power. It has reached the point where it must be reckoned with, and that very fact in itself insures a more rapid and substantial gain in strength in the future than it has attained in the past. While there were 33,000 votes in Massachusetts and 300,000 in the nation, we may reasonably expect that the gain next year will give close to a million votes to the Socialist party, enabling us to enter the presidential contest in 1904 well prepared to do battle for labor's emancipation.

That Party is Here.

The Socialist party has nothing in common with any other political movement. It has nothing to do with Populism, Free Silver, Independent Labor or anything of the kind. It is the organization which stands unequivocally for the emancipation of the working class, and the working class is rallying to its support.

The greater part of the gain in the Socialist party vote in Massachusetts came from the ranks of labor, organized and unorganized, but especially for the organized forces of labor, who have been made to realize that this is their movement and that the Socialist party is their party. With the object lesson afforded them, by the attitude of the two Socialist members of the Massachusetts Legislature, James F. Carey and Frederick O. MacCartney, organized labor is rapidly coming to understand that they must contest for industrial freedom in the political as well as industrial field, and that Socialism is their hope.

Organized Labor Turning to the Socialist Party.

That the working class are to enter the political field as a class, is not for a moment to be doubted, and when they take this step, there is but one consistent course for them to follow and that is to support that political organization which is already established as a factor and as a party of stability and strength. Any other course than this will prove disastrous to those who undertake it.

Socialism Bound to Come.

The battle is now on, and on in earnest, between the forces of freedom and the forces of slavery.

Socialism is bound by all the history of the past to come, and Massachusetts has shown in the recent election that she is destined to lead in this, the greatest movement in the history of the world, as she has led in the past in every revolutionary movement in the life of our nation. The spirit of liberty still lives in Massachusetts, and the future elections will show a still more wonderful step forward to a better civilization, possible only by the attainment of industrial freedom for the humblest citizen of every nation of the world.

JOHN C. CHASE
 Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 24, 1902.

Capitalism: "What are your terms?"
 Socialism: "No terms. Unconditional surrender."

Prof. Howarth, of Chicago University, speaking at Cleveland on "The Labor Question" shows some sense in occasional sentences. He is on the fence, of course, and advocates arbitration, but recent events are compelling men of brains to admit some things instead of ignoring them.

Here are two or three of his admissions:

"Whenever anybody gets money without earning it, somebody earns money without getting it."

"The fact is that labor has just cause of complaint, and the sooner this is generally recognized the more rapidly shall we approach a solution of the labor question."

"Those who seek to reconcile Labor and Capital by preaching a community of interests are engaged in a vain under-taking."

We have two articles for publication next week which will be of great interest to all Socialists, both on live topics, by live Socialists, like those last week by Comrades Simons, Putnam and Curtis, and this week by Comrades Chase, Oneal, von Braun and York. We refer to one on "State Autonomy" by State Secretary Critchlow, of Ohio, and one on "How Socialism May Be Achieved" by National Committeeman Ufert, of New Jersey. This is in pursuance of our policy to make "The Socialist" indispensable to every Socialist.

We have on hand a strong article by "Forward March" completing his discussion of typical Socialist Municipal platforms. It discusses the Washington (or Seattle) type. No Socialist in the United States should fail to read it.

If you want to eat, drink, sleep, find out where in the advertising columns of **The Socialist**.

The Socialist Vote

THE OFFICIAL SOCIALIST VOTE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR 1902.

(Obtained by "The Socialist" from the State Officials.)

