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## SLAVE MARKET REPORTS

Conducted by D. Burgess.

The confusion which prevailed when work was suspended upon the tower of Babel would scarcely compare with that which now prevails in the ranks of the world's masters. These masters tell us that readjustment of industrial affairs is proceeding satisfactorily, but they confess that such readjustment is throwing thousands of slaves out of work. But this fact does not seem to greatly disturb the masters. They seem to have a firm reliance in the power of the press, the pulpit and the school to delude the slaves indefinitely. Carroll D. Wright, who is mostly wrong, is reported to have said: "The Decalogue is as good a labor platform as any." At once the masters set up a deafening applause, which in itself, is a very suspicious circumstance, but Carroll D. Wright seemed to realize that he ought to say something more, and so he amplified by saying: "We are to have a new law of wages grown out of religious thought."

So, I infer that our masters interpret the Decalogue to mean the perpetuation of wage-slavery under a new name. We are to have poverty, misery, degradation and all the horrors of increasing dependence, dignified by the name of "religious thought." But somebody told us some years ago that a skunk does not change its odor by calling it a rose. No more will slavery be acceptable to the slave because his master calls it "religious thought." The toiler is becoming weary of the dry husks of empty phrases. He is now demanding the fruit of his toil and this demand is sure to gain in volume and in intensity until his class, the slave class, arise and take their own.

No more will we be diverted from the accomplishment of our purpose by abuse and denunciation; by threats of divine vengeance when we claim our own; by the charge that we are unpatriotic and un-American; by the false charge that we are anarchists, false alike to us and to the peace loving, non-resisting anarchist, nor will we deviate from our course because the power of the existing governments is invoked to aid in the robbery of all who toil.

Amid the din, noise, confusion, turmoil and strife of the present crisis we shall pursue a straight, undeviating course in our designs of taking over the means of wealth production and distribution. We shall proceed in a peaceful way, by such means as our masters have provided, to establish the Socialist Republic. All who would be free are asked to aid us.

Investors and investments are claiming much space in some of our trade

Journals, but there is one form of investment that is made with scrupulous care, and yet our trade journals seldom mention this investment. I refer to the campaign fund of the two old parties. This fund amounts to some millions of dollars and is mostly contributed in large sums by our most discriminating financiers, men who are not swayed by sentiment. They are shrewd, cool, calculating and put their money into these campaign funds because of the promise of large returns. Had these men been disappointed in past campaigns, do you suppose they would still invest so liberally in this way? If it pays these people, to support political parties which represent their interests, would it not pay the workers to support a party that will represent their interests?

It certainly will pay to do so. But we cannot make such large individual investments as do our masters, but we can make millions of small investments, and these small investments are sure to make ample return at some future date.

Both of the old parties use the funds contributed to pay speakers, support papers and to do such other things as those entrusted with such funds may think useful to, use masters, and there is little scrutiny of the manner in which funds are used if satisfactory results follow.

But it is entirely otherwise in the Socialist Party. We demand a strict accounting. The Socialist party uses money to educate, not to corrupt; the Socialist party needs speakers to teach economic truth, and these speakers must be supported; we need papers to teach economic and political truths and these papers must be supported. What are you willing to give for your own emancipation? Is it not worth at least a few cents each week? If you are to be free you must co-operate in the achievement of such freedom.

Every Socialist ought to be a soliciting agent for some good wage-workers paper. Now is the time to begin work. Every day should be a working day in this cause. Do your duty! Do not rely upon some one else to do your work. Do it yourself and then it is more likely to be well done. Do not forget to begin work at once.

A slave writes: "I managed to find a master after a long search, but I am now laid up with crippled hands."

Many readers might pass this simple announcement over without a thought, but to one who has been similarly situated it is like looking through an aperture upon a scene of desolation. What doubts and fears, what conflicts

and anxieties distract the mind of a masterless slave none can tell—not even the slave. Such a state of mind cannot be reduced to words. To attempt it is to mock.

