

TO ORGANIZE SLAVES OF CAPITAL TO VOTE THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION

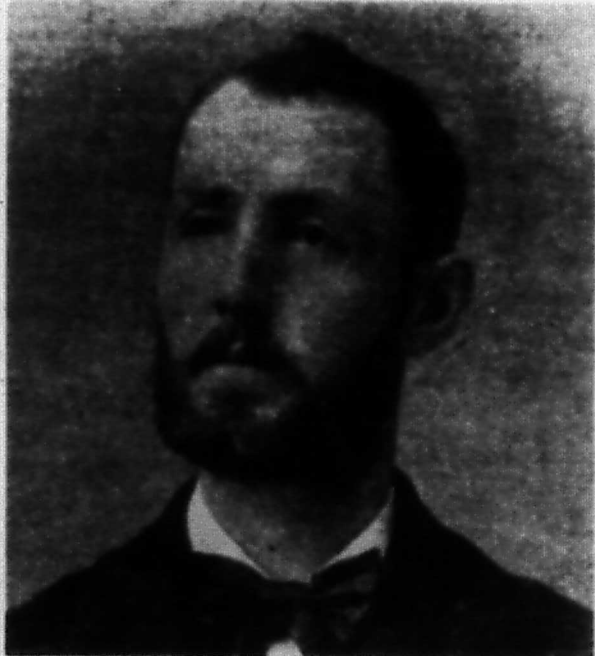
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SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



JAMES HUGH ROSS,
Blacksmith, Tacoma.

WHY WORKINGMEN SHOULD BE SOCIALISTS.

Under the present system the worker has ahead of him, what? Conditions which if not checked soon will overthrow the entire social system, placing labor in a worse position than it is today.

Labor is a condition, a condition which requires the exercise of force either mental or physical.

In equity and justice the workman should have all that his labor produces. Does he get it? Not by any means.

Socialism is the only remedy for the present ills of society.

If workingmen would devote as much time to the study of Socialism as they waste over the non-essential issues of protection, expansion, free silver and the like, it would be but a short time before the co-operative commonwealth would be ushered in.

It is time for the workman to strike a blow for his own freedom, it is time he knew what Socialism means, it is a duty, a solemn duty which he owes to himself and those dependent on him, that he study well this great question, so that when the time comes he will be able to act intelligently.

JAS. HUGH ROSS.

FROM LIEUT.-GOV. REINERT.

Comrade: Herewith enclosed my pledge of recall, if elected. I think it the proper thing to give such:

"To the Social Democratic Party, Seattle, Wash.:

"I, the undersigned nominee of the party for Lieutenant-Governor, hold myself subject to recall by the party, if elected, for which I pledge my word of honor as a man.

"E. S. REINERT,

"Loon Lake, Wash., Aug. 29th, 1900."

A Union Labor Ticket

Every Workingman on It a Union Man.

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HERMON F. TITUS, Physician Seattle.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,

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LEWIS THOMPSON, Laborer
..... Geneva, Whatcom County.

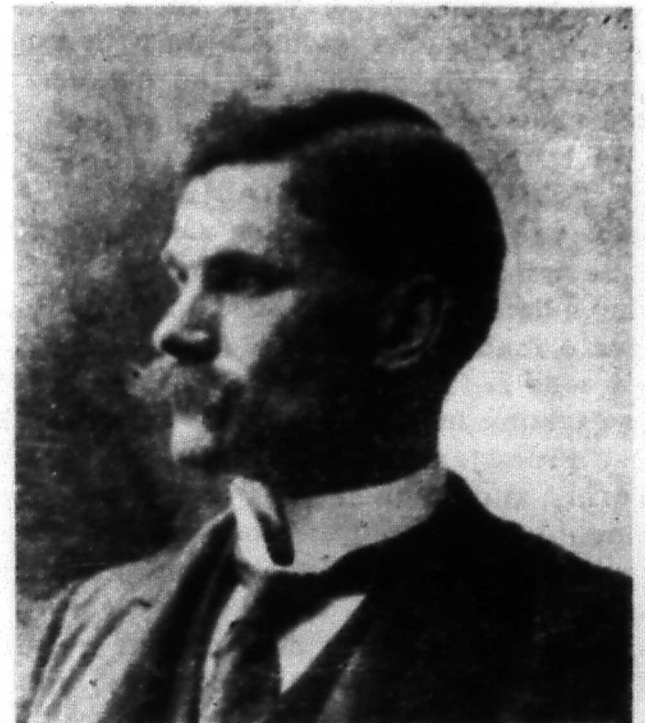
WALTER GRIGGS, Teacher Equality.

