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WHY SOCIALISTS SHOULD JOIN LABOR UNIONS

First Reason. Because they will better their material conditions. They will get more wages and shorter hours, a higher price for their labor power and a larger proportion of their product. For the same reason that a man will take three dollars a day in preference to two dollars a day.

Objection. If all workmen joined the unions, there would not be work enough to go around and the poorest workman would have to starve.

Answer. If all workers were organized, they would command the situation absolutely. They could dictate terms to the employers, could distribute the work equitably to relays of their own number, or could take complete possession of the means of production, and run them for their own benefit.

Second Reason. The Labor Unions have greatly ameliorated the general conditions of laborers. Instead of the terrible "orgies of capital" which marked the opening years of the 19th century, labor organized against capital has gradually secured the 10-hour day and the 8-hour day and compelled more humane treatment at the hands of capital. The 10th chapter of Marx's great work, "Capital," is a vivid record of this heroic struggle and its success. "A legally limited working day," says Marx, "was wrung from the masters, step by step, after a cruel war of half a century." He adds (chapter 10, section 7): "The history of the regulation of the working day and the struggle still (1865) going on in regard to this regulation prove conclusively that the isolated laborer as 'free' vender of his labor power, when capitalist production has once attained a certain stage, succumbs without any power of resistance. The creation of a normal working day is, therefore, the product of a protracted civil war, more or less dissembled, between the capitalist class and the working class. As the contest takes place in the arena of modern industry, it first breaks out in the home of that industry, England. The English factory workers were the champions, not only of the English, but of the modern working class generally."

The same struggle is going on to-day. The miners' investigation in Pennsylvania, revealing as it does, the degrading conditions into which capital forces labor, will secure certain ameliorations of those conditions. Without this steady fight of Organized Labor against capital, the "isolated laborer" as Marx says, would "succumb without any power of resistance." Things are bad enough now, but not a circumstance to what they would be without organization. Witness the child labor and long hours and night work in the South to-day, where there are no unions.

Third Reason. The Labor Unions work toward human progress. Their struggle with capital tends to develop the capitalistic system more rapidly. The higher wages they secure diminish profits, the price of labor power comes out of surplus value every time. The shorter working day also diminishes surplus value, that is, profits. To compensate for these compulsory losses, the capitalist is driven to increase the productivity of labor. He invents new machinery. He economizes and systematizes in all his operations. He ceases competition and seeks combination with his rivals. In a word, he organizes the trust with all its labor saving processes. Thus, in response to the organization of labor follows the organization of capital. The Labor Unions hasten the consummation of the capitalistic system. They are not reactionary, but progressive.

Objection. To increase wages is to increase the "cost of production." "The raising of the price of a commodity," writes one of these objectors "increases the cost of wealth production, while human progress is measured by the ever lessening of the cost of wealth production."

No one versed in Marx could possibly make this awful blunder. For it is equivalent to saying that increased price of labor power, that is, increased wages, makes increased prices of the products. This is the very "old popular and worn out fallacy" which Marx says it was Ricardo's great merit to have fundamentally destroyed. No one who has ever read and understood the 17th chapter of "Capital" could fall into this confusion.

It is the same fallacy which leads other cheap students to declare that "wages never rise on a falling market," that is, when prices are falling. Quite the contrary, high wages and low prices are, in fact, often associated. Marx was at great pains to show this in his little pamphlet called "Value, Price and Profit," written in 1865, the very year he finished the first volume of "Capital." He instances the great rise in wages of English agricultural laborers from 1849 to 1859, but accompanied by a corresponding fall in the market prices of wheat. Agricultural machinery was the explanation. Increased productivity of labor means generally lower prices and frequently higher wages. For instance, a workman who makes a pair of shoes in 10 hours is, by means of new machines, enabled to make 10 pairs in 10 hours. The 10 pairs required no more labor than the one pair. The value of each pair is very much reduced and consequently the price. But the wages of that workman may be higher than before (see "Value, Price and Profit," pages 12 to 16. Can be had for 15 cents of N. Y. Labor News Co., New York.)

Those who flippantly argue that the tremendous struggle of Organized Labor is an obstructive element in human progress should look deeper. The process is like this: Capital robs Labor. Labor organizes to resist and prevent so much robbery. Capital responds by new efforts to retain and increase its stealings. The interaction of the two drive on the system to its culmination.

Fourth Reason. The Labor Unions have developed a class consciousness which only needs to be instructed in order to become Socialist class consciousness. A feeling of solidarity, of the common interests of the workmen as opposed to their employers, has certainly come about through the incessant struggles concerning wages and hours. All that the men composing the A. F. of L. need, for example, is the illumination of scientific knowledge, the perception of the economic basis of that class struggle in which they are engaged, and they will be transformed into a grand army, a million and a half strong, already conscious of their power, trained for fighting ready to conquer political power for their class.

Socialists should join the Unions to furnish them just this essential instruction. Now is the most propitious time. The Unions are turning blindly toward the ballot. They are weaned from the old parties. They are just at the point where a Hearst, a Darrow, a Williams, a Johnson, a Gompers, may stampede them into some Mock Labor Party. It may take years for them to recover and thousands will be disheartened. The birth pangs of the new society will be prolonged.

At this particular juncture, it is of immense importance that all instructed Socialists should mingle in friendly intercourse with the thousands of Labor Union men, their fellow wage workers, in order to assist them in obtaining that knowledge of human history which Socialist economics alone can give.

Were there no other reason than this, the imperative demand of the hour, every Socialist should join the union of his trade.

Two Platforms

A CONTRAST

NUMBER ONE.

AS MUCH SOCIALISM AS POSSIBLE.

SEATTLE PLATFORM.

"WORKINGMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS; YOU HAVE A WORLD TO GAIN!"

We, the Socialist Party of Seattle, in convention assembled, proclaim our allegiance to the Socialist Party of America, and to the Socialist Party of the State of Washington.

We affirm our unflinching adherence to the principles and the program of international revolutionary Socialism.

In presenting our candidates for municipal office to the working class voters of Seattle we base our appeal upon the following declarations as our PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Labor produces all wealth.
2. Under the present economic and political conditions labor's share in the wealth which it creates is merely a meagre and uncertain subsistence.
3. So long as the present organization of industry remains the capitalist class will monopolize the machines of production and will appropriate through the wage system, the wealth created by the working class.

4. This appropriation of labor's wealth by the capitalists is so complete that it enables them to live in luxury and idleness.

5. As a necessary consequence of this exploitation of the laborers by the capitalists—this expropriation of all property out of the hands of the toilers into the private ownership of the holders of capital, there is an inevitable war between the interests of the working class on the one hand and the interests of the capitalist class on the other.