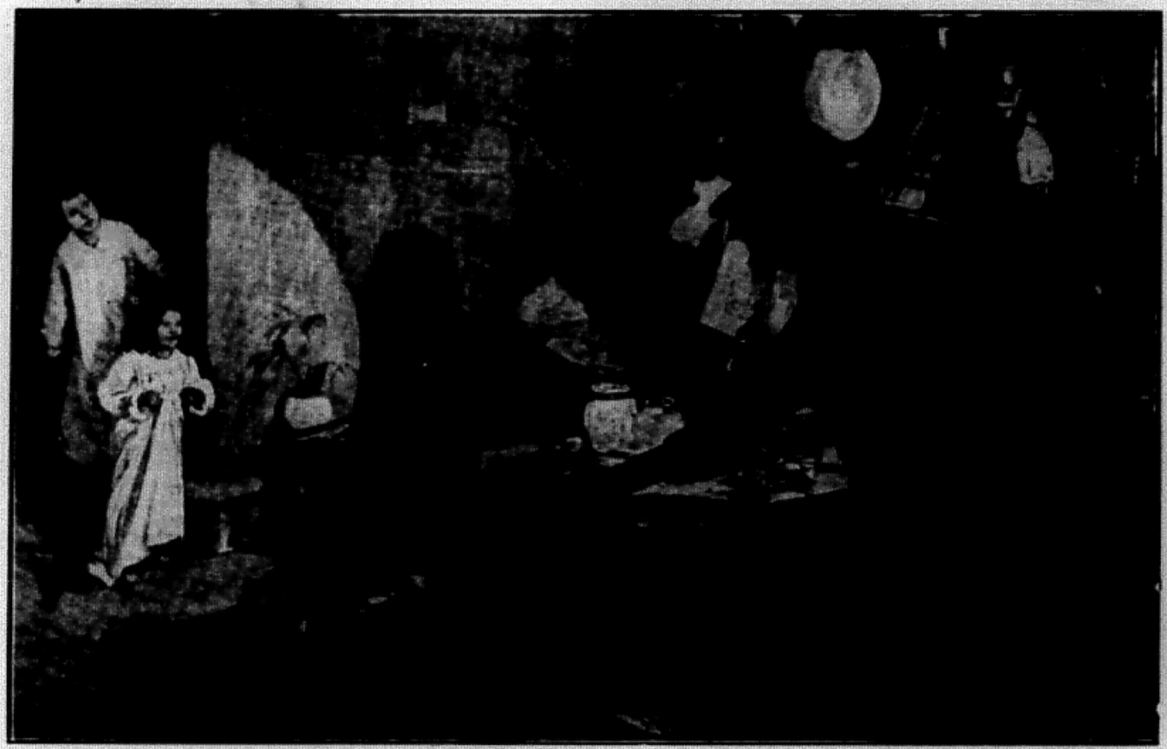
We append a table which has cost "The Socialist" considerable trouble to get. We have communicated with the Secretary of State of every State and Territory in the Union and have received replies from all except Florida, Delaware, Tennessee, Georgia, and Mississippi. Six report no Socialist vote—West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, New Mexico and Vermont. Three report no state vote and omit to say whether the congressional vote contained any Socialist returns; these were Maryland, Virginia and Louisiana. Texas reports vote unknown till after Jan. 13, when the Legislature will canvass it. Of all these states not reported to us, it is not likely that any appreciable Socialist vote was cast except in Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas and Texas. Tennessee cast 410 votes for Debs and may be estimated this year at 1,000. Texas gave Debs 1,841 and must have doubled this year, say, 3,500. West Virginia voted 286 in 1900 and must have this year near 1,000, even though none is reported. In North Carolina "The Socialist" alone has a hundred subscribers and we will vouch for that hundred votes, though here again the Secretary of State reports the Socialist vote for the head of the ticket as a blank. Maryland and Virginia must also have a considerable vote for Congressional candidates. We shall venture to add to the total reported in our table an estimate of 10,000 for the unreported states. In Minnesota the vote for Governor was far below that of the other candidates, for the reason that the S. L. P. succeeded in preventing the party name from appearing on the ticket opposite Comrade Nash's name, consequently voters were confused and some 2,000 probably voted for the S. L. P. by mistake.

This will give a total vote for the Socialist Party of 230,000 in an off year, as against 33,000 two years ago. The total Socialist vote of both parties will then foot up, as counted and reported, about 280,000. This is not 400,000, as some of our sanguine contemporaries announced too soon, but it is a great gain, sufficient to justify all inter-pretations put upon it by friend and foe alike, and all the fears entertained by our capitalist adversaries.

