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SOCIALISTS AND ANARCHISTS AGAIN.

Two months ago this man Conde referred to below was simply an agent of the American Federation of Labor, according to the Capitalist dispatches. Two weeks ago he was a "Socialist." Now he has developed into an "Anarchist." No proof is afforded he did anything worse than refer to the American flag as the symbol of Capitalist exploitation of the laborer. And is it

treason to wave the Red Flag of universal labor and brotherhood? But it is the cue of Capital now to brand Socialists with all manner of false representations. See our cartoon on this page.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Oct. 12.—Gov. Hunt returned here today from Ponce, where he attended a banquet in celebration of the extension of the American railway in the island. He was everywhere received with demon-

strations of confidence and esteem. During the governor's absence the anti-American Socialists and anarchists had a clash with the police in the plaza of this city. Forty arrests were made, and many of the prisoners were today convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, including the anarchist Conde, who was recently convicted of insulting the American flag. The clash was due to the Socialists, who attacked the police. The latter ordered the mob to disperse, and on meeting with a refusal they used their clubs freely. Americans here are particularly incensed at the carrying of

black and red flags, and a creped American flag by a mob yesterday was an incitement to disorder. Conde delivered a very offensive harangue, in which he approved of the mob resorting to bloodshed if necessary. The Americans demanded the punishment of all the dangerous Socialists, and are overwhelming Governor Hunt with assurances of support in a vigorous campaign to uphold law and order. They urged that an immediate death blow be given to anarchy here. The city is quiet today. More of the men arrested for attacking the police will be tried tomorrow.

San Francisco Manifesto

Every Workingman Should Read It

The Socialist Party, in Municipal convention assembled reaffirms its adherence to international Socialism.

We declare our allegiance to the State and National Platform of the Socialist Party.

Our aim is to organize the working class into a political party to acquire the powers of government, national, state and municipal.

Our purpose is to substitute collective and public ownership for the present private ownership of the means of production and distribution.

Governments are only committees of the class in control of the means of production. As the capitalist class owns the means of production, it is able to use the powers of government, solely to its own advantage, and consequently to the injury of the working class.

The Socialist Party is the only political party that represents the class interests of the wage workers and this party is unalterably opposed to the system which has resulted in the ownership by a few, of the resources of nature, the tools of production and even of the homes of the working class.

We are face to face with conditions that require the united action of our class at the ballot box. There are

Two Classes with Conflicting Economic Interests in this Country.

One is the class of employers and the other is the class of wage-workers—the capitalist class and the working class.

The capitalists own the land and the industries, and live off the labor of the workers.

The workers own neither land nor tools, and in order to live, must sell their labor power to the capitalist.

The workers do all the useful work of society and support the capitalist class.

They are the producers of the nation's wealth, while the capitalists are the exploiters, who live by taking the wealth produced by the workers.

This exploitation the workers must abolish, therefore they must unite, **Work and Vote for their Economic Class Interests.**

The interests of the working class are opposed to the interests of the capitalist class.

The capitalists employ the workers and give them in wages but a small part of what they produce and keep the rest as profit.

The workers produce their own wages as well as their masters' profits. The interests of the capitalists is to get all the profit possible out of the labor of the workers, and the true interest of the workers is to get the full product of their toil.

The more profit for the capitalists, the less wages for the workers. The less profit for the capitalists, the more wages for the workers.

There is a Struggle Between These Two Classes.

It is a struggle between those who exploit and those who are being exploited; between the capitalists whose interest it is to perpetuate this struggle and continue this exploitation, and the workers whose interest it is to put an end to this struggle.

These two economic classes with opposing interests, are represented by two political parties.

It is a Political Struggle.

There is the party of the capitalist class, which is in power and governs the country, making, interpreting and enforcing the laws in its own interests; opposed to this is the party of the working class, which in a day soon to

come, must and will be in power, and will make, interpret and enforce the laws in the interests of all the workers.

The one great capitalist party is split up into two contending factions; the Republicans and the Democrats. Each holds that labor shall be fleeced, and the motto of each faction is: "To the victors belong the spoils," and workingmen who vote for these factions produce the spoils they quarrel over.

Workingmen who vote for either of these two capitalist parties vote for men who represent capitalist interests; make, interpret and execute capitalist laws, pass, interpret and enforce measures in the interest of the capitalist class.

Any party is a capitalist party, which advocates the private ownership of land and machinery, and the taking of profit from wage labor.

Keeping this in mind, the worker can at once distinguish a capitalist party from his own.

The Socialist party is the only working class party. It holds that "labor shall not be fleeced," and its motto is: "To the producer belongs the product," and workingmen who vote this ticket, vote for men, who are determined to abolish capitalist laws, to enact, interpret and enforce their own laws, in their own interest—the interest of the working class.

The Socialist party scorns to conceal its aims. It openly denounces the capitalist class as the great obstacle to human progress, and emphatically declares it to be the oppressor and exploiter of the working class both here and in every country where modern production has developed.

"It is a Condition, Not a Theory that Confronts Us."

Fellow workingmen! We cannot make things for ourselves, because we own neither land nor tools.

Therefore, we must work for the capitalists and the things we make are theirs.

They employ us, regulate our conduct, direct our energies and take all we produce.

They give us only enough to live on, while we produce wealth for them. They make the laws by which they keep us in subjection.

They make, interpret and enforce the laws in their own interests and even govern us with injunctions in order to maintain their class supremacy.

They make, interpret and enforce the laws, by which we must fill the world with wealth for them, while we live and die in want.

They will not let us work to make things for ourselves when in need; to do that we should have to use their land and their machinery, but their laws forbid it.

They pretend to favor us, when they allow us to work for them, and pay us starvation wages, while we support them in luxury.

They preach to us the dignity of labor, but take from us the product of our toil.

They displace us from farm and factory, mill, mine and workshop with their "wage and labor saving machinery."

They refuse to employ us all, and will not let us employ ourselves. They imprison us as tramps and vagrants for being unemployed.

They compel us to live in poverty, to suffer the pangs of hunger and to die of starvation amidst the plenty we have produced.

In the rapid changes in production, uncertainty of employment is ever ours. Want and the awful fear of want is ever present, and before us is the ever increasing store of the necessities of life which we produce and which, by our masters' law, we must not touch.

This heaped up store of wealth represents the unpaid labor of our class. When our capitalist masters cannot sell this immense store, when the market is glutted, they call it a commercial crisis.

Then we, the workers, are thrown out of work, and our suffering, misery and want follow these crises in their thieving commercialism.

This is the economic condition of the American working people under the industrial and political control of the capitalists with their infamous exploitation.

Under their rule discoveries and inventions are used only to make millionaire capitalists of them and destitute workers of us.