6. This class struggle between the wealth-makers and the wealth-takers will endure so long as our present system of production for profit continues.

7. In this conflict between the workers and the capitalists labor is disarmed on the economic side, all the instruments of producing and distributing wealth being owned and controlled by the holders of capital.

8. There is only one weapon with which the working class can successfully oppose the capitalist class—and that is the BALLOT.

9. This fact demands as an inevitable conclusion the organization of the working class into a political party that shall be everywhere and always, distinct from and opposed to every political party not founded entirely upon the interests of the working class. The Socialist Party is organized to meet the demand, and is therefore the party of the working class.

10. The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage-slavery is utterly abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it does, the Socialist Party is for it; if it does not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

11. In accordance with this principle, the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the municipal affairs of Seattle in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class.

TO EVERY WORKER THE FULL PRODUCT OF HIS LABOR!

NUMBER TWO.

AS LITTLE SOCIALISM AS POSSIBLE.

SPOKANE MUNICIPAL PLATFORM.

The Socialist Party of Spokane in convention assembled hereby declares its allegiance to the principles of international Socialism, as declared and set forth in the state and national platforms.

We believe Socialism to be the scientific solution of the labor problem, and that it will provide an ethical construction of society, whereby equal and exact justice will be meted out to every individual. We believe in the abolition of the wage system, and the substitution thereof of the collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution. Recognizing, however, that it is not within the power of a municipality to bring about full economic freedom, we nevertheless believe that the powers of municipal government should be exerted in that direction as far as the present capitalistic system will permit; and,

Guilty or Not Guilty?

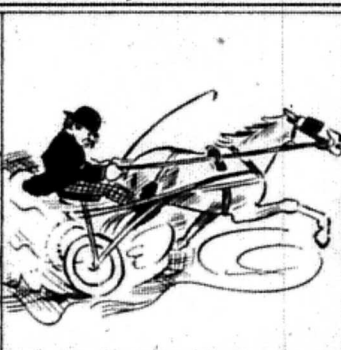
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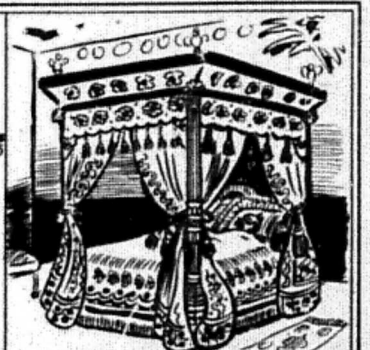
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Harriman Facing the Elements



The Sleep of the Just



Clough in His Office

Clough at Lunch

Clough Facing the Elements

The Sleep of Exhaustion

"OPERATOR WHO ERRED"—WHY?

"Failed to Give Orders to Trainmen." But Why? "Failure of Night Operator at Valis Station, Arizona, to Deliver Orders Caused a Head-End Collision," so the Papers Print in Big Headletters. But Why Did He Fail? The Daily Newspapers Won't Tell Why. Only the Socialists Dare Tell Why.

Railroad accidents are becoming frightfully frequent. Every week brings a fresh account. There are two this week. This last one from Arizona is worst of all, if there is any worst.

A night operator at a little way station in Arizona was sent two orders to deliver to an express train several hours late. He delivered one and forgot the other. The result was, two trains which were to have passed at some switch, met head on, both running 50 miles an hour. Scores of palpitating men and women were hurled and crushed and burned to death, wives and children left heartbroken and destitute—all because Geo. Clough "failed to deliver orders." Superintendent Stoufe says "he places the entire responsibility upon Operator Clough."

Why did Geo. Clough fail to deliver orders? That is the real question. That he failed, nobody denies. He admits it. He himself telegraphed on to Tucson that he had failed and to look out for a wreck. He might have denied his failure. Every witness against him, but one, conductors, engineers, firemen, were killed, burned to cinders, in that awful collision. But Geo. Clough was not a murderous liar. He suffered when he discovered his error. He suffers yet when he remembers.

His superintendent and all those capitalists who "own" the Southern Pacific, from President Harriman down and up, blame poor, insignificant Geo. Clough, the night operator at a petty way station in the great Western Desert, who was too sleepy at 2 o'clock in the morning to remember all his duties.

Suppose we put Supt. Stoufe and President Harriman on the witness stand before the great American working class. Let us cross-examine

them. What experience had Geo. Clough for such a responsible post? How old was he? What salary did you pay him? How many hours did he work per day?

That will do. The answers to those simple questions will place the responsibility—and it will not be on George Clough. Let members of the Telegraphers' Union stand up and testify. Did you ever know a little way station on the S. P. or any other railroad, to be manned with three shifts of experienced and capable men at eight hours each? Did you ever know such a position to command a hundred dollars a month? No. One man, usually the cheapest to be had, is put on duty for the entire 24 hours. He is station agent, freight agent, passenger agent, day operator and night operator, all in one. It is best if he is unmarried, free from family cares, a mere cog in the machine, to open and shut his eyes on time, to think and remember by the watch. If he forgets till it is two minutes too late, a hundred lives may be lost, and what is more, a hundred thousand dollars of rolling stock destroyed, he himself disgraced, tormented by remorse for the rest of his life.

No! Geo. Clough is innocent. He is acquitted before the bar of his fellow workers.

But you, E. H. Harriman, and your fellow managers, if any persons are to be selected above others, you are adjudged GUILTY OF MURDER!

The infamous injustice and cowardice of sending all over the land that Geo. Clough is "entirely responsible," deserves to be held up to the scorn of all thinking people.

"A wealthy capitalist from Cambridge, Mass.," was burned to death, the despatches say, "one of the saddest scenes of the wreck."

Away with such cant! The saddest scene of that wreck was poor Geo. Clough, the wrecked victim of capitalistic greed, the underpaid, overworked, helpless slave of the Wage System.

Fellow workers, let us stand together, vote together, and destroy this monstrous system!

therefore, if elected, we pledge ourselves to carry out the following:

1. Whereas, The city of Spokane is so favorably situated as to possess a great natural water power; we favor the use of this natural force in providing for the wants of the community, by the public ownership and operation of electric plants and all other public utilities requiring municipal franchises. The revenue derived from the operation of such industries to be applied wholly to the shortening of the hours of labor and the increase of wages of employees, and to securing

greater efficiency and diminished rates to the consumers. We are unalterably opposed to the granting of any public franchise whatsoever.

2. The establishment of a free municipal labor bureau.

3. The abolition of the contract system on public works of every description, all work to be done direct by the city.

4. Extension of the eight-hour work day to all municipal employees, and the payment of the prevailing rate of wages. Union labor to be given preference in every instance whatsoever.

