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PERCY: "I actually caught my man thinking yesterday!"
ETHYLINE: "Perhaps he is a Socialist."

SHOTS BY DANUBE

Do you suppose that Judge Gray will pull down the bridge—Capitalism—that is safely carrying him over the rushing, roaring waters of the labor trouble?

Capitalists never have anything to arbitrate except when they have something to gain by such arbitration.

The worker cannot arbitrate without losing.

Eight-hour laws stand in the way of profits, and are, therefore, unconstitutional. Some people do not understand this, but such people are not Socialists.

The man was old, decrepit and poor. He had spent a long life in strenuous toil, but poverty had always been his lot. This was because he did not get the wealth which his industry had created.

This man lives in a beautiful mansion on the hill. He does nothing useful and yet he fares sumptuously every day, and is surrounded by many costly objects of human toil. This is because he gets what belongs to others—gets that which others have created for a fraction of the value thereof.

A representative of labor on a capitalist ticket, has its analogy in the case of the lamb and the lion lying down

together. I may add that in all such cases of harmony the lamb is resting peacefully on the inside of the lion.

The advice so often given to the worker to be industrious and frugal is good advice—good for the capitalist that gives it. This is an instance, too, in which it is much more blessed to give than to receive.

Rockefeller does not claim to have created the wealth which he possesses, nor its equivalent. He knows such a statement could easily be refuted. So he tries to escape the just condemnation of his victims by saying that God gave it to him. But I deny that God has any right to rob the creator of wealth for Rockefeller's benefit.

Why does Morgan, Rockefeller, Sage and others of this class spend so much in support of churches? Why do the same people spend so much to corrupt the legislatures, bribe courts, etc.? It is generally believed that it pays them to do these things. From this we ought to learn to look out for our own interests, the interests of the working class.

Every capitalist government in the world is on very intimate terms with God, so say these governments. Every such government robs the toilers. Repent these things if you can, I can't, but I really think the governments are presuming too much on their hold on the Throne.

We are often told that the Socialists are an insignificant factor, a discontented, worthless set of laborers who are emotional, dreamy, impractical.

But I observe that with each successive increase in the Socialist vote, the masters and lords manifest a consuming desire to go something for their laborers. They give increase of wages, old age pensions, stock in the business which they are conducting, and almost anything else except to get off our backs. Don't you think they will be looking for a soft place to light if we can secure a majority of all votes?

A Chicago editor says that under Socialism a little clique would do all the thinking. Not so, my child, not so. We propose to change the present order just a little.

I wonder if the trusts will announce a 10 per cent. raise in the wages of sin?

If Socialism continues to grow in the United States, it may be possible that our capitalists will subsidize some European nation to make an attack upon America. Would such a thing stop the growth of Socialism?

A man near Spokane clubbed a woman to death. At this the nation is shocked. A madman shoots the president. The world is shocked. The English army in South Africa burn homes, shoot women and children and bayonet fathers. The world regards the English army as heroes, and almost all the robbers of earth praise them.

I saw a dish today the price of which is \$90.00, but I have never seen such a dish in any workingman's house.

The people of San Francisco had, last year, the initiative, referendum, "good" government and 113 suicides. Hurrah for any old Socialism!!

America has a small army and navy. This is cause for alarm in Europe, England and Germany in particular see great danger in the failure of the United States to provide to oppose the encroachments of these same powers. Hence they bluster about with portions of their navy. This has the desired effect and we are now to have the army and the navy enlarged. Well, the Socialists may need a large military equipment when they get control of the government.

The Emperor of Germany has often said that he was called of God to rule the nation, but of late this strenuous ruler seems to suspect that he may have been mistaken about this call. The Socialists are making this imperial clown wish for an honest job.

A capitalist says: "As prosperity increases the hardships of poverty increase proportionately." "Nuff said." Let's end such folly by ushering in the Socialist Republic.

It is not often that a capitalist donates to churches or endows colleges until he becomes alarmed at the extent of his robberies, and such donations and endowments should be regarded in the nature of a confession of guilt. In the future such view will prevail.

Our plous friends, the capitalists, tell us that the Lord helps those who help themselves. Now, we believe this, and our class, the wage working class, is preparing to take this advice.

Judge Gray says that a man's right to work when and where he pleases is sacred, but if our workers were to attempt to exercise such right, Judge Gray would call upon the army for protection. I guess the Judge talks through his silk tie.

Socialism is an insignificant force, not at all calculated to make any progress in America, but then Parry of the National Manufacturers' Association thinks it might be well for the financial interests of this country to organize to fight its further spread.

Our capitalist papers are telling just now of the extreme brutality of the English landlords in Ireland. If they can get us to look at Ireland they expect to be able to do a little evicting here while our attention is diverted.

Roosevelt is a man of courage and he proved it when he appointed Henry C. Payne postmaster-general. Payne proposes to have the street cars carry the mail. He remembers how easily the United States government broke up the great A. R. U. strike of 1894, and if the street cars were carrying the mails the stockholders could squeeze and abuse their employees to their heart's content, for if they protested the government would protect the street car interest. See?"

A man in Philadelphia bought a book for two cents and sold it for \$2,500. That proves the value of brains.

Everybody says that we are prosperous and happy, and this must be so, but I observe that the working people still buy on the installment plan.

The hired lackey's of our idle class tell us that riches and prosperity are an impediment to happiness hereafter, but I observe that these same fellows are entirely willing to accept riches and prosperity, and to take the chances on the hereafter. Workingmen might do well to ignore their teachings and to follow their practices.

In another part of the city, another gathering of men lounge in a large, airy, well-lighted and comfortably warmed room. Here are easy chairs, lounges, etc. The guests here are well dressed, slick and well fed. They scorn to be found in the company of the men whose clothes they are wearing; whose food they eat and in whose house they are sheltered from the raging storm without. Look upon these two pictures then answer this question: "Will you continue to use your vote to perpetuate a system which fosters such injustice?"

We were talking of the possibilities under Socialism, and a poor girl who was a listener began to laugh, and she laughed immodestly, hysterically. I asked why she laughed so. She replied as well as she could without fully checking her laughter: "Oh, I shall be so glad; I can throw my alarm clock away."

FOG CLEARING.
The California State Federation of Labor, at Los Angeles, Jan. 3, refused to pass a resolution sending greetings to Mayor Schmitz, "Labor's beloved representative," and wishing "his continued success as the upholder of equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

The chairman declared the motion to adopt carried, but on division it was lost, 7,815 for to 8,085 against.

Afterward a resolution was passed declaring for united political action by the working class outside the unions. And that's the direction organized labor, rank and file, is moving everywhere!