A slave writes from Hoquiam, saying: "I joined the Local here, and I am proud to belong to such a clear, revolutionary body as I find here. This is undoubtedly the most progressive and advanced Local in the State outside of Seattle. Propaganda meetings are held every Sunday night and seats are always filled. They do not preach any wishy-washy claptrap either. Last night (Sunday) the question of supporting 'The Socialist' came up by purchasing subscription cards, and it went through with a whoop. Is not this a clear indication of the progressiveness of this Local?"

The narrow teaching of Doc is mostly to blame for this, and then those sterling class-conscious workers, J. G. Brown and Geo. E. Croston, have done their part in this great work.

You should have attended the caucus when the municipal ticket was put up. Only seven members (according to our State Constitution) were entitled to take nomination for office under the banner of the Socialist party. In strict accordance with that document the meeting was held—only those members in good standing were allowed vote and voice.

The politicians of the old parties wanted local coloring mixed in, but this did not go." WILLARD HYDE.

A slave writes: "I think your Slave Market Reports a good move and should be enlarged as far as possible, even though it slanders chattel slavery. The chattel was seldom sold except when the master decreased his plantation or sold it, but the wage slave is sold every day he works."

How does this look to a supporter of capitalism?

"I had a friend," writes a slave, "who came out to the coast from Ohio. His father is wealthy, employing quite a number of men, yet when this son of a wealthy man succeeded in getting a job as time keeper for the Seattle Logging company at Point Crescent, he liked the job so well that he worked day and night to hold it, and by so doing lost his mind, and in that condition 'was sent back to his home in Dayton, Ohio."

"You would hardly think that to a person of his class the fear of losing a job would work such harm, but to one who must have a job or starve it is very different."

To do, to accomplish, to achieve is an impelling force with most people, but our so-called education represses this force in many, so that they are content to live the lives of parasites. With this young man this desire to achieve was too powerful to be suppressed even by our false education. He undertook to mark out a course for himself in competition with members of the working class and his powers of endurance were not adequate to the task; thus we see that capitalism is preparing a class for its own overthrow.

The ministers of Yonkers, New York, observed that as the baseball craze grew their incomes diminished. They decided that baseball was responsible for their diminished exchequers. So they resolved to put an end to the ungodly game. They called in a constable and gave him some pious instructions. He went in search of the violators of law, found a lot of well dressed people playing golf. The constable knew not the difference between baseball and golf, and issued an official invitation to these clerks, bankers and "eminent" citizens to take a ride in the patrol wagon. They accepted with becoming alacrity and went in a body to a pink tea at the police station.

These eminent, respectable members of the social upper crust were indignant. The preachers were amazed, but they now know they cannot stop baseball without stopping golf. If they stop golf they will be cut off from all income. In the language of the street these gentlemen of the cloth are in a

h—ll of a fix.



A NEWSPAPER SYNDICATE CARTOON.

## The Way To Strike.

Dedicated to Colorado Miners.



We have just learned of a mishap to National Organizer M. W. Wilkins, by which he has been disabled, but he reports that he is again on the firing line.

A slave contributes the following: "My next door neighbor has a family of three children, making five in all in that family. He gets \$1.50 a day piling lumber. This is only 30 cents per person to feed, clothe and shelter this family. Last month restaurant keeper quit business who had twenty regulars as well as many transient boarders and he charged almost as much for each meal as this man has to spend on three meals, shelter and fuel, etc., etc. The keeper of the restaurant says he lost money." Oh! Why don't the slaves save money!!!

Hanna went over Ohio saying that unless the Republicans were elected it would be necessary to establish soup houses, as was done under Grover's regime. Hanna won out. His ticket was elected and now there is a growing demand for soup houses.

Is this because Hanna won, or would the same conditions have prevailed had Tom Johnson won? In either case the workers are slaves and the owners are monsters. That much is certain.

Do you, slaves, want to perpetrate such conditions?