5. Abolition of all property qualifications for the exercise of the franchise, or the holding of any public office whatsoever.

6. Adequate free hospital service, with no taint of charity, actual or implied.

7. The maintenance of a free public library building situated in a central and desirable locality, and commensurate with the demands of the community.

8. We are unalterably opposed to making this community a partner to vice and crime and believe in a strict

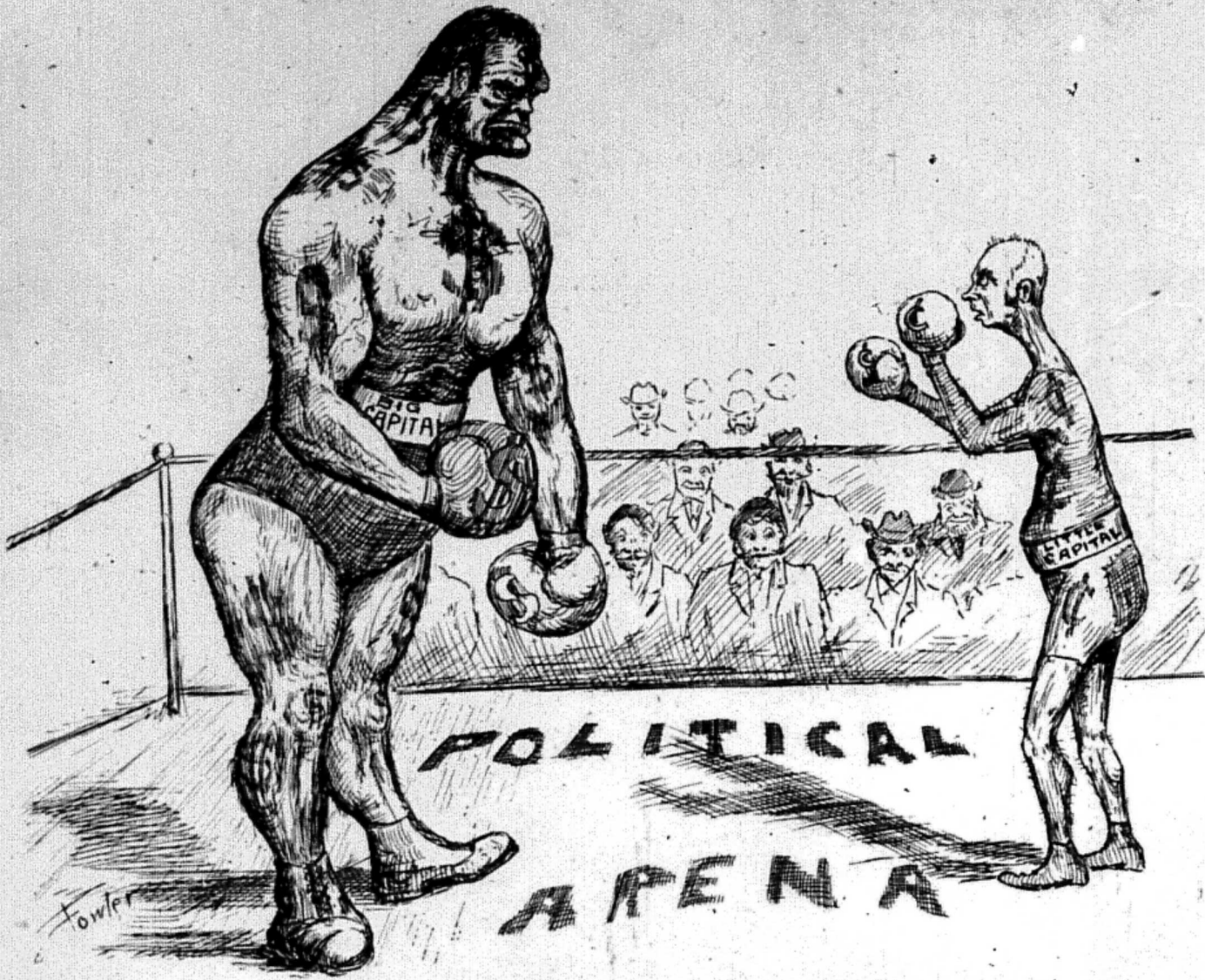
and impartial enforcement of the law.

9. The adoption of the principles of the initiative and referendum, and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

10. Amendment of the City Charter as may be necessary to carry out these, and all other measures demanded by the citizens of this community.

"Wages by their very nature always imply the performance of a certain quantity of unpaid labor on the part of the laborer."—Marx.

CIVILIZATION A TRAGI-COMEDY



That spectacle is both amusing and pathetic. The poor little business man is still putting up a fight against the trusts. Dozens of grocers on every street in every city manage to get a bare living and fail at about every five years. They fondly fancy the old days are still here. They ignorantly imagine competition still exists. A few of them are doing some thinking for themselves. They can see their fate and are joining hands with the wage workers in the Socialist Party. But most of them still cling to the Democratic Party.

One of the funniest displays of this struggle if Little Capital against Big Capital was given in Seattle recently when the small business interests tried to elect a U. S. senator against the candidate selected by the Railroads. They got up a big mass meeting in the theatre. He talked eloquently about "Honesty" and the "Seattle Spirit." But the audience never responded with a single genuine cheer. There was an atmosphere of the graveyard about the whole affair.

The speakers really knew down in their hearts that they were "up against it." Yet their candidate was a good man, a capable man, and all that was needed to elect him was that the members of the legislature from his own county should keep their ante-election pledges, support a Railroad Commission bill, and vote for Harold Preston.

Why was it so hopeless a fight—just to keep men to their own platform and pledges? BECAUSE BIG CAPITAL, AS EMBODIED IN THE NORTHERN SECURITIES COMPANY HAD ALREADY TWO YEARS BEFORE SELECTED LEVI ANKENY AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U. S. SENATE. Because the same Big Capital had controlled the primaries and caucuses and named the candidates before "the people" elected them.

How did they do this? By the use of money. They hired men to work up the caucuses and manage the whole affair. A candidate stood hardly any chance for nomination who was not agreeable to this understanding that the great Railroads should name the Senator.

To the onlooker who could see all this, the struggle of these few (or many) little business men, mostly Democrats or Independents, to uphold "honesty" was pitifully amusing.

It was fitting that the paid attorney of the Great Northern Railway, Judge Burke, should fight his way onto that middle class platform and bid them defiance. They tried to howl him down. He was brave to hold his own and demand a hearing, why? BECAUSE HE KNEW THE ECONOMIC FORCES BEHIND HIS R. R. CANDIDATE, AND THAT HIS ELECTION WAS INEVITABLE. JUDGE BURKE, THE RAILWAY ATTORNEY, WAS SIMPLY CONSCIOUS OF HIS CLIENTS' POWER. He was as little afraid as the heavyweight in the cartoon is afraid of the withered lightweight. It was simply Dollars against Cents.