Under their management the wealth we produce is used to further exploit us, to squeeze more wealth out of our long and exhausting toil.

Under their government workers starve in the midst of plenty and are murdered in the name of capitalist law and capitalist order, when making such weak attempts as strikes and boycotts to better their condition.

Is the welfare of this country safe in their hands?

Are they fit and proper managers of society? NO!!!

They have been weighed in the balance of found wanting.

To the working class we turn. To the supporters of society and its defenders we appeal.

Fellow workers! We must unite politically to fight the battle for industrial freedom.

The right to work for ourselves must be fought for and won at the ballot box.

It is by political power that the capitalists make their oppression constitutional, and their robbery legal. It is only by the exercise of political power in our own interest that we, the workers can abolish class rule, class privilege and class exploitation, and establish a workers' society where equal opportunities, equal rights and equal duties will be the share of every man and woman.

Our Needs.

Our conditions determine our needs.

Owning neither land nor machinery, and working together by the thousand in factories, mills, mines, workshops and on farms, producing wealth for the owners thereof, our real need is the collective ownership and democratic control by the people of all means of producing and distributing wealth—Socialism.

When we obtain what we need then we shall have political and industrial democracy.

Then we will all own what we make by working together.

Then every man, woman and child will share in the necessities, comforts and pleasures of life, produced by the social labor of all the able bodied in society.

Then wealth will become the servant of labor, and machinery will bear the burden of toil, and the industries will be managed for the benefit of all and not for the profit of a few.

Then want and fear of want will be banished forever from the toilers and producers of the world's wealth.

Then we will have the Co-Operative Commonwealth.

The Union Labor Party.

There are two reasons why you should not throw away your vote by casting it for the Union Labor Party.

1. A Local movement can never solve an international problem. As Capitalism is international in its scope and character, the only movement able to meet it effectively on its own ground is the International Socialist Movement:

2. As the wage slave must always remain a wage slave so long as the wage system exists, and the Union Labor Party does not aim at the abolition of the wage system, a vote cast for the Union Labor Party is a vote cast for the perpetuation of your own slavery. As profit is an integral part of the Capitalist System, any party, such as the Union Labor Party, which recognizes the right of Capital to a profit, is a Capitalist Party.

It therefore follows, that a vote for the Union Labor Party, is a vote for the Common Enemy, Capitalism.

Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities.

This doctrine has no place in our program and we hereby repudiate those misguided people who attempt to put it forward in the name of Socialism.

So long as the Municipal Government is in the possession of the Capitalist Class, to take street railways and hand them over to the Municipal Authorities is simply to pass them from one group of Capitalists to another.

It avails nothing to argue that the profits that accrue from these utilities can be used to reduce taxation. The fact that such profits exist, demonstrates their capitalist nature; and as workingmen do not pay taxes, reductions in taxation do not affect them one way or the other. The only thing for the working class to do is to capture the Municipal Government, use it, and hold it, until by means of the National and International Socialist Party those strongholds of Capitalism, the State and National Legislatures, are taken, and then for the Socialist Revolution.

EXIT CAPITALISM, ENTER THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH.

For MAYOR—FRANK R. WHITNEY

For Supervisors:

Of the Carmen's Union. Oscar Johnson

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City Attorney—Leslie Brown L. W. Lindgren

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Tax Collector—Geo. Williams S. Rothenstein

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Recorder—S. Schmulowitz Olas Gafvert

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Coroner—Dr. N. J. B. Schultz A. G. Chamberlain

Public Administrator— I. Rosenblatt

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For Judges of the Police Court: Geo. Nisbet

B. Spanier Chas. B. Kiler Oswald Seifert

A. J. Oliver

I. Shenkan

AND HERE'S ANOTHER.

Edmonds, Wash., Oct. 11, 1903.

Editor Socialist: Dear Comrade: The following resolution was adopted by Local Edmonds October 10:

WHEREAS, "The Socialist" has always been an able and fearless champion of revolutionary, working class Socialism.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Local Edmonds endorse the teachings of "The Socialist" and pledge it our earnest support. Your truly,
P. L. SILL, Sec'y pro tem.

OTHERS CAN FOLLOW SUIT.

Salina, Utah, Oct. 3, 1903.

"The Socialist," Dear Sirs:—I sent you 50 cents for some copies of No. 160, but you notified me that the edition was exhausted and you ask what to do with the money.

I see by a last number that you will get out another about Thanksgiving. Please put my name on the list for a 50-cent bundle. You say you will charge more for them as you lost money on the last. No Socialist wants you to lose money; charge enough so you are safe. If you have a surplus you can easily find a place to put it. Yours, etc.,

A. J. SCOTT.

A HERCULEAN TASK BEFORE US

By W. E. Clark, Assistant to National Secretary.

We have heard a great deal about electing a Socialist president in 1908, or maybe earlier, or a day or two later, it is immaterial which. Having had some connection with the members of the party, through correspondence and also personal contact in attending conventions, etc., it is my opinion that we have a Herculean task before us in getting the members of our party ready to manage their own affairs. By the very nature of our movement, every member must know, not only the purpose of the party, but also how to accomplish that purpose.

Does the majority of the members of the Socialist Party know how to conduct the campaign against the capitalist class?

If not, why not?

I am convinced that a majority us do not act as though we thoroughly understood, to use the vernacular, "what we are up against."

Why not?

In a word, there has been a great deal of agitation and a limited amount of education. In the press and on the platform, we have largely confined ourselves to the very necessary work of what we term "propaganda." We have endeavored to convince readers and hearers that Socialism is the hope of the world, that the capitalist system must be abolished, and that we must vote the Socialist ticket.

So much is good, but it is not all. It is only the beginning, and the press and speakers have only broken the ground for the foundation when they stop with that.

Such propaganda has resulted in causing a great many people to become interested in Socialism. The work of helping them to understand how we are to accomplish the aims and declarations of the Socialist Party, platforms has been to a great extent purposely avoided, and for two main reasons: The work of agitation is easy while that of education is hard; and we have been afraid of discussing party tactics on the ground of it hindering the work of agitation.

As to the first reason, agitation is easy. Most anyone can open his mouth and talk, take up his pen and write. "Hot air" is an inexhaustible product. But the work of education is slow and difficult. The child begins to develop its lungs before it does its brains. The majority of Socialists have to travel over the same road. Like the child that is being pricked by a pin, as soon as the agitation, press or speaker, has aroused us to a knowledge of our condition and we begin to realize that we are being robbed, we let forth a yell. Again, we act like the child in trying to acquaint everyone else with our condition.

Now this is a very necessary process, but it has to be outlived. The period of milk diet must not be prolonged into years. Above all things, the Socialist must learn to dress himself and know when to vote and how, without being told to do so by any other member of the party.

