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**MUNICIPAL SOCIALISM AGAIN.**

We print two letters on this page giving opposite views of a most timely topic.

The first victories of Socialism will be obtained in towns and cities. Local elections will furnish for years to come the best battle ground for Socialist ideas. City elections occur every year, and at all times of the year.

Why do Socialists enter these elections at all? They cannot hope to carry out their fundamental demand by any election short of a national. State and federal courts and constitutions stand in the way of any proposition which touches the right of private property. Therefore to win a city election will afford no chance to get possession of the great machines of production and thus abolish the wage system. What then? Shall Socialists abstain from local politics altogether?

No; because the interest excited in these elections will secure for the Socialist campaign the sharpest attention. Municipal political contests afford the best means of propaganda, as well as the best stimulus to political organization on the part of Socialists themselves. But they are absolutely of no use unless they help on Socialism.

Now, here is the situation: Socialism itself cannot be attained in a local contest or by a local victory. A national victory is the thing we fight for. Nothing short of powers which are supreme, powers granted by sovereign people, an independent nation, can achieve the social revolution.

Very well. Everything local and temporary must be done with that end in view—the conquest of the national public powers. That can only be done by the formation of a national political party.

Now, no national political party can exist except upon the basis of common interests. In a word, an economic class must underlie every political movement which expects to be coherent and militant.

Socialism, modern and scientific, recognizes this postulate of political history and therefore builds upon the proletarian class. It appeals primarily to that class of men who have no property and no hope of getting any, whom industrial progress has expropriated. Other men who perceive the drift of things, men from the class of small property holders, may join from rational or philanthropic considerations, but they will not constitute the main army, and are not to be reckoned in the large view.

Now, then, this being so, that the National Party we must have before we can accomplish anything, must be a party of proletarians, it follows that every minor contest should have as its main object to draw those same proletarians into their own national party.

Socialists enter a contest in Seattle, or Whatcom, or Haverhill, or St. Louis, not to win that election, but to awaken the propertyless people in those cities to the fact that the Socialist Party stands for their interests and will emancipate them from the hopeless conditions under which they live.

To make a bid for the taxpayers' confidence, to promise economy, is precisely to deny the very thing we stand for. Our mission is to the propertyless. We promise them property, the property they now create but are robbed of. The only possible object we can have in a municipal campaign is to draw that line between the propertyless and the propertied.

We are not dreamers or Utopians. We have to build up a great party based upon the interests of a great economic class. We have to show that class that they have no interests whatever in the propertied class. We will draw that line on every possible occasion.

We will lose votes by this procedure—the votes of the "business men"—but we will gain votes too—the votes of the awakened proletarians who will rally to such a standard as to a great degree.

prosperity of a given town or city in which the local contest goes on. We are interested in the working class of that city as a part of the great distributed class whose support we must gain throughout these states before our emancipation can be wrought.

To illustrate: Whatcom Socialists proposed to lay a new water main out of the proceeds of the water rates instead of issuing bonds. They also promised to do other things cheaper than their adversaries; that is, they proposed to administer affairs in that city in the interest of the men who paid the taxes. They made no appeal to the men who had nothing to pay taxes on. They did not draw the class line: They did nothing to form a proletarian party to capture the national government. They did the very opposite. They confused Socialist minds by advocating the interests of the propertied class itself.

On the other hand, in the Seattle school election a direct bid was made for the support of the propertyless. Their children who were obliged to work for a living and so could not attend school were promised free clothing and free meals, free medical oversight, free kindergartens, a full education free, no matter what it might cost in school taxes. Just as in France the working class have learned in Roubaix, Lille, Marseilles and other cities, that the Socialists do everything with a view to their interests and do not care a rap for the interests of the business men and taxpayers.

We are engaged in a great revolutionary contest, the line of battle extending from New York to Seattle. Ten thousand skirmish lines are on foot all are aimed at the common enemy and all are conducted with intent to capture the one great battleground.

In every small fight we must never lose sight of the general battle-issue. It is not success in Whatcom that counts, but success in America. That alone.

**COUNTY CONVENTIONS.**

The Socialists of Washington are organizing. Besides keeping an organizer constantly in the field they are holding county conventions and forming county organizations with county organizers and county committees.

Skagit Co. passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we, the Socialists of Skagit County, in convention assembled, do hereby condemn and denounce the platform adopted by the municipal campaign for their local Socialists of Whatcom, insofar as it refers to the building of a water main, as not being in accord with the principles of scientific Socialism."