The working man, who can see underneath this struggle between the small capitalist class and the big capitalist class, has no special interest in the matter, except this. He knows it is his class that must meet that ugly giant in the roped ring. The Workingclass is the young Heavyweight who is bound to meet and conquer that old Champion, Capital. HE KNOWS IT AND HE IS IN TRAINING. The Judge Burkes, and the President Harpers and the Grover Cleverlands and the Tom Johnsons and the other sponge-holders of the old Champion, Capital, they have heard that the Socialist Champion, Labor, is growing strong and is invincible. They are organizing "Economic Leagues" and "Peoples' Rule" parties to head him off.

NO USE, GENTLEMEN OF THE MIDDLE CLASS. YOUR TIME IS UP!

Father Hagerty Coming

THE SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL UNION WILL GIVE ITS FIFTH PUBLIC LECTURE ABOUT FEB. 22. THE CHIEF FEATURE WILL BE FURNISHED BY FATHER HAGERTY, THE CELEBRATED SPEAKER, WRITER, CARTOONIST. A GREAT CROWD IS EXPECTED. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN A FEW DAYS. EVERYBODY PREPARE TO SELL TICKETS. HE IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST AND MOST ENTERTAINING SPEAKERS ON SOCIALISM IN AMERICA. FULL PARTICULARS NEXT WEEK. SPREAD THE NEWS!

THE TESTIMONY OF HUNDREDS.

Seattle, Feb. 2, 1903.
To the Editor of The Socialist and those who are interested in the propaganda work which the Socialist paper is doing, I take great pleasure in letting you know that some of the subscribers whom I induced to take the paper, have become Socialists. One of them became a firm believer in Socialism after reading the first copy, and another, a relative in the East, that I presented with a year's subscription to The Socialist, has said it is his intention hereafter to vote the Socialist ticket. And another of my subscribers has thought very favorably along the same lines and is becoming a good class conscious Socialist. And every one whom I have induced to take The Socialist has been very much pleased with it. As most of them have never had the truths of Socialism presented to them before.
Wishing the paper every success, I remain,
Yours truly,
J. H. STEELE.

A FEW REASONS WHY

Editor of The Socialist:

I am a Socialist and would like to tell you why. It is because this thrice doubly cursed system, called capitalism or wage-slavery, has molded human society into a refined, calculating, cold-blooded monster; refined because of the veneer and varnish with which it covers and conceals its daily iniquities; cold-blooded, because of its treatment of that honest working class, which, while it supports the whole nation by its labor, is suffered to endure privation and want from enforced idleness, or, when employed, at a profit, to furnish victims, human sacrifices, to the modern Moloch called machinery, and all without society feeling a qualm.
Calculating, because every matter concerning the benefit of its members has become a question of dollars and cents. The only remedy the capitalist has for to benefit the worker is: "work harder and save more." In other words, produce more and consume less; and he proceeds to add to his profit and cut wages.
I am a Socialist because, born to a certain inheritance, to-wit: an equal life interest in all the resources of the earth, I find that my share, along with those of millions of my fellow working men, have been gobbled up, and are now held, by certain individuals, for no other reason, that I can see, than that they were the sons of their fathers or grandsons of their father's fathers.
I am a Socialist because under capitalism a state of poverty in the midst of plenty is engendered and made permanent. The resources of the country are exploited as never before, yielding riches in abundance—for the use and comfort of the producers? Not on your life; but to be shipped out of the country in return for gold to further swell the plethoric money bags

of the dudes and fads who compose our best (?) society.

I am a Socialist because Socialism would abolish the cut-throat competition among working people, which plays the woman against the man and the child against the woman, for cheapness. Socialism would put an end to the fierce and feverish struggle for the dollar by finding employment for all; and insuring for all, who accepted employment, the full product of their labor.

I am a Socialist because I am opposed to the formation of an aristocratic class in this country, which is the natural result of the legal plundering of the working class of a large fraction of its product. Socialism would place the governmental power in the hands of the working class and, as all the people would then be in that class, we would realize the hope and longing of every lover of liberty throughout the ages, a pure democracy, the government of the people by and for the people.

Finally I am a Socialist because I see, and I know, that the French workingman, the German, the Irish, the Italian, the Russian and all workingmen, of whatever nation, have all the same interest as I have. They have no fight with me, nor I with them. What they want, and what I want, is the same, namely: to be allowed to support ourselves and our families under the best conditions that can be established. We know this world is amply rich to maintain all who inhabit it; so, if it were not for the capitalists, who set us to fighting for their interests, we would be spared the beastly human butcheries, called war and all the fearful waste it entails. The blessings of universal peace, to enjoy in every home the comforts of life, would change the very nature of men. I don't know but what we should be a little higher than the angels.

I am not a Socialist because I expect to benefit by the change, for I

am an old man, but the truth, grandeur and justice of Socialism makes her service one of our highest pleasures.
JOHN ROBERTSON.
San Francisco.

ANOTHER SPECIMEN OF MARX.

Three railway men are standing before a London coroner's jury, a guard, an engine driver, and a signal man. A tremendous railway accident has hurried hundreds of passengers into another world. The negligence of the employes is the cause of the misfortune. They declare with one voice before the jury that, ten or twelve years before, their labor only lasted eight hours a day. During the last five or six years it had been screwed up to fourteen, eighteen and twenty hours; and, under a specially severe pressure of holiday-makers at times of excursion trains, it often lasted forty or fifty hours without a break. They were ordinary men, not Cyclops. At a certain point their labor power failed. Torpor seized them. Their brain ceased to think, their eyes to see.

The thoroughly "respectable" British jurymen answered by a verdict that sent them to the next assizes on a charge of manslaughter, and in a gentle "rider" to their verdict, expressed the hope that the capitalistic magnates of the railways would in future be more extravagant in the purchase of a sufficient quantity of labor power, and more "abstemious," more "self-denying," more "thrifty" in the draining of paid labor-power.—From "Capital," Chapter X.

From the above extract it would appear that Marx' "Capital" is pretty close up-to-date. The frequency of railroad accidents in the last year or two has made many people almost afraid to go anywhere. Overworked and underpaid employes are the most probable explanation of this alarming state of affairs. Another instance where Profits are all and men nothing.

General Law.

"The values of commodities are directly as the times of labor employed in their production, and are inversely as the productive powers of the labor employed."—Marx.