When the "Appeal" has such things to say as the quotation on our first page, "The Socialist" will be most glad to commend it. For the benefit of those who think we have criticized because of "jealousy" we repeat what was said in "The Socialist," nearly a year ago, as follows:

"We have no quarrel with any person. We have not the slightest personal animus toward Wayland. We cherish nothing indeed toward him but the friendliest feeling, in spite of his recent bitter and unwarranted personal attacks. If he accepted the Socialist program, none would welcome and applaud him more than 'The Socialist.' He has a magnificent opportunity with his great circulation to mold Socialist thought into right channels."

THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION

All signs indicate that the capitalist parties will make the coming municipal, state and national elections the greatest labor vote-catching contest in the history of this country.

Of course, capitalist politics are always simply a hunt after labor votes in the interest of the capitalists.

But never before have the capitalist parties shown so plainly as now an eagerness to cater to the demands of labor.

Formerly they manufactured the issues for labor. Now, labor is making the issues for them. How do they meet these issues?

They play the stale old Bismarkian game of stealing such planks out of the Socialist platform as do not endanger the capitalist system.

William R. Hearst is playing to secure the Democratic nomination for President by the help of his three radical papers in San Francisco, Chicago and New York. His bait to the labor organizations is a national ownership platform. He thereby hopes to catch all those who believe in Socialism, but do not know its fundamental principles.

This platform fights the battle of the little capitalists against the trusts. Its realization would mean the transfer of private monopolies into the hands of Democratic politicians, and the transformation of private capitalism into state capitalism. The state, under the control of Democratic politicians, would then exploit the working class. Instead of receiving the full product of its toil, labor would then produce profits for the state. The surplus in the national treasury would then be used for the amelioration of the conditions of the middle class property owners, by the reduction of taxation, the lavish dispensation of patronage to political favorites, and the enrichment of the Democratic heebers.

William J. Bryan is sitting on the fence and watching the chances of the Hearst game. While Hearst is laboring on the sentiments of the city wage workers, Bryan is busy pulling the wires in the old People's Party machinery. If Hearst should succeed in securing the Democratic nomination for president, Bryan would endeavor to steer the Populist machine into the Democratic camp.

The Republican Party is trying to meet the Hearst danger by a sham fight on the trusts. Strenuous Roosevelt, in the role of the "People's champion," is pitting himself against the other alleged "People's champion," Hearst.

The issue between these two is trust legislation versus trust nationalization. Trust legislation is a delusion and a snare. Trust nationalization on a capitalist basis is a pad against Socialism.

Neither will give labor its due. Only Socialism can do that.

In the municipal and state elections, public ownership of monopolies and direct legislation will be the rallying cry for independent voters' parties and "union labor parties." In San Francisco, the Schmitz party is luring the unwary into the Hearst trap. In Chicago, Clarence S. Darrow, is the decoy in the same game. In New York, Hearst's congressional district, the star actor in this variety show will hold the center of the stage himself.

Who are the people that would applaud this political performance?

Not the trade unions. For the American Labor Union has declared in favor of Socialism, and the American Federation of Labor will soon do the same. A few local "union labor parties" will not change the general attitude of organized labor in the national campaign.

Not the small farmers. For the Populist leaders that know the sentiment of the rank and file, are joining the Socialist Party.

Not the proletariat of the South. For they are dissatisfied with both old parties, and are only waiting for the Socialist Party to assist them to organize the South for Socialism. Florida, Alabama and Texas already have Socialist state organizations. Local workers in Georgia, Mississippi, New Mexico and the Carolinas are clamoring for Socialist organizers, and the National Secretary of the Socialist Party is preparing to meet their demands.

The whole country is ripe for the rise of a strong and united Socialist Party. With two years of active work before it, such a party can prevent the consummation of the Democratic scheme which would trick the whole American working people, just as the Democratic Party tricked the Populist Party. The Socialist Party can turn the tables on the Democratic schemers and steal their thunder, instead of permitting them to steal the Socialist thunder. It can turn the radical sentiment stirred up by the Hearst papers into clear and uncompromising Socialism.

The success of a self-assertive Socialist party is assured. Wherever the Socialist Party has risen to the requirements of the hour, and relied on its powerful platform, it has been rewarded with a large and enthusiastic vote. Only where it has shown a lack of self-reliance and has yielded to the pressure of the Hearst element has it suffered any set-back.

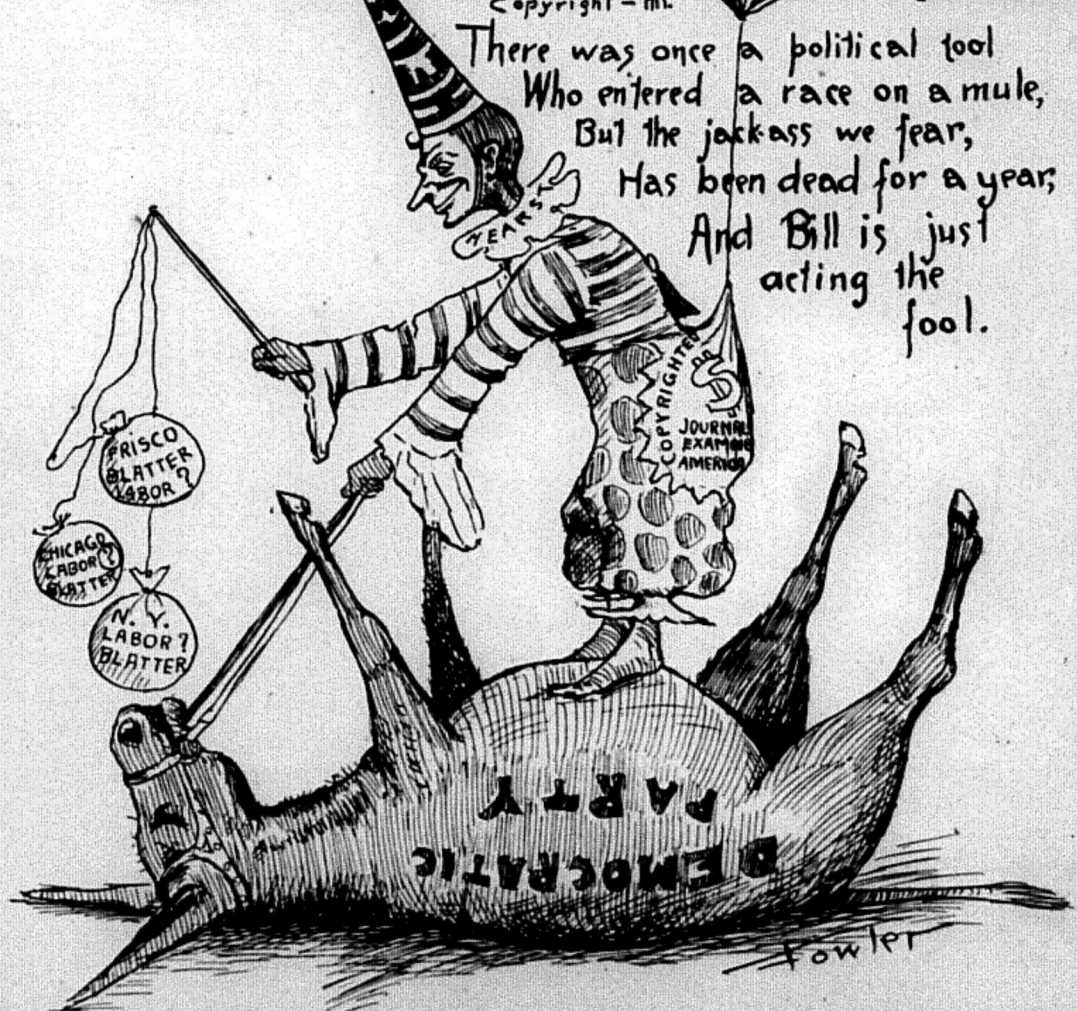
There is no doubt that an indorsement of any independent or local "union labor party" at this time is a tactical mistake. It is not alone a sign of weakness, but also a playing into the hands of the Hearst Democracy. It permits Hearst to make the issue for the Socialists. But the Socialist Party can have the power to make an issue for Hearst, which he dare not accept. This will bring the radical element into the ranks of the Socialists and defeat the Democratic scheme.