Capitalist politics thrive best under the direction of a strong personality, for the people have been trained so that most anyone with a large vocabulary can lead them around by the nose. Not so with Socialist politics. We are not like sheep being led to slaughter. Every member of the party must know that he or she is the equal of every other member, so far as party management is concerned.

And in this very fact, is found one of the most difficult problems the Socialist movement will have to solve, that of teaching every member the power and responsibility devolving upon whomsoever becomes a member of the Socialist Party, and also how to accomplish our purpose as a party.

A leader in the Socialist movement would be as dangerous to it as leaders have been to all movements. Even in capitalist political parties, leaders work to their own ends and eventually disrupt the organization they are leading. From the time the Jews were

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Reply to Father McGrady

BY A. A. LEWIS

Welcome Discussion.

Much discussion is going on in the Socialist party over the matter of lecture bureaus, high-priced lectures, etc. This is a question of party tactics which the party membership must settle if the Socialist party is to be a harmonious, compact and thoroughly disciplined organization.

Discussion, therefore, is necessary in order to have the right sort of harmony. But there is no use in getting angry or excited about it and indulging in abuse and vituperation, or in giving utterance to dark references to "dictators," "little despots," "omniscient seers," "autocrats," "imperialists," "vulgar herd of grafters and tyrants," "two-by-four exploiters," "anti-home rulers," "De Leonites," etc.

But Not Abuse.

Abuse is not argument. Reason does not come from a brain heated overmuch with righteous indignation. And ponderous adjectives innumerable do not always betoken sound judgment.

Now, let us reason calmly about this matter, and not after the manner of over-wrought capitalists fearing an assault on their vested rights. Remember it is the "good of the cause" that is up for discussion, and not the injury of this man or that man. If any individual in or out of the Socialist movement feels that the movement is interfering with his material interests he must be given to understand that the movement is greater than any individual, however brilliant, great and useful he may be. I say this without any prejudice toward any comrade and in all charity. Let us, therefore, discuss principles and decide for the good of the cause regardless of individuals.

Socialist Party for Working Class.

In the first place, the Socialist party is primarily a working class movement. All Socialists are agreed as to that. Its object is to get the working class to unite and emancipate themselves. To get them to do that they must first see the necessity of seizing the powers of government by means of the ballot, abolishing the capitalist system and wage slavery, and setting up a system of the public collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution.

A Few Necessary Points.

Now, before the working class, in any great number, will make the effort to thus free themselves, they must first realize fully the following:

1. That they WANT freedom for their class.

2. That they will get no willing aid from any other class.

3. That they MUST free themselves.

4. That they CAN free themselves.

Individually the members of the working class want freedom, but before they see the necessity of wanting industrial or economic freedom for their class, they must realize:

1. That society is divided into two great classes—the working class and the capitalist class.

2. That the interests of the capitalist class are directly and eternally opposed to the interests of the working class.

3. That as long as these two classes exist there will be a slave class on the one hand and a master class on the other; and the struggle of the enslaved class for more or less freedom, and of the master class to keep their slaves more or less in subjection, will continue.

4. That regardless of the fact that a comparatively small number of the enslaved class will now and then rise out of their class into the capitalist class by their individual efforts, and many of the master class will sink into the enslaved class through misfortune, there will be no hope for the great mass of the enslaved class or working class, as long as another class of men own and control the means of living—the job power.

Must Free Themselves.

In order that the working class may realize that they will get no willing aid from any other class, and, therefore, must free themselves, they must realize:

1. That no privileged class ever freely and willingly surrendered any of their privileges.

2. That it is to the interest of the capitalist class and those who imagine they are a part of that class, to keep the working class in a condition of wage-slavery by every means possible, such as keeping the working class divided and prejudiced against each other socially, politically, religiously and along race lines, and by the raising of false issues so as to blind them to their real interests. The "good man" racket, the "friend of labor" game and the civic federation scheme of Hanna, Potter, Ireland, Cleveland and Gompers are some of these schemes to deceive the worker.

Can Free Themselves.

In order that the working class may realize that they CAN free themselves they must realize:

1. Their power when united. They outnumber the capitalist class ten to one.

2. The helplessness of the capitalist class. They can do nothing without the working class. The working class not only operate the industries of their capitalist masters, but they now manage such industries. The superintendents, managers, agents, salesmen, etc., of great corporations and trusts are as much hired men (wage slaves with gilded collars) as the plain operatives.

3. That they are really more intelligent, from a practical standpoint even if not so learned in books, than their cunning-but really ignorant masters, and that the closer they get to these lordly "masters of the bread," the smaller they appear.

4. That since the working class have had the intelligence and courage to build up their great and compact labor organizations unaided and alone, and against the combined opposition of the master class, by means of which organizations they have forced the master class to give them greater privileges than they otherwise would enjoy; the working class likewise have the intelligence, when circumstances compel them to act, to build up a still greater and more compact labor organization along political lines, through which they will demand and obtain for themselves not merely a little more industrial liberty, but all their industrial liberty.

5. That as the working class were compelled to organize industrially into trades unions, so will they also be compelled to organize politically into the party of their class. And as the working class have the intelligence not only to organize, but also to manage, the complicated affairs of the trades unions, so do the working class have the intelligence to organize, operate and manage a system of individual as well as political government, by and for their own class, under which each and every worker will get the equivalent of the full product of his labor.

6. That if the working class will organize, go on strike together, suffer together, and even die for each other, just because they demand a little old measly ten per cent. raise—just a little more of the product of their labor—how much more solidly will they stand together when they see the necessity of voting for all the product of their labor. If they will thus stand together for part of their freedom, how much more firmly will they stand shoulder to shoulder when they see that by uniting at the ballot box they can get ALL their freedom?

Must Develop Themselves.

Now, to get back to the subject, from which I necessarily had to wander:

If the working class are to free themselves and must realize all I have mentioned in order to see the necessity of organized political action, they must also be fitted for industrial self-government. How can they be fitted for this struggle for freedom and for bringing about an orderly system of real industrial democracy unless they learn by experience. How are they to get this necessary experience unless they take an active part in the work of their own emancipation by speaking, by writing, by studying and discussing political and economic questions, by electing men of their class to office—in other words, by constantly touching elbows with each other. If men not of their class attempt to do this work for them because such men are supposed to be smarter than common working men, because they can use high-sounding language, and learned expressions—will not the working class naturally stand back and let them take the lead? The working class have always been led. Should Socialists claiming to be revolutionary and scientific, encourage the old, hoary capitalist delusion that the worker must be led? The working class do not need leaders and teachers. They need exemplifiers—men of their class who will say to them: "You see me doing this. You can do it, too, if you try. Why don't you try? All you need is confidence in yourselves."

