

CAPITALISTS ADVICE TO WORKINGMEN

Spend Your Money, so They Can Get It Back or Put It in Their Banks For Their Benefit

The circular printed below was put in the pay envelope of every employee of the Eastman Kodak Co. on pay day at the beginning of the panic. Think it out yourself, Mr. Workingman, and see what a great need we have of the capitalist.

Keep This Money Circulating

All rumors about shutting down and laying off help are absolutely without foundation. Currency is becoming more plentiful and all danger of a necessity of paying by check has passed.

Conditions in Rochester are not bad. The wage earners are the only ones who can make them bad. Take, for instance, our own case, and we are no exception: We sell our goods out of town and are paid for them by checks or drafts. These are deposited in the banks for collection and some time must elapse before the banks can realize on them. We put no currency into the banks because we do not receive payment for our goods in currency, but we do pull \$50,000 in currency out of the Rochester banks every week for our pay roll. What becomes of this fifty thousand? When conditions are normal, you pay out the bulk of it to the grocer, the butcher, the drygoods house and to the other retail merchants, and those of you who are putting aside for a

rainy day, place your surplus in the bank. The merchants in their turn deposit the money so that by the time another week has gone around, the money which we drew out to pay you with has been returned to the banks. It is evident, therefore, that when we go to the bank for the next week's pay roll we draw out the same money that we paid you with the previous week. Money is only a medium of exchange anyway, and to be useful must be kept moving. It doesn't earn anything or help anybody when hidden in the teapot. Pay your bills, spend as before or put your money in the bank and there can be no necessity for paying by check or for laying off help.

You are sure of your cash, help the other fellow.

You have no more reason for hoarding your cash now than you had a year ago. Steady work and steady pay are assured. Save money, if you wish, that is always wise, but don't take it out of circulation. Put it in the bank where it will earn for you and will help everybody do business.

Full time, a full force and real money on Saturday—there's nothing else in sight in our factories.

George Eastman,
Treasurer Eastman Kodak Co.

COAL MINERS ENDORSE SOCIALISM

Whereas, In the struggle between the employers and employees one of the strongest instruments is the political power, now in possession by the employers, which is used by them for the purpose of protecting their interests at all points, points, and especially in the maintenance of private property in the things that are necessary to the life of the employees; and

Whereas, Society as today constid permits a few who revel in unlimited luxury, through the ownership of the means of life, to doom to idleness and starvation the great multitude whose existence is made possible only through an opportunity to have a job; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recognize the necessity of a united working class political organization for the purpose of wresting from the grip of trust magnates the avenues of life, and we further recognize as the only remedy for present ills the establishment of a system that guarantees to the workers an opportunity to obtain a living by honest toil and the

full product of their labor.

Peoria, Ill.—The above resolution reported adversely on by the committee on resolutions was adopted by the nineteenth annual convention Illinois U. M. W. of A. at its afternoon session. It was the subject of debate that marks an epoch, perhaps, in the history of organized labor. While of itself it does not mean that a new party is launched upon the troubled seas of political economy, it puts the United Mine Workers of Illinois upon record as favoring the creation of such a party.

For fervor and extemporaneous eloquence the discussion, the bitter attacks by members of old parties and the ardent support of Socialist members of the organization, nothing on the floor of a state convention has equalled it in years.

The accusation was freely made from the floor that the resolution might as well have used term "Socialist Party" outright and its chief advocates frankly stated that they were of that political faith.

SOCIALIST ACTIVE ALL ALONG LINE

Large Vote Cast at Recent Elections, Give Indications of the Rising Tide of Socialism.

The Socialist vote in Erie, Pa., has increased 80 per cent since the election held last year. In 1907 there were 500 Socialist votes polled. Last Tuesday the Socialists polled a total of 896 votes, an increase of 396 votes for one year.

The Socialist vote in the Philadelphia city election is as follows: Charles Sehl, city solicitor, 3,804; John P. Clark, magistrate, 3,704; Sam Sadler, magistrate, 3,556. The vote last February was only 1,649, hence the result shows a big growth.

Mauch Chunk Township

The Socialist vote in the township was a great surprise, the entire forces of Democrats and Republican politicians having been arrayed to encompass their defeat. Mine bosses, booze dispensers and slave hustlers were active in getting out the vote and the forces of intimidation

were everywhere in evidence.

