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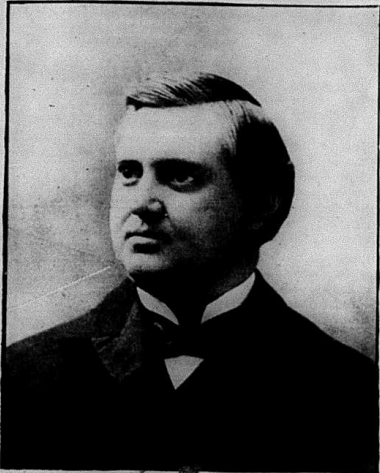
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VAIL'S TOUR OF WASHINGTON



THE REV. CHAS. H. VAIL.

Born April 27, 1866, in Tully, near Syracuse, N. Y. Educated in Tully schools. Father a cooper and blacksmith. Learned trade in his father's shop.

Had taste for music. Studied and taught music, both vocal and instrumental.

Attended St. Lawrence University and Theological Seminary from 1889, graduating from latter in 1892, and receiving degree of Bachelor of Divinity in '93.

Mrs. Vail was student and graduate of same institution. They were married in 1892.

Had first pastorate in Albany, N. Y. After one year called to First Universalist Church, Jersey City. Was pastor till January 1, 1901. Resigned to enter lecture field for Socialism.

At Albany read extensively in State Library on economic problems, finally concluding that Socialism was the only solution.

On the first day of the century was nominated by the Social Democrats as Governor of New Jersey, and later appointed National Organizer of the party.

His two books, "Modern Socialism" and "Principles of Scientific Socialism, are the best outline of Socialist doctrine in America. They are scholarly and complete—recognized in the literary world as authoritative.

From Spokane.

SPokane, June 21, 1901.
DEAR COMRADE: We received notice Sunday, June 16th, that Comrade Chas. H. Vail would speak for us on Wednesday, June 19th.

We immediately held a meeting and elected a committee to take the matter in hand and make all necessary arrangements with the exception of renting the hall, as that had been placed in the hands of a committee composed of one lady member.

A hall was rented in Riverside Ave. which had been the city headquarters of the Republican party, as that was the most central and commodious hall that we could get.

Advertising was the next thing in order, and it was done in as thorough a manner as our finances and time would permit.

Between the dodgers that were printed, the several different articles that appeared in the daily papers and

the notice that a dray hauled through the streets, we think the advertisement was quite good considering our drawbacks.

Comrade Vail had in the meantime notified us that Mrs. Vail would be with him and that they would arrive at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday.

So a small party of our local membership met him at the train, and a prominent county officer, who was also a local member, was at the depot to take them to his home, where he entertained them while they were here.

Wednesday evening we had a very good sized audience, who were thoroughly enthused with Socialism and its wonderful possibilities. Comrade Vail held their closest attention for fully two hours with a thoroughly scientific lecture in plain simple language.

He is indeed a very learned and clear speaker on this subject, and I am sure that he has strengthened our hands in this section more than we can at present estimate.

After his regular lecture he had a short time for questions which were even more instructive, if such a thing were possible, than what had preceded. The meeting closed with a very strong feeling of pleasure and hope.

Our Local wished Comrade Vail and wife every success in their noble, self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of the toilers of the world.

Hoping you will find space in our valued State organ, we remain as in time past, your co-worker for Universal Socialism.

LOCAL SPOKANE, S. D. P.
R. F. HOWARTH, Rec. Sec.,
506 Third Ave.

In Colfax.

COLFAX, June 23d.
Rev. Chas. H. Vail spoke here last evening, June 22d, to a small but enthusiastic audience. He had spoken two days at the Elberton picnic, consequently many farmers who would have otherwise come here had already heard him.

The people of Colfax, in their blind confidence and ignorance of the subject, lost a treat and a chance to have Socialism expounded to them in a concise and convincing manner. There seems far less trouble to convince the average voter after you get him to listen, than to get him to a place to hear our side of the question explained.

Men and women who have heard Vail if not already Socialists have the seed sown that will produce results in the near future. C. A. ROSS.

A Picnic for the Socialists, But a Funeral for the Republicans!

At the Elberton Picnic Comrade Vail spoke in the open air to large crowds. His words were so convincing that the Republicans became alarmed. They telegraphed to C. H. Dodd of Portland, Ore., to come immediately "to reply to Mr. Vail," with the hope of saving the capitalist system from any injury which the effect of the truth might bring.