These county organizations are sure signs of life and progress, undertaken as they are when no election is on. No doubt others will soon follow. Callam, Whatcom, King, Pierce, Thurston, Chehalis, Yakima, Spokane and Stevens counties ought every one to fall into line.

Socialists need organization and discussion the worst way. Events will soon lead us with responsibility, and we must not be unprepared.

**CAMERON IN B. C.**

Rossland, B. C., Saturday, Dec. 7.

Dear Comrade: Organized Rossland, 42 comrades; Sloan 36, Nelson 32, Ferguson 27, Speak in Trail tomorrow. Grand Forks Monday, Eblat Wednesday, Phoenix Thursday, Greenwood Saturday and Sunday, Medway Monday, McKinney Tuesday, then back through Crow's Nest Pass; 12 new Locals.

Glad to hear of the victory of our Comrades in Northport. Had the boys give three cheers for the boys at Northport. They did it with a will.

J. M. CAMERON.

"The way to end Anarchy is to cease producing it."—Debs.

**BURGESS ON THE WHATCOM PLATFORM.**

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 9, 1901.  
Editor Socialist: The Socialist of Dec. 1st just reached me. I see that Comrade Lux charges me with having made accusations. He does not say what the accusations were, but I plead guilty to accusing Local Whatcom with putting out a most vicious capitalistic platform. I submit the Whatcom platform in evidence. But Lux says I did not offer a better substitute. Socialism is the negative of capitalism. Any sort of a platform suited to local conditions and denying the right of the capitalist to exploit labor would, in my opinion, be a most desirable substitute. If there is no difference between capitalism and Socialism I would suggest that we bring our strenuous efforts to organize the Socialist Party to a close and fall back upon the antiquated idea of "selecting the best men."

I feel like staying with the old ship, Scientific Socialism. Others may jump upon the raft, Opportunism, but the old ship with its storage of force will be going steadily toward its haven while the raft will be driven hither and thither by adverse winds and tides. Give me the old ship with its monotony of words, words, words, rather than the crazy raft of Opportunism with its dissolving views of working men's hopes.

I do not harshly criticize Local Whatcom. I am sure the Comrades there meant well. I know every one of them, and I respect them, but it is the duty of every member of the Socialist body to try to make the truths of Socialism clear to all. I feel safe in saying that not a member of Local Whatcom would consciously take a step to harm our movement, but any of us are liable to err, and it surely is our duty as well as privilege to counsel and advise the erring Comrade.

If I go wrong I shall regard it as an act of friendship as well as of comradeship for any member of the Socialist body to correct me.

If a body of men desire to support capitalism, he or they, have no business in the Socialist Party. If this man, or body of men, unconscious support capitalistic measures, he or they should be willing to listen to counsel and advice, and if they see the error they have made, it would be manly to confess and retrace their steps.

Respectfully,  
D. BURGESS.

**IRA D. FERTEG HAILS LUX.**

Editor Socialist: Truly, "everybody comes to him who will be wiser." The wait has been long and dreary, but the common sense Socialist has arrived. He hails from Whatcom and proposes to propagate Socialism by showing how. Every honest man should be proud to follow a leader like Comrade Lux, who proposes to administer a public trust for the common weal. May his tribe increase.

As an example of "how not to do it" the Everett platform is a gem. Certainly no self-respecting worker, alias taxpayer, can join or vote for a gang which boldly proclaims its intention to continue the present iniquitous system and hog all of the swag for its members. The Socialist part of the Everett election will merely develop an unpleasant smell which the capitalist will call Socialism.

I wrote a letter to you last week which probably bored you. If so, I am sorry. I write this for the readers of The Socialist, and especially for those heroes of Whatcom, and in behalf of the thousands of unorganized Socialists scattered all over the State who work in the woods, the mills, the shops, the fisheries and the fields, but do not have the gift of gab or a leader, who favor the Whatcom "new device" rather than the philosophical or transcendent propaganda of which we have heard so much. I respectfully suggest that it is our right to be heard in a Socialist newspaper. We have listened to your academic preachments

**THE TONIC HE NEEDS TO MAKE HIM VOTE RIGHT**



Dedicated to the San Francisco Unionists, to the American Federation of Labor, to Independent Labor Parties, and to all Laboring Men who are beginning to see that they must Strike at the Ballot Box.