The socialists elected two school directors, Township clerk, Town-auditor, Supervisor, and Constable.

Hauto maintained its socialist principles and increased its straight vote by 11.

The result was a surprise to the grafters who want to control shool affairs.

The socialists beating the republicans four to one.

Hacklebarnie also done well and the vote shows the Socialist principles are firmly established there.

The socialist vote being four to the republicans one, through the entire ticket.

The Belgium Chamber has defeated the proposal introduced by the Socialist leader, Vaudevelde, to grant women the right to practice the profession of attorney.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF SOCIALIST PARTY

Will Be Largest Gathering of Socialists Ever Held in America Enthusiastic Meeting Anticipated

Chicago, Ills. March 2 1908
J. Mahlon Barnes, the National Secretary of the socialist party, sends the following report of the representation to which each State or Territory is entitled in the National Convention to be held in the City of Chicago, beginning Sunday, 10 A: M: May the 10th., in accordance with provisions of the National Constitution.

Alabama 2, Arizona 2, Arkansas 6, California 12, Colorado 4, Connecticut 2, Florida 1, Idaho 3, Illinois 14, Indiana 4, Iowa 5, Kansas 5, Kentucky 1, Louisiana 1, Maine 2, Maryland 2 Massachusetts 10 Michigan 4, Minnesota 10, Missouri 7, Montana 7, New Hampshire 2, New Jersey 6, New York 19, North Dakota 2, Ohio 9, Oklahoma 12, Oregon 5, Pennsylvania 13, Rhode Island 1, South Dakota 2, Tennessee 1, Texas 9, Utah 2, Vermont 1, Washington 8, West Virginia 1, Wisconsin 10, Wyoming 3.

The following unorganized States

are entitled to one delegate each: Delaware, Georgia, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico North Carolina, and Virginia, making 210 delegates from organized States, 8 from unorganized states, total 218

The convention will be the largest national gathering of socialists ever held in America. Besides the delegates in attendance, there will be a large number of visiting socialists from all over the country.

The socialist convention will be different from any other political convention held this year, as the railroad expenses of every delegate will be paid by the party from a fund secured by levying an assessment of thirty-five cents on each member during the month of February and March.

Political lines will be considerably altered after the next general election as there will be legislatures all over the country that will have a number of socialist members.

SOCIALISM AND RACE QUESTION

My object in writing this article for the Montana News, is for the purpose of co-operating in a truth that is working for humanity in its broadest sense, and something appeals to me that will go far towards facilitating the solution of a question that is of great concern to my people as a race.

It has always been my theory that what we wanted, to enable us to extricate ourselves from this deplorable predicament we are in, was a just system of society where every man would be free to work out his own destiny. Seeing that the great majority of people were impeded in their growth as men and women, on account of certain principles that they were keeping in existence themselves, I at once came to the conclusion that there would not be any salvation for the Negro until these principles were inactive.

Principles are the greatest things that we can have respect for. The man or woman, that is incapacitated to the extent of not having deference for a good principle for the benefits that is to be accrued for humanity, and disrespect for a repugnant one on account of its detriment to humanity, is not eligible to a high plane of society.

Now let us as a race, make a close analysis of this subject I am writing on, and the present system we are living under and see which is most adaptable for the solution of this question that is so intricate for a solution.

Negroes like all human beings have the same emotion, same sentiments that any other human being has more or less. These component parts that constitute each individual, are subject to environments to a great extent, if surroundings are favorable to the growth of these sentiments that makes the individual, the growth will be hastened, if to the contrary the results will be accordingly. From the above condensed statement, it can be readily seen that there is not any difference in any race of people so far as the real man and woman is concerned excepting by degrees in character, only in a superficial sense can there be any difference.

Before any system of society can come to any logical conclusion in its mechanism, it has got to have conventional ideals for every one to rally around in common. If the Negro is a constituent in forming any society, he possesses these same

ideals that any other individual does in a spiritual, moral and intellectual manner, and one thing that is paramount in preventing him from realizing these ideals is an unjust economic system, that is persistent in its will to prevent the negro from having the same access to nature that it does any man. I unreservedly contend that the system of capitalism, is responsible for the excruciating hardships that my people are subject to in this country. Not only in this country does capitalism concern the negro, it has gone to Africa the native home of the African, and taken possession of it through force and fear. Gone to Africa for purpose of creating desires that it never intends to fulfill so far as the African is concerned, but it will make the African strive for the fulfillment of these desires that will only be a dream to the great masses of them. When capitalism becomes a full grown man in Africa, the results can only be this, the great captains of industries will be eating the luscious banana and cocoa-nut, and the natives eating the insipid fruit or scraping the shell of the cocoa-nut and eating banana peeling with the hope of some good juicy fruit by and bye, brothers I must tell you for the great masses it is only a hope never to be realized under capitalism.