Mr. Dodd was announced "to speak in reply to Mr. Vail." He must refute the statements which had thrown too glaring a light on the system of capital and slave-slavery. Mr. Vail suggested a debate on the subject. The crowd was enthusiastic. That was just what they wanted. But no, Mr. Dodd had been sent for to "reply" He did not desire to debate the question. Mr. Dodd proceeded to "reply," and said that what he had listened to was the greatest treason he had ever heard. It was sedition, etc., etc. Mr. Vail insisted he debate the question, and if he refused "he was a coward."

Mr. Dodd said Mr. Vail was an unmitigated liar; that he did not desire to debate; that they had sent him for him to reply." Mr. Dodd replied and then "legged it" for the outside of the crowd. He didn't even stop to hear Mr. Vail reply to his "reply."

Mr. Vail all took notes, then took the platform and literally mopped the floor with the cowardly Republican. The crowd cheered. Mr. Vail was overwhelmingly victorious, and the Republican took the first train to Portland to get out of sight.

From Walla Walla.

We were very much surprised to receive a card from Comrade Vail on the 21st, from Spokane, announcing that he would be here the 23d, and sure enough on the 3:15 p. m. train we were there to receive our guest and his little time to make any arrangement for his lecture. Not being organized, and as but a few persons had openly

expressed themselves as believers in Socialism we were in the dark as to our numerical strength, supposing a limited few, but judging from the fine audience that greeted Brother Vail at the court house on Monday evening, and that, too, without any announcement through the daily press, there is a very large element here, whether transient or otherwise, who are thinking and have convictions along these lines.

On Sunday evening we rolled a dry goods box out on the street near a crowd, called them together, announced the speaker, who in a very short time had a good audience all around him of attentive, eager listeners. This was the first lecture delivered in W. W. on Socialism, and from the attention given it was well received. After our meeting Comrade Vail organized a branch of the Social Democracy, with thirty members. R. A. White was chosen organizer and J. B. Gehr secretary.

A splendid beginning in conservatism old W. W. Better than what the Populists did when they organized.

Then on Monday evening, with but one day's notice—no press, but some posters, a banner, a bell and some small boys—we met at the court house a splendid audience of over two hundred persons (this is no old party estimate), and for over an hour, as he had to leave on the 9:15 p. m. train, he had the closest attention of his audience from beginning to end. It would be useless for me to attempt a brief recital of his lectures. Sufficient to say, he is a master; his arguments are logical, strong and convincing, and his plain language appeals eloquently to the conscience and hearts of his hearers.

Let me insist that you give Comrade V. a big advertisement. He is a great educator—scholarly, earnest and thoroughly equipped. He is worthy of every courtesy and every kindness that can be shown him and his most estimable wife.

His work cannot be measured in dollars and cents. He is the right man in the right place, and the national organization has chosen wisely and well in placing so able and scholarly a person in the field to champion humanity's cause. I hope the Pacific Coast will give him a warm welcome; he well deserves it. Comrades, turn out and hear Comrade Vail.

Yours most cordially and fraternally,
J. B. GEHR.

BIG AUDIENCE AT SEATTLE 26th

The Man and Speaker.
Comrade Vail fully sustained his reputation on the Germania Hall platform at Seattle.

We had heard of him chiefly as author and pictured him as calm and judicial, perhaps heavy and scholarly. But he is vivacious to a degree, natural and spontaneous in manner and language.

At the same time he is argumentative and convincing. He is a natural teacher and entertaining platform speaker.

He is especially happy in answering questions, witty, tactful, agreeable, decided.

He held his audience over two hours and the universal verdict was, "He's All Right."

What He Said.
We give only a few quotations. The whole speech sparkled with epigrammatic sentences.

Industrial development has divided society into three classes: large capitalists, small capitalists and wage workers—Class interest sooner or later always expresses itself in class-policies.

Hence the three parties, Republicans representing the large capitalist class, Democratic, representing the small capitalist class and the Socialist, representing the working class.

No political party can represent all classes.

Socialism can represent only the class-interest of the laboring class.

Socialism makes for the individual interests of every man, woman and child of all classes.

Socialism makes against the class-interests of the capitalist class, but for both the individual and class interests of the laboring class.

Capitalist class interest is against progress, but laboring class interests are in harmony with progress.

What Socialism Is.
In a word, Socialism means, To the laborer, his tools. A few centuries ago, no such demand was possible, because the laborer owned his own small tools and controlled his product.