	Total	Soc. Party	S. L. P.	S. P.	S. L. P.	Total	Debs	Per Ct.
	Vote.	Vote.	P. Ct.	P. Ct.	Soc. p. c.	Vt. 1900	Inc.	
Massachusetts	398,889	33,629	8.4	1.5	9.9	9,607	250	
Montana	53,322	3,131	5.9	5.9	708	342		
Washington	101,037	4,751	4.7	8.8	5.5	2,096	131	
Wisconsin	365,676	15,970	7.91	4.3	2.45	7,095	125	
Colorado	181,577	7,295	1,013	4.0	5.45	654	1030	
Oregon	90,692	3,771	4.1	4.1	4.1	1,466	159	
South Dakota	74,457	2,620	3.5	3.5	3.5	176	1321	
Utah	84,844	2,936	3.4	3.4	3.4	720	307	
Illinois	859,974	20,967	8,235	2.3	9.32	9,687	106	
California	304,473	9,592	3.1	3.1	3.1	7,554	27	
New York	1,389,799	23,400	15,886	1.7	1.1	2.8	12,869	82
Arizona	19,688	510	2.6	2.6	2.6	...	?	
Idaho	60,069	1,704	2.8	2.8	2.8	...	?	
Pennsylvania	1,094,688	21,910	5,157	2.0	5.25	4,821	353	
North Dakota	50,434	1,245	2.4	2.4	2.4	518	140	
Wyoming	25,052	552	2.2	2.2	2.2	...	?	
Connecticut	159,702	2,804	7.94	2.2	2.2	1,617	734	
Ohio	811,467	14,270	2,983	1.7	3.20	4,847	215	
Oklahoma	94,210	1,963	2.0	2.0	2.0	...	860	
Kentucky	316,500	6,203	1.9	1.9	1.9	878	1382	
Minnesota	270,888	2,521	2,570	9.9	1.8	3,065	...	
Maine	110,537	1,973	1.7	1.7	1.7	823	283	
New Jersey	360,682	4,551	1,848	1.2	5.17	4,609	**1.2	
Nebraska	194,141	3,157	1.6	1.6	1.6	823	283	
Iowa	395,412	6,360	1.6	3.1	1.6	1,643	287	
Michigan	402,226	4,271	1,282	1.2	3.15	2,826	51	
Indiana	590,356	7,111	1,756	1.2	3.15	2,374	195	
Missouri	517,927	5,335	961	1.2	2.14	6,128	** 13	
Kansas	287,168	4,078	1.4	1.3	1.3	1,605	154	
New Hampshire	79,162	1,057	1.3	1.3	1.3	790	31	
Alabama	95,000	195	5	5	5	
Totals	9,839,849	219,032	50,175	2.2	5.27	

*Only one Congressional district.
 **Decrease.

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD HIM"



"IS 'OO SANTY CLAUS?"

We are giving this picture from Collier's Weekly because it tells so much of modern life and capitalistic conditions.

The burglar drops his "gun" before that vision of innocence. He has a heart then. He, too, was a child once, as innocent as those who stand there in his lantern's eye. His lips part in a grim smile. He is himself captured.

But why is he here at all? What reason that any man should, with mask and gun and dark lantern, force his way into another man's home to rob him and his on Christmas Eve? Is it because this robber is a beast and hungers to destroy? No. If he were a natural animal after prey, he would not pause at sight of these babes.

If you knew his history, it would likely be that of another Jean Valjean. His name is legion. There are thousands of Tracys in this fair land. The robbers are a species of that great genus, The Unemployed. Modern industrial methods forbid his employment on any manly basis and turn him out altogether for half the time, even if he is willing to accept Masters' terms.

Robbers will not exist when all human beings have plenty. We can make wealth enough for all to have plenty. Why do we not do so? Because the men who live in such fine houses as that burglar has invaded are not willing that all should have plenty. They uphold a system which makes contrasts like that in the picture. The Capitalist system of production depends upon the Unemployed. The Unemployed are the breeding places of tramps, hobos, thieves, burglars, murderers.

What system are you upholding? If you support any political party except the Socialist you support the system of capitalism which turns honest men into criminals.