The scientific socialist has come to the conclusion that he cannot free himself without freeing the black man also, some came to it through ultraism, others by the suffering that their system of society has made for them, the conclusion is the chief thing for us.

I will now enunciate the political status of the negro, to enable us to clearly understand the negro's position in politics, according to my observation. The political party that the negro affiliates with, is calmly seeing him disfranchised in different ways without a single sincere protest by those who have the party under their control. In some of the southern states he is being disfranchised through the revision of the state constitution, this change is being skillfully done in a subtle manner to prevent the state constitution from coming in conflict with the constitution of the United States. The second way he is being deprived of his vote, is by the whites forming what they have designated

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SOCIETY OF EQUITY ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Farmers Awake and Join Hands With Unions to Obtain Laws For Benefit of Workers

The following set of resolutions were adopted by the American Society of Equity of Wisconsin at its recent state convention in Eau Claire:

Whereas, We deem it highly essential to our interests as farmers to attain a condition of our social system whereby the wage-earners of our state and country are steadily employed at wages that will secure to them a strong purchasing power, and,

Whereas, Child labor, a workday of more than eight hours in all manufacturing industries, immigration of Asiatic and other cheap labor is detrimental to such attainment, and

Whereas, The welfare of the farmers and city wage-earners can best be safeguarded and protected by state legislative and national enactments, and a judiciary unbiased to the producers of wealth; therefore, be it

Resolved, That hereafter we will at every opportunity use our political influence to elect only such candidates to the state legislature and the national Congress who are by reason of their economic interests in duty bound to propose and support only such legislation as our interests in common with the wage-earners will necessitate.

We further declare to be of the

firm opinion and it is our intention that our co-operation with organized labor on the principles above expressed will and should result in great benefits to all the producers of wealth instead of as now, few possessors, the trusts, Wall street and all other combinations of capitalists.

Whereas, the time has arrived for the American Society of Equity and the organized workers of Wisconsin to inaugurate an aggressive union label campaign.

Whereas, There is no better way to bring the labels of both organizations before the people than to agitate for them at all times and under all circumstances; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention does hereby recommend and urge every member of this State branch of the American Society of Equity to purchase, wherever possible, only goods that bear the union label.

Notice to Italian Comrades and Others

The number of inquiries for a paper published in the Italian language have been increasing right along. La Parola Dei Socialisti, a weekly paper, started publication on Feb. 25th. The price is \$1.00 per year. Address 145 Blue Island Ave, Chicago, Ills.

THE MAN AND THE BEAST

Ever since the beginning of human history there have been among mankind those who preferred to get the means of life and its enjoyment not in an open regular and direct way, but rather by cunning and scheming methods to take advantage of their fellowmen.

Whether we view it from a political, industrial, commercial or any other standpoint of activity, while making due allowance for some good wise managers who have distinguished themselves and have acquired opulence and renown by the maxim of living and let live, it is evident that adown the long ages, but especially in the last fifty years, a certain number of men have by avarice and unscrupulousness risen to dizzy heights of wealth and power. The rights and dues of other human beings was and is to this class of no more consequence than

it would concern any beast of prey who subsists on the lives of other creatures. Ethics and morality are absent qualities in both. The difference is rather in favor of the beast, voracious in chase after its prey, for while it is actuated by a desire to satisfy hunger, the men with the same cunning greedy, cruel characteristics generally gave more in possession than they and their descendants can reasonably make use of, but with their increase of wealth their avarice is intensified.

It is said that those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. According to this, the criminally rich are doomed, if not by the laws of the lands which they themselves directly or indirectly shape and control for their interests than by some invisible power.

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BUTTE SOCIALISTS HOLD PRIMARIES

Convention Will Meet Thursday Night and Put up Candidates for Alderman in Each Ward

Butte, March 3.—The socialists of Butte have started the city campaign for 1908 ahead of all competitors. They held their primaries last night in the eight wards of the city for the selection of delegates to the city convention. There will be about 90 delegates in the convention, the seventh ward having the largest number, almost one-fourth. The Seventh is the only ward represented by a socialist in the city council.