The conservative Democrats would then gain control of the Democratic convention, and both the Democratic and Republican parties would be forced to meet the issue of the Socialist Party: Socialism vs. Capitalism.

Comrades, close your ranks! Working people of the United States, unite against Capitalism! You have nothing to lose but your chains! You have a world to gain!—"Appeal to Reason."

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There was once a political fool
Who entered a race on a mule,
But the jackass we fear,
Has been dead for a year,
And Bill is just acting the fool.



Socialists Win in Haverhill

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has decided the election contest at Haverhill, Mass., in favor of the Socialist Party candidate, Parkman B. Flanders, thus deciding the 15 to 20 votes counted wrongfully in favor of the Republican candidate to be invalid.

The contest in Haverhill is now and will remain between Capitalism and Socialism. And as now, Socialism will always win in the end.

Next week's issue of "The Socialist" will be largely devoted to a review of Socialism in Massachusetts. The old Bay State leads in Socialist votes and is a remarkable phenomenon on the political horizon.

Full information of the vote in the several cities and an analysis of the growth will be welcomed by every student of politics as well as every Socialist.

What we see now in rapid progress in Massachusetts is a foretaste and promise of what we shall see in the United States. It is a cloud a good deal larger than a man's hand.

It will be an admirable number to distribute among non-Socialists, particularly Labor Union men.

Intellectual Reactionaries

BY AN EX-NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

The Socialist movement of America has had a surfeit of intellectual reactionaries. It is time that this fact be recognized; it had better be recognized by the national committee in January if immeasurable confusion in our party is to be avoided.

If it is claimed that without the intellectuals the glad tidings of Socialism would never reach proletarian ears and minds, I answer that the intellectual herein considered has been the bane and curse to the natural spread of Socialist thought among proletarians. His conceit, his exaggerated idea of his service to the cause, his pretensions to the tutorship of the movement, his ridiculous claims to be especially fitted to steer, to direct the movement, would be but a source of mirth and amusement were he kept in that inconspicuous position in the movement where he could do no harm. But no, his mental limitations, his lack regarding the history of the greatest cause mortal man has ever developed, equip the intellectual reactionary with such monumental self-assurance that he not only seeks, but when obtained, considers the bestowal of the highest posts of trust, proof of the organization's confidence, not only in his ability to fulfill the specific duties, but also in his genius as "specialist," "seer" and "prophet."

Platforms and constitutions made by delegates of the rank and file, endorsed and submitted to by the rank and file until experience shows the need of change and until opportunity has enabled the change to be justly and democratically effected are mere chaff to these wonderful "seers." A fusion plank is of no concern to these self-anointed "prophets." And yet these men are so troubled by the mental obtuseness which official prestige or accidental prominence, coupled with inability to interpret the facts of history and especially of the times, have afflicted them with, that they sail rough-shod over opinions of the rank and file constitutionally expressed.

In St. Louis every member of the Local Quorum, except Hoehe, but including the national secretary, before a party meeting repudiated the law which we laid down in the Indianapolis constitution for their guidance and restriction. With the exception of Brandt and Hoehe, these our agents are using assiduously the "circular factory" at the national office at the expense of the movement to "educate" us up to their exalted conception of "fusion" and in the meantime to break our laws.

I have attributed no merit nor virtue not claimed by these comrades, their speeches and their writings have been replete with their claims as "teachers" of the working class, and in a speech the National Secretary modestly assumed that he and the Quorum had the opportunity to be "specialists." But let us briefly view the latest "specialty production," the case which serves all their fusion arguments. Comrade Harriman, the pioneer, and the specialists of St. Louis use a mass of words to treat the California question, but though I have industriously read most of the circular factory's production it seems the pivotal point around which their assertions chase one another is: "It moved!" What moved? "It," the working class! Pray take note of that "it." Yes, it's a little word, but full of meaning. You must understand it was not "we, the teachers," who moved. But since "it" moved, "we, the teachers" move also. We, the "teachers" did not move "it." No, "it" moved by itself, "it" moved away from "it's" "teachers." A spectacle for the gods—the pupil, infant that he, still is, running away from his teachers. The kindest, the most self-sacrificing, yea, teachers who would give a thousand times over their very life blood, the very last drop of blood in their veins for their pupils.

But, comrades, pardon the expression "pupils," rather damn the thought that a revolutionary proletarian class should ever be considered the pupils of any self-appointed "teachers."

Some of these same teachers "moved once before." Arguments, pleadings and prayers were all in vain, were all wasted upon the ears of these "teachers" until the first "it" movement began. When those, who are today foremost in the fight against confusion were convinced of the follies, extravagances and absurdities of De Leon on the proletarian field and began to leave the S. L. P. fold, whose venom towards a large portion of the working class was retarding the spread of Socialist thought, it was California in particular which denounced the champions of the economic solidarity of the working class. The "teachers" of that time left no words unsaid, even libelous words, to characterize the tactics of the Socialist supporters of economic solidarity, briefly the A. F. of L. For years they were content with their peculiar anti-Marxian and anti-commonsense tactics. But they, "the teachers," finally moved. They were moved though, not by intellectual inquiry, but by votes. In 1898, when the Social Democratic Party had its vote recorded, it was found that it had in its first campaign, after a bitter factional struggle against colony Utopian ideas, more votes by 300 per cent. than the "teachers" organization—the S. L. P., which still stands in the field as the embodiment of all the political wisdom and as the "school" for "teachers." When some of the "teachers" saw the vote, they decided "it" was moving and that settled it with their judgment. Votes, votes—is the sesame to their "moving" proclivities.