Trust Their Own Class.

The working class must learn to trust their own class, to have all confidence in their class, just as they have learned to trust their class in trades unions. If they do not trust their class, in whom else can they trust? That is the whole question. They must trust their class if they are ever to free themselves. Why do so many workingmen, when they hear a learned "lecture on Socialism," shake their heads and sadly say: "It's all mighty nice, but it will never be done. We can't do it." It is because we insist for appearance's sake (and perhaps for revenue only) on having some brilliant and eloquent man, not of their class, tell them what they want and how to get it. I say that one forcible, working class talker before a working class audience, unlearned and

awkward though he be, is worth a hundred "polished scholarly gentlemen" in broadcloth and fine linen. It is not the clothes, mind you, that the toiler unconsciously dislikes, but what the clothes indicate—one of the robber class, or, at least, ex-robber class. "Learned and Eloquent" Men Not Needed.

Now, isn't it a grand object lesson to the working class for a great political party claiming to be a working class party, to send out individuals who never did a day's manual labor in their lives, who charge the working class a stiff price for telling them what any working man with good common sense can tell them? Is it any wonder that so many serious-minded working men have nothing to do with the Socialist party and say it is too deep for them? Workingmen often ask me why it is, if the Socialist movement is a working-class movement, that it takes such a smart man to "explain" it, and after he has "explained" it, they don't know any more about it than they did before.

"No Frills and Furbelows."

The average worker is no fool. If Socialism will be a good thing for him and his family, he wants to know it. But he is practical, and he wants you to tell him all about it without any frills and furbelows. Just keep on sending high-priced orators among the working class, whom the workers instinctively feel are not of their class and really have no genuine fellowship for them, and it will always be isms and dogies to them. But when men of their class go among them and talk to them as fellow workers, as men with common interests, tell them what "we" are going to do, then the isms and dogies will all disappear. Then the movement will mean to them just what we desire it to be—a movement of the working class, by the working class, for the working class. Then each and every worker will instinctively feel that the Socialist party is his party, and when the workers begin to feel that way you can't keep them out of the movement. Neither the frowns and threats of their capitalist masters nor the promises and sops of the capitalist political tools will drive or persuade them to scab on election day.

No Graters of Any Kind.

Now, as far as the grater is concerned, I have as little use for the "two-by-four" grater as the \$40 or \$50 per talk grater. But it is the big grater who is dangerous. The little grater is soon sized up, but the big fellow is "respectable," you know, and his very respectability protects him, and if he happens to net a local few dollars the comrades often overlook the principle involved. There is a hard fight ahead of us, comrades. We can't "force" the growth of Socialism by wind-jamming oratory or rhetorical pyrotechnics. The logic of events is preparing the minds of the worker for Socialism, and it will come even if we have no great spellbinders, but only ordinary workers, to show up the class struggle. Why need we then, exploit our already overburdened fellow toilers, or have the appearance of doing so. Let us avoid even the appearance of evil.

A. A. LEWIS,
Covington, Ky., Sept. 27, 1903.

"A HERCULEAN TASK BEFORE US."

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foolish enough to let Moses lead them out of the Nile country until now, leadership has been a curse to those that followed. If the Jews had told Moses to go to Canaan by himself and had stayed in Egypt to fight out their own battles, their history have been different. Be that as it may they looked to a leader and got the worst of it; and so will it be with the Socialist movement, if the party membership ever entrusts to a leader the work that ought to be done by the party members themselves.

For this very reason, the work of educating the party members in organization, in the detail work of party management, from the local to the national, from that of acting on a local committee distributing literature to watching every vote and act of the National Committeeman from his state, is a necessary part of all Socialist propaganda. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." And if every member of the Socialist Party does not study the work of party management and demand an accounting from every officer of the party where he is a member, he will only help to pave the way for politicians to creep in and delay the emancipation of the working class.

We have spent a great deal of time and energy in telling how the people will live "under Socialism," what we will do with the capitalist system, etc. On the other hand we have, to a large extent, neglected the very necessary work of drilling ourselves in party management. Every member of the party should be familiar with the duties of every official in the party, and every officer should be required to make regular reports of work performed by his office.

These are matters that can be learned in only way—by practical experience, and by constant re-iteration by press and speaker. Our party papers and speakers have failed to teach Socialism until they teach the members of the party how to carry on the work of working class emancipation.

W. E. CLARK,
Omaha, Neb., October 7, 1903.

News and Correspondence

SEATTLE NOTES.

Comrade Thos. C. Wiswele speaks at Carpenters' hall, Fourth near Pike, Sunday evening, October 18.

Comrade D. Burgess speaks on "Old Clothes" at Teamsters' hall, Second and Pike, Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Street meeting preceding at 2:30.

A School Director to be nominated Sunday, Oct. 18. Mass Meeting for that purpose at Headquarters, 509 Third Ave., at noon. All comrades of all Branches should be present. Registration essential. Get all Socialists, men and women, to register before Saturday, Dec. 5th, the day of election.

Local Seattle is in debt to the late Organizer Hutcheson to the extent of some seventy-five dollars. A grand entertainment and dance is planned to liquidate this debt. It will occur at Germania Hall, Saturday evening, November 7th. Tickets can be had of the chairman of the committee, Comrade E. Hutcheson.

The Pike St. Branch holds its first session for "Parliamentary Practice," Friday evening, October 16, 8 to 10 p. m., at Teamsters' hall, Pike street and Second avenue. Admission free to all. Participation free to all members of the Branch. Prof. J. D. Curtis will be the Instructor and Umpire.

Comrade T. C. Wiswele, elected City Organizer by recent Referendum declines to accept. Meantime, street meetings and Branch meetings go right on. Some Branches will soon need paid organizers at the present rate. But perhaps Comrade John Downie is right when he claims that paid organizers seem chiefly to lull the rest to sleep. So that the organizer does the work and runs the party.

Ballard Debate.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock a Scandinavian Debate will be held at Macabees Temple, Ballard, between Comrade Wm. Hellestad of Redmond, and Mr. J. C. Olson, of Ballard. Resolved that Capitalism is the cause of the exploited condition of the working class and Socialism the only remedy. Debate to be followed by questions and five minutes speeches. The Singing Society "Norden" will furnish music. A great time is expected.

Ballard will have a week's street meetings, beginning Monday, October 19th, conducted by Comrade Thos. B. Craig. This is the time for the Ballard Comrades to put in their best work getting new members. Be on hand early and help make the crowd.

LOCAL OMAHA NEWS.

The Socialists of the Fourth Judicial District held a mass convention at Omaha on October 6th and nominated seven candidates for Judges, as follows: William Moran of Benson, C. F. Wiekelson, J. C. Jacobson, G. A. Spencer, J. T. Miller, C. F. Huber, Adolph Guter of Omaha.