ALONZO G. SEIBERT, Bricklayer, Seattle.

We want the comrades to know the names and faces of their candidates, and their words, too. Their biographies were given in No. 1 of this paper, which we keep in stock for use throughout the campaign. Later we shall issue an ELECTION NUMBER, which will give all their pictures and biographies and a model ticket ready to mark.

In this issue you can make the acquaintance of five of our nominees. Fraser and Ross are the Tacoma contingent, and they'll do. In fact, we have an astonishingly good

FOR TREASURER



J. J. FRASER,
President Tacoma Machinist's Union.

WHY TRADE UNIONISTS SHOULD BE SOCIALISTS.

A trade union is an organization of working men and working men only. It is the purest type of a class organization as far as its membership is concerned, that could be found. It sprang spontaneously at the very dawn of the capitalist era, from the midst of the down-trodden, exploited and maltreated workers. It is a class struggle waged by the working class against the capitalist class to obtain a fairer and a greater portion of the wealth which they produce, shorter hours of labor and better conditions. Socialism would give all this and more, for it guarantees steady employment, shorter hours of labor, emancipation from wage slavery, and the full product of one's labor. For this reason, in my mind, every union man should be a Socialist.

J. J. FRASER.

lot of men. No office seekers among them. They are all solid, level-headed workingmen, educated to know their class-interests.

Take Reinert, for instance, whose manly letter shows on this page. He is a graduate of the University of Christiania, too honorable to rise above "the common laborer" and become a slave driver.

And Hogan is another "laborer," whose acute questions to the champions of the Single Tax they did not dare even to read to their own audience.


And Randolph, the carpenter, is writing splendid articles for the Labor Journals which would do credit to any college professor of Political Economy.

You have a ticket to brag over, comrades, every man of them.

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VOTES OR SOCIALISM?

Socialism or Votes, which do you want, you Social Democrat?

The nomination of Rogers and the Rogers slate makes that a live question for us. The woods is full of disgruntled Pops. They are swarming in our direction. One said to me: "Fraud and trades, Rogers by grace of Turner and Blethen, that settles me; I'm coming to you Social Democrats next Sunday night, and I know ten others just like myself."

Well, their votes will help us and we are glad to get them? Yes, comrades, yes; votes are good and make us feel good. Nothing succeeds like success. That's what we are organizing for, to get votes, and show the capitalist parties they must reckon with us henceforth.

But—and here's the point—votes, just votes—may ruin us. Suppose we have a landslide Nov. 6 and some of us are swept into offices. Stranger things have happened.

Fortunately no harm could come of that, for our nominees to a man are clear-cut, educated Socialists and know what they are after.

The next stage will be the dangerous one, when defeated Bryanites will turn to Social Democracy by hundreds of thousands.

Comrades, we must not succeed too quick or we will not know what to do with success. A vast responsibility rests upon the Social Democratic Party in the United States. We are unlike Germany or even France, where Socialism has been a slow growth and its leaders have been trained through years of experience and study to grasp Socialist principles and to maintain Socialist tactics.

This campaign is primarily an educational event for Socialists. We organize to educate. Every man who votes Socialism must learn about Socialism. That is why we push our literature first of all. Every Local must be a school for students. It is not necessary to comprehend Marx's algebraic formulae, but it is necessary and not difficult for the simplest-minded citizen to comprehend what "surplus value" is. A factory hand or farm hand or section hand may not even read, but he can see when he is robbed by the owner of the factory or farm or railroad.