**ORGANIZING WORK.**

of ultimate Socialism with what patience we could command; we have agreed with you when we could and have tried to extend charitable tolerance where we could not; but if, as your comments last week appear to suggest, excommunication and ostracism is to be the punishment for the first recognition of practical common justice in the Socialist Party, and if the National Sub-Committee on Municipalities shall decree that the Luxes shall be seated far back and low down while the dreamer and his grafter shall be placed in control of municipal social polity, then I predict that the Socialist Party will very soon take its place beside the vanishing S. L. P. of Boss Danny, and who, believe in Socialism in the present tense, shall rejoice heartily that it died aborning and continue to hope and pray and work for something better to take its place.

Respectfully,  
I. D. FERTEG.

**RESOLUTIONS OF STATE COMMITTEE.**

"Whereas, Local Whatcom has placed a municipal ticket in the field, and adopted a platform distinctly capitalistic, and pledged to conduct an administration, if elected, in the interest of the taxpayers, rather than the working class;

"Resolved, That a special meeting of the State Committee be called on the 22nd day of December, at 230 Union Street, Seattle, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of taking such action as may be deemed proper, and that any member of the Socialist Party in the State is invited to attend and take part in the discussion.

Ten weeks of this paper for ten cents. Try it.

Comrade Gilbert is hard at work in Eastern Washington. Comrade Elliott's report of Whitman County convention was crowded out last week, but is on our last page this week.

Gilbert was in Spokane for several days, and Comrades write from there that they wish he could stay with them for a month. As one result they have decided to hold meetings every Sunday evening. By the way, we believe that is the best time for all Locals in cities. In the country Sunday afternoon is probably better; but Sunday is our day, and every Sunday should be utilized.

This last week Gilbert has been in Whitman County: Monday, 9th, 3 p. m., Oakesdale, 7 p. m., Thornton; Tuesday, 2 p. m., St. John, Pine City, 7 p. m.; Wednesday, Belmont; Thursday, Garfield; Friday, Palouse; Saturday, Pullman. Next week will be as follows: Monday, 16th, Ewartville; Tuesday, Oneco; Wednesday, Colfax; Thursday, Elberton; Friday, Farmington.

The payments on the Organizing fund not hitherto reported are as follows:

- T. O. Freeman, Seattle, Oct. 1.00
- and Nov. 1.00
- W. C. B. Randolph, Seattle, Dec. .50
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- Geo. Carroll, Seattle, Oct. 1.00
- J. J. Hawkins, Ballard, Nov. .50

Total \$13.50  
Many November payments are not yet in, and December is getting on. Be sure and get both Nov. and Dec. paid up before the New Year. Let us make the State Committee's Christmas present of a full treasury. Comrades

# THOUGHTS, By Your Uncle.

Let Us Give Thanks!!

The Pipe-Dream.

The Awakening.

During the past five years business conditions have been restored, and the nation is to be congratulated because of its present abounding prosperity. Nevertheless, the farmer, the small trader, even so well off as in this country and at the present time, President Roosevelt, in his message, Dec. 8, 1901.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 10, 1901.—While in a state of despondency over the loss of his work, John Kloonen, 24 1/2, today, 2nd ward, died, the throat of a son 16 years old, slashed a younger son seriously and then committed suicide by cutting his own throat. Kinners is dead, but the other members of the family, while in a serious condition, are not fatally wounded.

A GANG of boys in South Seattle have been committing burglaries and petty thefts. It does not speak well for the "class-conscious" police official that he "did not feel like making arrests" because the parents of the boys are "of high standing in the community." When did our police servants receive the right to distinguish between thieves of high and low degree? The law does not so distinguish. Is it strange that anarchists breed and multiply when authorities themselves become anarchists and pay no regard to the very laws they are sworn to enforce except as it may please their august selves to do? Evidently the "demagogic" charge that the poor are punished for attempting what the rich may do with impunity, contains more truth than the capitalist press is willing to admit. "The king can do no wrong" applies to the capitalist class of today. However, while the matter is being discussed, it might be eminently proper to remove Monsieur Deputy Sheriff Kelly from the South Seattle police force before he allows boys belonging to families still "higher standing" to commit more serious crimes than burglary. It is hinted that the storekeeper who suffered from the burglary hesitates to prosecute for fear he may lose the trade of the boys' parents. For he knows, if he is wise to his job, that in the end he can legally swipe more from them by means of a profit upon the necessities of life than three or four rising young sprigs of South Seattle nobility can steal in a life time.