It is understood the socialists will make their great fight in the Seventh this year, as always, so that Alderman Ambrose may not be lonesome when voting.

Last night's primaries were very well attended. The returns brought into socialist headquarters showed that 588 voted in the eight wards. The largest vote was cast in the Seventh ward—149. The Eighth

came next, with 95, then came the First, with 90. The Third showed up with 78, the Fourth with 60, the Fifth with 45, the Sixth with 37 and the Second with 34.

The convention will meet in Judge Donlan's court room Thursday night, and it is understood to be the plan to put up a candidate for alderman in each ward.

Full Municipal Ticket

Burlington, Ia., Feb. 23.—The socialists of this city have nominated the following municipal ticket: For mayor, William Strauss; city auditor, John Kupisch; treasurer, Harry Sowden; alderman-at-large, John Gadcke; assessor, Geo. Voigt; justice of the police court, Peter Nelson; park commissioner, J. Anderson. The ward aldermen will be voted for at the primaries.

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CLASS HATE vs CLASS PRIDE.

We hear a good deal of talk among certain socialists about the necessity of teaching class hate, and they estimate the class-consciousness and worth of a proletarian by the extent of his hatred for the capitalist class. Now, while we do not claim to be entirely free from class hate ourselves, nor condemn it altogether in others, we do claim that a much more necessary thing to teach is class pride, and we regret to say that class pride is not yet a very noticeable quality among the ranks of the working class—socialists or otherwise.

Class pride is the cohesive force of the proletariat. A class-consciousness that is founded on hate for the capitalist class alone may easily be changed by a change in the fortunes of the individual, but a class consciousness that is based on love and pride for the working class through an understanding of their aspirations and historic mission is proof against all temptation. Class hate grows more intense as the working class sinks lower; class pride grows more intense with the increased advancement and efficiency of the working class. Love of our own class is a stronger motive force than hatred of the other class. Class hate is negative—class pride is positive. Class hate drives a man to his class—class pride draws a man to his class. Class pride is the blossom of class consciousness.

Therefore, we say, teach class pride. Teach every boy and every girl born in the working class to be proud of the class to which they belong. Teach them to rejoice in the social labor that lies before us and our increasing strength to perform it. Teach them a contempt for the parasites and their tinsel splendor and with it will come all the necessary hate for the other class and all its institutions.

"Red Lodge citizens are preparing for the spring election by announcing their intention of smiting the socialists hip and thigh."—Forsyth Journal.

The Journal forgot to mention the fact that the Dems and the Reps have to fuse in order that they may be strong enough to make the attempt then, they have to go some.

Political Action.

Jaures, the French M. P. said: "We are in favor of political action because we want economic freedom. "You may have traitors in any party, but the worst traitor and most dangerous foe is he, who, as you go out to fight, says: 'Leave your weapons at home.' The utmost powerful weapon of the working class in their struggle is political action, and most dangerous enemies of the working class are those who advise them not to use that weapon."

All comrades should get in touch with their county organizations at once.

IDAHO NOTES.

State Headquarters

Socialist Party

"God Knows".

Some one stick a pin in our state committeeman.

Com. Secretary get your monthly reports card in on time. You surely do not realize the importance of this matter or you would not forget altogether.

Local Wallace orders \$6.90 due stamps.

The meeting of the County Central committee of Nez Perce county Feb. 12th elected Ben Jansen of Chesley, chairman of committee for the ensuing term with Frank E. Parkyn assistant.

John T. Lough was elected secretary with C. W. Booth assistant.

Resolutions asking for the state convention to be held at Lewiston this year, carried.

Individual membership record cards are being shipped out to local secretaries and members-at-large and we hope that all will take special interest in furnishing the data asked. Let every comrade be prompt in this matter.

Show your interest in your class interests. Join the local. "Show your hand." Do your part. Get "Red book" stamped up to date, for it will not look good without one of those 35c special stamps. Have your local secretary order same now.

T. J. COONROD.

Socialism appeals to the reason and advocates the greatest good to all.

S. I. Shaw of Challis donates and says: "Enclosed you will find money order for one dollar, the last and only dollar I have. I wish I could be of more help in liquidating our party indebtedness."