### THE BEST PAPER.

In reading your criticism of Com. Kingsley's letter, I find the "Socialist" clearly takes the position of Scientific Socialism. "The Socialist" is the best paper edited on scientific Socialism. In looking over the field of propaganda, I find "The Socialist" to be the most fearless organ of the working class, bravely pointing out the pres-

ent industrial slavery and how to get out of it. A comrade that does not subscribe for it misses a treat.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain yours for militant and uncompromising Socialism,

JOSEPH J. ETTOR.

The man who votes for rags generally kicks when he gets them. Did he know that he was voting for them? No, he did not. The average voter does not understand economics and as a result he votes blindly. He must be educated to see the necessity of voting for his own class—the working class, the slave class—and not for the master class, as he has been doing so long.

He must be made to see that so long as he votes for the master class he will get rags while the masters get boundless luxuries.

The wolf, having caught a rabbit, was looking contented and happy. The rabbit was much disheartened and complained bitterly of his fate, but the wolf said: "A patriot is a much better citizen than a pessimist."

But this did not in the least assure the rabbit. He struggled to dislodge himself; but the wolf said: "A contented mind is worth more than great riches." But the rabbit still chafed.

During all this time the wolf was whetting his teeth and licking his chops. The rabbit was greatly alarmed at these signs of preparation, but the wolf assured the timid rabbit that "their interests were identical."

Presently the wolf set his teeth in the quivering flesh of the rabbit, and at this the rabbit wailed pitifully. Whereat the wolf said: "Obedience to the law is demanded as a right; not asked as a favor."

But the rabbit will have its reward

in the "great beyond," at least that is what the sky pilots tell the slave when he is robbed and despoiled.

The slave can no more depend upon the pity of the capitalist than could the rabbit depend upon the pity of the wolf. The slaves must join a political party of their own class and through this party conquer the powers of government.

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### Recent Elections.

A falling off in the number of Socialist votes cast has been noted at several points in the country. Doubtless there are various causes due to local conditions, as, for instance, in the Seattle school election, a number of "Socialists" abstained from all activity and some from voting, because the candidate did not please them.

In Cleveland and Toledo, the peculiar attraction of "Johnsonism" (which Hanna called Socialism) and of "Jonesism," a sort of hero worship, had its effect on half baked Socialists.

In San Francisco, the powerful Union Labor and Schmitz following acted similarly, though the Socialists easily held their own.

But there are general causes which operate everywhere.

First, the passing of the "New Broom" period.

Where this period has not passed, as in many country places in Ohio and Michigan, the Socialist returns swelled the general total, simply because Socialism was in the field for the first time.

But in older places, where people are just beginning to find out what the

Socialist Party really stands for, many sympathetic or unthinking voters have been frightened off. The working class doctrine alarms the conservative, religious, sentimental voter. He thought Socialism was a sort of New Religion to save humanity and he has no use for this revolutionary, class conscious, scientific, cold blooded, practical, political party of despised laborers, such as he discovers advocated in the widespread literature of Socialism.

While working class Socialism has thus repelled many fresh zealots, it has not yet penetrated sufficiently the body of the working class itself to balance with workers' votes its loss of sympathetic support.

The workingmen are not attracted by sentimental flourish. They are too hard headed and profane to be captured by pretty phrases or anything that smacks of the goody-goody. They want something for their money. When once they comprehend the nature of real Socialism as the full program for their own emancipation, they will adopt it in America as they have in Germany.

Because the Socialist Party is declaring itself as a Workers' Party, it has lost some votes. In Seattle this was conspicuous. Mrs. Titus, our candidate for School Director, declared unequivocally she would vote to increase the taxes and expenses from 2½ millions to 5 millions in order to educate the 4000 working class children now out of school. This terrified the taxpayers and scared away every sympathetic vote. The workers themselves were too apathetic and ignorant to grasp the meaning of such a revolutionary proposal. Many of them, indeed, thought such an announcement very imprudent. But the very boldness of the declaration challenged

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THE HOUR.

O Herald on the battlements of time; Proclaim the birth-cry of a greater race, On the great scroll of ages mark this place...

RECENT ELECTIONS.