Remember this. You cannot cure criminals with prisons nor with schools, nor with churches, nor with charity, nor even with love. You might cure a criminal now and then in these ways; but never criminals. The criminal class you are creating not curing, whenever you encourage any other method than that which the Socialist Party guarantees. The adoption of the simple platform of the Socialist Party will practically abolish all crime. It alone guarantees that the same innocence that shines in those children's faces shall remain with them through life. Parents, do you want your children to become burglars? You have no warrant they will not, except by means of its general and generous diffusion of wealth which Socialism alone assures.

There is no other way and this way is sure and simple.

"I RESIGNED TO PRESERVE MY FREEDOM AND MANHOOD"

The Rev. Thos. McGrady, of Bellevue, Ky., a suburb of Newport and Cincinnati, has been very active in our cause for the past two years. He is one of those many young Americans of intellectual power who find their aspirations satisfied only in the prospects offered by Socialism.

At last he has broken definitely with his old environments and "The Socialist" telegraphed him for a statement of his position and reasons.

The following is his reply:
Special Dispatch to The Socialist:

"Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1902.—The church denounced the right of private property during the first four centuries of Christianity and the reversal of those teachings of hers involves a repudiation of infallibility.

Therefore she dare not condemn Socialism, though ecclesiastical politicians, because of their interests, pretend that Socialism is under the ban.

I tested their position when I presented eight propositions covering the entire teachings of Socialism to Bishop Maes asking him to state whether any or all of said propositions were condemned. Maes refused to answer and by his silence acknowledged that Socialism was not condemned.

I resigned to preserve my freedom and manhood.

T. McGRADY."



WE WISH YOU ALL THE HAPPY NEW YEARS THAT ONLY SOCIALISM CAN GIVE YOU

Correspondence

ARLINGTON DEALS WITH FUSIONISTS

ARLINGTON, Wash., Dec. 14, 1902.

Dear Comrade: At the last election three of the members of Local Arlington broke their pledges they had given to themselves and the Socialist Party. Charges of treason were brought against them by the undersigned at the November business meeting. It was resolved to summon the defendants before the December meeting to show cause why they should not cease to be members of the Socialist Party. Today in our regular meeting the defendants failed to appear. After due deliberation they were found guilty of the following crimes against the party:

1. Mr. Joseph Kratz, refusing to vote a straight Socialist ballot, by discriminating against a Socialist candidate for Commissioner on account of a personal grudge, and that after being reminded of his pledge he abused the party by reviling and profane language.

2. Edward Armstrong of Arlington, now Seattle or Ballard, by voting and canvassing for a prospective Republican candidate in the late Republican primary and further by scratching his ballot in favor of one or more Republican candidates; further, by canvassing votes for said candidate; further, for handling whisky and cigars furnished by the local Republican Committee; and last, by falsifying in a traitorous, contemptible, low-lived way the position of the party by declaring both here and in Ballard that the whisky was furnished him by the Arlington Socialist Party.

3. L. K. Alvord, for persisting in filling two vacant places on the Socialist ballot with the names of capitalist candidates after being shown that it was his sacred duty as a member of the Socialist Party never to strike a blow for capitalism in any form. These charges were proved by witnesses, whereupon the local committee resolved that Comrade L. K. Alvord is hereby suspended from Local Arlington until such time as he gives sufficient proof of being a sincere, straightforward, revolutionary Socialist, and that Joseph Kratz and Ed Armstrong are hereby expelled from Local Arlington Socialist Party, never to be taken in again under any considerations. And last, further, the Organizer send a report of these proceedings to "The Socialist," the "New Time" and the local papers to show the comrades that Local Arlington will stand uncompromisingly for the principles of Socialism and mean to be true to themselves and their class. Also to show outsiders that the Socialist Party is above the low practices of securing votes by the capitalist campaign methods, the use of liquor, etc., and last, to show professional politicians that the Socialist Party is not organized to be a beast of burden for a few parasites to ride into office on, but is in the field to abolish this hellish wage system and secure the economical emancipation of the working class.