Local Meridian orders more application cards and ask for a date from Comrade Work. Something doing there.

Comrade T. E. Files of Cambridge comes across with \$1.00 donation

Ise Shaw of Local Lords orders red cards and due stamps and reports one new member in January.

Comrades of Kooskia organized a local January 5th. Fin. Secretary reports 21 members at close of month.

Loren Madsen of Mountain Home member at large, orders a 35c special stamp put in his "red book" and says apply balance of \$1.00 where most needed.

Comrade Chas. Shuck of American Falls, writes: "I am a stranger in Idaho. I have met Comrade Work in Iowa, and when he comes, we want him here two dates if possible, one in city and one in the country."

Comrades Jas. Urquhart and Fred H. Judd of Frazer write that they are thinking of organizing a local there soon.

Local Rupert has re-organized and elected J. W. Woodruff, Secretary, who orders red cards and due stamps. Let forty others get busy.

John E. Deno, of Acequia, is secretary of Local Scherrer and sends in \$1.00 re-organization fee also dues for nine members and writes: "Assuring you that we will not become delinquent soon again but will do our share in the good work. This local furnished the precinct officer last election."

Ralph W. Stuart of Kamiah writes: "We are going to organize here at an early date and want all the information at your command. Lots of the best people are with us and I think we will start with about 40 members."

The Man and the Beast.

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The influence of this class has always been largely disastrous to the progress and well-being of the race. It may be suggested that their accumulated wealth has improved the means of industry and commerce and built up the country generally. So it has, in part. But their motive in so doing was one of greed for enormously increased profit and power. The inventions, material ideals and activity have been furnished by the genius, heroism, and industry of the many millions, most of whom were left in penury and obscurity. Several great inventors have died in abject poverty and were buried in paupers' graves.

Who can tell the amount of genius and superior qualities for inventions and improvements in the arts and sciences and literature, of those submerged in the masses, misplaced and crowding other people out of simple vocations to eke out an insignificant existence. Whereas had they been allowed proper opportunities to develop and exercise these talents and superior capabilities, who can tell what source of improvement, joy, and blessing they might have been to the world?

One of the greatest misfortunes to mankind is that the ignoble rich are always largely the ruling class of a country, and control about all there is in it, the avenues of thought and influence included. With hereditary traits of serfs and slaves, a subservience acquired through long centuries of tyranny and oppression, from childhood up taught and daily unconsciously impressed upon the people and accepted by them, are certain prejudices, false notions and beliefs, superstitions, and traditions to keep their thought habitually in a narrow rut, as suits the interests, pleasures, and aggrandizement of the oppressor class.

Of course we call ourselves a Christian nation, a free people, with superior intellect, but among other contradictory things and events are the predictions of some of our kings of commerce, who said two years ago that in the year 1908 ten millions of men would be thrown out of employment, a prediction that is fast coming to pass.

The capitalist papers tell us little of the continuance of bank failures and suspensions of plants of industry, but we are informed through the labor journals and socialist papers concerning these matters, and that the millions of unemployed are rapidly increasing. For too much property has been produced by and taken from the workers, and not enough money has been paid to them in wages so that they might buy back a sufficient amount from the market. An excess is therefore on hand for the masters, and there are consternation and business failures throughout different departments of commerce and trade. It means that starvation awaits the large armies of wealth-producers, along with despair and suicide, and many will turn to avenues of sin and crime, because the average human being, when driven to the limit, is much like a hungry beast and knows no conscience.

But such and many other insane things and ungodly inequalities are the result of the capitalist system, for which the majority so proudly vote.

One philosopher said that half the people are fools, dupes and cowards. This is rather hard, but the socialists do not think it best to defend on second-hand knowledge altogether; especially when such is concocted and handed down from unscrupulous authority. Socialists believe in considering and proving all things, and holding fast that which is good.

Socialism means the ownership by the people of the means of industry and distribution, communication, and exchange, and a democratic management thereof. This will give to the worker the full value of his toil and exclude the profit mongers, lords and tyrants of every kind.

The capitalists and their minions say that socialism would be very bad, and also that it would be too good for this (the mob) world, etc., etc. But why should it be possible,

good and practicable, when once the majority understands that it is their only emancipation in earth-life; that it means plenty of the means of life for all,—the aged, infirm, and all children included—a reasonable amount of comfort and luxury, leisure, and recreation, and opportunities to develop as befits a human race?