(Continued from Page One.) attention, and created the true issue. The ensuing discussion forcing explanations and opening many blind eyes to see the class character of the Socialist Party...

ed to teach the students in the Mills school how to be model secretaries. Certainly one of the first requisites in a model Secretary is to keep expenses within reasonable reach of the income...

100 Live Locals by 1904. The financial report for September, October and November is again crowded out, owing to press of other matter. Don't forget the Basket Social and Dance at Headquarters, 509 Third Avenue, Saturday evening, December 12, given by Central Branch.

tion, committee or primary meeting, to make their action legal. The convention creating a committee consisting of Mr. Geo. E. Baird, Chairman, and F. H. Alexander, Secretary, to place in nomination candidates for state officers, failed to make such qualification...

ing against the party, for being connected with the Propaganda Club, and for selling non-Socialist literature. Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 30, 1903. To Whom it May Concern: During an argument with Congressman A. C. Shalenberger in the fall campaign of 1902...

therefore, we wish to emphasize our opinion of a National Committee member who will in any way vote to extenuate or apologize for the action of a party member who will allow himself to be affiliated with an organization that is working in opposition to the regular organization in any state...

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ELECTIONS IN WASHINGTON.

Seattle School Election, 16 Per Cent. There was only one capitalist candidate, the Rev. Dr. Smith. Others withdrew as soon as the Socialist candidate was announced.

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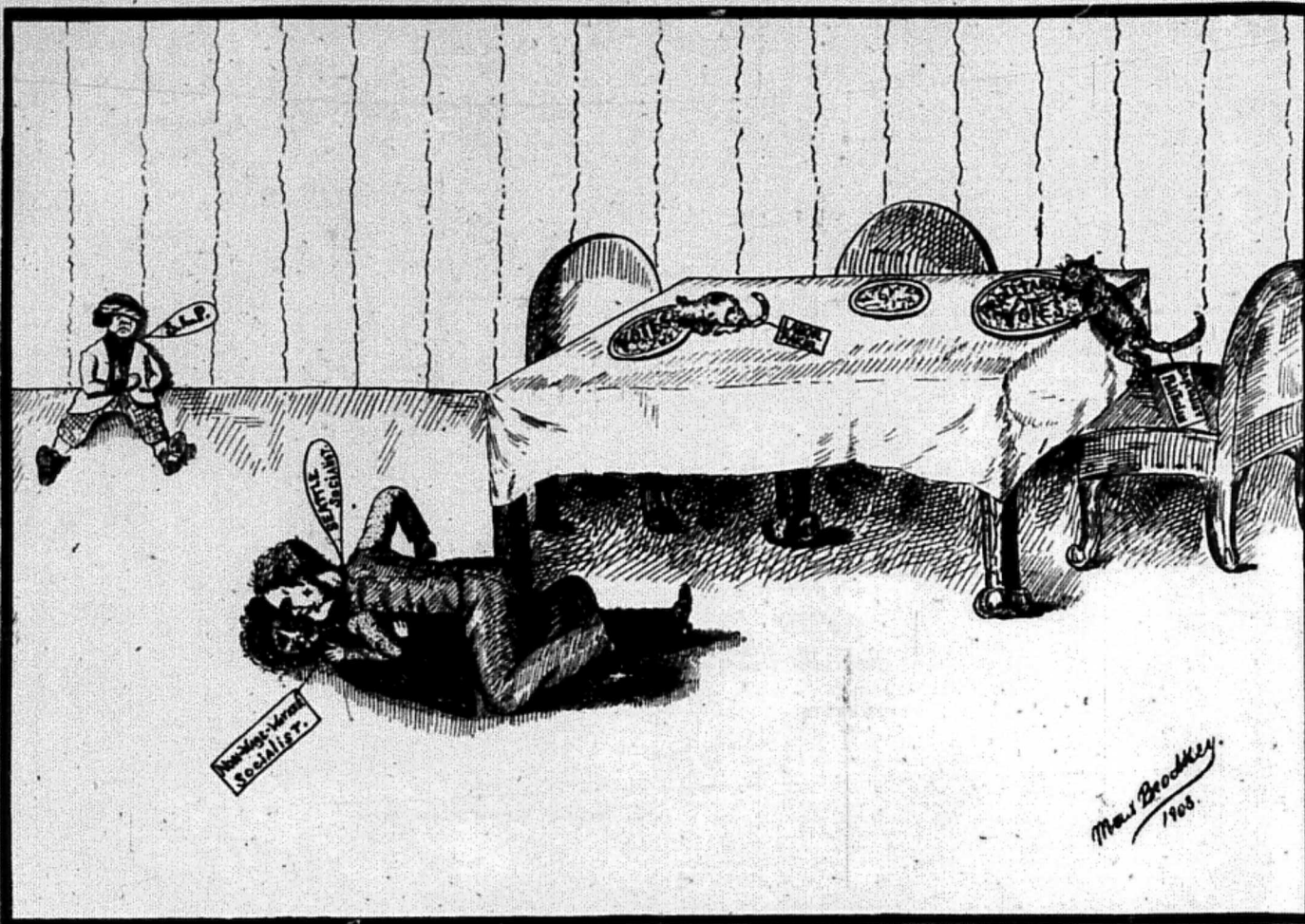
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# U. S. SOCIALISM IN TWO CARTOONS.