Progress displaced the toolless man in favor of the man with superior tools.

Progress tends to concentration and monopoly. A few years ago there were 100 shoe factories in Haverhill. Now there are only 60, and four of these control most of the trade. Soon all will be under one management.

To be free you must own these great modern tools of production.

"Any man who owns my bread or the means whereby I must get my bread, owns me." (Applause.)

Any man have to do to own a man is to own the machinery of production.

"Our modern system has all the advantages of the old slave system with none of its responsibilities." (Applause.)

We were used under the old system to keep you from running away, but under the new slavery dogs are employed to keep you from prying into the yards for a job."

You are always a slave to a master class, though you may change your individual master.

How to Get Free.
Own your own tools.—As formerly. Become free again by owning the tools whereby you must obtain the means of subsistence.

But no one can own the modern tools, they cost so much, and employ so many.

In place of individual use we have social use. We have social operation, but private ownership. To complete the development we must have social ownership.

We must destroy this incongruity between the modern method of ownership and method of use. The use has changed but the ownership remains as of old.

Three Solutions.
First—Democratic. Abolish all social tools and return to the primitive methods of the forefathers.

Second—Republican. Let things alone and stop progress.

Third—Socialist. Make the tools of social use the tools of social ownership. This is the only solution in the line of progress. You can't get a hen back into the egg.

We want seven million stockholders instead of seven thousand.

The owner always gets the benefits. Therefore we must be owners.

"We demand that every dollar's worth of the produce of American labor shall go to the American laborer." (Great applause.)

"The capitalist class has produced and organized another class whose interests are in harmony with the progress of humanity and in direct opposition to the interests of the capitalist class itself." (Great applause.)

"Private ownership of the means of production divides society into two classes, owners and non-owners."

"The Class-Struggle is a means for doing away with the Class-Struggle." "As militant our cause is identified with a certain class. As triumphant, it is identified with the interests of humanity."

"Reform" is a scheme for municipalizing certain industries in order to re-

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Points by Aunt Sally

The impossibility of curing the disorders of "representative government" would be apparent to those who hope to reform the present system if they would first make a scientific diagnosis of the case. Everybody knows (except capitalists) that something is the matter with the present state of things, but it isn't any use to try and fix it up unless you first find out what the matter is. In other words, you don't want to treat a man for measles when he's got a cancer. Now "Representative Government" is all right for the twenty-five per cent by whom and for whom the government is made. But how about the seventy-five per cent by whom and for whom the government has never been made? They are not "in it" in any sense of the word. The twenty-five per cent have so far pulled the seventy-five per cent around by the nose entirely to their own liking. Now this is a case of cancer and not of measles, and nothing short of a surgical operation will cure it.

There is a paper published in this State which poses as the only true workman's paper in its vicinity, which claims that united political action among the workmen is out of the question. The reason given is that workmen will never agree as to what they want, and even if they did there would be a wide difference of opinion as to ways and means of getting it. This has been true, and it is not to be wondered at, for the workman has been fooled so many times by the wolves in sheep's clothing that now he expects to be fooled as a regular thing. But a new star has appeared on the horizon whose name is Socialism and whose motto is "Workmen Unite!" Unite not to elect your fakir friends but yourselves to power! If you do that you may be sure a man may never go back on himself!

Now when the workman once finds out what Socialism is he'll know it's the thing he wants, and he'll join with his brother workman as his only means of getting it. In the majority of cases it is because he doesn't know what Socialism is when he says he doesn't want it. The attitude of some people on this subject is like that of a man who has taken the trip over the ice to the Klondike and then refuses to dig for gold when he is assured it is at his feet. A man who wouldn't dig for an hour to see if gold was there, after taking such a perilous trip, would be something of a fool, wouldn't he; yet that is the exact situation of a man who refuses to find out what Socialism is. Socialism is the biggest Klondike ever discovered and the easiest to reach. A united vote, and the thing is done!

And workmen are learning to unite. That the machinists and building trades are in the strike in Seattle is an indication that workmen are finding out that there is but one way to win anything, and that is by standing together. If they learn that by lesson through labor unions and strikes then they will be ready for the next step, and the only effective one, united political action at the ballot box and Socialism.

But many workmen were afraid of Socialism because they've heard it's some awful thing which will upset the present order of things (you wouldn't think they would be afraid of that), destroy all incentive, turn things topsy turvy generally, and nobody would know who's who or what's what.

