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TWO LAWYERS AND A WORKINGMAN TO CHOOSE FROM

SLAVE MARKET REPORTS

Conducted by D. Burgess.

Humility of the slave is the leading feature at this date.

In the presence of wage cuts and progressively worse conditions of life, the slave meekly submits to his fate.

In some of the slave camps there is a little growling done in an undertone, but there it ends.

The masters accept this servility as evidence that the slaves are really inferior, and as a consequence these masters will become more and more aggressive and more and more arrogant.

Some of the slaves who have been summarily discharged for a half-hearted protest against the acceptance of brutalizing conditions, are now filled with remorse for having even quietly protested. If these submissive slaves cannot see that their freedom is to come from resistance and not from submission, what will teach them the truth? Will they wait until they are bound hand and foot?

Do they expect some Moses to hand down their freedom to them? Do they expect to gain strength, capacity and masterfulness by inaction and irresolution?

These slaves must be disillusioned and it is the mission of the Socialists to rend the veils of tradition and su-

perstition which now blinds the giant Labor.

President Jordan delivered an address a week or so ago on "The Call of the Twentieth Century," from which the following is quoted: "The greatest discovery of the twentieth century will be that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. This means democracy. The century calls for the man who can kick the goal, build the road, write the book. Democracy means equality of start, the best education for all, a fair chance to the son of the poor man. It does not mean equality of achievement. Horse races start even, but the horses do not finish even except when you handicap the best animals. America is a country of perpetual inequalities, because it gives an even start to all."—Pacific Christian.

The foregoing was sent in by a friend who says: "I cannot do the subject justice; do your best."

Well, we are just like him—we cannot do justice to the subject either. By this we are reminded of a most profane farmer back in Arkansas. He was taking a wagon up a very steep hill. In the wagon box were a few bushels of potatoes. The tail gate dropped out just as the wagon reached the summit; the potatoes rolled down the hill, but the driver did not utter a single oath.

On the contrary he went quietly to work, picking up the potatoes. His friends asked him why he did not swear. He answered very meekly: "It's no use." So think we in reference to such statements as the one here quoted. It is no use to tell the people that it is false, for all who use their faculties know that there is no truth in it. The statement is made to deceive and not to enlighten.

Our "me too" Socialists who are always on the verge of nervous prostration because of the radical attitude of "The Socialist," might learn a few valuable lessons by a careful study of their own brand of Socialism as exemplified in Australia.

In Australia, we have found the Garden of Eden for the "step-atamers," but this illusion as well as most other of their pet hallucinations have been put to sleep by their own kind of Socialism, which, I may remark, is not Socialism at all. These Socialists who can not see that modern society is divided into masters and slaves ought to take a peep at the wreck of opportunism in Australia.

One of our daily newspapers, one that dares not publish the news, The Seattle Daily Times, is getting a little frantic over its alleged tendency of the times to drift into a luxurious mode of living.

I can see no such tendency among the slaves. If the masters are suffer-

ing from such a tendency we shall try to correct such evil by putting them to doing useful work. That is our remedy, Mr. Times.

An opponent of Socialism has made the discovery that all the capital one needs to start a shoe plant to compete with the great establishments now doing business, is ability and character. Since this opponent of Socialism is living a precarious existence outside the shoe business, I very naturally conclude that he has neither ability nor character.

Every war is fought by the slave; it's the blood of the slave that stains the soil, but the slave does not pay for all this. The class that robs the slave in the factory, mine and mill, is the one that concocts these saturnalia of murder, and the same class, the master class, pays the taxes.

Bishop Potter declared that wages have gone up, but that widows' investments have gone down in earning capacity.

These capitalist parsons are always concerned about the widows, especially do they have an eye single to the widows who invest.

"Thou shalt not steal," say the capitalists and then, while the slave is busy creating wealth these idlers steal all that the slave creates, giving back enough to keep life in those of the slaves who are fortunate enough to have a master.

Our patriots are growing enthusiastic on the subject of figures. They are filling books, papers and magazines with long arrays of figures, proving that we are prosperous.

But the slave says figures are not nutritious, nor do they furnish clothing and shelter. The slave has his eye fixed upon food, clothes and houses and he is slowly joining the Socialist Party for the purpose of possessing these things. He will let the master live on figures if he like.

It seems very strange to the masters that the slaves are not willing to toil and die that the masters may live in the delights of gorgeous luxury.