No. 1 According to a Middle Class Cartoonist.



"U. S. Socialism in its Boyhood" (According to Brodkey)

### EXPLANATION OF CARTOONS.

For those readers who are unfamiliar with the conditions existing in the Socialist Party, we offer a few explanatory words concerning the two cartoons on this page.

Max Brodkey, the author of Cartoon No. 1, sends with his picture a letter which is printed below.

### "A MIDDLE MAN" TAKES ISSUE.

Sioux City, Ia., Oct. 16, 1903.  
Editor of the Seattle Socialist:

My Dear Comrade: Yours of the 10th inst. at hand. I thank you kindly for your remarks. I have always been highly attached to your paper and be sure I can never forget the personal kindness of the editor. But all that notwithstanding I cannot help but take issue with what is to my judgment a mistake on the part of its management to make "fight" a sort of a mission of your otherwise splendid paper.

While myself a middleman, still it is not in his behalf I am writing this letter. I am speaking in behalf of the Socialist movement in America as it appears to me. A movement more than by any other fact of its existence. Your paper is an ideal party paper for its scientific clearness, for its fearless class consciousness, for its neat appearance, attractive cartoons, and general bright holiday appearance.

But why add a drop of gall and spoil it all? Why attack the "Appeal to Reason"? Surely not because they encourage the farmers to study Socialism, even if you may differ with them on the farmer question or is it because a fight in itself is attractive to some "for the fight's sake." Surely you must acknowledge that the "Appeal" today is a credit to the Socialist movement. By the way, I am not an "Appeal army" man nor in any way connected with them.

When the "Coming Nation" wants 2,000,000 votes in 1904 and a Socialist president in 1908, you get scared and

are ready to scrap for fear we might get it. I ask what harm in wanting it? When the Nebraska Socialists refuse a charter to the criminal middleman the Seattle "Socialist" forgets Liebknecht's appeal to the small merchant, professional man and farmer tenants, etc. (in "No Compromise and No Political Trading"), and loses its science in the sight of a dog fight.

If the Seattle "Socialist" with its clear science would carry the banner of Socialism as high as "The Worker" and other standard Socialist periodicals, it would to my opinion stand among the best papers that are a credit to the Socialist movement in the world.

I take the advantage of your remark in your letter about free discussion. I know that you are true to the movement and aim to benefit it instead of retarding it, but I feel that you are mistaken. With all kindness to you and all noble workers in a noble cause, I remain, yours for Socialism,

M. BRODKEY.

P. S.—Under a separate cover I send you a cartoon. If you think you can not use it, please send it back by return mail.

His letter and his cartoon both criticize the Seattle "Socialist" for too much "scrapping." He links "The Socialist" would be just the thing, if it would stop criticizing Socialist papers and Socialist speakers. He thinks we are always aching for a fight like some boys, and he thinks this is the only reason we have criticized the "Appeal" or "Coming Nation" or Walter Thos. Mills.