They're afraid of the "dividing-up" business. And what a dreadful thing it would be to take away a man's little plot of ground and his two-roomed shack and give him beautiful grounds and a fine house to live in. But don't be alarmed, you can live and die in your two-roomed shack if you want. Socialism wouldn't prevent you.

And again, if there is "no incentive left" there'll be no more musicians, or artists, or poets, or anybody else who would give us the benefit of their talent

if the money question was settled. That is to say, the only use we have for talent and brains is to fight our brother man to get the best of him in order to get money. Money! what is money anyhow? We can't eat it or wear it or make musicians out of it, and if you have all these things in abundance, what more do you want?

"But," says a man who drives an ice cart, "What's the use of a workman's paper to teach him anything when he works 14 hours in the 24? What time has he to read a workman's paper or any other kind of a paper?" Now wouldn't you think he would be interested to learn how to earn his living in two hours instead of fourteen? "Ch no," he says, "I haven't any time to think of these things." That means that he would rather settle down to working fourteen hours a day for the rest of his life than to take the time to find out that it rests with him whether he earns his living in fourteen hours or in two. Why an extra five minutes a day is all he needs to find that out.

This is no fairy tale. It is backed up by scientific investigation by the best brains in the world. The steam engine and telegraph and telephone seemed as much of a fairy tale not so very long ago.

Industrial Revolution has already taken place. Machines are here and they are up to date. Only man is behind the times.

But people are beginning to talk and it is hoped they will also read and think a little.

On one of the Sound boats, the other day, some men were discussing the subject which is already getting popular, and all except two were enthusiastic in their support of Socialism. One of the two was a Republican, the other was non-committal, an unknown quantity. It became pretty warm for the Republican, so in desperation he turned to the silent listener for sympathy and asked for his opinion. "It's Socialism or Hell," was the reply. A shout went up from the victorious side and the Republican has not been heard from since.

The people are waking up! Socialism is in the air. People who "know it all," who have never read a chapter on Socialism in their lives are telling you what it is, what it is not, what it can do, and what it can't do. Karl Marx would turn in his grave if he could hear Socialism slandered as it is by many of those who claim to know all about it.

Bryan has a semi-socialist program in view, but that we expected. He's used up every other catchy "ism" in sight, and "Socialism" is his last resort, and many Populists claim they've always been Socialists. But look out and don't be fooled by all this noise and bluster. Remember that only Socialism is Socialism. Not everything that borrows the name is the real thing, and the more popular it gets the more we must know whereof we speak.

AUNT SALLY.

Chicago Trades Unions are "seeing the cat."

During the last few weeks Walter Thomas Mills, president of the Socialist School of Political Economy in that city, on the invitation of the unions, has spoken for the painters, paperhangers, glassworkers, patternmakers, cigarmakers and bricklayers.

At the conclusion of his address before the latter union, which has 4,000 members, a vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote, amid tumultuous cheering.

One man, who had opposed the invitation, declared that he had never before understood the relation of Socialists to the Trades Unions nor the manner in which workmen were kept quarreling among themselves for the benefit of the capitalists.

A Carpenter Talks to the Machinists.

BROTHER MACHINISTS AND FELLOW UNIONISTS: I desire to speak a few plain and kindly words to you concerning the strike you are now engaged in. You are making an earnest and determined effort to shorten your day's labor and to increase the pay for it. Now let me see: this is 1901. In 1894 the carpenters' union in Los Angeles, of which I was then a member, made a move for eight hours and secured it without a strike or opposition of any serious consequence.

Brother machinists, will you please pardon me if I ask you how it is that your organization is now struggling to get that which is much less than the carpenters secured, namely, over fifteen years ago in many places in this country. Now I hear some of you mutter that that carpenter is going to tell us how smart the members of his union are, that they have so far outdone the machinists. But I shall say to such a thing. I will say that I believe that there are very few unions that will average so low in intelligence as the carpenters, and still fewer who will average higher than the machinists.

THE POWER OF CAPITAL. Then what makes the difference between the advanced conditions of the carpenters and the backward condition of the machinists?

My brothers, it is nothing more or less than the power of combined capital. The building trades work for men who are comparatively poor, have little or no capital, who cannot stand fight any better, nor indeed as well, as the workers in the mines when we demand a shorter day, or more pay, they are scarcely ever in a position to say us nay, and so during good times at least we get whatever we demand.