Natural, therefore, quite natural, that votes should move them again. And they did. Listen! When the economic solidarity of San Francisco's working class was placed in jeopardy by capitalist solidarity and capitalist municipal government, what happened? Did that working class fly to the teachers for advice? No! Why? Because those teachers were all known to it as having damned and hooded its economic solidarity as a farce, its organizations and officials as fakes. From their own lips, the writer has heard the confession, even after they had left De Leon's abuse and mud-throwing behind them and joined the Socialist Party, that they viewed the trade unions in the same light as theretofore, but because of the trade union attitude of the Socialist Party they did not publish their views, and remained NEUTRAL. Ye gods, remained neutral in the war, the battle raging about them. What cant, what hypocrisy! And one of these disciples, these teachers, says he is tired of "our (?) cant." Mental obtuseness has certainly reached its limit in this development. Yet the cause is all clear. Nothing but the failure of these comrades to get off their perches as "teachers" and go down into the thick and the thin of the proletarian struggle, getting down into the struggle, leaving the conceit of teachers behind and becoming humble students, prevents them from being valued helpers.

Maybe many who read these lines will not have an opportunity to see the exhibitions of crass egotism which mark every utterance of the "specialists" and "teachers." Here is a sample: "If we are true teachers we will be with our pupils in the working out of the problems we have set for them to do." "Josiah Allen's wife," who administered emetics to her lovesick daughter would no doubt advise a good "puke" for this case. But judging from the nickname applied to Missourians, a doubt may be raised as to the efficacy of "lobelia inflata" on Missouri egotists.

But not only does this species of "teacher" egotists abound in Missouri, the Socialist in America has a surfeit of them. Whenever a Socialist speaks of "it" instead of our labor movement, etc., put him down as a Socialist "teacher"—a Socialist who has not yet placed himself where he may become receptive to the great lessons which the labor movement produces day after day—lessons which, if absorbed by our comrades, would enable them to interpret more clearly the historic facts of the labor movement and also by increasing our sense of humility, our measure of our own personal littleness and weakness, enable us to become safer servants to the labor movement during its hours of greatest trial, during its severest crises.

To the National Committee I would suggest a serious contemplation of its responsibility at this time. In the light of the past year's developments, is it not clear that those who have had intimate practical relations with the industrial world are the able men in the proletarian struggle—the Socialist Party? Is it not high time we realize that the executive work of revolutionary proletarians, of revolutionary industrial workers, is safest and most wisely performed by comrades who have had their schooling in the mine and the mill? Is it not high time that we assign the lawyers, the preachers, and others strange to the industrial field, to the useful positions of humble students of the labor movement until they learn enough of the hard facts of present day industrial conditions to make of them better servants? Let us damn this "teacher" egotism out of existence by unveiling the crass ignorance of its professors! Let the National Committee and the Local selecting the next Quorum avoid the "teacher" as a pest to the movement.

L. E. HILDEBRAND.

There's a paper out in 'Frisco Called "Advance," And its motto reads "Eureka." Here's our chance! D—n the thing we started after! Fusion's faster, better grafter. Work the Unions for and aft, sir, Give us pie!

Say the sisters out in 'Frisco, We're too slow, Let us wed the Labor Party, Then we'll grow. Whoop! by fusion we can get there, Ride to Congress on a nightmare, Capture something somehow, somewhere— Aber—nit.

There are others in St. Louis, Seemingly, Who a chance to "swell the ranks" In fusion see, All forgetful of the spelling Of what means abnormal swelling, Of the trading and the selling, Pie to boot.

But our moonstruck silly sisters Yet will wake, From their fusion-folly nightmare Sad mistake, And will learn unto their sorrow That the fusion cow is farrow And the pathway straight and narrow, Mapped by Marx.

Is the route that we must travel As a class, 'Till united we paw gravel Grouped en masse, When the Unions roused from slumber No false leaders to encumber Every Union man we number, In our camp.

All this middle-headed howling about barnacing the non-class conscious labor parties into the Socialist movement rightly interpreted reads thus:

The Socialist Party is growing rapidly to be sure, but not fast enough to land many of us anxious ones into fat offices by 1904. Education in economics along class-conscious lines is absolutely necessary for the healthy growth of true Socialism. This is slow.

By fusing with so-called labor parties whether they understand Socialism or not, we can get there by leaps and bounds (some of us, the most worthy of course), and once we get into office, of course we can't bring about the Social revolution because our constituency being badly conglomerated and non-class conscious, and of various shades of class interests and political prejudices wouldn't stand for such drastic "Reforms," but once in office we will have a fat thing and being Socialists, it will be a big boom for the Socialist movement. Votes is what we want—to get office—and the Unions have the votes; Socialism or no Socialism, anything for votes.

This is my interpretation of all that is being said and done about fusing with reform and labor parties, and I care not whether it be a San Francisco editor, a Job Harriman, a Val Putnam, or a thousand and one other impatient prospectors who stand ready to compromise Socialist principles for the sake of votes, the whole affair is a dastardly attempt to graft the Socialist organization on to the passing Democratic Party.

One of our Nebraska comrades who lately landed in Los Angeles writes us as follows: "This is greatest graft town I ever struck. Every one here seems to be trying a graft of some kind, and from what I can learn of the Socialist movement here it is being run for a graft also. I was out to hear a Socialist speaker on the street. The speaker has been in all the reform movements of the state. He believes the Middle class has before them the task of bringing about the Co-operative Commonwealth. At the headquarters there is the worst mix-up imaginable. One is arguing for a 'Union Party' another for a 'Socialist Union Party,' another for Utopian Socialism and still another for a straight Socialist Party with Socialism left out. There are a few straight Socialists, but they left the organization before the last election on account of the fusion. The 'Los Angeles Socialist' had but one Socialist article in it this week and the editor did his best to call it down, but it got by mistake. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to figure out head or tail to the situation here."

Surely the "Frisco fusion delusion has jumbled into confusion worse confounded.

It is to be hoped that the "Advance" and the "Los Angeles Socialist" will take a tumble to the gravity of the situation and come out like men and advocate pure, straightforward Marxian Socialism. If these papers have been instrumental in kicking up the California muss and still persist in keeping up the confusion these papers should be boycotted by the Socialists of America and the editors branded as traitors to the movement. It is late in the day for Socialist papers at this stage of the game to betray the interest of the Working class for the crisis is close upon us, and the revolution is not ten years ahead and if it comes in peace so be it—but if it comes with roar of cannon and all the clash and death of war—then we be to any who in the day when victory was in sight for the sake of office or a few paltry, dirty capitalist dollars attempted to sidetrack the Socialist movement, thus adding the capitalist class in precipitating a revolution of blood and slaughter.

Keep your eye on "traders" and "trimmers," comrades. Keep them in line or on the outside where they can do no harm.