In the first place, let us ask Comrade Brodkey and others who take his position, why, if it is just a "dog-fight" we are after,—why we don't attack other men, like Debs or Vail or Hanford or Malley, or other papers, like "The Worker," "The Chicago Socialist," "Cleveland Citizen," "Democratic Herald," "The Comrade," St. Louis "La-

bor"? Why do we always select the "Appeal," "Coming Nation" and Mills? If we are only sparring for a fight, wouldn't Debs give us just as good a chance as Mills or Herron just as good a chance as Thompson or Hillquit just as good a chance as Critchlow? There must be some sort of a principle underlying our choice of an antagonist. What is it?

Our Cartoon No. 2 will reply. We fight every Socialist who will not come to the Wage Worker's Table.

There is a deep seated division in the Socialist Party in America. This division is not recognized by many well meaning Socialists, but it exists just the same. This division is between those who stand for a party of the Working Class and those who stand for a party of all classes.

You may ask, What does it matter, so long as you build up a party, to what class its voters belong?

If you ask that, you show you do not understand the very A B C of political parties. Comrade Brodkey quotes Liebknecht's "No Compromise," or rather misquotes it. We advise every reader of this to get that pamphlet and see how it supports us in the very position Brodkey criticizes us for taking. It is incredible that he should quote that book of all books in this connection. It does not contain a word of the sort he says it contains and is crowded from cover to cover with the precise contentions of "The Socialist."

This is our principle, by which we stand or fall, that the Socialist Party must be a Wage Workers' Party. Others can join it and are welcomed into it, but they must come to the Wage Worker's Table. It is because the "Appeal" and "Coming Nation" and Mills do not insist on this basis of the

party, that we have criticized them—and for no other reason.

We do not love a fight. On the contrary, we shrink from a fight and love peace and harmony above all things; that is, where no principles are at stake. But when vital principles are at stake, we shall fight every opponent of the truth to the bottomless pit. Against the demands of principles, men and papers and persons simply do not count.

Now listen to Liebknecht in his "No Compromise":

"In France a part of the radical bourgeoisie (capitalist class) rallies around the Socialist flag without understanding the nature of Socialism. This political Socialism, which in fact is only philanthropic humanitarian radicalism, has retarded the development of Socialism in France exceedingly. It has diluted and blurred the principles and weakened the Socialist Party because it brought into it troops upon which no reliance could be placed in the decisive moment." ("No Compromise," pages 13 and 14, published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 56 5th Ave., Chicago, Ill. Price, 10 cents.)

This states exactly our reason for criticizing the "Appeal," "Coming Nation" and Comrade Mills. They have "diluted and blurred the principles" on which our tactics must be based and that at a time when the character of the party is being established, in its first few years, its childhood and formative age.

Again listen to Liebknecht (same book, p. 9):

"For our party and for our party tactics there is but one valid basis: The Basis of the Class Struggle, out of which the Socialist Party has sprung up, and out of which alone it can draw

the necessary strength to bid defiance to every storm and to all its enemies." That sort of doctrine is more needed in America than in Germany, where Liebknecht wrote, because the fact of classes has been obscured in the United States by our democratic traditions. In Europe this fact of classes is of centuries' duration, but America until recently was a country of one class and that not the wage class. Here we still talk in the style of a hundred or fifty years ago, using the language of the Declaration of Independence, as if all American citizens were "free and equal" still.

This is a sort of hypnotic delusion. This "free and equal" talk has been heard so much that the "suggestion" has become deep seated, as if it were true to fact. But the truth is, nowhere in the world is the Class of Wage Workers so large in proportion to the Class of Capitalists, and so heavily exploited as in this country. Hence the immense importance of the class doctrine in America. What Liebknecht says above concerning the necessity of teaching the class basis of the party in Germany is of ten fold force here in America, where popular traditions tend to obscure the struggle of Class against Class.