But you are working principally for men of capital, and increasing the value upon which they can live almost indefinitely, and in a time of endurance you are greatly at a disadvantage.

Then, too, the number of your employers are few, so limiting the chances of your getting work, and increasing the chances of them getting together and having an understanding with each other and acting on the defensive.

Again I ask you to pardon me for raising this gloomy picture of your weakness and your helplessness, but I don't wish to discourage you, but take this fitting time to point a moral. You are fighting large capital and this accounts for the stubbornness of the fight, and I ask you what would be your condition if the capital you are fighting were a hundred times as large as it is now, and the number of employees were decimated? Would not that make your prospects practically hopeless? I think it would, and I also think that this condition of large capital and fewer employers is the condition by which you will be confronted in the near future. And when that comes about, although you may win this present fight, you will in all human likelihood never win another one.

And am I criticizing you for your helplessness? Not at all. But I am merely calling your attention to the changing conditions of the industrial world which necessitates new methods of fighting the battles of the wage worker.

How many of you members do you suppose would walk up to the man tomorrow and vote for any man or any ticket that suited the Morans? Allow me to guess that ninety per cent of them would. And let me ask again, how can you reconcile it with common sense to fight the Morans with the strike and the boycott and then aid them by the ballot—that is, putting them and their tools into places of power that can be and always are turned against you?

Why not take a common sense view of it? Why not elect a machinist, one of your own number—one who knows your own numbers and needs; one who knows the principles by which wealth is justly made and distributed; a man who attends to your unions, that you come in contact with every day; a man that you can rely upon? Do this; put your own men on guard, and let them make and construe the laws in the interests of the men who do all the useful work of the world. Gain for your own selves the immense political power that Moran and his kind now possess and you will be in a position to dictate terms to the thoughtless Morans.

When your own class has captured the reins of government you can fear the public revenues—not to kill people—but to build factories and employ yourselves; when you will be in a position to divide among yourselves all the products of your labor, and not be compelled to give the biggest part of it away.

Now, boys, you have plenty of time, so please think this out.

W. C. B. RANDOLPH.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

Editorial Correspondence from Vancouver

CONDITION OF SOCIALISM THERE

The Outlook for the Salmon Fisheries—Struggle with the Cannerymen—Japs on The Banks the Hogs

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 20, 1901.

The Socialists in Canada are not well organized. There is no Socialist Party in the Dominion. The S. L. P. of the U. S. has four sections in the whole Dominion, three of them in Ontario and one here in Vancouver. The C. S. L. (Canadian Socialist League) has numerous local organizations all over the country, but it is not a political party. Citizen and Country, of Toronto, is the organ of the C. S. L., but does not yet stand for the political class struggle. The League has most of its followers in the churches and it remains to be seen what will become of it.

In British Columbia there was the United Socialist Party, corresponding to the anti-De Leonites in the U. S. It had branches at Vancouver and Nanaimo. That at Vancouver is now known as The Socialist Education Club. That at Nanaimo has organized as a Social Democratic Club. At Victoria, Westminster, Sapperton and Port Moody the C. S. L. has organizations. The prospects are that when the Socialist Union Convention has concluded its work at Indianapolis, July 29, the most of the British Columbia comrades will affiliate directly with the United Party. Socialism knows no national boundaries anyway, and this province is so close to the States and its interests so closely allied to those of the State of Washington, that it will be a natural and easy step for the Socialists at Victoria, Nanaimo, Sapperton, Port Moody, Kaslo and Rossland to organize as Locals in the great Socialist movement of America.

Vancouver is a wide-awake town with fine street and a beautiful native park. Its great industries are lumber and fisheries.

Just now there is every prospect of a salmon fishermen's strike. The cannerymen want to get their fish cheap enough to compete with American cannerymen, who use traps (which are forbidden here), and the fishermen are determined to sell their labor power at the highest rate attainable. During the opening dull weeks of the salmon run the cannerymen are willing to pay 12¢ a fish, but when the big run begins, about August 1st, they insist on a reduction to 10¢, and besides they demand a limit of 200 fish to a boat load—though a boat may hold 500 or even 1,000 fish. The season is short and the fishermen might make enough in two months to last the rest of the year, if they could fill their boats full and sell at 12¢ cents for every fish. But the cannerymen think they are the only ones who should be privileged to make money hand over fist. It makes them turn hot with indignation and then cold with fear if a fisherman should get \$10 or \$15 a day for a week or two.