"CRIMINAL ANARCHY"

Bill Introduced in Washington Legislature—So Sweeping as to Forbid Free Speech—To Teach That any "Organized Government Should Be" Overthrown "by any Unlawful Means" is Made a Felony, Punishable by 10 Years' Imprisonment and \$5,000 Fine.

The bill introduced by Representative Cole of Seattle in the Washington State Legislature to suppress "Criminal anarchy" may be so construed and applied as to suppress all free speech concerning those in power.

The first section reads as follows:
"Section 1. Criminal anarchy is the doctrine that organized government should be overthrown by force or violence, or by assassination of the executive head or of any of the executive officials of government, or by any unlawful means. The advocacy of such doctrine either by word of mouth or writing is a felony."

To prevent possibility of abuse of this law and to render its meaning perfectly clear, two small changes should be introduced into the above section, so that it would read thus:
"Criminal anarchy is the doctrine that ALL organized government should be overthrown by force or violence, or by assassination of the executive head or of any of the executive officials of government. The advocacy of such doctrines either by word of mouth or writing is a felony."

If it passes as presented, it might be used, for example, to imprison a man in the following manner: A speaker is proving to a street audience that all present government is class government, government by the property holding class to rob and keep in subjection the propertyless class, that therefore it should be voted down by a working class party who would govern in their own interests, etc., etc. A policeman comes along and orders this speaker to stop his talk as treasonable and unlawful. But the street speaker proceeds, defying the officer of the law and the city ordinances. Now this is the question: Would not such a speaker be guilty of "criminal anarchy" under this proposed law? And could he not be sentenced to 10 years and \$5,000 fine, one or both?

He would be advocating the overthrow of the present capitalistic government, and he would be doing it "by unlawful means." And would not the same reasoning apply to a Democratic speaker advocating the overthrow of the present Republican government? That is too flexible and dangerous a clause to allow on any state book. "BY UNLAWFUL MEANS." That would allow the severest punishment to be meted out in any time of excitement to the most innocent and justifiable act. By all means let "violence" and "assassination" be severely discouraged. But let not everything "unlawful" be made a felony punishable with terrible penalties.

Furthermore, we very much doubt the efficiency of such a law to accomplish its purpose. The truest way to meet "criminal anarchy" is to show its uselessness.

No law can prevent men from thinking. If they think criminal anarchy and are not allowed to speak it openly, they are pretty sure to do one of two things, either speak it in secret conspiracy, or perform the deed they have been forbidden to discuss. If we cannot extirpate criminal anarchy by free discussion, we can never do it by repressive laws.

The Socialist is now, as he has always been, the deadliest foe of criminal anarchy. He meets the anarchist on the grounds of reason and science and shows him a better way. The capitalist would meet anarchy and perhaps Socialism, too, like Bismarck, by the sternest repressive measures. But where the Man of Blood and Iron failed, where all tyranny in all ages has failed, it seems childish in these latter days of enlightenment to meet free thought and free speech with "Thou shalt nots."

The true way with every error is, show the error!

It is time for the working man to THINK; and if those of us who CAN think don't ACT, the time is not far distant when those of us who DON'T THINK WILL ACT; and in such a time we will be the portion of the WHOLE people.—(From a story by Grace Woodward Smith in "The Comrade.")

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Congratulations From Wisconsin

By Robt. Saltiel, Editor "Sheboygan Volksblatt."

Sheboygan, Wis., Jan. 20, 1903.

Dear Comrades:

Allow me to congratulate you on the uncompromising stand you are taking in the deplorable California muddle.

No fusion for Socialists. We are not for "reform," but for the overthrow of the whole fabric of the unnatural system, which is brutish and cruel.

Let organized labor seek shelter under the hospitable roof of all conquering Socialism.

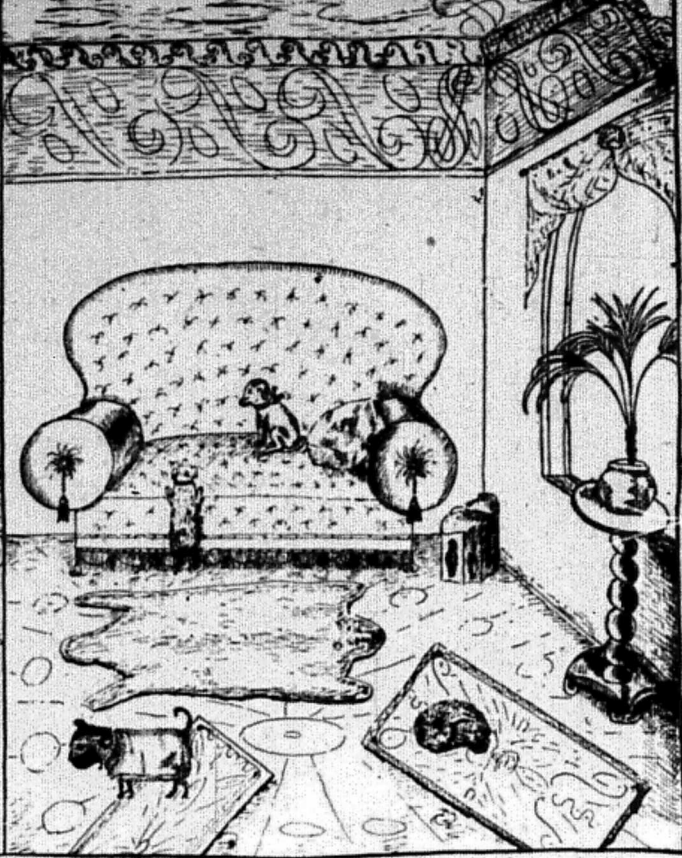
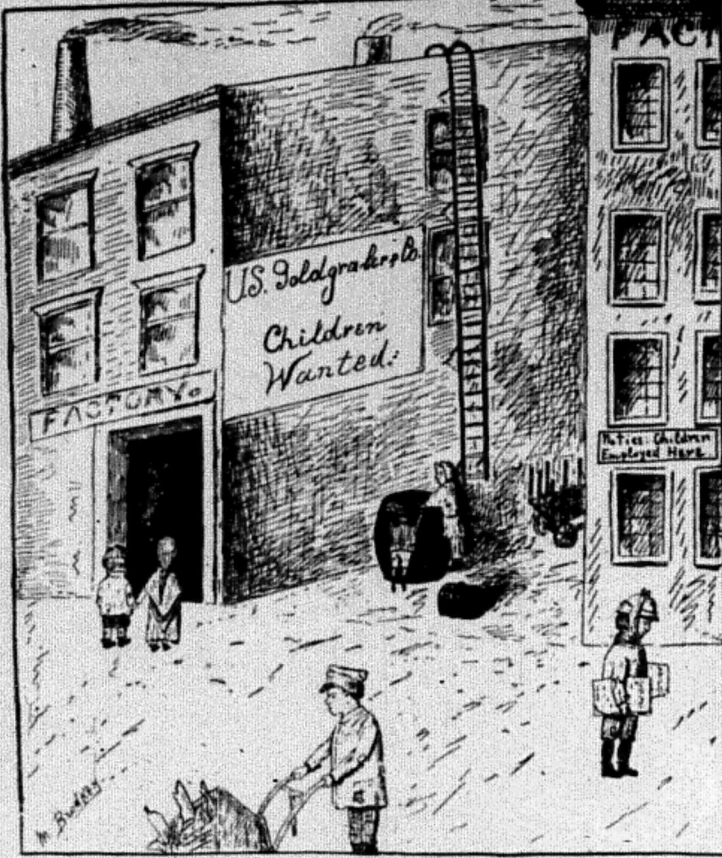
A union man, who is not a Socialist is but a half being—he is protesting against a condition he dares not try to alter. A Socialist combines unionism and Socialism; he not only protests, but acts; he is not afraid to call a spade a spade.