This is one of the cases where Socialism would "equalize." A new Vanderbilt baby, named after the "illustrious" William Vanderbilt, is said to be the richest baby in the world, and the presents its rich and idle relatives have given it are the wonder of even the 400. Gold and silver spoons, silks and laces, costly toys and bank accounts, mark this latest useless and expensive addition to the parasitic class.

In the same column of the same paper, the Cincinnati Enquirer, is another paragraph, not half so long as the Vanderbilt one, but equally as illustrative of the workings of the capitalist system. A Mrs. Hopkins, about to have a child, was refused admission to the Deaconess hospital at Dayton, Ohio, and after tramping the streets and fearing the child would be born on the public highway, begged and finally secured admission to another and less prominent christian institution. Here the baby was born, and the mother, fearing inability to get work while encumbered with the child, deserted the latter in the fire-room of the hospital which had refused her shelter. This baby, instead of golden spoons and bank accounts, will probably be put into a founding asylum, nameless, and with no assured future, to grow up as those children do, if lucky. Meanwhile the mother, who has no doubt earned a far more honest living than the mother of the Vanderbilt baby ever thought of doing, has been arrested on the charge of abandonment. 'Tis merrily with the wailing world with its message of the Prince of Peace.

BRITISH manufacturers of boots and shoes are being seriously crippled by American competition. Unthinking American workmen are prone to crow over this fact. And in this they show more idiocy than does the common barnyard rooster who nearly strangles himself with joy every time a hen lays an egg for the farmer to ap-

propriate and sell. American supremacy in British markets shows several things, and they are all to the shame of American workmen and to the glory of his English brother. The American workman is simply the better slave; that's all. He does far more work for the same money than the English worker can possibly be induced to do. The American rushes on piece work, and hustles to turn out more and more to get a few extra cents. And each cent he gets means greater profits for his master. In whatever country America wins a market—England or China—and maintains it, it is only because we have here in America the most slavish pauper labor on the face of the earth. The employer who invests in American slaves or the American system of slave-driving is wise, and great will be his markets thereby and his profits thereof.

In spite of Alaska and the Philippines, the edge of the coming panic is making itself felt along the Pacific coast. If one doesn't believe it all that is necessary is to observe the incessant change of proprietorship in the small middle class businesses along our streets. Restaurants and small stores, dozens of them, put up new signboards every month, and as many more are putting up a partition and sub-letting in order to help pay the rent. Oh, it's coming—the panic, I mean. After that, Socialism will be within speaking distance.

One of the many, and the most deplorable, methods of squeezing back from the wage slave a portion of that small fragment of wealth paid him as wages is the scheme practiced by some of the large mining and logging concerns who dock each of their hundreds of employes \$2 a month for hospital dues, and then, when a slave is injured or becomes ill, deny him those rights for which he has been forced to pay. Just now, amid the din of wild thanksgiving about we don't what, several cases of unusual atrocity and brutality have astonished even the capitalist press into protest. But their protest is not so much because of their inhumanity or Christmas thoughts of brotherhood as one would think. Their objection is the one always offered by one part of the capitalist class whenever their particular field of exploitation is encroached upon by another faction of the capitalist class. For every one word of sorrow for the unfortunate wage slaves robbed and cast aside to suffer there are ten words against the expense to the county tax payers in such cases. If the mining company in question, of which the president and stockholders are no doubt good "christians" and shining lights in the community, had only shipped their victims to some other county than King it is doubtful if the daily press, now so "horrid," would have uttered a word in protest. The Socialist is keeping tab on all these occurrences, and the inhumanity of the Leary Mine Company but adds another score to the long list for which the capitalist class will have to answer, and it presents one more unanswerable argument in favor of the just proposition of confiscation. What! Pay for these factories, these railroads, these mines? Why, Messieurs Capitalists, they've been paid for a thousand times by the lives, the blood, the virtue, the agony, the tears, of thousands upon thousands of men, women and children who have been thrown as living sacrifices into your coffers to be ground to dust, interest and profit. Pay you? Never!

UNCLE SAM.