Yet Vancouver tradesmen are trembling with dread of another strike. They say another poor season will ruin them wholly. And, in fact, these poor middle class, small capitalists, are having a tough time of it. The banks who loan them money have to be paid, interest and principal, or they will become bankrupt. And, on the other hand, they must get trade, must have these workmen buy their goods, or they cannot survive.

The banks are the dog in the manger here. They will not allow the cannerymen to pay more than 10¢ a fish for fear the cannerymen will not meet the loans made to them. They are now making every effort to get the Japs to fish for the low rate, and leave out the white fishermen altogether. It is said the leaders of the Japs, who only can speak English, are being bought up to mislead the rank and file to accept the cannerymen's terms. But then the militia will have to be called out to defend

this cheap Oriental labor displacing white men.

So here you have it—a pretty mix. These splendid sockeye salmon run up the Fraser River for only a few weeks. They must be caught then or never. They furnish the finest food for mankind. But mankind must not take advantage of this brief opportunity because the "capital" invested here in the canneries demands its profit. These canneries are not run to feed mankind, but to feed and clothe and enrich these few investors.

Neither are they run to let the fortunate workmen make high wages for a few weeks—that is worst of all.

Capital must have its profit, not interest, which must be paid, no matter what becomes of Vancouver merchants or Vancouver workmen.

The Bank of Montreal refuses to let the cannerymen accede to the strikers' terms, because the Bank of Montreal is here for business and profit—not to keep Vancouver alive or to make her man beings prosperous and happy—especially common human beings known as workmen.

The fishermen be damned, the storekeepers be damned, hotels, shops and saloons, all other folks be damned, the whole city be damned, the cannerymen themselves be damned, but the Bank of Montreal will have its pound of flesh.

The President of the Fishermen's Union here is Ernest Burns, who is also chairman of the Socialist Education Club. Capt. McCarthy, another Socialist, is chairman of the Grand Lodge, and Frank Rogers, still another Socialist, is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Fishermen.

The conditions here furnish the best possible chance to make people think out the Labor Problem for themselves.

The next step in the salmon industry will be the consolidation of all the cannerymen under one management. From Alaska to the Columbia River there will be one big combine. It came near being consummated this season, in fact was announced all over the country.

When it does come, what will labor do? Such a trust will bring in Asiatic cheap labor in abundance; it will have the military to protect this cheap labor, and the striking laborer will have to take his medicine. The white fishermen stand a fighting chance this year perhaps—the conditions favor them.

But suppose even they could get an exclusion act passed against Asiatics, there will be so many whites here, attracted by this unusual opportunity to make big money in a few weeks, that scabs will surely appear and breakdown the union. Cheap white labor under the guard of the military will then defend the exactions of capital.

You can't get away from this terrible dependence and slavery by means of strikes. You will have to learn that the only way is at the ballot box. That is the place to strike, and let every man who votes a Democrat, Liberal, Conservative or Republican ticket be branded as a scab on the working class.

Wedding Presents

Silver and Cut Glass

GOLDMAN'S

Third Place in Seattle for Fine Goods.

SECOND AND MARIOS

Burke Building

High grade Watch Repairing reduced

Main Springs \$1.00

Cleaning \$1.00

Vail's Dates

Every Socialist within a hundred miles should attend one of these meetings and get all his unaccounted friends to attend.

Olympia, Friday, June 27th;
Tacoma, 28th; Seattle and State Convention of Social Democrats of Washington, Sunday, June 30;
Everett, July 1st; Lynden, July 3d;
Fairhaven, July 5d; Arlington, July 6th; Granite Falls, July 7th; Buckley, July 8th;
Vancouver, Wash., July 8th.

STATE CONVENTION

Seattle, Sunday, June 30, 10 a. m.
220 UNION STREET.

Every Social Democrat in the State ought to be here.

Comrade Vail will be there and great work should be laid out for the next year.

STATE CONVENTION.

In accordance with the action taken by the State Committee June 2, 1901, a State Convention of the Social Democratic Party is called to meet at Seattle, Wash., June 30, 10 a. m., at 220 Union Street.

Although more in the nature of a conference than a formal State Convention, yet there are several very important questions for consideration, viz.:

First—The election of a State Committee to serve for the ensuing year.

Second—To adopt some form of a Constitution for the S. D. P. of this State.

Third—To provide for representation at the National Union Convention, to be held at Indianapolis July 29, 1901, and to discuss questions which are liable to come up at that convention.