But hear Liebknecht again (p. 55). Now, as to the second question: The question of unity and agreement. The answer is dictated to me by the interests and principles of the party. I am for the unity of the party,—for the national and international unity of the party. But it must be a unity of Socialism and Socialists. The unity with opponents,—with people who have other aims and other interests, is no Socialist unity. We must strive for unity at any price and with all sacrifices. But while we are uniting and organizing, we must rid ourselves of all foreign and antagonistic elements. What would one say of a general who in the enemy's country, sought to fill the ranks of his army with recruits from the ranks of the enemy? Would that not be the height of foolishness? Very well, to take into our army,—which is an army for the class struggle and the class war,—opponents, soldiers with aims and interests entirely opposite to our own,—that would be madness, that would be suicide.

On the ground of the class struggle we are invincible; if we leave it we are lost, because we are no longer Socialists. The strength and power of Socialism rests in the fact that we are leading a class struggle; that the laboring class is exploited and oppressed by the capitalist class, and that within capitalist society effectual reforms, which will put an end to class government and class exploitation, are impossible.

We cannot traffic in our principles, we can make no compromise, no agreement with the ruling system. We must break with the ruling system and fight it to a finish. It must fall that Socialism may rise, and we certainly cannot expect from the ruling class that it will give to itself and its domination the death blow. The International Workingmen's Association accordingly preached that "The emancipation of the laboring class must be the work of the laborers themselves."

He thus states principles fundamental to the International Socialist movement. There can be no real Socialist movement which does not recognize them and insist upon them. It is not votes we need just at this juncture so much as a working class foundation of the party.

To win votes enough to elect a president in 1908 would be the certain death of the Socialist Party as a party of Socialists. This is a big country and the working class is awfully ignorant of its own interests and the economic foundations of its own interests. Unless they learn the economic facts that compel their class struggle, they will be misled into all sorts of reform schemes to relieve the situation. A great and permanent political party such as ours must be to succeed, can only be founded on the interests of the numerically dominant class of wage workers.

The greatest present duty of the Socialist press is to develop the class sense in the working class and thus unite all members of that class into one irresistible political machine.

SEATTLE NOTES.  
Mr. J. H. Walrath, of Tacoma, speaks at Carpenters' Hall next Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 8 p. m. Mr. Walrath is a Single Taxer and claims he intends teaching the Socialists of Seattle a few things.

PIKE STREET BRANCH (SEATTLE) NOTES.

Headquarters, Labor Hall, 1510 Second Avenue, near Pike Street.  
Street meeting next Sunday, Dec. 13th, 2:30 p. m., at corner of Pike and Second Avenue. H. F. Titus speaks. Hall meeting immediately follows street meeting, at which A. E. Fowler will speak.

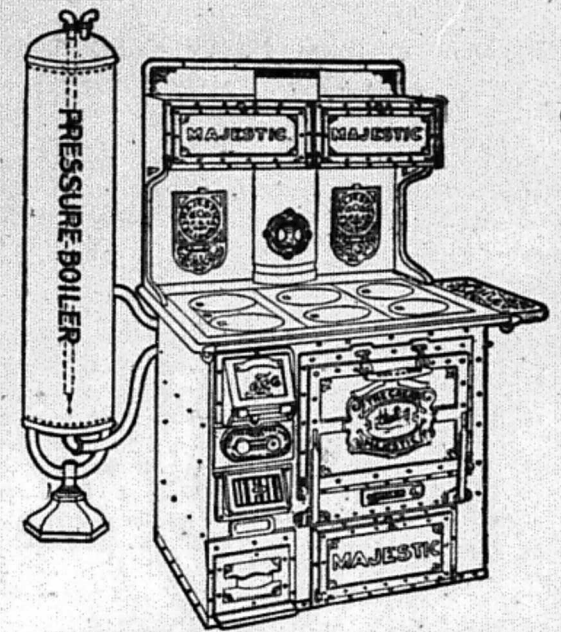
On Friday evening, Dec. 11th, the School for Parliamentary Practice meets. All members are asked to be present at 8 o'clock sharp. J. D. Curtis is conductor.