The vocations of the nominees are, two motemen, one carpenter, one distillery worker, one shoe maker, one plumber, one canvasser.

The following resolutions and platforms were adopted:

We, the Socialists of the Fourth Judicial District in mass convention assembled affirm our adherence to the principles of the international Socialism and adopt the National platform of the Socialist Party of America.

Resolutions on State Committee and Local Quorum:

Whereas, Capitalism is using every means at its command to retard and hinder the progress of Socialism the only means whereby the enslaved producing class can free itself; and

Whereas, it has been their aim all along the line since the Socialist Party was organized in this state to control it by means of spies and traitors who by one way or another gain entrance to the party. Therefore be it

Resolved, that this convention endorse the strict vigilance of the State Committee and Local Quorum of the Socialist Party of Nebraska in dealing these parasitical prostitutes.

Whereas, the courts which being filled by the candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and who have been composed of members of the propertied classes have used their official class and in defiance of the rights of the working class.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we the Socialists of the Fourth Judicial District in mass convention assembled urge upon the working class the necessity of placing men in the courts from the ranks of their own class, and who having the same class interests will be logically and morally bound to vigorously defend the rights of the working class.

J. A. EASTON,
A. L. A. SCHEIRMAYER,
L. L. McILVAINE,
Committee on Platform and Resolutions.

The above platforms and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

LOCAL PRESS COMMITTEE.

CALIFORNIA QUESTION.

Fusion or Straight Socialism?

To the Members of the Socialist Party:—A carefully worded circular has been issued by Cameron H. King, Jr., an extreme fusionist, against the removal of state headquarters to Oakland, he being in favor of retaining same in Los Angeles. L. E. Biddle and C. McMartin, who are members of the present S. E. C., were candidates of the Union Labor Party in Los Angeles last campaign, and it suits him to retain these people in office, so it is evident, that a vote to retain headquarters in Los Angeles is a vote for fusion.

His shameful attack on Comrade Tuck is unwarranted as a change of Secretary is not proposed in Referendum.

His statement regarding geographical centers is immaterial, as the question is Fusion or a Straight Socialist Party! And it is well known that Local Oakland at all times—as has been opposed to fusion.

King succeeded through machine politics in establishing fusion with the U. L. P., but as he is no

longer a member of Socialist Party S. F. fusion is dead, much to his regret. He is an officeholder in this city that now is under the control of the Schmidt fusion regime. Mr. King is not a member of this city (Socialist Party) as he resigned under serious charges. You can see from the above that a vote against Oakland is a vote for fusion.

Fraternally yours for Straight Socialism.

I. SHENKAN, Secretary.
GUS VON BRAUN, Organizer.

QUESTIONS TO RICHARDSON.
Tulare, Sept. 28, 1903.
Editor Socialist.

Comrade—I see by the "Los Angeles Socialist" of Sept 12, that Comrade N. A. Richardson repudiates the Rork movement, as I do myself, and also has something to say on fusion.

Now, I would like the comrade to make his position on fusion clear, so I will ask a few questions:

1. Comrade Richardson, did not you, as chairman of the convention held in San Francisco, Sept., 1902, for the purpose of nominating candidates in the state election, use your influence as chairman, to have the ticket left without nominations where so doing would favor the Union Labor party?

2. Did not you also use your influence as delegate and National Committeeman to the same ends?

3. Is not the condemning of the Nebraska comrades who oppose fusion and take what they consider the most effective means to combat it, what we would naturally expect from one who favors fusion, but has not the courage to acknowledge it?

Answer, Comrade, and don't dodge.
WM. CARPENTER,
State Committeeman,
32nd District, Calif.

TOLEDO PROTESTS.
Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1903.
Ed. Seattle Socialist.

Dear Comrade—The following resolutions were adopted at last meeting of Local Toledo:

Whereas, the local quorum of this state is conducting what is known as the Central Lecture Bureau, sending speakers throughout the country with the avowed object of producing profit, the same to be for the benefit of the Socialist party of Ohio, and

Whereas, the Socialists of Ohio have, through such action, been discredited and held up to reproach and the scandal of the movement; be it Resolved by Local Toledo) That in self protection, we deny any responsibility for said Central Lecture Bureau, it being wholly the creation of the local quorum, and be it further

Resolved, That we refuse to receive any speaker under its auspices and demand, through the State Committeeman of this district, the abolition of said Central Lecture Bureau, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the local quorum and the party press, including the Ohio Socialist. Fraternally,

W. A. STANTON, Sec'y.

STILL THEY COME.

Comrade Wm. McClain reports the organization of two new Locals, one at Vancouver, Clarke county, Wash., and the other at Salmon Creek, eight miles north of Vancouver. He expects to effect other organizations in South western Washington on this trip.

Comrade Wilkins' work in Eastern Washington this week will doubtless produce two or more new Locals. Wilkins' dates for Whitman county so far are: Rosalia, Sunday, 18th; Oakesdale, Monday, 19th; St. John, Tuesday, 20th; Colfax, Wednesday, 21st. Other dates will be arranged as soon as definite information can be had as to route.

Comrades in Stevens county who desire Comrade Wilkins' services should make application at once for the week's time that can be allotted them. Comrade Wilkins' last date in Washington must be at some point on the Great Northern on November 9th, so he can reach Kalispel, Montana, for an arranged date November 10th. Stevens county comrades should remember this.

A WORD OF CAUTION.

There is another E. E. Martin in Seattle, several letters of his having come to me, hence, to be absolutely sure that your letters reach their destination see that the street address 1016 Stewart Street, is plainly written on every envelope addressed to me. Return envelopes will be sent all Locals for this purpose.

Make all money orders payable to E. E. Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, instead of the simple name. As we may save your letter going astray and your money being lost. Be careful in this.

Art has nothing to fear from the triumph of Socialism. On the contrary, it has everything to gain. Socialism, by organizing the world on a just and scientific collective basis, will bring education, leisure, hope, to all men. Every one will be borne into a life in which his material wants will be supplied in return for a few hours of pleasant daily labor. When the economic motive is removed, when man's soul is freed from the bondage of commercialism, the energies of today will be diverted into higher and nobler channels. There will be a renaissance of Art, Literature, Music, Drama. Humanity today is like an untilled garden, and Socialism, which will give to all the opportunity to develop the best that is in them, will produce a new race of men. One of the first tasks that men will apply themselves to, when once the material side of life is organized, will be to the beautifying of their daily surroundings. They will take joy in their work, and their joy will find expression in widespread, popular Art.—Leonard D. A'bot.