Fourth—To discuss ways and means by which the cause of Socialism may be advanced and the party be put in the best condition for effective work.

This call is extended to all Locals and Branches of the S. D. P. of the State of Washington.

Each member of the party is entitled to attend and have one vote, and as many additional votes as the number of persons for whom he holds proxies.

Blank certificates and proxy statements will be sent to all Locals in the near future.

J. D. CURTIS,
State Sec. S. D. P. Wash.

TO THE UNITY CONVENTION.

A PETITION.

To the Chairman and Members of the Union Socialist Convention, to be assembled at Indianapolis, Ind., on July 29, 1901: Greeting:

We, the undersigned Socialists of Pullman, Washington, having never been associated with any Socialist organization, on account of lack of harmony amongst the various organizations, do hereby endorse your present course, and hope for a harmonious convention to the end that the Socialists may be united into one political party. Under the call we are not entitled to representation, but we hereby petition your convention to drop all previous names and organizations and form a new Socialist Party, eliminating from its name any such word as "Labor" or "Democratic," or any other word or name that would suggest a distinct class of Socialists, believing, as we do, that the best interests of Socialism can be served thereby.

The above petition will be signed by about 40 Socialist electors.

Can you not help us out by a similar petition? If union is effected the work will go forward with a bound, but Socialists here are opposed to spending time and money in factional fights.

J. F. BAYMILLER, Pullman, Wash.

Letter carriers have a picnic at Pleasant Beach on the 4th. Give them a lift. They are wage-slaves just like the rest of us.

Big Audience at Seattle.

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duce the taxes of the middle class.

"Our whole system is an organized temptation to do evil." (Applause.)

"It won't do any good to go to a man in a malarial swamp and preach to him ten commandments against having malaria. But take him out of the swamp and he will need no commandments."

"Make the brotherhood of man a reality in the individual real and you make it a reality in all other realms."

"Socialism aims to make the satisfaction of material wants secondary instead of primary." (Applause.)

These are a few of Mr. Vail's points. When he sat down the house rang with long continued applause.

One day last week a few striking iron workers were scolded on the timber near Moran's mill, having a quiet talk among themselves, with no thought of molesting anyone. Billy Moran went over to them and demonstrated his great courage and gentlemanly principles, as the following language will show. This is the language used by the Prince of the mud flats:

"You sons of b's, what are you hanging around here for? If you want trouble you can get it. If you sons of b's want to fight we are ready for you."

Now, if some of these men had given him what he deserved, a blooming good thrashing, the capitalist press would no doubt come out with great red lines. Rowdism on part of the machinists, no doubt, the guards and Winchester's would have taken part.

Truly, those men who own and control the means of production are the brainy, smart and intelligent class of society. Such language as used by Prince Billy could only come from some high and lofty mind.

J. M. C.

Official.

Comrades: As the time of the convention is drawing near, the N. E. C. is anxious to close up all its accounts so as to make as complete a report as possible to the convention, and in order to do this the Comrades are requested to see to it that their local settles at once for all indebtedness, if any. Int. Del. stamps, for the assessment of 10 cents per member levied by the N. E. C. last February, and all Comrades are also requested, to pay up their dues to date. Comrades, don't fail to attend to these matters at once.

All secretaries of locals and state committees are notified to forward to the National Secretary the names of the delegates elected to represent them at the National Convention immediately after their election, so that a complete list may be on file if needed at the convention.

The attention of all Secretaries is also called to the semi-annual reports which they are requested to fill out and forward to the National Secretary before July 15th, so that the membership of our party at present may be included in our report to the convention.

Prompt attention in all of the above matters will oblige you fraternally.

W. BUTSCHER,
National Secretary.

Aids in the Interpretation of the Daily Press.

The sense in which freedom is now used indicates that our officials believe in contraction along some lines at least.

The "Mercantile Trust" which is soon to be, will enable many of our business men to take a much needed vacation, in which they can study the beauties of capitalism at close range.

Sensational "Police News" are supposed to benefit some of the police. Remove the cause for crime and the police could be set to doing useful work, in which the branded criminals would gladly join.

In the Seattle Times of April 12th occurs this headline: "Is he worse than Jeff. Davis?" Aguinaldo is here referred to, and I would answer that to many of our commercial bandits he is made worse than Jeff. Davis. It all depends upon the harvest of profits.

People who try to reform capitalism are gratified to write about "The Despair of the World." Socialists are not in despair, but they propose to do try capitalism, not to reform it.