Comrade Putnam has used reams of paper in a childish attempt to show that the thing for the Socialist Party to do now that it is progressing so nicely is to take a back seat, fold its arms and quietly wait for some bastard fake labor party to come along and invite it to a free for all ride to its own funeral; and Comrade Putnam

and Job Harriman may write volumes but they will never convince a true class-conscious Socialist that fusion of any description is in harmony with the working program or declaration of principles of scientific Socialism.

The only excuse for this political cow trading offered by Comrade Putnam is that "the Union Party is here and it has to be met. Who's here? Party here and the Democratic Party and the Prohibition Party! They are all here and there will be others and their names legion by 1908, but what has all this to do with the program of the Socialist whose business it is to educate the wage-workers to their class interest and to organize them into a political body distinct from all other parties for the overthrow of the capitalist wage system as speedily as the education and organization of the slave class on class-conscious lines will permit.

"But," says Putnam, "The Labor Parties are wholly made up of the working class, the very class we must reach for they are a part of us, and the biggest part."

So is the rank and file of the Republican Party, the Democratic Party and the Prohibition Party, but in our zeal to get the wage slaves out of these capitalist parties, shall we bite at fusion hooks now dangling under our noses? And do not these impatient comrades so ready for fusion with something, anything, know that these labor parties know nothing of their class interest; nothing of economics? And that they are fathered by capitalism to divide the strength of the working class and are led by the most astardly set of scoundrels that ever betrayed their class interest for a few dirty dollars from the old party masters?

And has not Comrade Putnam overestimated the life and strength of the Labor Parties as also of the Labor Unions? And in doing so has he not also greatly underrated the strength capabilities and possibilities of the national and international Socialist movement? Does he not know that the real bulwark behind the unions today, making their strikes effective, is the Socialist Party? Capitalism fears Socialism, else it would not fear the unions. Is it not a self-evident truth that Labor Unions disintegrate at every industrial crisis, when over-production throws hundreds of thousands hungry and penniless on the labor market? Is it not an every-day saying that Trades Unions flourish during good times? The same material interests that force the workers into unions during "good times" force them out of the unions during "Coxey Army" panics. On the other hand, the Socialist Party will grow far more rapidly at every crisis and thousands of unemployed union men will recruit its ranks at every industrial center.

Again there is a limit to the growth of the Labor Union organization and already the non-union men in all parts of the United States are raising the cry that they can not get into the unions. That in many crafts the limit is reached; that exorbitant fees are charged for membership and that in many instances new members are taken in and given work until the membership fee is paid and then discharged.

In other words, there will always be a bigger army of non-union men who cannot get into the unions if they so desire than there ever will be of union men. Then the unions cannot hope to defeat capital on the economic field with a ragged, starving army of its own class outnumbering the union men, standing ready to take their jobs at longer hours and smaller pay.

Neither can they hope to overcome the antagonism of the two slave class armies, strikers and strike breakers. The sickening battle between the union man and the scab, between union labor on one hand and capital and scab labor on the other must go merrily on until the world industrial crisis comes, preceded by alarming national panics, and organized union labor and disorganized scab labor repeating the dialogue of the pot and the kettle, will wander, "Weary Wilkes" until footsore, seeking a job they might devour and finding none, at longer hours and smaller wages, they turn to the International Socialist Party of the world to find the "way out."

The way will be found, but it is the way mapped out by Marx in '48. We know the way; the labor union parties do not know the way. Shall we go with them or they with us? There's a loose federation of various crafts, with craft antagonisms, continual warfare with the non-union men who outnumber them and who from the very nature of the capitalist system and the purpose of the unions must continue to outnumber them. They represent all shades of political prejudices, are dominated by the most cunning political tricksters, have no recognition of class interest, have no class solidarity and at every panic must go to pieces. The Socialist Party is a unit organization of the class-conscious workers of the world, having but the one end in view: the freeing of their class in all lands from wage-slavery by the overthrow of capitalism. It is daily adding to its ranks new recruits from the wage slave class, union and non-union men and women of all races and nationalities who, becoming conscious of their class interests, naturally gravitate to the Socialist Party. Recognizing no national or social lines it has no quarrel with any class workers, neither with union nor non-union men, but moves to abolish the system that breeds at one setting the capitalist, the union man and the scab.

To accomplish this world-mission, this world party has come to stay in the fight till the finish, and its platform is broad enough to hold all the working slaves of the world as fast as they become conscious of the interest of their class and pledge themselves for the overthrow of capitalism, root and branch; but the Socialist platform is too narrow for the cloven feet of non-class conscious fake labor parties fathered by capitalism and led by hoodlums, with no further reach in view than the pie counter. Shall the Socialist Party of the world get out of

the way of every little bastard labor party that bolts up every fortnight—never twice in the same place or of the same complexion? Must we "fuse" to get recruits? Where did we get the 300,000 votes. How came so many Socialists in the A. L. U. and A. F. of L.? Why lie down in the midst of battle with the enemy on the run, and the heretofore allies of the enemy or passive spectators in the Labor Unions coming over to our ranks, and striking with us in the thick of the fight? Shall we leave the battle-field and go over to our allies, or shall we press the enemy charge upon charge, and if our would-be allies in the unions want to wait to see which is the winning side, Socialism or Capitalism, before they come over in a body, let them alone in their ignoble doubting; they will soon decide, for the enemy is already on the run. Prattle away, Comrades Harriman and Putnam, Nebraska can not but smile in mingled pity and contempt at the desperate effort some of our comrades seem to be making to hip-pocket the Socialist Party for a convenience in 1904. Say what you will, do what you will, there is a Socialist Party that will never stand for fusion or compromise and its time is yet to be. If there is to be a "parting of the ways" let it come. I know where Nebraska will be found.

Now comes in hordes appalling To awe-struck Omaha, The sleight o'-tongue trained jugglers, Perverters of the law: Like Choctaws called to war dance They gather from afar To feast in annual banquet Of these sleek knights of the bar; And lo! their chief uprising And straight announces he Their guest, the far-famed Andrews, Of Nebraska 'Varsity. Lo! see the little lawyers Outpace their owley eyes With heads swelled high to bursting Wild straining to look wise, As rises the chancellor, Andrews, As Rip Van Winkle from a dream And in ponderous, hazy accents, Makes known his awful theme. Lo! blink the little Choctaws, "The inside now we'll see Of that wild, fallacious dogma—SOCIALIST PHILOSOPHY!" Lo, lo, the chancellor rises, Leaning for his "support" On reasons and rods of manuscript Enough to build a fort. Hear! Harken to the chancellor In trembling undertone— Build a bugaboo of cornstalks, Then chase him round the zone! See this intrepid warrior Playing role of child or clown.