The Anti-Socialist Campaign in Massachusetts

The existing political situation in Massachusetts is of great interest to Socialists. The increased vote polled last year has fully aroused the old party leaders, and while they are soundly chastising each other on the stump and in the press as of yore, yet they are co-operating in an effort to block Socialist progress and to win the workingmen away from the new and growing force represented by the Socialist party.

The Democratic state committee is trying to regain the ground lost to the Socialists in several representative districts, notably the fourth Plymouth, which the late Frederic O. MacCartney represented so ably for four years. In the South Boston districts, the Democrats are especially active in disseminating literature attempting to show that the Socialists are against religion, the family and marriage. South Boston is made up almost entirely of Irish Catholic workingmen, and the increased Socialist vote polled there last year was a shock to the Democratic politicians who have controlled the districts for years and years. In the Brighton district also, the fight is being made to prevent Comrade W. J. Coyne from being elected, as he polled a remarkable vote there last year.

In the Brockton district, Wallace C. Ransden is running for re-election while there are good chances of electing another representative from Brockton and one in the Bridgewater district, where Geo. J. Alcott only missed election last year by under fifty votes.

But it is in the fifth Haverhill district represented for five years by James F. Carey that the critical fight is going on. The fifth district has long been known as the "Gibraltar of Socialism" in Massachusetts, and while vigorous attempts have been made each successive year to defeat Carey, they have all failed. But the efforts put forward by the opposition this year are reported to be unequalled in their intensity and bitterness.

The anti-Socialist campaign now reaching its culmination in the election next month has been gaining in force for the past year. A local fight between rival shoe workers' unions has been taken full advantage of by the capitalist politicians and their tools, and nothing has been left undone to embitter the workers on both sides against Carey and the Socialist Party.

In this, the anti-Socialists have received the active assistance and support of the National Economic League and the Republican National Committee, for it is in Haverhill that the

"campaign of education" against Socialism in Massachusetts has been inaugurated. A weekly paper devoted exclusively to fighting the Socialists has been published for nearly a year, the principal articles being furnished by F. G. R. Gordon, Herbert N. Casson and others. Gordon is now busy using the same figures he employed in support of Socialism as arguments to defend Capitalism. In addition to this is the regular daily republican paper which has a monopoly in Haverhill, being the only one in the local field, and it fulfills its mission of distortion and misrepresentation to the utmost.

In order to round out the non-descript collection of curiosities who have been enlisted against the Socialists' cause, Martha Moore Avery and David Goldstein, who were defeated a year ago in their attempt to get control of the Socialist party in Massachusetts, are announced as speakers against Carey in his district and the republicans are preparing to give the reclaimed ones a cordial reception. As was to be expected, Avery and Goldstein will speak on Socialism: in its relation to the home, religion and free love, subjects upon which, after several years' study and experience, they claim to be authorities, a proposition with which all those who know this pair will heartily agree. The latest news from Haverhill is to the effect that another paper is about to be started by an organization of business men, with Gordon as editor.

In the meanwhile, the Socialists are doing the best they can. The literature is being distributed and meetings held nightly. Carey is giving as much time as possible to the local campaign. The comrades are better organized than for some time and many of the old workers have fallen into line again, aroused by the conflict. Of course the anti-Socialists believe that by defeating Carey they will be giving Socialism in Massachusetts its death blow, which reveals their ignorance of the movement.

In the state at large, John C. Chase is again on the stump for Governor. 10—Socialist—awt'ib7,r,r db—W A F and John W. Brown, Dan A. White, Carey, Dr. H. A. Gibbs and others are speaking nightly throughout the state and addressing larger crowds than ever before.

It is confidently expected that notwithstanding the united opposition of the old party state committees, and perhaps because of it, an increased vote probably reaching 60,000 votes will be polled for the state ticket.

It may be stated, that the Haverhill comrades have issued an appeal for financial aid and they will also be glad to receive aid in the shape of literature. Address Phillip Langway, Haverhill, Mass., without delay.

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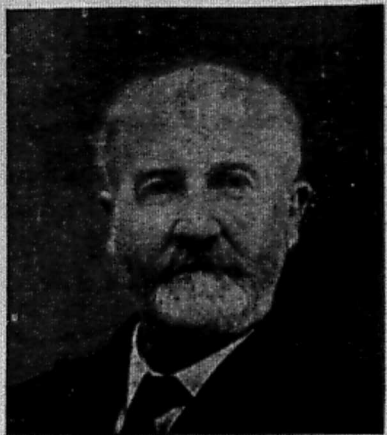
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SLAVE MARKET REPORTS

Conducted by D. Burgess.



D. Burgess.

Under the Capitalist class, the wage working class has only one commodity for sale, their labor power. The capitalists have long columns in their daily papers dealing with market conditions.

Why should the wage workers not have a little space devoted to a portrayal of the prevailing conditions of labor? Laboring men whom we have consulted with reference to a move of this kind strongly favor it. As a result we have undertaken to maintain a department which is to be devoted to reports from the comrades in the slave camps of America. We solicit reports from such slaves everywhere, and will publish their pictures in connection with such reports in cases where this is desired. However, it will be necessary for comrades who desire to have their pictures appear to correspond with this office.

We think this column may be of great value in bringing the comrades into a closer comradeship.

Through this column lasting friendships may be made.

Do not be afraid to ask your friends and neighbors to read "The Socialist."

Every mail brings us letters of encouragement, and complimenting us upon our stand for the working class. Now, boys, roll up your sleeves, spit on your hands and catch a few thousand subscribers for us. It is not hard to do when you go to work in dead earnest.

Comrade Willard Hyde of Fairhaven Wash., says we can count on him from this on to the end of the war. We do count on him. He will make somebody hear about us every day until the sun rises upon the Socialist republic.

If each Local will try a systematic plan of weekly distribution of our paper and report results we shall take pleasure in publishing same.

Quite a number of Socialist agitators have become intimately acquainted with the police, but in most cases the police forced themselves upon the notice of the Socialists.

If you are a socialist you ought to do some striking of the right sort, and suggest that you begin by striking every working man for a subscription to "The Socialist."

The parasites who pound pulpits, who sit on the edge of college chairs, who censor press items and all those who seek to guard the present disorder, are howling and screaming about the glory of our flag. If, by this means they can get the toiler's mind diverted from a rational consideration of the means by which he is robbed, they will prolong the pleasures of their haughty masters.

John C. Chase, of Haverhill, again heads the ticket in Massachusetts. There'll be a hot time in the old Bay State this fall.

The Socialist movement relies for success upon the spirit of revolt, and this will not be propagated by the hot-house method as exemplified in Schools of Social Economy.

Capitalists love the workingman so long as he gives up the results of his labor. When the worker seeks to retain the product of his toil then hate takes the place of professed love, and the military is called out and the worker is fed on lead. I am getting very suspicious of capitalistic professions of love. It costs me too much.