The evening of Friday, Dec. 18th, will be the occasion for the free monthly social of the Branch. We extend all comrades and friends a cordial invitation.

A. WAGENKNECHT,  
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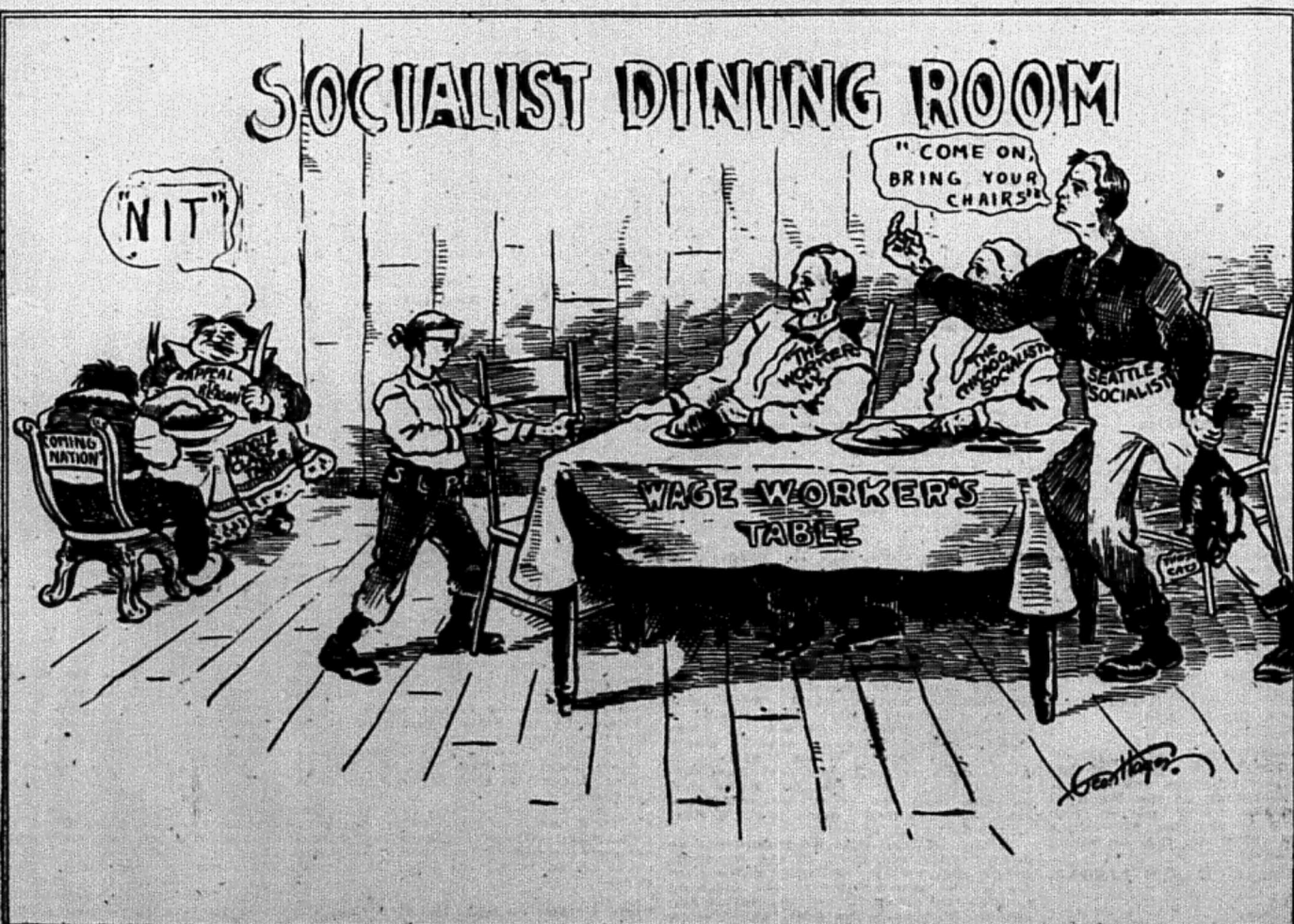


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