Then, in course of time, a realization of all that the Lord's prayer means to us. After nineteen hundred years, why should the fulfillment of this prayer to the majority be still pushed indefinitely into the far-off future? God helps them who help themselves, not on the level of selfish, pugnacious beast, but along decent, humane, and co-operative methods.

Margaret Palsgrove, Great Falls, Mont.

Socialism and the Race Question

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as the lilly white republican party; meaning that no negro need not apply for votes.

The third way is by having white ruffians at the polls to intimidate negroes to the extent of making them stay at home more or less on election day. The democrat party frankly tells the negro they do not want his vote by the way it is managed. As a rule the negro will not vote the democratic ticket for certain inherent reasons. In the southern states, where he is allowed to vote, he gets in return for his vote a government position that is appointive for one of his race; which only intensifies the race question.

The colored man's adherence to either one of the old political parties under the regime of capitalism, he is only voting to continue the enslavement of himself and fellowman, also brings about a menace in politics by disturbing the relation between the two races. If the appointive position had any real influence on economic, there would not be so much disturbance between the two races; but instead, it is a position of honor, which precipitates trouble between the races by stimulating that malevolent thing we call prejudice.

It appeals to me that the colored man should declare himself independent in politics. If he did, he would soon learn to vote for his own interest. Voting for the republican party because it stood for his freedom from chattel slavery under Abraham Lincoln and got wage slavery in exchange, does not mean that he is following the real spirit of Lincoln. Lincoln's idea was for freedom in a thorough manner, but the work he accomplished was only initiative, so if you are to follow the real spirit of Lincoln, you will have to repudiate your G. O. P. and the democratic party also.

To illustrate that the republican party is not following the real spirit of Lincoln, we will quote one of Lincoln's reply to a question on economic. During the great Lincoln and Douglass debate just prior to the civil war, some one asked Lincoln, if he thought a black woman was as good as a white woman. The reply came from Lincoln at once, that in some ways he did not, but he did think she was good enough to eat the meat and bread that she earned with her own hands. This reply by Lincoln was economic justice and carried to its ultimate conclusions. Do the republican or democratic party advocate any principles that will run parallel to Lincoln's idea of economic justice? I say no, a thousand times no. The nefarious politicians have long ago repudiated the idea of Lincoln. Why I say they are wicked, is because the principles they are forced to work under, are not constructed to disseminate justice throughout society. Principles like everything else must conform to nature's inexorable laws. If you work under perverted principles, your result must be more or less corrupt to try to obtain different results, is to think you are going up when you are going down.

The powers that be, have long ago placed the spirit of the real Abraham Lincoln in the abyss of insignificance, and have placed exploitation on

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Nomination for Delegates

To the Socialist Locals of Montana, Greeting;

Montana is entitled to seven delegates to the national convention, which will be held in Chicago, May 10, 1908.

Each local has the privilege of nominating seven party members, as candidates to said convention.

All nominations must be filed at state headquarters not later than March 21, 1908.

Fraternally,
Jas. D. Graham,
State Secy.

the apex of their principles as a crown to be worn by a special few at the expense of the many.

Socialism is watching with extreme care to see that no great spirit is cast aside in a bottomless pit. In casting aside a good and noble spirit, I believe as Ralph Waldo Emerson, one of the greatest philosophers America has ever produced, when he says, "run as fast as you may, your good will, will overtake you," so it is with the spirit that works for the general good of humanity, it will be tenderly cared for by those that love justice and righteousness.

Socialism does not take issue with Lincoln on economics, pertaining to the meat and bread you earn with your own hands. Socialism proposes to give the negro the same chance of obtaining the full results of his labor that it does any man, under a co-operative commonwealth. Socialism's object is to establish a system of society, on the basis of col-

lective ownership of things collectively used and private ownership of things privately used, in other words, socialism is a social philosophy, that will bring about universal improvement for the entire human family through economic justice. Before any one should say they do not want socialism, or they do want it, they should read socialist literature and make an unbiased study of it, instead of leaving it to the interpretation of some capitalist mind for the sake of allowing him to deceive you. Now I want you to be honest with me in my illustration pertaining to socialism. We will say you had a neighbor that had something contrary to your interest, and you were telling your second neighbor about what a bad man your first neighbor was, would you not misrepresent every way you possibly could the first neighbor to the second.

—J. T. Dowell

(To be continued.)