By order of the Local Socialist Party.
WILLIAM DE LILLY,
Organizer Local Arlington, Wash. Socialist Party.
(This letter of Comrade De Lilly was overlooked in the mass of correspondence that reaches us. But it is too good to be omitted, even if late—Ed.)

GOOD SUGGESTION.

Editor "The Socialist": The number on my label tells me my subscription has expired. Inclosed please find 50 cents for another year. In a recent issue you asked for suggestions for improving your paper. I do not think I could suggest anything of value in that line, but through you I might make one to your readers. I am a young man (having cast my first vote for Debs) and perhaps should keep still and listen to my elders; but I have observed a great many things that men who talk politics confine their work exclusively to those who have a vote, paying no attention to those who will have a vote in the near future. THIS IS A MISTAKE. For instance take a man of 19 or 20 years of age and the chances are he has no decided political belief. If a little time was devoted to him he would not go to the polls on his first voting day and "VOTE LIKE DAD DID." I can do more in an hour with a man of the age mentioned than I can with one ten years older in a month, and I think I have made a few Socialist votes, too. For an illustration: Take a lot of old shoes to a shoe factory and they will have a bad time turning a good, well-made shoe; but take them the new, RAW material and there will be a different story told. There is an old saying that fits the case exactly: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Yours for Socialism,
C. W. DEUEL.

COMRADE WHARTENBY RESIGNS.

EVERETT, December 23, 1902.
To the Socialists of Snohomish County—Comrades: I hereby tender my resignation as Organizer of Snohomish County, to take effect on and after the first day of January, 1903. My reason for this step is that on the first day of January, 1903, I will engage in business in Everett, and I do not think it is to the good of the party to have a business man at the head of the organization. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year, I am yours for the cause.
H. P. WHARTENBY.

A TIMELY WARNING.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 18, 1902.
Dear Comrade: Inclosed find 50 cents for my subscription, which has expired.
Keep up the fight against the fusionists in our party until they have either seen the error of their way, or if they are looking for offices in a hurry let them join either of the old parties.
We, the working class, must build up a party of our own, which at all times must be ready to fight our class, and not be ready to change our colors every time a reform movement springs up. And they will start up more numerous as our movement gains strength during the next few years to come.
Let the Socialist take warning of how every movement in this country was wrecked by the fusion that they entered into. With whatever party they fused they were swallowed in the deal. Take the Greenback and People's Parties in their fusion with the so-called Reformed Democratic

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both by their conduct and their speech.
The fact of the matter is that those who have taken an unjust share out of the common fund always have despised and always will despise those whom they have defrauded—mostly by legal methods. They compel them to live in degrading circumstances and then inevitably look down on them.
As to what you say about war, I of course cannot agree with you. The present industrial condition is nothing but another form of war, and the whole war system is doomed, if only by the growing intelligence of the race. We shall not always remain on the brutal level. We are going higher. Come with us.

I like your candid confession that you fear to begin to question yourself about these great matters. That confession is a step in the right direction; there is nothing like knowing just where we stand, and the first step is to know we do not know where. As to your "drifting with the tide and taking times as they make themselves," you may drift for a time, but you will take sides sooner or later; and TIMES DO NOT MAKE THEMSELVES.

Look forward with hope to the future because the men are now living who are inculcating and living the doctrine of Jesus Christ that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And the only persons who are so doing are the Socialists who demand equal chances for all mankind, not as a charity but as an inalienable right. I send you herewith a copy of "The Socialist," in which you may find the answer to some of your perplexities, in the marked article.
Do not be afraid to think for yourself, to investigate for yourself, to decide for yourself. Why should you be afraid to displease me or any other man?
Very truly your friend,
EDWIN A. BRENHOLTZ.

FROM CRIPPLE CREEK, TOO!