A friend of mine has a splendid cow, but she had one fault from the owner's point of view. She would not give down her milk unless petted and caressed, but for five cents worth of flattery she would yield seventy-five cents' worth of milk.

The slave class is much like this cow. At times the slaves become restive and sullen. At such times the masters resort to adulation and flattery and then the slaves, like the cow, give up the chief part of their products, but if fulsome flattery does not have the desired effect, these hired emissaries of the master class resort to cajolery and in the event this fails too, the military appear upon the scene as in Colorado. This last expedient is the trump card and it works with the slaves—but with the cow it would not work.

The Socialist Party is the political agent of the working class. Our economic interests are diametrically opposed to those of the master class. If the Socialist Party subserves the interests of the working class it must do the thing which the master class would not approve of. Therefore the Socialist Party must get all its support from the slaves. No capitalist will pay to have things done that he would rather have left undone.

It is perfectly plain therefore that the working class must support the Socialist Party.

The trouble with the idle slaves is, no doubt, that they have neglected their thumbs. A writer in "Million," the organ of the coterie that could not dominate the Socialist Party of the United States, says:

"The thumb is the most telltale member of the human body, and it is a well known device of employers of a large amount of labor to carefully examine the thumb of every applicant for a situation."

Here is an opening for a thumbologist and I nominate F. G. R. Gordon for this important and responsible position. According to the philosophy of the thumbologists everybody whose thumbs are "fixed" can get to be president of the United States!!

Socialism will die now that this important discovery has been made.

A worker was complaining about the terrible conditions of work in one of the typical factories in Seattle. He

said words could not describe the horrors which prevail.

I asked him what ticket he voted. "The Republican" he said with pride.

"Why don't you jump into the bay to keep from getting wet?" I asked.

It is foolish to vote the Republican ticket or the Democratic ticket and then complain at the results of such voting.

"You Socialists are too blunt," is a common criticism. The truth needs no fig leaf. The truth is blunt to those who have something to conceal, but not to any others.

Do you think a life of toil and privation necessary to the enjoyment of an endless future?

If it is true that a life of toil and privation, of poverty and distress is necessary to the entrance upon a future state of happiness, why do not the teachers of this grim doctrine renounce their life of luxury and ease and join the great multitude of slaves who do useful work and yet live in poverty and degradation? Simply because they do not believe their own professions.

Why not bring heaven down on earth?

Why toil in misery, poverty and distress, giving up to the idle, the useless and the vicious the fruits of your drudging?

Why not keep the product of your labor and thus live in peace and comfort?

WORKINGMAN'S PLATFORM AND TICKET

THIS PLATFORM

Adopted in Convention, Jan. 31, 1904

The Newspapers of Seattle are afraid of this platform. They seem to think it hot.

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

In presenting our candidates to the working class and those in sympathy with it, we base our appeal upon the following declarations and 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 mean 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 production 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 this demand, and is therefore the party of the working class. We recognize that in a municipality our power for permanent relief of the working class is limited, but
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 public affairs of this city in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class.
12. In conclusion, we appeal to all working men to study the principles of Socialism, to vote with their class at all elections until they overthrow the power of capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle and inaugurate the Co-operative Commonwealth based upon this fundamental principle of justice: TO EVERY WORKER THE FULL PRODUCT OF HIS LABOR!

FOR MAYOR.



MEREDITH PARSONS, CARPENTER.

Thirty-eight years old, born in Jacksonton, Ohio, in 1865, moved with his parents to La Fayette, Ind., in 1870, received a common school education, at the age of eighteen apprenticed himself to learn the carpenter trade, going to school in winter; in 1885 went to Kansas City as weighmaster for Parsons' Coal Co., returned to La Fayette in 1887, finished his trade. In 1889 went to Clifford, N. D. 1891 married Carrie M. Newman, moved to Mayville, N. D.; 1893 went to New Orleans, La.; 1894 settled in Portland, N. D., following the business of contractor and builder until 1900, he moved to Seattle where he is well known as a carpenter.

FOR COMPTROLLER.



WM. O'KEEFE, Ship Calker.

Born in Buffalo, N. Y. in 1857; lived for many years in the Middle West and for the past five years in Seattle; voted for Eugene V. Debs for president four years ago, and has been more or less active in Socialist propaganda work since.

FOR TREASURER.



GEORGE W. SCOTT, Newsdealer.