To repudiate our claim to be against the whole wage system, means high treason against our lofty principle.

Let us hear no more of fusion anywhere.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT SALTIEL.



TWO KINDS OF YOUNG ONES UNDER CAPITALISM

PARTY NEWS.

LOCAL NOTES

Next Sunday evening G. N. Hodgdon of University Station, ex-member of the legislature of Washington, will speak. Subject, Direct Legislation. Carpenters' Hall, 4th Ave., near Pike.

The following have been nominated to fill the vacancy in the state committee: J. A. McCorkle, Jas. Munn, W. E. Hanbury, W. McDevitt, G. H. Wilson, W. Crawford.

Remember if you want a nice sociable time, with a little dancing, come around to headquarters on Saturday nights.

A motion is on foot to place and maintain a city organizer in the field. Find the list of those who promise money support (Humphrey has \$1) and subscribe your name to it for any sum, payable monthly or in a lump. We must have more city branches.

Speaking at Ross Hall, 2:30 P. M., Sunday, at Macabays Hall, Ballard, at 4 P. M.

The resolutions of Local Lyman calling for a Referendum in the State of Washington to decide whether certain alleged fusion tendencies in Spokane, Northport and Colfax should be condemned, have been endorsed by Hoquiam and Aberdeen. The resolutions were printed in "The Socialist" of June 18.

Another resolution calling for a vote on the Spokane case by itself has been recommended by the City Central Committee of Seattle and adopted by the Ross Branch of Local Seattle.

NEWS AND NOTES

In Germany women were excluded from a singing society on the ground that because it had attended the funeral of a Socialist it was a political body. The Kaiser has had a brilliant idea. Really, now. He bestows gilt shoulder straps and the title "superior letter carrier" upon all carriers who have served this lesson in Socialism fifteen years. Reminds one of the stinky old woman who offered two small boys a "cent apiece" to carry in some wood for her. The boys thought it was spelled their way until they came to collect their bill and were afforded the opportunity to take one cent from an empty cologne bottle.

Five locals organized in Ohio in January, Martins Ferry being one of them. The state committee of Ohio consists of one member from each congressional district. McGrady, Carey, Goebel, Sweetland, Geiger and Robertson have meetings arranged for in Ohio this month.

The Vicar of Clerkenwell, a parish of London, is troubled about that old nightmare, the working people don't attend my church, and he has "discovered" that a number of them remain away from church because they hesitate to compare their "Sunday best" with the elegant garments of well-to-do members. So he will have his church darkened and hymns and prayers thrown on a screen by a magic lantern. A rector in Chicago thinks "this would put people to sleep," and that the remedy is for the well-to-do to cultivate a habit of dressing modestly for church. How would it do for these well-to-do to cultivate the habit of wearing their own clothes to church?

"If Socialists would devote more of their energy to logical reasoning on the principle of Socialism and less to becoming their party organization, they would make more converts to their cause."—Union Record.

If the Editor of the Union Record would devote more of his time to logical reasoning on the principles of Socialism and less to running down unions he would make more converts to their cause. How does it sound with the slight change? Not quite so sound, does it? Then again if the Editor of the Union Record would devote just enough energy to attend one of our Sunday night meetings in Carpenter's Hall, Seattle, he would discover enough "logical reasoning" to last him a lifetime. And once more, if the editor of the "Union Record"

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"The Peoples Press" of Albany, Oregon, has been consolidated with the "Liberator" of Portland. A stock company is being organized to handle the consolidated papers.

At Kokoma, Indiana, a man beat his wife for not joining him in family prayer.

In a railroad strike in Russia troops were called out. A great crowd of workmen collected about the troops. The governor-general thus addressed them: Brothers, why do you want to ruin yourself? Do you not see who come here? I only need say the word and you will be crushed. Not so should you quarrel with God. If the Almighty wanted you to be richer, he would have inspired the officials of the railway to pay you higher wages, and even given you free passes, but as it is evident it is not his desire, what can you do? Sounds suspiciously like things we hear in America, don't it?

Comrades of Oakland, California, held their city convention on the first. They propose a lively campaign. Debs will speak there sometime in the campaign.

Central Labor Union of Anaconda, Montana, has endorsed the Socialist resolution of the A.L.U. and urged the Silver Boy Trades Council and Labor Assembly to the same action.

Fifty machinists at Yokohama struck for higher wages, better treatment and dismissal of brutal boss. They won. The Japanese Unions are steadily forging ahead.

"The movement to abolish universal suffrage in Germany is taking such a defined shape that something like a crisis exists both within the Social-Democratic Party and the ranks of the conservative and reactionary agrarians. Figures show that the Social-Democratic ideas are growing. In the general election of 1898, the Socialists polled 2,197,100 votes, but are allowed only 57 members in the Reichstag, whereas the Roman Catholic Center Party with only 1,455,100 votes is allowed 103 members. This is the result of under-representation of the cities, but it has failed to destroy the Socialist strength. Hence, a revolutionary proceeding is contemplated. The anti-Socialist press says there is no doubt that the Social-Democratic Party has brought about an intolerable condition in the German Empire. Respect for the throne and the altar has been undermined. The land is pervaded with notions from the United States. The peril calls for constitutional remedies and the men at the head of affairs will not be daunted by necessity."—Literary Digest.

Wonder what the working men of Germany will be doing about that.

Cleveland, Ohio, comrades have nominated a complete city ticket practically all of which are members of their trades unions. Harry D. Thomas business agent of the United Trades and Labor Council, is their candidate for mayor.

Toledo, Ohio, Socialists have secured the privilege of placing standard Socialist works in the city library. Tacoma papers please copy.