The press of the country is full of adverse criticism of the results of pri-

vate ownership, and yet this same press supports and defends such ownership. The press, you know, moulds public opinion.

The Normal Messenger for March contains an article by H. J. Troman-hausen, one of the ablest teachers in the Whatcom Normal, in which article the writer very graphically portrays some of the evil influences which attend the growth of a child under the existing order of things.

Says the writer: "We buy and sell; we truck and trade; we haggle and dicker. Even our children are commercialized. One of the sad tendencies of the times is the universal desire among children to make money."

She might have added that even education, as she treated it, is merchandise. It is made a lever to lift its possessor into a better position to command a larger salary. But what is Miss Troman-hausen's remedy? Poetry, just poetry.

Does this writer believe that the little tots who "in the great towns pluck even the belated wild flowers beside

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dusty suburban roads and offer them for "only a nickel" to the first passer-by" can live on poetry!

Would the babes who are driven to their tasks in the "early hours of morn," and kept there "until the dewey eve," be better by plastering their prison walls with illustrated editions of the best poetry of all the ages?

Poetry is very good in suitable environments, but in some of the contingencies of life, justice, just simple justice, far surpasses the most ornate poetry as a remedial agent.

Give to the creator of wealth the entire product of his toil and then poetry will become an inspiration.

The Journal of Banking has made the discovery that "that there is a solidarity of business."

Some day the laboring man may discover that there is solidarity of labor.

"Every industrial crisis is preceded by a period of prosperity," says the

Journal of Banking. Who has been prosperous? Not the worker whose toil has created such boundless wealth as to fairly smother its possessors. We want the workers to possess the creations of their boundless industry, and then we shall read with credulity about the crisis of the past.

The American Journal of Politics has reached the sage conclusion that "to cast a vote is not in any sense a natural right." Of course it is not; like all rights, it was conferred by society for its own safety and to promote the best interests of all; but capitalists see danger in unrestricted suffrage. Hence some of Capitalist's lackeys are making profound discoveries that have long been known, even to workmen.

Among these discoveries I note the following: "The results of restricted suffrage would be most beneficial. Aside from purifying the municipal, state and federal governments, no one being eligible to office who did not have the right of suffrage, it would act as an incentive to those who were debarred to accumulate by thrift, sobriety and industry, the requisite amount of property to entitle them to vote."

From all of which it would seem that some of the staunch defenders of capitalism deem the present incentive to commit commercial piracy is in need of stimulation. How much more crime will it take to satisfy our best citizens, the trading cormorants?

Still these people talk glibly about democracy.

Do they know that such a thing as democracy has never yet rested on earth?

Democracy while classes existed! How absurd!

Who blocks Seattle Business?
The Hog of the Mud Flats.
MORAN

It is boastfully announced by one of the church papers that \$107,000 was found in the baskets at the close of a collection. One hundred and seven thousand dollars exploited from the toiler and given to the Lord.

Does the Lord delight in such injustice? D. BURROES.

The P.-I. refused to publish a notice of the Vail meeting at Seattle and gave no news report of a meeting that filled Germania Hall.

Socialists will see that the hall is filled again next Sunday night—P.-I. or no P.-I.

The P.-I. refusal reminds us one of Vail's hits. Said he: "If I was saying things good for the capitalist class, they would have all their reporters here and spread every word broadcast."

If you want to know what to do, workingmen, find out what the capitalist class don't want you to do—and then go the other way.

Puget Sound Machinery Depot has two men, by name of Mason, scabbing it. Father and son. The elder belongs to God's Army and the son is said by his own acknowledgment to be a gambler. Fit pair!

About this time look out for capitalist lies. It is time they were publishing "canards about the machinists shooting somebody. Remember their old tricks. They hired Pinkertons at Chicago and Homestead to set on the thugs, so they could have excuse to call out the military.

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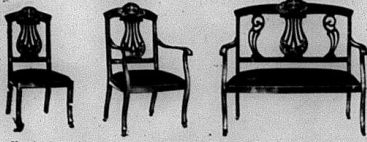
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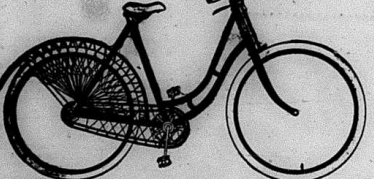


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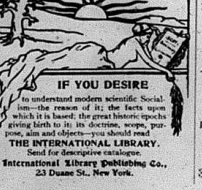
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