Born 1850, on farm near Rochester, N. Y., and spent early life there. Was educated to teach school, but after one trial found it too confining and went to canal-boating on the Erie canal for some years.

Worked under John C. Schoonover in Brooklyn, N. Y., for two years, and at building ever since.

Connected with Union movement since he came to Seattle. Father, a Republican; Greenbacker in '73. Voted for Cleveland in '88. "Have quit such foolishness and now am going to vote for what I want until I get it."

A Socialist for last five years and joined The Socialist Party in September, 1900.

FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL.



THOS. C. WISWELL, Salesman.

Thomas C. Wiswell, the candidate of the Socialists of Seattle for Corporation Counsel, was born in East Machias, Maine, December 7, 1869. His father and grandfather were both

members of the Republican party, and his ancestors on both sides fought with the colonists in Massachusetts in their struggle for political liberty. He was graduated from Washington Academy in 1887, where he took the preparatory course for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 18-0, the opportunity was given him to come West. He came to Seattle, where he was employed for three years as an operator of wood-working machinery.

In the fall of 1893 he became assistant to the Rev. Wallace Nutting, then pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, with the intention of entering the Christian ministry; and in 1894, entered Chicago Theological Seminary, graduating therefrom in 1897. He was immediately called to University (then Brooklyn) Congregational Church, of this city, where he served as pastor and preacher for nearly seven years, resigning from that position last July. He is now City Salesman for the Smith Premier Type-writer Company.

FOR COUNCILMAN AT LARGE.



J. E. RIMBOLD, Laundry Driver.

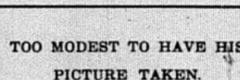
Thirty-four years old, born in San Antonio, Tex.; attended school till fifteen at St. Mary's College in that city; clerk in dry goods, hardware and grocery stores for several years; laundry worker for last ten years; is now driver for Majestic laundry and secretary Laundry Drivers' Union in Seattle. Became Socialist eight years ago in Portland and joined the S. D. P. just before Debs' campaign, and was secretary of the Portland branch. Is an active member of the Socialist Party in Seattle.

FOR COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE.



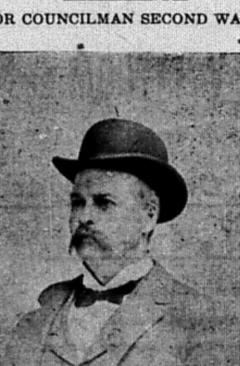
WM. H. HANBURY, Real Estate Agt.

FOR COUNCILMAN, 1ST WARD.



GEO. CARROL, Merchant.

FOR COUNCILMAN SECOND WARD.



A. N. MCCUEN, Blacksmith.

was born in Potsdam, N. Y., in 1849. Learned his trade as a blacksmith from his father. Left N. Y. after getting married at the age of 26, and came West to Nebraska, where he spent four years at his trade. Then came to Seattle in 1880, where he did blacksmithing for the next two years. Since that time has followed the occupation of a miner. Spent five years in the Yukon country. Since coming out from the northern country has built himself a nice home out on 1301 Boulevard Avenue, where he now resides.

FOR COUNCILMAN, THIRD WARD.



JAS. H. STEELE, Blacksmith.

Forty-five years old. Born in Lancaster, Pa. Began work at 7 years to help out. Blacksmith apprentice at 15. Worked at his trade ever since, mostly among the steel and iron regions of Pennsylvania. Took little interest in politics till he became interested in Socialism by hearing a street speaker in San Francisco. He and his wife joined the party in Seattle in 1902.

FOR COUNCILMAN FOURTH WARD.



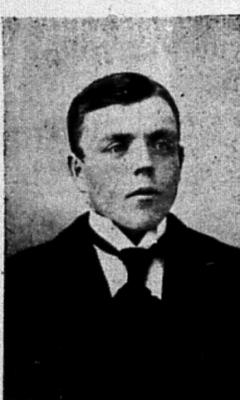
Willard H. Beebe, Machinist.

Born Dec. 25, 1855, in Michigan. Machinist and locomotive engineer. Blacklisted on account of "Q" strike in 1888. Went out in the machinists' strike in Seattle in 1901. Worked as laborer on Labor Temple all fall of same year.

Republican, Greenbacker, Bryanite. Was attracted to Socialism by reading papers distributed by John Downie at Clear Lake two years ago.