## INSTRUCTED FOR SOCIALISM.

The Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis, by a unanimous vote, has again placed itself on record as being the most thoroughly socialistic central body in the Trades Union movement of the United States, and it joins with the Central Federated Union of New York in instructing its delegate to the American Federation of Labor to introduce the following resolution in that assembly calling upon the wage workers of the country to unite at the hallot box and overthrow the capitalist system:

Whereas, The ownership of the means of production—land, mines, factories, railroads, etc.—is rapidly being concentrated in the hands of a smaller and smaller number of people, and the class line between capitalists and workmen is being more and more clearly drawn; and,

Whereas, The capitalist class is clearly conscious of its class interests and uses the powers of government to advance its interests at the expense of the working class through legislative bodies which defeat labor bills but enact laws demanded by great corporations, through courts which declare labor laws unconstitutional and issue injunctions against trades unions, through executive officers who neglect the enforcement of laws for the protection of the working people, but who use the police, the militia, and the federal troops to crush strikes; and

Whereas, In all conflicts between Labor and Capital the republican and democratic parties of government endeavor to be equally subservient to the desires of the capitalist class and equally callous to the sufferings of the working class; be it therefore

Resolved, That this convention calls upon the wage workers of the United States to unite for independent political action in a party having as its avowed object the overthrow of the capitalist system of production and distribution and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth—that is, the public ownership and operation of the means of production and distribution for public service instead of for private profit.

Resolved, further, That this body extend fraternal greetings to the C. F. U. of N. Y. and congratulate its members upon their class-conscious attitude, and that we express the hope that the next campaign in New York will witness a unanimous response to the above call by the working class of that city.

The Federated Union of New York adopted these instructions at their meeting Sunday, Nov. 17, and they were made the unanimous instructions of the Central Trades Union of St. Louis on the following Sunday. Comrade Wm. Brandt, who is the delegate to the Scranton convention, presented the resolutions himself and asked the body to instruct him to introduce them to the A. F. of L. convention.

With the powerful influence of the central bodies of these great centers of industry exerted in favor of Socialism, the coming convention at Scranton promises to start a revolution in the trades union movement of this country.

Organized labor throughout the country is beginning to understand the futility of the strike and boycott so long as the capitalist class control the powers of government and are able to use it as a weapon against them.

The injunction, the militia, and all the executive, legislative and judicial forces of government are in the hands of the capitalist class, and it needs but a survey of recent strikes to demonstrate the use to which they put them.

If the working class are to be free from the effects of such weapons, they must themselves control them and use the state and local organizations for their own protection by elevating their own class to the control of the powers of government. The adoption of these resolutions by the A. F. of L. will mean the defeat of this purpose within a short time, even the next election, provided the working class throughout the country will join the movement as their class interests demand. They should strike to demonstrate their own power.

This year's convention will witness a larger number of able Socialists than have attended its sessions heretofore. Comrade Max Hayes of Cleveland, O., will be reinforced by Comrade Eugene V. Debs, who will go as a representative from the Terre Haute Federal Labor Union, William Brandt of St. Louis, and several others. Intelligent action at this time will insure victory for the working class; delay or bungling means its defeat. We trust the adoption of these resolutions by the New York Central Federated Union marks a period in its history which will shortly result in a complete revolution in that city and the elevation of the working class to the control of the office at their city hall.—[Missouri Socialist.

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**THE BLOODHOUNDS.**

A wage slave to his master said:  
"I am a man like you.  
I want more raiment, want more bread,  
And time for pleasure, too."  
"Baseborn and knave!" the master  
cried,  
"Never shall you have more!"  
"Then I toll no more," the slave re-  
plied;  
And he passed from the factory door.  
Up rises the master in wrath's excess:  
He calls to his bloodhounds three:  
"Ho, Hunger, and Cold, and Naked-  
ness,  
Bring the rebel back to me!"  
Upon the track of the wage slave bold  
Leap the bloodhounds three straight-  
way:  
Grim Hunger, and Nakedness and Cold,  
With their jaws set wide for prey.  
He bears their swift and stealthy tread:  
Their growls reply to his groans.  
They pull the shelter from over his  
head  
And the flesh from off his bones.  
He flies, but ever upon his track  
The bloodhounds fierce come faster.  
They worry and wind him back and  
back  
To the hands of the cruel master.  
The slave sinks down in sore distress;  
The master cries in glee:  
"Good Cold and Hunger and Naked-  
ness!  
Well done, my bloodhounds three!  
To you task, vile slave, or feel the  
lash!  
Watch him, my bloodhounds true!  
If ever rebellion makes him rash  
His flesh shall be your due!"  
And the slave with anguish, never told,  
Feels their breath as he toils away,  
For Hunger, and Nakedness, and Cold,  
Are watching him night and day!  
—(Wm. R. Fox.)