CRIPPLE CREEK, Dec. 17, 1902.
Dear Sir: You will find inclosed 50 cents for your paper. I am glad of the stand "The Socialist" takes in regard to fusion with the Labor Union fakirs. I find right here a lot of so-called union men that would trade off the Socialist Party just like a Democrat or Republican would, only at less cost.
Now there is only one thing for the Socialist Party to do—put a ticket in the field every election and make a fight and we will win, and will win right. The labor fakirs will come around all right when they see the rank and file leaving them and they can't get their \$50 and \$100 for their influence on election days, as they call it. I have seen them bought and sold like sheep because the honest union man knew no better. But he is learning very fast now. We can see a dawning now. We can see the beacon light on the hills now.
I say "No Fusion!" At all cost let us stand on our own legs. Let our watchword be "Victory." Good luck to the editor and the paper. Yours respectfully,
JOHN TROXEL.

ALWAYS THROWS HIS VOTE AWAY.

Editor "The Socialist"—Dear Sir: Inclosed find 50 cents for renewal, as I find that my subscription has expired. Did not study Socialism until a few years back, although I always knew that the present system was unjust to the workers. Now I always "throw my vote away," and am glad to do so. We polled ten votes here against five two years ago. Too many saloons here. Preachers and saloonists hardest people to make interested in salvation of humanity by the only sensible and scientific way, viz., Socialism. "The mills of the gods," etc., but what they do is done for all time. Respectfully,
JOHN LOFTS.

ANSWER TO A FRIEND'S LETTER.

Turnersville, Texas, Oct. 4, 1902.
My Dear: I have just read yours of the 28th ult., and I am going to answer it at once, largely because of what you say in regard to Socialism. I did not expect that you would be favorably impressed with it as I was aware that you had not made a study of the subject, and I knew that there is a very great prejudice against the very name among those who are fairly well-to-do, as well as among the rich.
But one must face the fact that the present competitive system is causing a vast and increasing amount of suffering and that as further improvements in machinery are made there will be more and more men thrown out of employment and more and larger trusts; and then comes the struggle among the trusts themselves in which the whole people can and may die for all that they would care so long as a few men could sit in their cosy offices and dictate the doings of the rest of us.
One needs to face this and to ask himself the question whether with a world in which there has never been a single year but that there has been full and plenty to give to every human being all that they could require for their sustenance and comfort there was ever intended to be permanently a class who should gobble up the big end of the pile and let the mass want or starve.
I for one do not believe it. You were only partially right when you said that we were not all born to be rich. The whole truth is that we were none of us born to be rich. You can't make rich people without making poor people, and I see no reason why we should not use the intelligence which the Almighty has given us in the direction of finding a system, and putting it in operation, by which every man, woman and child will be given an equal chance to the necessities and comforts of life. Under a just system of distribution this would be possible and practicable. As to who would perform the "menial labor," much of it would disappear under improved conditions and the balance would be willingly performed by any of us if for public good, if there were no degrading thought of servitude attached to the performance, and if we were actuated by the true spirit of Christian Brotherhood.
You speak of the Golden Rule. I, for a long time, hoped and believed that there was a chance—a working chance—to get that rule put into actual operation in these days; but in view of the stand publicly taken by the capitalists today when arbitration is proposed I am convinced that almost two thousand years of failure to put it in practice by the so-called Christian church has so deadened the conscience of the rich that something will have to be done to bring about

HAVE OUR TOIL TO LOSE, THE RIGHT TO GAIN, AND SOCIALISM CAN TAKE NOTHING FROM US

but a rotten system in return for a better. Truly,
F. R. FOUCH,
President of International Beekeepers' Association.

COMRADE STURGEON RESIGNS.

To the Comrades of Local Seattle: I wish all the comrades to know that I emphatically refuse to recognize any step toward fusion with the Union Labor or any other party, and for that reason I resigned from the Socialist Party of Los Angeles.
JAMES STURGEON.

THE EDUCATED WORKER.