First Socialist vote was cast at school election in Seattle, 1901.

FOR COUNCILMAN, FIFTH WARD.



EMIL HERMAN, Laborer.

Born in Germany August 22, 1879. Emigrated with mother at the age of 4 years (father having preceded them some two years). Settled in Alexander, Ark. After living there two years, removed with parents to Kansas City, Mo., where he spent four terms in the public school. Came to Washington with parer's in 1890, settling on a ranch near Lyman, Wash.

Has followed the occupation of lumber jack, shingle weaver and miner. Began reading Socialist literature at the age of 14 years. Was one of the charter members of section Woolley of the S. L. P. Left the S. L. P. at the time of the split in 1899. Has been a member of the S. P. ever since.

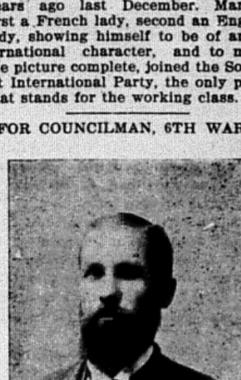
FOR COUNCILMAN, SIXTH WARD.



PETER SCHWERDT, Shoemaker.

Native of Germany. Left at the age of 19. Arrived in San Francisco, Cal., 1868. Resided there continuously for

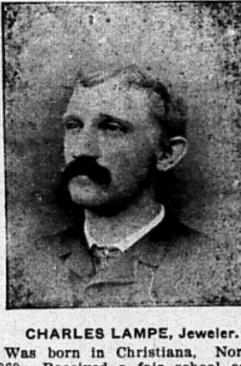
FOR COUNCILMAN, 6TH WARD.



E. E. MARTIN, Journeyman Printer.

32 years. Trade, shoemaker. Politics, Republican. Arrived at Seattle three years ago last December. Married first a French lady, second an English lady, showing himself to be of an international character, and to make the picture complete, joined the Socialist International Party, the only party that stands for the working class.

FOR COUNCILMAN, EIGHTH WARD.



CHARLES LAMPE, Jeweler.

Was born in Christiana, Norway, 1860. Received a fair school education. At about the age of 14 started out to see the rest of the world; has seen it in almost all its phases; has been sailor, marine fireman, pattern-maker, cabinetmaker, house builder; has done the heavy work around blast furnaces and rolling mills, and for the past 22 years has had his own shop, apparently his own master, but actually subject to the insecure administration of affairs by the capitalist political parties. Came to Seattle six years ago. Became a member of the Socialist party organization two years ago, but voted the Socialist ticket for some time previous to that.

FOR COUNCILMAN, 9TH WARD.



U. G. MOORE, Railway Clerk.

Wm. E. Curtis, the well known newspaper correspondent, writes of that country are very close to the common people. "He is their father, indeed," writes Curtis. "He baptizes them, marries them and then burles them."

You'll notice, however, he does not say that he feeds them. The "common people" of Spain, as in every other country, pay for it all.

The foregoing was clipped from a paper which professes to be a Socialist paper. The editor says he is a student of Marx and a class-conscious Socialist.

I guess he would better read Marx a little longer, for Marx denies the truth of the position taken in this extract that the workers pay for it all—he don't even pay his own wages.

Be sure to read the manifesto on the opposite page before you vote, then vote for what you want till you get it. Never vote for what you don't want.

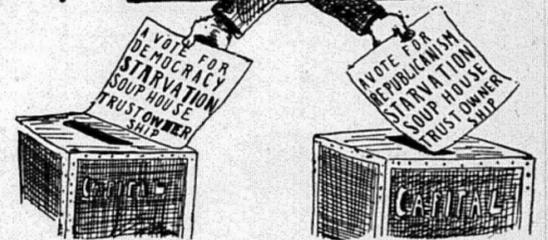
FOR UNION MEN

UNITED WE STAND WE GAIN OUR DEMANDS



Hands Clapsed 364 Days

DEVIDED WE FALL THATS ALL



Hands Unclapsed on Election Day

BROWN NEXT SUNDAY

AT SEATTLE, CARPENTER'S HALL, 8 P. M.