**The Last Guest**

Warden Mead issued and mailed at Auburn Wednesday afternoon the invitations to the execution of Cholozo. —(Chicago Tribune.)

She had not received an invitation. The warden did not even know her name. She was called just "Hannah." And yet if invitations were to be had by earning them she should have had one. She had scrubbed the cement floor of the Room until it was immaculate. The Angel of Death was to walk on it, she thought. It was scarcely daylight.

The turnkey grinned at her. "Going to the party, Hannah?" he said, as the gate clicked. Then he added, good naturedly, "I'll let you through."

She looked her head. It was a round head, and the hair was scant upon it. A little knob of it on the crown, that was all. She was an old woman. She had been there a long time and had grown taciturn. She was not allowed to speak to the prisoners, so she had gotten out of the habit of speaking to anybody.

After going a few steps she put down the pail and wrung out the mop. Her arms were short and red and quite muscular. She was not an attractive woman. Then she picked up the pail again and went on up the corridor toward where it opened into the main hallway. At this gate the turnkey said nothing. He had been there as long as she had.

She turned away from the main doorway and went a few steps down the corridor in the opposite direction. Here she sat down on a small stool.

She could see the guests as they came in.

She did not wish to see the prisoner killed. She had never gone in when there was anyone in the chair. One day they had killed a woman in it. She could have gone in then had she wanted to. Somehow it went against her. They seemed so much like other people as they peered through the bars at her.

The guests were coming in with their dirty feet. There would be more mopping to do after—the party.

"It does seem a little improperment over hanging."

She heard a large man with gray hair and a very red nose say this as he

turned down the passage with two others. She wondered if he were a judge.

She thought they must be talking about the chair. She could remember the week it was put in; only a few years ago. It was the week her son had had his arm torn off in the factory.

She remembered when they used to take them out and hang them. The man who pulled the drop always hid himself. She never knew who it was. Perhaps some of the turkeys could have told her, but she never liked to ask. Likely enough, he did not want anyone to know. She wondered if the judges paid him well for it. It is so hard to get along.

With the chair you only press a button. That turns on the current. The prisoner is strapped in so he can't wriggle. He can't get away from it. There is a metal thing on his forehead. He just has to sit there with all the gentlemen looking at him. Then finally they kill him.

Pretty soon the guests began to come back up the corridor. They were all talking excitedly. "Remarkable!" said a short man with a big stomach and a flat forehead. "Remarkable power."

She supposed he meant electricity. She wondered what electricity was. She wondered if God gave it to us, and if He did, how He meant us to use it. She wondered what God was, anyhow.

She hung the stool on a nail in the stone wall, and picked up her pail. The turkeys opened the gate for her. He did not say anything.

She went down the corridor to the next gate. "It's all over," said the turnkey. The gate clicked again. Then she went on into the Room.

The chair was empty. They had taken the body out. She began to mop, but she needed more water, so she emptied the pail into the drain and went to the gate at the back of the corridor. The turnkey let her through. He was a silent man, too.

She went past the room where the body was. Two men were there with it, and one of them asked her if she wanted to see it. One of the men was her nephew.

She nodded her head and they took the cloth off the face. The lips were parted a little. There was a slight burn near one of the temples. The eyes were wide open. It startled her a little. He looked so like a little boy. "Is he dead?" she asked quietly.

"You bet he is," said her nephew. "dead as a rabbit." She started for fear he might waken.

She put the cloth back over the face herself and went and got her pail of water.

When she reached the corridor where the chair was she set down the pail and straightened up. She seemed to see the face in the next room. She thought of the morning her own boy had come to her out of the Great Mystery. What awful agony it was. She looked instinctively at her hands. She had suffered so that long night that her nails had cut the flesh. One would never know it now.

She wondered which hurt the most; death or birth; the boy in the next room looked so peaceful.

She thought of the mothers everywhere writhing in mortal agony. Everybody had to be born. For every life a woman had to suffer.

Then she looked at the chair with its straps and metal plugs, and thought of the lives that had gone out in it.

She seemed to see a Word floating above the chair. She could not make it out. Pretty soon it seemed scrawled along the wall. Then it faded; and then it came back again. Finally she made it out, but she could not understand it. It was the word FUTILITY.

—[Socialist Spirit.]