Distinguishable From the Manual Worker Only by His Conceit.
A hundred years or so ago in this country education was a commodity—that is as a means of gaining a livelihood—was rare. Schools were few, and study was accompanied with considerable expense. Production was carried on on a small scale, and the time of the worker was taken up in supplying his wants, and those of his family. Only those with special gifts of nature could dedicate themselves to the arts and sciences. The biographies of the renowned men of that time are eloquent with descriptions of the hardships that had to be endured in the effort to improve their minds. The difficulties attendant on the acquiring of knowledge at that time caused the merchandise education to command a high price. Lawyers, physicians, professors, etc., enjoyed comfortable livings and often achieved fame and honor. In the countries of Europe, the artist, the poet and the philosopher were the pets of royalty. In this country they themselves constituted an aristocracy, an aristocracy of intellect, and they felt themselves superior to the aristocracy of birth or of money.
As capitalism developed and small production gave way to large production, with its need of men of knowledge and ability to conduct its business a demand for men of education was created. The uncertainty of a livelihood in the industrial field, or as small storekeepers, influenced many of the middle class to educate their children. They fancied that for their progeny at least, the future meant power, happiness and worthiness. But they did not realize that whatever capitalism touches it reduces to one common level—that under this system genius, like salt hides or hay, is but a merchandise.

FOR GOD'S SAKE, DON'T!

The idea of not allowing an office holder in one of the old parties to hold office in the Socialist Party is a good one. All laboring people are bound to vote the Socialist ticket as soon as they find out what Socialism is. But for God's sake don't offer an inducement for an office seeker to join the Socialist Party. Yours,
DAN PARMENTIER,
Marysville, Wash.

JOINS THE S. E. U.

PUYALLUP, Wash., Dec. 10, 1902.
Dear Comrade: I want to join the S. E. U. I want to join anything that will advance the cause of Socialism and keep pure its doctrines from capitalist defilement, as they are. If capitalists ever get control of the Socialist organization then its doom is sealed.
The truth of the class struggle needs to be proclaimed, pure and unadulterated, so that he that runs may read.
There is too much confusion now in the minds of the people as to what Socialism is and what it aims to accomplish.
The wages system is the great curse of this twentieth century civilization, and must be abolished if MANHOOD is preserved.
No man is free who is compelled by economic conditions to sell his labor for a subsistence wage.
The capitalist structure resting upon rent, interest and profit must be undermined. So let us with pick and shovel dig at this foundation until the structure falls.
Socialism needs no apologies or sugar coating with government ownership, so let us be candid and trust in the truth and the victory is ours. Inclosed find 25 cents and application. Fraternally yours,
E. C. JOHNSON.

ANOTHER FARMER HEARD FROM.

PARMA, Idaho, Dec. 12, 1902.
Dear Sir: The letter of Comrade H. Thorsen in your last issue impels me to write you a few lines. I want to assure you there is no better material for more SOIERS—out of which to form thorough class-conscious Socialists than the farming class. We work hard and see fewer pleasures of life (owing to our isolation and constant attention to the farm) than almost any class. The product, aside from an independent life and home of our own (if it isn't mortgaged to some "tramp" in the upper strata), is most rest, on the average, in the extreme. Every time we turn around or buy or sell any of the many necessary things our vocation demands we pay royalty to combined wealth. Most of the year I labor an average of twelve hours or better, frequently fourteen, and what is it all worth to me with my 400 acres of land as compared with what I would have with Socialism—except worry and vexation of spirit? What assurance have I that misfortune may not overtake my family and they be wage slaves worse than a Pennsylvania miner when I am gone? Then, too, is there any reason why a farmer with plenty cannot love his fellow man? I cannot be a true disciple of the "Nazarene" and vote either the Democratic or Republican ticket, for they neither represent one moral or Christian principle which Christ left as a heritage for all mankind. If I should go on possessing till I owned "all the land that joined" me, would it add any to the value or security of the "six feet" I shall own (possess) at last?
No, there is no class of people Socialism will benefit more—or bring a greater reward to—than the farmer. If his acres are less won't there be happy homes where he now turns night into day in order to make ends meet and pay his assessments to a plutocratic government backed by a riot for "organized greed"? WE

LET THIS NONSENSE OUT OF THEIR HEADS

and awaken to their true condition.
Under capitalism the "intellectual," far from being the "aristocrat" he imagines he is, has sadly degenerated. Even those who have the best jobs are nothing but schemers and plotters. How to increase the profits of their capitalist masters by more skillfully robbing the workers or intensifying their toil, that is their sole object and thought in life. Great corporations hire men who are college graduates, and who have taken a special course in methods to lessen expenses. Chemists of today instead of seeking for new discoveries are seeking for new methods of adulteration, and so it is in all the professions. College professors, journalists and the men of science, harter their convictions to keep their jobs. Their principal method of getting along is the prostitution of their own individuality. We say nothing here of the shyder lawyers, quack doctors and others who live by their wits. These, then, are the successors of our idealists, inventors, thinkers and dreamers!