John W. Brown's Washington Tour

The itinerary of this gifted, witty, six-foot-four Yankee Socialist in "The Evergreen States," so far as arranged, is as follows:

- South Bend—Friday, March 4.
- Olympia—Saturday, March 5.
- Ballard—Sunday (3 p. m.), March 6.
- SEATTLE—SUNDAY (8 P. M.), MARCH 6.
- Gate—Tuesday, March 8.
- Elma—Wednesday, March 9.
- Aberdeen—Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11.
- Hoquiam—Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13.
- Yelm—Monday, March 14.
- Port Angeles—Wednesday, March 16.
- Victoria (B. C.)—Thursday, March 17.
- Index—Saturday, March 19.
- Seattle—Sunday, March 20.
- Granite Falls—Monday, March 21.
- Lopez Island—Wednesday, March 23.

The last six dates are announced after study of the routes to be traveled, and to make it convenient for two Locals: Seattle and Index.

WORKINGMEN! Vote for Yourselves! MARK YOUR BALLOT THUS:

Republican Ticket	Democratic Ticket	Socialist Labor Ticket	SOCIALIST TICKET	Prohibition Ticket
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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Arthur Morrow Lewis and Lena Morrow Lewis. Address: 509 Jones St., S. F., Cal.

PROLOGUE.

The stage manager gives the signal, the boy pulls the cord, the curtain rises and the California representatives are seen to enter, one from either side, and bow gracefully after the fashion of the old school.

They wave the right hand artistically in a semi circle from right to left at an angle of forty-five in acknowledgement of the thunder of applause which greets them—mainly from the gallery.

The leader of the orchestra having persuaded the man with the cymbals that his conspicuous contributions to the ovation are no longer necessary, and the well meant cat calls from certain over enthusiastic proletarians in the gallery having subsided, the masculine representative steps to the center of the foot lights, and raising his hand after the classic model of the Apostle Paul addressing the Athenian Agnostics at Mars Hill on the question of "the unknown God," speaks the following piece:

Comrade Editor, members of the Socialist Educational Union and readers of "The Socialist," we hereby extend to you our warmest greetings and the expression of our intention to do all that in us lies to promote the best interests of "The Socialist," everywhere in general and in the state of California in particular. We also wish to express our appreciation of the honor done us by the invitation to this position. In the weeks that are to come this department will contain (1) Items of news of special interest to Socialists. (2) Brief articles on the various phases of the social problem written for the purpose of Socialist propaganda. (3) Criticisms of the Bourgeois sentimentalism and pseudo-Socialism that seeks to pass muster in the Socialist movement and which leads inevitably to the kingdom of muddledness. (4) Other items which do not lend themselves readily to classification.

Everything from our pens will proceed from the Classic, Revolutionary, Scientific position laid down in "Das Kapital," "Anti-Duhring" and the "Communist Manifesto." All forms of Utopian, milk and water Socialism will receive short shrift from us.

Our only concern is with the working class. The capitalist class will be left to look after its own interests as it has hitherto, with the assistance of its intellectual prostitutes, shown itself well able to do.

We are laboring under no delusions as to the capacity of the rank and file of the working class of the present generation to become scientists and philosophers, but we believe there is no excuse for the Socialist press or platform sounding anything but true notes in this the twentieth century when the only Socialist position has been before the thinking world over fifty years.

Thus far I have written in a dual capacity. From now on I speak for myself and next week Mrs. Lewis will be heard from over her own signature. We will follow the method of initiating our respective contributions so that readers may know where to place the responsibility of everything stated, and we wish especially to call the attention of readers to the fact that we shall gladly welcome at the above address any questions or criticisms arising out of these columns or relating to the question of Socialism in general. This also applies to any Socialist in California willing to co-operate with us in the matter of advertisers and subscribers for "The Socialist."

Comrade Harry McKee is spending a few days in the city (San Francisco) after a long and arduous organization campaign in the northern half of the state. He was elected to the position of Northern organizer some months ago and since he appeared on the scene of his labors he has been diligently "sawing wood" to use his own phrase. Increased membership and eleven new locals are among the results. We trust that the locals best able to do so will give this kind of work the financial backing it deserves and needs.

About the time this issue appears, Comrade J. W. Brown from the east—I almost said Orient—will be entering Washington. Comrade Brown sojourned a few days in this city and the pleasant memory is still with us. We enjoyed his company. Some of us enjoyed it to such an extent that we kept him up half the night dragging him "from tavern to tavern" or I should say if I must sacrifice my Shakespeare to accuracy, from restaurant to restaurant.