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And knocks the wreath from his brow And the would-be knight and critic With his clam shell shield and mail His broom-stick sword with straw head And "Tam O'Shanter" tail— Beholds the gallant hero And feels all his senses reel As he stares at the knight before him All armored from head to heel, With "MATERIALIST CONCEPTION" headgear "CLASS STRUGGLE" for body-gear And the "SOURCE OF SURPLUS VALUE" His tried and faithful sword On his steed called "Revolution" From out of the shades he springs, And into the face of the broom-stick knight His ringing challenge flings, Crying "Come, ye shallow critic, And let us your wisdom see, You think you have downed Redbertus. Now come and cross swords with me. Come, spur on your prancing charge With the "Tam O'Shanter" tail, And find a Capitalist spear or sword Can pierce this coat of mail." But the mighty Chancellor Andrews Crawls down from his old nightmare And the little lawyers blink and wish And squirm and twist and stare, "No, no," thinks the surface critic, "I've had my dummy spree, But it won't be fighting wind-mills To mix with a knight like he." And I gazed at the Chancellor Andrews As a famous steed in his stall, Wind broke, ring boned and spavined, Leaning for "support" to the wall, Who, daintily groomed by his masters, Leans snug as a bug in a rug. Yet apart from his reputation Would be but a common plug, And I said, Judge not your marksmen By the size of his barrel's bore, 'Tis the keen-eyed man with the class trained nerve That pierces the bull's eye core.

Kitchen conventions are now on the boom in Omaha. We have found the kitchen agitation meetings to be the most effective plan of campaign we have yet tried during the winter months. Every night in the week that we can arrange a meeting we go to some one's home where a dozen or more of the neighbors gather to listen to some comrade explain Socialism. We have pushed these kitchen agitation meetings to the outskirts of the city. Once we hold a kitchen convention in any precinct of the city, the way immediately opens for many more fireside meetings in that locality, as many non-Socialists grow deeply interested in the subject and invite us

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PARTY NEWS.

LOCAL NOTES.

Carpenters' Hall was filled last Sunday night to hear Comrade Wiswella.

Sunday night, January 25th, E. H. James, the well-known Spattle lawyer, will speak. Subject: "Jesus as a Political Leader." It will be an interesting meeting.

Sunday night, February 1st, Dr. Titus and Claude Knight will debate the question: "Should Socialists Join Their Trade Unions?"

Ballard Socialists meet at Maccahee's Temple every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Dr. Titus will speak at Ross Hall, Ross, Sunday, the 25th, on "Prohibition." Meeting begins at 2:30 p. m.

City Central Committee is considering the matter of employing a city organizer to devote his entire time to the work. If you want the work done, "rough up."

Fremont Socialists or Fremont people interested in Socialism, should attend those Sunday afternoon meetings at Ross Hall. Only a short distance—next to new Ross School, on 3rd avenue northwest and 4th.

The meeting at Headquarters, near 508 Third avenue, evening of Friday, the 23rd, discusses the question: "Should Local Spokane be Expelled?" Meetings are held every Friday night and Sunday afternoons at 2:30.

The raffle by "The Socialist" of the gold watch given by Comrade Lampe resulted in Mr. Brigham's drawing the prize. Mr. Brigham is a prosperous candy-maker out of a job. He is not a Socialist, but he is meeting with us and no doubt will be before long.

Last Saturday night Comrade Bessie's lot was raffled at headquarters. E. A. Johnson was the lucky man. He has not been located yet but when he shows up, he will be doubly so, for the deed will be made out at once.

Comrades Scott, Whedon and Peters are compelled to resign as members of the City Central Committee. Their successors should be elected at the February meeting of the Central Branch. The members are not doing their duty about attending the branch meetings. Party business must be attended to. Are you doing your share? In all probability you are not and you know it. The few who have had the burden of work to do for the past year will not always sacrifice their personal comfort to let you shirk.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Comrade J. M. Cameron has begun work in Skagit County, Washington, as County Organizer. Clarke and Skamania counties were first in the field with Comrade Hart as Organizer. Other counties are moving in the same direction.

After debating from 3 p. m. until 1 a. m., Local St. Louis passed the first of the resolutions printed on page 3 last week, only nine votes being cast against it. Four of these were from Dunn, Roche and Putnam of the Local Quorum, and National Secretary Greenbaum. Get last week's paper and read that resolution again. What the four comrades mean by such action is beyond understanding. The Local's second resolution calling upon these four to resign their official connection with the party was then passed. The National Committee should take prompt action when it convenes and select a Quorum that does not halt with ingersoll to ask, "Is Suicide a Sin?"

More than half the 45,000 employees of the North Carolina cotton mills are women and nearly 8,000 are under fourteen.

In Berlin, Germany, the Socialists held twenty-seven meetings in one evening.

The Vancouver, B. C., comrades continue to puncture the rag-baby Socialism of Chris Foley, who says the interests of capital and labor are identical.

The Western Socialist Publishing Co., Ltd., has been organized to take charge of "The Western Socialist." Comrade E. T. Kingsley of Nanaimo has been elected Vice-President. No change will be made in the editorial policy which has been along the line of scientific, class-conscious Socialism.

An Illinois mail carrier, copying Madden, returned a copy of "The Chicago Socialist" to the postoffice as "refused." An investigation developed that this man had said he wouldn't have a Socialist paper in his house. He evidently thought to prevent others from having one also. Prosecution has been withheld in this instance. Some of these over-officious carriers ought to be taught their little lesson. On this coast the carriers seem content to do their duty even though they may not like our paper.

The Chicago comrades are to be congratulated on their platform. It states clearly the fact of the class-struggle, that the SOCIALIST PARTY IS THE ONLY PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS, and makes the only pledge necessary:—

"Recognizing that the power to be obtained even by success in the present campaign is limited, nevertheless we pledge our candidates, if elected, to do all in their power to further the interests of the working class." They nominated a Union man for Mayor, too.

The Socialist Party is "looking for bear" and not for bouquets.

The Jewish Socialists of Cincinnati have organized a Socialist Club. The Jews are rapidly coming into the Socialist movement.

Toledo, Ohio, Socialists will employ a city organizer.

All the revolutionary Socialists of France have united in one party and will carry on Working Class Socialism in contra-distinction to the mock Socialism of the Millerandites—those who believe Socialists should hold official positions under a capitalist government.

Chicago school teachers have joined the Federation of Labor of that city.

It is reported that the Krupp incident and Kaker "Billy's" harangue has added 5,000 subscribers to the list of the "Vorwaerts" of Berlin. Let us pray.

Wallace Labor Union, No. 15, A. L. U., has contributed \$5.00 to the A. L. U. Socialist lecture bureau fund. This is the second one.

And the American Labor Union Journal is "for" the "Union Labor Party" confusion. Where is that Titanic party which Comrade Putnam saw in his dreams?

Comrade Geo. E. Bigelow of Ohio is making a lecture tour through Southern California.