And that is our first aim, to teach Socialism. We welcome votes, but we welcome them to educate them. We are afraid of those who say they are Socialists and are not.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Don't be afraid to start a little Local. Two persons are enough. Two men, two women, a man and a woman, are plenty.

How to do it? Why, one of you go to the other and agree to meet at some place once a week. The best place is your own house, and the best time is Sunday, the workingman's day. When met, don't waste time talking about weather or crops. One of you read aloud some Socialist literature, this paper, for instance, the S. D. P. platform, for instance. Be sure you understand it. Let No. 2 ask questions of No. 1, who is reading aloud.

Before you know it you will be having a lively discussion and will be finding out something about Socialism.

Many questions will come up that you cannot answer. Send them to The Socialist. We will do our best to make things clear in the next issue. We hope thus to make this paper a means of education in a department of questions and answers.

The next Sunday invite a friend, each of you, and keep up your reading and discussion in their presence. Invite them to ask questions too. Before you have had three meetings of this sort, you will find them so interesting that you can't stop them.

Now it does not cost much to do that, except a little energy. Don't talk about it, but do it. Don't wait for an organizer or speaker to come and stir you up. We are too poor to pay for such.

And such outside help is like a crutch. Learn to walk by yourselves. Grow from within. Don't expect somebody to come and force you to grow.

There are just 800 places in the State of Washington where this plan will succeed. Who will be No. 1? Send your application, two of you, with 10 cents apiece enclosed, to Dr. Titus, State Organizer, Seattle, and the thing is done.

Our next issue will be a
BRYAN (?) NUMBER
Will show why no Socialist can support
BRYAN OR ROGERS.
Will discuss the Fusion candidates,
ROBERTSON, and
WINSOR, and NASH.
Sops to the Socialists!

RANDOLPH ENDORSED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 20, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of Carpenters' Union No. 131, Seattle, Wash.

Greeting: We, the members of Carpenters' Union No. 332 of Los Angeles, Cal., read with pleasure that our former townsman and member of our union, Bro. W. C. B. Randolph, has been nominated by the workingmen of your state to the office of governor.

While with us in the sunny south, Bro. Randolph was always foremost in every movement that would be of benefit to the wage workers. From our knowledge of him we can recommend him for the consideration of the working people of your state.

This is sent without his knowledge or consent, but hope it will be received in the same spirit in which it is sent.

By order of Union No. 332, Los Angeles, Cal.

F. C. WHEELER, Secretary.

BEATS THE RECORD

327 Subscriptions in Six Days—
Randolph Prophecies 5,000

BIGGER PAPER NEXT WEEK

To the Editor:

Permit me to express my delight over your bright and meaty little paper. Each number comes as a new surprise to us all. I prophesy that it will work its way into 5,000 homes in this state this year, and will greatly assist in organizing the Socialists into working order, as well as make new ones wherever it goes.

THE SOCIALIST deserves our united support and it will get it, too. Yours for the workers' politics.

W. C. B. RANDOLPH.

RECEIPTS.

Aug.		
27	Am't reported last week..	\$ 94.63
30	H. F. Titus No. 3 (5 subs) ..	.50
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Aug.		
27	Am't reported last week..	\$ 61.95
30	Deposited at P. O. to cover postage ..	6.00
30	Pigott & French (1,000 No. 3) ..	14.40
30	Seattle Eng. Co. (5 pictures) ..	7.50
30	H. N. Richmond Paper Co. (paper for No. 4) ..	3.45
30	European Catalogues and papers ..	2.00
Sept.		
2	Balance on hand ..	49.70
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STUDY THESE PLATFORMS

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic Party of the United States, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of International Socialism and declares the supreme political issue in America today to be the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the powers of government. The party affirms steadfast purpose to use those powers, once achieved, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of private property in the means of production, and establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

In the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation and communication), and the large and ever increasing class of wage-workers possessing no means of production. This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class the full control of the government, the pulpit, the schools and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is reducing it to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and suppressed, intellectually and physically crippled and degraded and its political equality rendered a bitter mockery; and the contest between these two classes grows ever sharper. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies goes the annihilation of small industries, and the middle class depending upon them; ever larger grows the multitude of destitute wage workers and of the unemployed, and ever fiercer the struggle between the class of the exploiter and the exploited, the capitalists and the wage workers.