Party of the National Ass'n of Manufacturers, is again to the front with a circular urging the manufacturers to prevail upon members of congress to pass the bill creating a Department of Commerce. Organized labor is opposed to it on the ground that its enactment as it now stands will prevent the formation of a Department or Bureau of Labor later on, but this is just what these capitalists want to do. Members of organized labor, there is just one effective protest—a Socialist ballot.

Comrade G. A. Hoehn has been nominated by the Tenth Ward Socialists in St. Louis for the city council.

A CLEAR DISTINCTION.

Monett, Mo., Jan. 16, 1903. Dear Comrade—We are with you on the fusion question and hope before the matter is settled that Greenbaum, Roche, Putnam, Harriman and others will understand that the Union is only an economic expression, and has no place in the political arena and that the Socialist Party is the political expression of protest against robbery and cannot be mixed with the other in a political contest. Let the unions fill their place and keep out of the political field, and the Socialist Party stay by its organization and strive to educate the union man to vote the Socialist ticket.

Yours truly,
DR. L. WEST.

THEIR INTENTIONS, OF DELIVERING THE NATIONAL Socialist Party organization into the hands of the Socialist Labor Party, and

Whereas, The Pullman Socialist Club, is an independent Socialist organization, outside of the locals, not subject to the control of the National Quorum of the Socialist Party, having been compelled to organize independently to defeat the plans of the members of the National Quorum of being delivered to some other party, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Socialist Club of Pullman unanimously, condemns and denounces Leon Greenbaum and his Co-workers as traitors to the National Organization of the Socialist Party and unfit longer to direct the National Organization, and

Resolved, That we recognize the import of the Socialist idea and accept it as a universal principle for the betterment of the whole human race everywhere and do not accept Socialism as applied only to classes within Labor organizations, and as such as we deprecate jealousies, abuse, and quarrels over non-essentials of Socialism, we regard the question of fusion as vital to the Socialist idea and we hereby commend the Seattle "Socialist" for its uncompromising stand in opposition to fusion, and

Resolved, That we favor the abolition of the National Quorum and the dues paying system and favor the substitution of a more democratic regime in order that the party may not fall into the hands of a few vampires, supported by capitalistic power and encouraged in their delirium by the dues from locals, and we appeal to every true Socialist and Socialist Club to immediately take such action as will wipe these Hydra-Headed, damnable conspirators and traitors, masking as Socialists into political oblivion.

PULLMAN SOCIALIST CLUB.
By A. C. Butcher, Secy.

Our Pullman friends, in our judgment, make three errors:

First, In confusing the Socialist movement and the result of the Socialist movement, the present Socialism with future Socialism, the political means of getting the Co-operative Commonwealth with the Co-operative Commonwealth itself. The class idea and the class basis are essential to this political movement, this present Socialism, not the Labor Union class idea. When we have won and established the Co-operative Commonwealth, then classes will disappear. Possibly the authors of the above resolution would agree with this, however.

Second, A dues-paying organization can be democratically administered. The Quorum at St. Louis are finding this out. They are not able to change or control the organization. The Party is running itself, as all this free discussion shows. By the way, Comrade Greenbaum and the rest have no notion of delivering us to the S. L. P. Nothing is further from their purpose, and they are not "damnable conspirators" or any such thing. They have just as good motives as the rest of us. They are simply in error and will yet see their error.

Third, The way to defeat error in the party is not to get outside and kick, but to stay inside and pull. If there were "damnable conspirators" among us they could ask nothing better than to have those who see straight get out.

PULLMAN PULLS OUT.
Pullman, Wash., Jan. 9, 1903. The Seattle Socialist:
Comrades: Enclosed find copy of resolution passed at last meeting of Socialist Club.

We are Socialists over here and working like Trojans. Club meets every Monday evening in City Hall.

Hon. Thomas Neil of Colfax will address the people Jan. 12. Pullman polled one-fifth of the total vote of Whitman county. Yours for Socialism to the last ditch.
SOCIALIST CLUB.
By A. C. Butcher, Secy.

Resolutions.
Whereas, Leon Greenbaum and Co-workers of the National Quorum of the Socialist Party, with headquarters at St. Louis have by their actions, business arrangements, and utterances, both spoken and written, proven

Sioux City
Trades and Labor Assembly
Affiliated with
American Federation of Labor
Iowa State Federation of Labor.
Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 27, 1903.

The Socialist:
"Dear Comrade—Will you please publish the following resolutions. The Sioux City Branch of the Socialist Party in regular meeting, passed the following:

Whereas, Leon Greenbaum, E. Val Putnam, M. Ballard Dun, Jas. S. Roche have betrayed the confidence of the Socialist Party by violating the principles of International Socialism and the Constitution promulgated by the Socialists at Indianapolis, Ind.,

Whereas, They have advocated and urged the Socialists to fuse with "Hearst's Union Labor Democracy" and by so doing have attempted to destroy the class conscious Socialist movement.

Resolved, That the Sioux City Branch of the Socialist Party condemn the actions of Leon Greenbaum, E. Val Putnam, M. Ballard Dun, Jas. S. Roche and all those favoring the fusion schemes or compromises. We request them to kindly resign the offices in the Socialist organizations.

Resolved, In failing to resign we call upon the National Committee to remove them.
Fraternally yours,
EXECUTIVE BOARD.
JOHN E. SHANK, Secy.

LATE, BUT PUBLISHED FOR FAIR PLAY.
Editor, "Seattle Socialist."

Dear Comrade—Perhaps you will permit a victim of the "Quorum Disease" a brief reply to the communication of Comrade G. A. Hoehn in The Socialist of January 11th. As by his own statement, the Local Quorum of the National Committee as such, took no action in the California affair but "referred the whole matter to the next National Committee meeting to be held in January," it was superfluous for Hoehn to add that we want before the Comrades of the country "without any authority whatever except that as party members," I know of no "unwritten pledge," "code of honor" or obligation which denies me the right of free speech as one of the rank and file of the Socialist Party. I am not aware that my incidental position as a member of the Local Quorum calls for a stultification of my manhood by a display of moral cowardice in withholding my views on a question of principle and tactics involving the future of the Socialist Party as such, and the welfare of the wage working class. On the contrary I hold that by the very nature of my position it is my plain duty to express my views on this question or any other, so that the Comrades knowing where I stand, may remove me if my attitude does not reflect theirs. Inasmuch as "Comrades Putnam, Roche, et al.," have expressed their views on this question only in their individual capacity, and not as officials of the party, I fall to see why "it would have been their duty to resign as members of the National Quorum." According to Comrade Hoehn, the decision of Local St. Louis is the decision of the Party—petty conceit on his part. There are other Locals, and St. Louis is no more the "whole thing" than California. This is a national question and therefore I have a perfect right to express my opinion without consulting Local St. Louis, with all due respect to its views. I pass lightly over the gratuitous insults offered by Comrade Hoehn just as I have the unwarranted, uncalled for, and altogether irrelevant insults offered by the Editor of The Socialist, of Seattle. Like Li-bknecht, I know that "one who feels that he is in the wrong generally makes up for the weakness of his case by the violence of his speech. I have always taken the insolence of my opponents as an involuntary compliment, and never hottered myself about it."