Any one who has read LaFargue's essay on the intellectuals will find in Comrade Brown the exact antithesis of those dangerous allies. Class spirit, which is the surest intimation of a proletarian training, and which is always

glossed over in the utopian dreams of the dillitante socialism of the New Thought and the Higher Life; Class spirit so much lamented by the late Mark Hanna and the gentle preachers of a Capitalist Religion who are still with us; Class spirit—that true child of class consciousness, rings out true as a bell and without a false note in Comrade Brown.

Comrade J. Stitt Wilson has had a series of meetings here in the city, concerning which we will have more to say next week. On the 8th of March Comrade Wilson meets the Rev. Baker of Oakland in public debate at Alhambra theatre on Socialism for and against. San Francisco readers take note.

AN UP-TO-DATE DRAMA

OR THE METHODS OF A MODERN MEDICO.

(Taken from real life.) Dramatic Personae—Doctor and others.

Scene—Doctor's office, second floor. Time—Present; place, Sacramento, Cal.

Doctor seated at his desk reading "The Comrade." Enter elderly man with his arm in a sling.

Doctor—Ah, let me see your arm. Yes, it has improved considerably since yesterday. You feel generally better. Did you read Hanford's reply to Havemeyer? You did! That has something to do with it, no doubt. Well, I think I'll change your lotion, and here is another little book of Hanford's, "What Workingmen's Votes Can Do." Now, you apply this lotion every four hours, and read this book immediately before retiring, and if you are not a healthier and wiser man when you call again your case is hopeless. Yes, you left your hat in the hall. Remember the lotion, and don't forget to read the book. Goodbye. Exit patient.

Doctor—Now I must reply to Dr. H. before I forget. Writes:

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 7th, 1903.

Dear H— I am glad to see your practice is improving, is healthier, as you put it. But doesn't it strike you as being rather odd that your practice should owe its health to an invasion of small-pox? That reminds me, one of our grave diggers here, whose work has been irregular, owing to the fine, healthy summer we have had, told me Wednesday that now the winter is setting in he hoped business would improve. But you will never understand the reason for all this tony turvydom until you become a Socialist. Did you read that marked editorial in "The Socialist" I sent you about your old time friend, Mark Hann? You can't prescribe "Civic Federation" to a Socialist.

By the way, if you can get over tomorrow, drop in to dinner. I have a patent elastic stocking I want to show you; and we can step over in the evening to the Railway Men's hall and hear Mr. and Mrs. Lewis on "Unionism and the Labor Problem." They are here from Frisco.

How do you like the International Socialist Review I sent you? Don't you think it is one of the most scholarly magazines in the country? I am sending the latest issue by mail. The patient I told you about across the river is recovering rapidly and is now a convinced Socialist.

Hoping this will find you the same. Fraternally yours, W— Ding! Ding! Come in. Enter young man, pale and depressed. (Evidently nervous debility.)

Doctor—Take a seat. Ah! so things look very grim, do they? Well, you really must get your courage up. Now, remember what I hold you about your diet. Take a tepid bath once a day, read "The Socialist" once a week, Wilshire's Magazine once a month and vote the Socialist ticket every time you get a chance, and you will begin to see things brighten up in a way you never dreamed of. Goodbye.

Exit pale young man and enter at the same time a very healthy looking youth.

Doctor (smiling pleasantly)—Well, Eddie, my boy, how are you getting along with Socialism?

Eddie—Oh, fairly well. I think I catch on to your idea in your letter to the "Bee" about the labor check instead of money.

Doctor—That's right, my boy, but the time has come for you to study the scientific and philosophical foundation of Socialism, for until you thoroughly understand "economic determinism" you will never be anything but a source of confusion to the Socialist movement. Keep your eye on the "New York Worker," "The Socialist," and read carefully the articles that appear in the "International Socialist Review." Take this little book of Engel's (Utopia to Science), and never let up until you thoroughly understand it. When you have worn the backs off I will give you another copy. As you pass the organizer's place tell him that if he is running short of the Pocket Library, the Military Law or the Comrade Company's Agitator, I have a large assortment which I keep for private distribution and can let him have some until the local gets its own supply. Exit Eddie.

Doctor—Looking at a program of Medical Association banquet, hollows: "Yes, I think they will have a good time tonight. Imported champagne! (Turns to the window.) I am afraid it is going to be rather cold for our street meeting at Fourth and K. I must go around and see if they have started. Exit doctor.