"There are no classes in this country," but when the capitalists of Colorado called for the military it appeared upon the scene promptly, and then proceeded to violate the law by arresting workers illegally. When these workers appealed to the governor he was deaf. He could hear the class who pays him, but he could not hear the class that creates all wealth. Don't it look to you like there are classes?

Mr. Joseph Folk, the St. Louis attorney who has fixed the eyes of the capitalist world upon him by his attempt to favor one faction of said class by furnishing another faction of the same class, says:

"There is something small and little about robbing taxpayers, robbing widows and orphans and all manner of poor folk. He is a mean man who commits this crime."

You see, Folk is concerned for the tax payer and the widow and the fatherless of the tax-paying class, but he wastes no sympathy upon the wage-working class.

Because the thieves fell out and quarrelled over the divisions of the spoils and because Folk has taken sides with one set of thieves he is called honest.

Comrade H. M. Sanborn stimulates us to renewed effort by the following contribution:

"Please find enclosed fifty cents to renew my subscription to 'The Socialist' for another year.

"To say that the Socialist is doing a grand work for the cause of labor is putting it mildly."

A comrade asked one of his neighbors, a laboring man, to read some Socialist literature. The poor man looked at our comrade with an expression of alarm, ejaculating: "God save me from Socialism." "If you had been industrious and saving," he said, "You might have a house of your own."

This hard working man owns one-half acre on the edge of a swamp and lives in a shack that cost \$35.00. He is willing to live in this self denying way, to deprive himself and family of all the comforts and enjoyments of life that his masters may roll in wealth.

These wily masters tell him through the pulpit, the school and the press that if he will live in this manner and let them have the surplus wealth which he creates, he will occupy mansions in the skies, and this poor fool believes them.

"All who will work have jobs now," is a sentiment that is echoing from hilltop to hilltop all over the world, and yet everybody knows it is false. None know the bitter, stinging mockery of this false sentence better than the slaves in our mill camps, logging camps and mining and manufacturing camps.

A little girl in Chicago killed herself by taking carbolic acid. "Oh, the work was so hard; I could stand it no longer," she said to her distracted father just before she expired. She belonged to the slave class and was compelled to create wealth for the master class that lives in dissipation.

Comrade Heritage of Iowa writes that he has converted one man to Socialism and he hopes by the aid of "The Socialist" to convert many more.

Portland, Oreg., Oct. 10, '03. Comrade Editor: Kindly change address of my paper from to The Socialist is all right. Shoot it to them. Yours for Socialism, CHAS. D. LASH.

In Los Angeles two comrades, Stevens and Wheat, have been incarcerated for daring to speak on the streets of that liberty-loving city. Can't the readers of "The Socialist" begin to see some evidences of the existence of classes in this country? Los Angeles is in America.

A comrade in one of the slave camps writes: "I do not believe it to be the right or the privilege of the Socialist press to ruin a comrade in the estimation of comrades who have no other means of knowing or obtaining the facts except the party press."

The plain inference is that the writer of the foregoing believes that "The Socialist" is guilty of ruining or attempting to ruin some comrade or comrades. The writer forgets that "The Socialist" never assails the character or the motives of any one. We strive to give the facts, to point out instances in which comrades in authority have deviated from the platform and program of the Socialist Party.

If we have been mistaken as to facts, we should be corrected; if our inferences are not in accordance with the facts, we should be corrected, but surely the facts should be known by all comrades, for we hold that the public acts of all comrades are public property and as such subject to rational criticism. Who denies this?

A comrade writes: "I believe that no Socialist editor should exercise more power in the party than the humblest comrade, and that he should

not be permitted to attack a comrade until he has had charges preferred against him by the party and he be found guilty. It is then time to publish the comrade to the world."

We fully agree with the writer of the foregoing that no editor should have any more power than the humblest comrade, nor should an editor attack any comrade either before or after his guilt has been established. It is certainly the function of the press to present facts or alleged facts when such editor believes there is good reason to believe them true.

LETTER TO WORKINGMEN.

By a Blacklisted Miner—Graphic Description of a Capitalist Stronghold in British Columbia—Socialists Being Made at a Great Rate—Where Capital Abounds, Socialism Does Much More Abound.

Seattle, Oct. 10, '03. Workingmen: Perhaps almost the only reason that accounts for the present damnable conditions of the working class is that they have never in the past and do not now fully recognize the community of interests of all wage workers, no matter in what part of the country or continent they may be situated. The recognition of this important truth is the main motive that prompts me to write this article.

It may not be without interest to American readers to learn how a handful of miners fancifully separated from them by a geographical line should have so manfully yet so unsuccessfully struggled against one of the mammoth combinations of Canadian capital—the giant "Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company," operating in the fabulously wealthy mineral bearing country of Southeast Kootenay.

Most of you remember that awful mining catastrophe at Fernie on May 24th, '02, in which over 130 men and boys met their doom. Now, I will not state the cause of killing these miners or you will say that I look on the worst side of things and color it with my own views, but I will give you the verdict of the jury, composed of local business men, who were assuredly antagonistic to anything pertaining to Socialism. Men with hushed breath, women with tearful, anxious faces, all awaited this verdict.

"We find that the death of these miners was caused by the carelessness and neglect of the company and its officials."

What does this amount to? In other words that the coal miners were murdered by the greedy rapacity of a skinflint, grasping corporation. And must it not ever be so, workingmen, as long as the mines are owned by private individuals who mine coal for profit and not for use? What care they about making the mines safe and comfortable—it takes money to do this—all they trouble about is the big dividend. A few men killed does not matter to them, there are always plenty to take their place.

Now, after the explosion, after these mines were shown to be dusty and dangerous, in fact, nothing but a death trap, after more than 130 of the miners' comrades were killed, after most of the miners had lain idle for weeks and weeks owing to the unworkable condition of the mine, the result of the explosion, after all this, the first move of the company was to give the miners a reduction of wages. The men protested against this, called a strike but were sadly defeated and had either to accept the Demon's terms or starve.

A few months afterwards, conditions becoming so unbearable and many of the underground employees trying unsuccessfully to live on "half of nothing," the miners determined again to strike. Again, the miners put up a sturdy fight and at the word "go" every man whether employed in coke making or mining threw down their tools—except six.

The miners made short work of these six traitors to the working class by branding them as 'scabs' and running them out of town. This was no doubt due to excitables of the foreign element in the cosmopolitan mining centre of Fernie and was committed on the impulse without either the knowledge or consent of the Union.

Two things, however, resulted from this. One, that the wheels of industry were stopped in the whole of British Columbia, for all the metalliferous mines and smelters depend upon this coal industry for their life as the babe upon the mother. This is the pendulum that moves the industrial 'clock' work of British Columbia.