**Religious Merchandise**

It is wonderful how the Advocate of Holiness is selling. It is a bonanza for the agents. One lady writes: "I sold the two dozens in about ten minutes. Send me six dozens more." Wear one and be "branded for Jesus."—Holiness Advocate.

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Jesus Christ condemned the religionists who advertised their religion by wearing "brand" phylacteries, and wearing a button to advertise a religion would fall under his condemnation.

If Christians want to advertise their religion in a way to convince men of their sincerity, let them take up the fight for economic justice and social righteousness. As long as they stand on the side of this capitalistic system the churches will do but little good.—[Social Economist.]

We have received another letter from a follower of The Appeal to Reason. The writer thinks Socialism in America is due to The Appeal, and says, "if this be Waylandism, make the most of it."

Yes, this is Waylandism, pure and simple. Instead of discussing our proper position that The Appeal's platform, "for public ownership of monopolies," is not Socialism, we are told that we owe our very existence to the wonderful work of this one-man paper.

Now such hero worship as that, coupled with such inability to see that the progress of Socialism in America is due to the economic development which has created a proletarian class, indicates the very dangers we have pointed out as Waylandism.

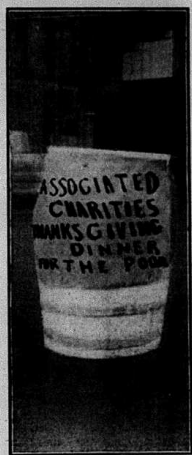
The worst of it is that readers of The Appeal are constantly encouraged by the paper itself to take this absurd view that Socialism in America is due to its efforts.

Now we want our readers to stop worshipping any man and ask themselves this question: "Is the platform carried on the front page of The Appeal to Reason a Socialist platform?"

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Dr. H. F. Titus, Seattle.  
H. N. Bauman, Seattle.  
J. V. Mudgett, Tacoma.  
E. Lux, Whatcom.  
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State Committee—Chairman, J. D. Curtis, 1733 18th ave. Seattle, Secretary—Joseph Gilbert, 1924 1/2 2nd ave. mail address, P. O. box 829, Oreman, Wash. ...

NATIONAL PARTY NEWS Utah Socialists have called state convention for Dec. 28th. Connecticut will hold state convention at Derby on Dec. 15th.

SNOWBUSH COUNTY CONVENTION The convention was called to order at 2:30 p. m., Dec. 1, Odd Fellows Hall, Everett, by Organizer Whartenby of Everett ...

Under the heading, "A Straight Line is the Shortest," the national committee has issued an address to the delegates to the A. F. L. convention. It is full of meat and solid chunks of truth in regard to the insufficiency of pure and simple trade unionism and if it don't make the delegates think it is worth a read, they haven't got anything to think with.

OHIO STATE COMMITTEE Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1901. Dear Comrades—We take this opportunity to notify all our comrades, as well as all unaffiliated comrades of the Socialist movement in Ohio, that Comrade F. G. Birchland, formerly of Chicago, Ill., and a speaker for the central Socialist lecture bureau of that city, will start on a lecturing and organizing tour of Ohio on the 1st of January.

WHITMAN COUNTY CONVENTION The meeting announced to be held at Colfax on Nov. 30 was a success. About 200 persons were present. Comrade Gilbert was elected chairman and J. G. Elliott secretary.

LOCAL Comrade Selbert made a splendid speech last Sunday evening, and to a packed house. Comrade Boomer (Uncle Sam) will talk this (Sunday) evening at Germania Hall. His subject will be, "The Whole Thing, or Nothing."

NORTHPORT ELECTION On Tuesday, Dec. 3, a memorable contest took place in the city of Northport, this state. Northport is a place of about 2000 inhabitants, but the incorporated portion has perhaps less than 1000.

SALEM, ORE., SOCIALISTS The Salem Socialist Club meets every Sunday afternoon in the W. C. R. Rooms. Everybody welcome. R. T. Ryan, Sec.

LOCAL ARLINGTON Local Arlington Socialist Party meets every Sunday at 7 p. m. in the Odd Fellows Hall, Arlington, Wash. ...

TAOCAMA LOCAL Taocama Local Socialist Party meets every Sunday at 7 p. m. in the Odd Fellows Hall, Taocama, Wash. ...

WATERBURY, WASH. Waterbury, Wash., Dec. 1, 1901. I had the pleasure of looking over the program of the "Socialism in Municipal Government" ...

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