I may also add the words of Ferdinand Lassalle that "truth and justice toward our opponents is the first duty of a man."

Fraternally yours,
JAMES S. ROCHE.
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 29, 1903.

* OMITTED HIS ADDRESS.
Editor The Socialist.
Dear Sir—Enclosed find 25c in stamps for the renewal of my subscription to The Socialist.

With earnest wishes of a prosperous new year for The Socialist, I remain,
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TH. JOHNSON.

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Isn't it rich now, and so kind of them to tell us just how they are

going to do us up. On their "Board of Editorial Associates, Contributors and Endorsers" appear the names of the following "friends" of labor, "horny handed sons of toil," and men who "live by the sweat of the workingman's brow: Grover Cleveland, Lyman J. Gage, Robert Moran, Wm. Cramp, Bishop Potter, D. M. Parry, John H. Patterson, Pres. National Cash Register Co., Prof. Wm. Harper, Rockefeller's intellectual prostitute (otherwise president University of Chicago), F. E. Clark, Grand Chief Conductor, O. R. F., Judge Potter and other capitalists and their tools.

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TRAMP OR HOBO? SPICY DEBATE.

North Yakima, Wn., Jan. 24, 1903.
Just received "The Socialist" No. 129.

Sent in stamps for renewal. Question tomorrow eve:

Resolved, That the Tramp is a disgrace to society while the Hobo is the salvation of the community.

The Tramp is a disgrace to society, not only is he a disgrace, but is a robber and murderer, sustained in his present position by the legitimate murderers of the nation, the Army and the Navy, also by Judges and your votes, the votes of the Tramps above, the Hobo below, and society in general.

The Hobo is also being pushed and kept in his position by the same elements. But the Hobo is anyone looking for a job after he leaves his own roof, if he may have one—or perhaps a sage blanket and blanket in the country. When one man has to depend upon another for employment, he is simply a suspended Hobo for the time being and does not know how soon he may be one in reality.

But at his worst he is no great menace to society. He may frighten a few ignorant women and children by asking for bread or clothes, and may, when driven to the direst necessities of want, take some few articles not his own; but our salvation today is because the 3,500,000 Hobos were not caused to join to join the had or vicious enough to join with Army or Navy in our little spat with Spain as the Tramp believed and hoped he would. I believe this a good question for any Local.
Yours for Socialism,
ADA GETCHELL.

LEADERS OR MEMBERSHIP, WHICH?

Comrade—I wish to state the reasons that forced Local Tulare to pass the resolution published in the Seattle Socialist of Jan. 11.

1. The Constitution passed by the Convention held at San Francisco in September, 1902, was forced through by a law, fair discussion was not allowed.

2. After being so passed it was put in immediate operation, thus violating the principles and Constitution of the party.

3. When it was submitted to the party no discussion was permitted. If a resolution or article did not meet the views of those in possession of the party machinery, it was not published.

4. And worst, the referendum vote was put off till after the election, thus allowing the convention, instead of the party membership, to control the party. This places us where the party can be bought whenever a few of the leaders can be bought, as a few of the old party politicians can control almost any convention and if they can put off the referendum vote till after the mischief is done, we are helpless.

It is not alone a question of fusion or Union Labor parties, the question is whether a few of the leaders or the whole party membership shall control the party. We here believe that the party should be controlled by the membership, and the right to free speech and a free press should not be denied.
Yours fraternally,
WM. CARPENTER,
Sec. Local Tulare, Tulare, Calif.

LOS ANGELES RIGHT ABOUT FACE Resolution.

The following resolution was adopted by Local Los Angeles at the regular business meeting of the Local Tuesday, January 27th.

Whereas, The historic policy of the political Socialist movement has been against compromise and political trading and,

Whereas, The tendency of certain members of the Socialist Party to encourage the formation of Union Labor Parties by fusing with such parties constitutes a menace to the Socialist Party, and,

Whereas, Certain members of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party have openly urged fusion with Union Labor Parties, therefore be it

Resolved, That Local Los Angeles hereby requests the California representative of the Socialist Party at the National Committee meeting about to be held at St. Louis, to use every effort to prevent any action by said committee looking to fusion of the Socialist Party with any local or national Union Labor Party or with any other party.

Adopted from Committee, Sam'l. Robbins, H. Holtkamp, W. A. Corey, Eleven for, seven against, nineteen present.—"Los Angeles Socialist."

ATTENTION, THURSTON COUNTY!

Socialists of Thurston county, Washington, are requested to meet at Raebek's Hall, Olympia, Wash., on Saturday, Feb. 13th, 1903, for the purpose of choosing a County Central Committee and perfect plans for the campaign of 1904. It is hoped that every precinct in the county may be represented—that many Socialists from unorganized points may attend, sign the pledge of membership and become members at large where Locals are as yet unorganized, pending organization work in their respective localities. Those in sympathy, and who cannot be present on above date, are earnestly urged to communicate with C. V. Boone, Olympia. We are very desirous of securing the names of active Socialists at Bucoda, Tenino, Rainier, Rochester, Gate City, Grand Mound, Maxwell and Meadow.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Per E. E. Martin.

SOCIALISTS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, ATTENTION!

The Central Committee of the Snohomish County Socialist Party meet Feb. 15th, 1903, in Arlington, Wash., at Odd Fellows' Hall, 1 p. m.

All Locals are requested to send their representative. Socialists in unorganized precincts are invited to send one of their neighborhood. The matter is important and we would like to have the whole county represented. Don't forget.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM DE LILLY,
Secretary Central Committee S. P.

CAMERON IN SKAGIT COUNTY, WASH.

Lyman, Skagit County, Wash., Feb. 1. Editor Socialist—On the evening of Jan. 30th, J. M. Cameron, organizer for Skagit Co., addressed the people of Lyman at K. of P. Hall, making a very interesting and impressive speech, as a consequence the Local held a meeting after the address, taking in 5 new members, thus, Local Lyman, which has been struggling along with 6 or 7 members, increased its membership to 12. If we had a few more speakers like Mr. Cameron and a few more writers like the Rev. Chas. Vail, our road to success would be easy to travel and our journey soon ended. I believe we will out number the democrats in this precinct next fall.
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