The other result was that the legal authorities (no doubt well bribed by the Coal Company) tried their utmost to fix the responsibility of the riot on the officials of the Union and thus deal a death blow to the success of the strike.

To commence with, two of the hardest-workers of the union were arrested and although only one witness—the superintendent of the company—swore that these men were there participating in the riot, and over twenty witnesses proved that this was impossible as they saw the men elsewhere at the time the riot was committed,

still the 'honest' judge decided that one man's word was better than twenty and committed them for trial.

The next butt for the Company's shots was myself, then secretary of the miners' union. Being informed one night by a friend as I lay asleep in bed that a warrant was out for my arrest and knowing well that it would not help me to prove my innocence by forty witnesses, I decided that "discretion is better than valor" and after walking twenty miles "beat a freight" and arrived safely over this side of the line before the police could make me a 'guest of the king' in his majesty's jail.

Did the miners win the strike? No, an arbitration committee composed of mine owners and labor fakirs, effected a compromise, viz.: a reduction of the miners' wages.

This is the invariable result of arbitration, one of the 'victories' Mark Hanna speaks of, won by the working class. But some of the miners in that part of British Columbia have learned that 'compromise means defeat' and to strike at the ballot box—polling 225 for Socialism as against 316 for capitalism in the recent election.

To instill these truths into the minds of workers—no matter in what part of the world the tyranny of the capitalist may drive me—is the ambition of one of the blacklisted wage slaves of British Columbia.

THOS. B. CRAIG. Seattle, Wash., Oct. 12, 1903.

BLACKLISTED, BUT WHITE-HEARTED.

Curtis, Lewis Co., Wash. I enclose \$3.25, \$3 for state campaign, 25 cents for a few of the pocket Library of Socialism. No. 1. "The Evolution of the Class Struggle." Noyes. No. 2. "Wage Labor and Capital," by Karl Marx.

Is Socialism on the Wane?

By WM. MAILLY, National Secretary.

A Reply to Herbert N. Casson. "The party Socialists in the United States are a wrangling, dishonest, bankrupt gang of trouble makers," says Herbert N. Casson in an article entitled "Socialism is on the Wane," which has found wide circulation in the capitalist and labor press of the country. Mr. Casson is one of those tolerant, gentle-souled, sweet-voiced gentlemen who scorn to abuse anyone who disagrees with them. And above all, they are truthful, if nothing else.

Which is why Mr. Casson uses the language above quoted. He has arrived at the startling conclusion therein stated after what claims to be an analysis of the annual report of the former National Secretary of the Socialist Party, Leon Greenbaum, who was consistent enough to leave the party shortly after he lost the position.

Mr. Casson's "analysis" was first published on July 18, 1903, six months after Greenbaum's report was issued, and Casson says the report "was not supposed to be seen by anyone outside of the party." Smart fellow, Mr. Casson! The report was printed and sent out by Mr. Greenbaum himself and was published in at least one Socialist Party paper (The Worker). There was no secrecy about it. Greenbaum and his colleagues looked after that. But Casson's startling discovery displays that same infantile and naive ignorance which has distinguished him throughout his wobbly career.

There are twenty points submitted by Casson as justification of his indictment of Socialists for incompetence to govern their own affairs. It is useless to enumerate them, and unnecessary to refute them in detail. The best answer to Casson's belated slander will be a statement of facts covering the real condition of the National Socialist Party today.

1. There are thirty-five states organized and affiliated with the national organization of the Socialist Party.

2. Eighty-seven local organizations have been chartered by the National headquarters since January last. These are either paying dues direct or through the state organizations.

3. Every state organization save one (Utah) is paying dues regularly to the national headquarters.

4. Official reports of all business and financial transactions of the national and state organizations are issued weekly and monthly and published in the party press.

5. The dues paying membership has increased from 10,000 last January (when Greenbaum's report was published) to nearly 18,000 in September.

6. The national headquarters has now nine national organizers in the field, receiving each a regular salary of \$3 per day and expenses, besides having lecturers and others constantly employed.

7. The debt of national headquarters has been reduced from \$1,335.53 in January to \$507.18 on Oct. 1st. The remainder will be liquidated before January 1st next.

No. 3. "How I Acquired My Millions," by Corey.

Curtis is on the South Bend railroad, one and one-half miles from Long's Crossing. I am one mile from Long's Crossing and one and one-half from Curtis. I have a small fruit farm that I took up fourteen years ago. I am not a wage slave, but I am a slave all the same. This is my berry time. I get up at four o'clock in the morning and go on till nine at night. I am a slave by force, to make both ends meet.

I used to be a wage slave. I am a blacklisted coal miner from Western Pennsylvania. I may be in Seattle soon.

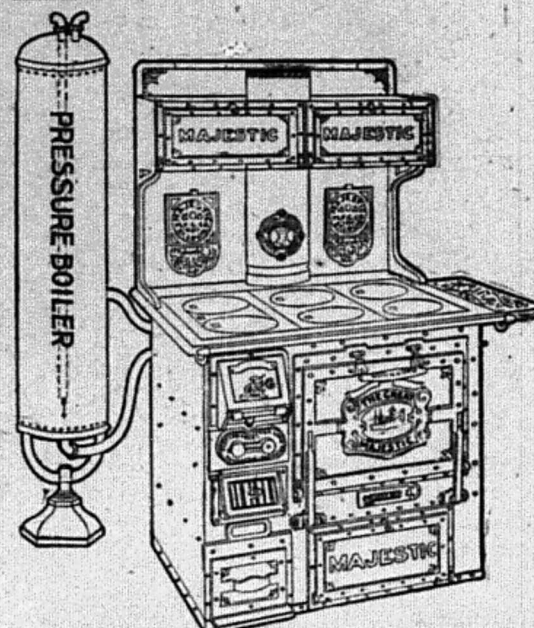
Yours for Socialism, JOHN JAMES.

Comrades of Washington: It has been many days since my heart was more deeply stirred than upon the receipt of this unlooked for letter, with the first contribution to the 1904 campaign fund. The penmanship was not "copper plate," some of the letters in his words happened to get misplaced by the fingers so bent, bruised and twisted by toil that his letters don't always track with the lines, but what of it? It's a verse in the cruel chapter of capitalism, that foreshadows its doom, and that at no distant day. Just a plain man, with a combination of the two commonest names—working 17 hours a day to make both ends meet; yet who is so skilled in self-sacrifice that he contributes dollars for the cause he is interested in—proves his sympathy by staunch, solid support. Although he is listed as black by the capitalists, what would they not give for a white soul like that. If each Socialist does as much toward supplying the "stews of war," Washington will be won before 1908. Who will be the next?

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