The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises continually rendering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of production have outgrown the existing social order based on production for profit.

Human energy and natural resources are wasted for individual gain.

Ignorance is fostered that wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women and children.

The lives and liberty of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are fomented between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes despite their apparent or actual conflicts are interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the means of production. We therefore charge that in this country the Democratic, Republican and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike the tools of the capitalist class.

The working class, cannot, however, act

as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied class.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, without distinction of race, color or sex, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class to organize under the banner of the Social Democratic party, as a party truly representing the interests of the toiling masses and uncompromisingly waging war upon the exploiting class, until the system of wage slavery shall be abolished and the Co-operative Commonwealth shall be established.

Pending the accomplishment of this our ultimate purpose, we pledge the effort of the Social Democratic party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor, and also for the securing of its progressive demands.

"Workingmen of all countries, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain!"

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:

First—Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to complete control of government by the people irrespective of sex.

Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation, and communication; all water works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

Fourth—The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, coal and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

Fifth—The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities for production.

Sixth—The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose.

Seventh—Useful inventions to be free, the inventor to be remunerated by the public.

Eighth—Labor legislation to be national, instead of local, and international when possible.

Ninth—National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

Tenth—Equal civic and political rights for men and women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women.

Eleventh—The adoption of the initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall of representatives by the voters.

Twelfth—Abolition of war and the introduction of international arbitration.

THE STATE PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic party of the state of Washington in convention assembled, lays down the following platform:

First—We reaffirm our belief in the principles of International Socialism, endorse the nomination of Debs and Harriman, and the platform as adopted by the Unity Committee of the S. D. P. and S. L. P.

Second—The principles of International

Socialism, based on the irrepressible struggle of wage-labor against modern capitalism, are fundamental to our existence as a party. We arraign capitalism as a system incompatible with freedom and justice. We assert that capitalism and wage-slavery are inseparable twins. We demand the abolition of human slavery, the emancipation of the wage-working class, the destruction of capitalism.

Third—We affirm this irrepressible class-struggle to be a historic fact, a process of social evolution. Our demands are therefore in the line of progress. We are as sure to succeed as the laws of nature are inevitable.

Private property based on personal labor is honorable and just. But that has been superseded by private capitalistic property, based on the exploitation of labor by others—which is robbery.

The Social Democratic party aims to unite the exploited and robbed laborers into a political unit, fully instructed and conscious of its historic mission and power.

We, therefore, call upon all wage workers to vote for their own class interests, to forsake all parties and measures that do not recognize and advocate the supreme issue of modern times, namely, wage-slaves against capitalist tyrants.

We are fighting for no half-way measures. We will not be content till every workingman understands how he is exploited and robbed by the capitalist and understands also that he has an immediate weapon in the ballot whereby to achieve his own emancipation.

We propose to show every worker with hand or head that he is being expropriated by his capitalist masters, and that the time has come when the expropriators must be expropriated.

Ours is no sentimental fight for human brotherhood though we believe that also will ensue upon our victory. We demand justice. We fight for justice. We will obtain justice.

Fourth—While aiming at the ultimate collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution, we demand as intermediate steps direct legislation, public ownership of public utilities, abolition of the contract system in all public improvements; use of the taxing power to establish a system of public improvements, upon which the unemployed shall be employed.

Fifth—While we recognize the Labor Union movement is a necessity under the capitalist system, we wish to point out the fact that it is impotent to bring any permanent relief to the working class. We feel it our duty to stand by the unions in all their struggles and in turn call upon them to complete their emancipation by united political action.

Sixth—We denounce all wars of aggression and we call upon all workers everywhere to cease to bear arms in the interest of capitalists who seek to make cannon-food out of those who create all wealth in order to perpetuate their mastery over the workers.

Resolved, That we chose a State Executive Committee of five members who shall also act as a State Campaign Committee and instruct it to abide by the result of the referendum now being taken by the Unity Committee.