Moral: You don't need to be an orator to work for Socialism.

A. M. L.

WASHINGTON IN THE LEAD

Some of our timid or sentimental middle class friends are forever saying the Seattle "Socialist" is hurting the movement with its aggressive and uncompromising policy.

"The proof of the pudding is the eating." "By their fruits ye shall know them." The Seattle "Socialist" has been in the field ever since the party was organized in the State of Washington. If it has done harm, it must have done it in this state, where it has had its largest circulation. Let the figures speak. We never thought of hunting out this matter till it was accidentally brought to our attention. We have no disposition to take undue credit. The comrades throughout the state have worked faithfully and especially our State Quorum and Secretary. All we want is to call attention to the fact that "The Socialist" cannot have done so very great harm to the Socialist cause.

It is no less than astonishing to learn that the number of members in the Socialist Party of the State of Washington in proportion to the population, is five times that of any other state except five. This shows that the organization of the Socialists of Washington has proceeded faster than in other states. We have never asked for a cent of outside aid. The National Party has done nothing for us, except to contribute less than \$50 toward the Wilkins tour. We paid, according to the last published report, more money for dues into the National treasury than any other state except New York and Illinois, and more than half what they paid, although these, judged by their population, ought to pay respectively fourteen times and nine times as much as Washington.

We present a diagram below to show in graphic manner the percentages of dues-paying members in each state compared with population. Washington is first, Montana second, Colorado third, while the big Eastern industrial states fall away down into ninth and tenth places and lower.

The basis of computation is the voting strength of the National Committee as reported in the latest votes. Each committeeman has one vote for each one hundred members in his state, who have paid dues for the previous three months. This must be the most authoritative report of our membership. The population basis is that of the last national census.

We recommend to our Eastern and Southern comrades a dose of the Seattle "Socialist," or else get a hustle on themselves. If you want to try the former remedy, we will guarantee that a 25-cent dose administered to any workingman for six months will cure him of capitalism and make him class-conscious enough to join the party, pay dues and do his full part in the great work.

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TO IDAHO LOCALS.

Dear Comrades.—We wish to call to your attention the nomination of Local Lewiston, for state officers to be voted on in the pending referendum. We believe these comrades to be earnest, class-conscious Socialists, and as such worthy of your full support: National Committeeman, W. E. Stach, Wallace. State Secretary-Treasurer, T. E. Workman, Boise. State Organizer, A. G. Miller, Boise. State Committeeman, Nez Perce County, John Kennedy, Winchester. State Headquarters, Boise. Delegate to National Convention, E. B. Ault.

We wish particularly call your attention to Comrade Ault. Though young he has had large experience in the Socialist movement, having been a member of the Socialist Labor party and the Social Democratic party before the organization of the present Socialist party. He has also been a member of Local Lewiston for nearly a year during most of which time he has been financial secretary, and he has performed his duties faithfully and well. He is well known as a writer for the Socialist press and was

editor of "Industrial Freedom," a Socialist paper, for over a year. We give these particulars so you may know him capable of filling the position for which he is nominated.

Hoping our candidate will receive favorable consideration at your hands, and wishing you success in the struggle for emancipation from wage-slavery, we are,

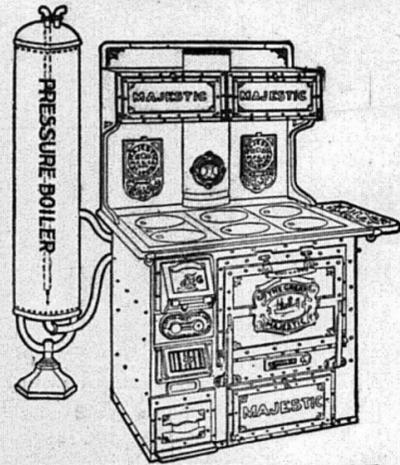
Yours faithfully,
Local Lewiston of the Socialist Party of Idaho.
Per John Ralph, Organizer.
Attest: E. B. Ault, Secretary.

Socialism in China.

Socialism has spread to the land of the almond-eyed. A Chinese savant, Lenoug-Kal-Kion, has just finished a translation of the German Socialist Marx's work, "Capital," in his native tongue. The translator publishes a Socialist newspaper in Chinese, with a circulation of 30,000. He says Socialism is making great progress in the celestial empire. The Japanese are in part responsible for its dissemination.—Berlin Dispatch.

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