The decline of the bulk of the educated people into the ranks of the proletariat cannot be checked. Today all over the country the educated proletariat rubs elbows with the manual worker. College men are working as trolley men, book agents, counter jumpers, clerks, etc. Once they recognize that their interest is the same as the rest of the propertyless class they will the manual workers to end the system that degrades all alike—"The People." New York.

NOTES FROM STATE HEADQUARTERS.

Local North Yakima has been having interesting and instructive debates between their own members. Two of the subjects were:
"Resolved, That the present system is for the best interests of humanity."
"Resolved, That under the system of Socialism, prohibition will be unnecessary."
The comrades expect also to take up the discussion suggested by the State Committee. These and similar discussions will furnish the training for the struggle ahead. Keep them up. We must educate and emancipate ourselves.
Are you ready? Go and see who will make the most of the discussions. The January discussion is "Shall the Socialist Party smash the Trusts?" Take a vote of your Local after the discussion and send the result to the State Secretary with a statement of the points developed on both sides.
In two weeks a list of delinquent Locals will be published. This is a hard wagon don't any of you want on.

If you can't raise the money to hire a hall, meet regularly at the home of some comrade. Don't give up the meetings, just because.
We are not after the loaves and the fishes, but the oven and the sea that contains them. So in city elections, comrades, don't grab at a loaf or a fish just because it passes close by and can be grabbed. There are as good fish in the sea as ever were caught.
If a child is well it grows. It puts on good, solid muscle—not fat. So with a Local. If it is well, it grows. However, don't be fooled into thinking that an increase in size is always a sign of health. Sentimental growth won't stand the heat of conflict any more than a fat man the heat of the day. Put on flesh—good, solid class-conscious flesh that won't get winded at the foot of the hill, but will push on because "it has nothing to lose but its chains and a world to gain." We want new members but we don't want any shell game played on them. Let them know exactly where the pea is and they won't be fooled, for if they are, it will be the worse for us.
U. G. MOORE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

HOW TO ORGANIZE.

Instructions for forming locals of the Socialist Party:
1. Five or more persons may organize a local branch, provided they subscribe to the platform and constitution of the Socialist Party and sever their relations with other political parties.
2. The officers to be elected are:
(a) A Chairman at each meeting.
(b) Recording Secretary.
(c) Financial Secretary.
(d) Organizer.
(e) Literature Agent.
3. Order of business:
(a) Reading of minutes.
(b) Admission of new members.
(c) Communications and bills.
(d) Report of Organizer.
(e) Reports of committees.
(f) Unfinished business.
(g) New business.
(h) Where a state is unorganized and a local is formed a monthly payment computed on a basis of ten cents for each member, for the maintenance of the national organization, shall be paid to the National Secretary.
Where state organizations exist this payment of ten cents should be made to the State Secretary with a formal application for charter. These funds can be raised by levying dues on the membership or otherwise, as the local may see fit.
5. A full report of the meeting in which the organization was decided on, the names of persons participating, together with the ten cents for each member, should be sent with the application for charter; after receipt of which, upon approval of the National or State Committee, charter will be granted.
6. Each local branch should hold a meeting at least once a week for the transaction of business or the discussion of political or economic questions.
7. Where no local exists or cannot be formed any person desiring to become a member of the party may apply to the State Secretary in organized States or to the National Secretary in unorganized States, and will be enrolled as a member at large on payment of the monthly dues of ten cents.
8. For further information not contained herein address Leon Greenbaum, National Secretary, Room 18, Allen Building, St. Louis, Mo.

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