Comrade McGrady spoke in Ashland last night (14th) to a good house and simply raised the natives' hair. Made many converts. His speech was considered the clearest and most forcible ever delivered in this section.—Fox, Conneaut, Ohio.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE SOCIALIST PARTY ANNUAL MEETING.

The National Committee of the Socialist Party meets at St. Louis, Thursday, January 29th. It consists of one State Committeeman from each state, elected by referendum vote of the party membership in each state. It ought, therefore, to be a thoroughly representative body. The Local Quorum of five is chosen by the National Committee, and the National Secretary also. The National Committee can change the National Headquarters, "subject to a referendum of the party."

We cannot get any report of its proceedings before our issue of Feb. 5. Comrade Boomer, member of the National Committee from the State of Washington, will report the proceedings specially for "The Socialist."

FIELD NOTES.

By W. G. Critchlow.

A Western tour which will extend to the coast is being arranged for Father T. McGrady for next summer.

Local Dayton, Ohio, held a eucure party on Jan. 19th and over 500 people attended, many being turned away. About \$35.00 was cleared above expenses.

The Ohio State Secretary is arranging tours in the State for N. P. Geizer, Geo. A. Sweetland and W. J. White. He also has charge of all dates for Father McGrady.

W. G. Critchlow has been elected member of the National Committee to represent Ohio.

Wm. Thurston Brown will tour Ohio a part of this month (January).

Ohio State Headquarters will be removed to Cleveland, referendum vote to that effect having carried. State Secretary Critchlow will continue as Secretary.

The mining district of Ohio has at last been invaded and a good local of sixteen charter members has been organized at Jacksonville, Athens county, which is the stamping ground of Gen. Grosvenor.

Secretary of State of Ohio has decided that the emblem of the National Party is not permissible to go on the ballot in Ohio as the party's emblem. Indications are that the Arm and Torch will now be adopted, that emblem being permissible under the ruling.

Frederick G. Strickland and Chas. Oliver Jones, forming the Strickland-Jones lecture combination, will work in Indiana during February and will make some few dates in southwestern Ohio during the early part of March, after which they will go direct to Colorado, with headquarters in Aspen.

Father McGrady is having great success in lecturing since giving up his church in Bellevue. Many reports have been spread to the effect that he no longer retains his standing as a priest but such reports are absolutely without any foundation whatever. He is still as much a priest as ever, but is now under no ecclesiastical censure. He spoke at Warren and Ashabula, Ohio, during the past week. Dates are already arranged for Jeffersonville, Ind., Massillon, Cleveland, Toledo, Portsmouth and Columbus, Ohio, and he takes the Socialist end of the debate to be held in New Castle, Pa., Jan. 29, 30 and 31st.

With zero way down and coal way up the Socialists ought to find propaganda work comparatively easy.

NOTICE FOR WASHINGTON.

Seattle, Jan. 29, 1903.

Comrades:—

In the hurry of the holiday week you have neglected to send in nominations to fill the vacancy on the State Committee caused by the resignation of Comrade Latimer. To complete the Local Quorum as provided by the State Constitution, the new member must be from Seattle. In order that all Locals may have an opportunity, nominations will not be closed until February 10th. Now, you, Mr. Secretary, "rend your knitting."

Arrangements can be made to get Father McGrady to speak for us. I have written to ascertain dates and rates. Locals desiring his services should notify me promptly. If you want him, just say so.

U. G. MOORE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

WAR NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS.

Seattle, Jan. 29, 1903.

Local Arlington reports 21 members in good standing December 31st, 14 not in good standing. The 21 members contributed during the six months \$12.60 in dues and \$18.30 besides; the 14 delinquent \$96.48 dues and 80 cents additional. Collected from people not members of the party and contributed to the campaign fund, \$3.25. Spent \$26.25 for special meetings during the campaign and sent \$5 to the Strike Fund. Expelled three members for treason and admitted two new members. If all Locals would do as well in the matter of reports and remittances as Local Arlington, there would be little to criticize.

Comrade DeLilly has been touring Snohomish county. He reports some progress in the matter of County Organization Fund. He says there is some Socialist sentiment but that "it takes more than sentiment to make a man go down in his jeans and dig up."

Only a few Locals have reported their discussions on the suggested topics. For these few, make us duly thankful.

Local Yelm had a lively discussion of the question, "Should the Socialist Party Smash the Trust?" and the way they took the meeting in hand speaks well. Keep it up, boys, and Yelm precinct will be heard from. Comrade Paff opened the discussion, speaking publicly for the first time. Comrade Longmire spoke also. Among other things he said: "The trusts cannot be destroyed and should not be if they could. Instead of destroying them use them. Destroy their dangers by taking them out of private hands and making them public property." Vote on the question stood? Six, No; one, Yes.

Local North Yakima agreed that "The trusts are the Socialists' best friends and that it would be very foolish to take the club away and kill the man who is killing himself. Just leave him alone and he will be dead enough by and by."

Local Washougal has also reported their discussion. Comrade Hart seemed to be alone in his position that the Trust should not be destroyed.

The result of the discussion in Local Fairhaven is given in the following resolution:

Whereas, The State Committee of the Socialist Party has given the question "Should the Socialist Party Smash the Trusts?" to the Locals of the state for discussion; and

Whereas, The question has been debated and discussed by the members of Fairhaven Local; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of Local Fairhaven of the Socialist Party that the trusts occupy the same relation in the commercial evolution of society, that improved labor saving machinery does in the mechanical and industrial evolution. As an example in the mechanical evolution it was first the sewing machine representing the complete industrial tool for the individual man; then the mowder; then the reaper; now the combined mowder, reaper and thrasher.

In the commercial evolution, it was first the individual business; then the partnership; then the corporation; now the combined corporation or trust.

That in contradistinction to the more or less hypocritical condemnation of the trusts by the Republican and Democratic parties, we recognize the trust as part of the necessary evolution of the capitalistic system toward the system of Universal Co-operation.

We welcome the trust as a co-educator in dispelling the mists and doubts of anarchistic individualism, and hail it as the forerunner and way preparer to the Grand Co-operative Commonwealth in which vested rights shall give place to right of use, and industrial slavery to industrial freedom.

Keep the discussions going, comrades, and don't forget to report them. By the time we are through with all the topics we will find ourselves possessed of such knowledge of the Socialist movement that we will be invincible. And, too, the Local that sets its own members to publicly discussing these questions is training men for the work to come.

Local North Yakima has started a free reading room and would be pleased to receive contributions of books or magazines or papers. Address C. F. Bowman, 15 North Front street.

All over the state there are signs of increasing activity. Now is the time to get in the good work. Like Paul Jones, "we have just begun to fight," and fight we must if we hope to win.

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to hold a meeting at their homes. So you see if the comrades all get alive in the next two months the message of Socialism can be brought to the fire-edges of thousands who know little or nothing of the program that is set on foot to set the wage-slave free. At times we have packed the street cars with a band of enthusiastic Socialists en route to a kitchen convention, singing Socialist songs on the way, making the hair of the plutocrats stand on end. There is something so convincing and thrilling about a kitchen agitation and question answering meeting that the working men and women who attend are easily shown their class interests and brought into the organization. Besides we reach many who otherwise would seldom or never hear a Socialist talk, as they do not attend political meetings and seldom come up town after working hours. Comrades everywhere should push this excellent plan of agitation. The masses of over-worked wage-slaves are hopeless and growing stupid, they will not go far to hear our speakers, and spend little for literature, so we must go to them. There are few Socialists who understand Socialism that cannot hold a successful fireside meeting. Nearly all our active comrades of Local Omaha will soon be kitchen agitators. Try it. Begin right away. Make dates a week ahead.

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The Aberdeen Branch of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific refused to give crews to Mr. Turner's vessel because he refused to sign an agreement with the Sailors' Union to carry union men in all his vessels.

After the schooner Solono which is one of Mr. Turner's, was loaded, Captain Rochie applied for a so-called scab crew to Mr. Thornton of Seattle. Mr. Thornton left Seattle on Dec. 31st with a crew for the Solono. On their arrival union sailors were at the station in Hoquiam, took the non-union sailors to Aberdeen and provided for them till they had employment. Two prepared to go back to Seattle. They were sent back.

Then Captain Rochie, seeing that he lost on getting his crew this way, applied to the Hoquiam police authorities, telling them that he was threatened by the union sailors to do him bodily harm (which was not true), and asking for help and protection.

The City Council of Hoquiam is controlled by the Capitalist class, therefore help and protection was granted. The Sailors' Union men were then threatened with arrest if they did not leave the streets of Hoquiam. The union men still kept on picketing, though four arrests were made by the police. At the trial there was not sufficient charge against them and they were acquitted. When the police and Captain Rochie saw the Union Sailors did not fear arrest and the Solono could not get a crew, they concluded to apply to higher authority.

Then Captain Rochie applied to Washington, D. C., for help from the revenue service. After a delay of sixteen days a revenue cutter arrived on Gray's Harbor, on January 15th, with a non-union crew from Puget Sound, and escorted the Solono, Captain Rochie, to sea.

A. JONAS.

Aberdeen, Wash.

MORE PARTICULARS.

Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 18, 1903.
Editor "Socialist."

Dear Comrade: A striking example of how much a capitalist class government does to promote the welfare and sustain the "dignity" of labor is shown in the case of the schooner Solono, whose owners petitioned to Washington for aid in getting a scab crew, which was granted without the least delay as usual, and a crew was smuggled aboard the revenue cutter Grant on board the Solono.

One of the crew refused to go and was taken back to Port Townsend.

The master of the Solono made the boast that he would not take a union crew and as a result the day 15 days at anchor in the harbor during which time the union pickets induced three scab crews not to sail.

This resulted in the arrest of six of the pickets on the charge of "vagrancy," "disturbing the peace," etc. They were all dismissed for lack of evidence.

The same company that owns the Solono has another vessel, The Benca, loading at Aberdeen with scab labor under police protection.

Appropos of this the Business Men's Association of Aberdeen "resolved," "deplored" and "condemned" in the following manner (clipping from the Daily Bulletin):

The following resolution drawn by J. C. Hogan, and presented by J. A. Hood was introduced and after considerable acrimonious discussion was passed:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this organization that we deplore and condemn the action of the local Sailors' Union of Aberdeen in the methods employed by them to prevent the master of the schooner Solono in obtaining a crew for his vessel, and its

Max Hayes of the Cleveland Citizen goes to England as the fraternal delegate of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Hayes is an outspoken advocate of Socialism, and his election in a convention whose leading officials in the past have spared no effort to check the growth of Socialism signifies that in the near future the men who cry "no politics in the union" will be swept from the pedestal of conservatism to give room to men who dare to beard plutocracy in its lair.—"Miners' Magazine."

At New Orleans Sam Gompers said: "I have always acted with a single eye to the interest of the working man. What does he do with the other eye?"—"Butte Journal."

The other eye has secured a federal job for his son. The other eye has kept the American Federation of Labor out of politics so that Samuel could pose as a commanding giant in making candidates for political honors, "see," Sam. The other eye has never overlooked a bet—"Miners' Magazine."

arbitrary and dictatorial methods towards vessels and the masters of vessels in relation to the employment of labor in the shipping business, as injurious and detrimental to commerce and to the prosperity of the city in general; and be it further

Resolved, That the city council of the city of Aberdeen be and is hereby requested to furnish ample police protection to any master of a vessel in the port of Aberdeen, whenever requested by such master; and be it further

Resolved, That our representatives in the legislature be and they hereby are requested to use their best efforts to cause to be enacted a suitable state law making any boycotts unlawful and providing penalties therefor.

All this goes to show the workers that the government is a class institution and reflects the capitalist class interests and in order for it to represent working class interest it must first be made a working class government.

Revenue cutters would not be used then to haul scab crews for a few plutocratic ship owners, because the workers themselves would be the owners and receive the full product of their toil by the abolition of the wage system and having the public ownership of all the means of production and distribution, instead of private ownership.

Unionism will never bring this. It requires political action on class-conscious lines by voting the Socialist ticket straight.

Sailors and workers of every trade! BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT. INVESTIGATE SOCIALISM.

Yours for Socialism,
GEO. CROSTON.

The vote of the militia company of Blair county, Pennsylvania was as follows: For Pennypacker (Republican), 11; Pattison (Democrat), 10; Adams (Socialist Labor), 35; Slayton (Socialist), 61. This vote is an evidence that the old parties who remunerate the corporations with the use of the state militia to suppress the spirit of independence in the industrial army of the nation in exchange for campaign contributions can no longer depend on "the boys in blue" to vote for a continuation of the system that calls them from their armories to murder men who are struggling against starvation.

The men who compose the state militia will be found vulnerable to the unanswerable logic of Socialism—"Miners' Magazine."

We have clear proof that in at least one precinct in the state of Washington, where Comrade John James lives, at Curtis, in Lewis county, a Socialist vote was not counted. When the Board was confronted with the omission by Comrade James, "the Democrat blamed the Republican and the Republican got out of sight." There is no doubt hundreds of votes

were thus overlooked, carelessly or purposely, in all parts of the country. Follow them up, boys. Stay at the polls, watch the reports and get your rights. They will skip you, if you let them skip you.

NOTICE.

At the regular meeting of the S. E. U. on the first Sunday in January, a Quorum was not present. Those present adjourned the meeting until Sunday, Jan. 26th, 2:30 p. m., at the office of "The Socialist." Members are earnestly requested to attend this meeting as there are new members to admit, proposed changes in the by-laws to consider and other important business.
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