WAIFS.

My lady's poodle rests on down, Eats daintily, and, sated, sleeps; An infant in an archway lies On frosted stone, and starves and weeps.

IDAHO NOTES

Coeur d'Alene, Ida., Feb. 29 1908. The Socialists in and around Kootenai County met at Sanders Hall.

Comrade S. A. Stowe, of Coeur d'Alene was chosen chairman of the meeting and Comrade Dennis, secretary, and a revival meeting for Local Coeur d'Alene was commenced.

Adjourned at 12m to meet at 1:30 p. m., reconvened at 1:30 p. m.

Paper read by Comrade E. C. Hubbard, Lyondale, which was to the point.

County chairman, John G. Koch, read some figures which he had compiled from the numerous Government reports in his office and his listeners were astonished when he read the items of indebtedness of the nation.

Comrade Parks of Coeur d'Alene was then called upon, he held the audience spell bound for about an hour.

The writer was informed at the time of his departure that 77 applicants for Local Coeur d'Alene were procured, this together with the old membership will bring them up to about 90 members.

At about 5:00 p. m. the crowd began to disperse and it being too late the executive committee postponed its meeting until March 21, at 10 a. m. at Coeur d'Alene.

It is estimated that those present at the afternoon session were at least 200, several ladies were present.

Much of this success and progress in socialist thought is due to the panic last fall and lack of employment, of which there are many complaints in and around Coeur d'Alene.

The opportunity has never been better for the advancement of socialism as now.

Resolutions were adopted and petitions drawn up to be sent to members of Congress, condemning the Penrose bill in Congress and requesting its defeat.

This petition was signed by about 100 persons.

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National News

Rovnost Ludu, a semi-monthly Slovak publication, will be changed to a weekly beginning with the month of March, and will appear every Tuesday.

The Socialists of South Dakota will hold a mass state convention on April the 7th, at Pierre, So. Dakota.

From Local Beaumont, Texas. "Things are getting in good shape here; from eight paid to date members in July, 1907, we rose to the number of thirty-eight.

The National Office receipts for the month of Jan., was \$1,885.00 This sum exceeded the previous high record of October, 1907 by \$168.00

In the United States as well as in all other civilized countries, the socialist party is the nucleus of such a workingmen's organization, and it is by that title that we call upon the workingmen of the United States

Local Mesa, Col., reports: "Our Local met last Saturday and the comrades all cheerfully responded to the call for special 35c assessments for convention expenses.

Local Sparks, Nev., reports that upon the resignation of a member of the City Council in place of having an election the appointment for the unexpired term was made upon petition.

National Organizer John M. Work since last report, organized locals at Salina, Utah, 29 members; Richfield, 22 members; Monroe, 29 members; Marysville, 8 members.

Socialist Sunday Schools are now in successful operation in several cities, and inquiries regarding the conduct of the same are constantly being received.

Women's Clubs

All communications for this department should be addressed to Jessie M. Myer, Editor.

Two Pictures.

One is a lady of high degree, Of high degree and beautiful face.

She is gowned and groomed luxuriously, She is poised with pride full regally.

She is painted for all the world to see Her beauty and her grace.

And one moves slow betwixt black walls, Beneath, smoke-darkened lurid sky,

A child slave with her brother crawls To her drear home as darkness falls.

Her portrait graces no rich halls; Her mother sees, and I.—May Beals in Red Flag.

The culture of woman means the culture of the race.

It is woman's function to nurture the young and helpless in her home.—all the weaklings of the community need more or less to have nurture provided for them.—W. T. Harris.

Ellen Kay is a Socialist and the foremost woman of Sweden. Putnam's says of her, "Ellen Kay's offspring fill the world—they are all those that labor; that bear burdens; that have cares; that she divines and endeavors to solace.

The Saturday Evening Tribune relates how in Chicago one hundred girls under 20 years of age, clerking in department stores, restaurants, and shops, earning only three to five dollars a week, were arrested for frequenting tenderloin resorts.

A young lady, bright, healthy, and with a business education, began working as accountant and clerk in a big dry goods store here, several years ago. She clothed herself reasonably well; boarded at home; amused herself much in the same way the average girl does.

The merchant who employed her during this time has more than trebled his capital.

He is having the last finishing touches put on a costly mansion. He has climbed up and up—a "success."

A group of college girls stood admiring an agent's display of pictures. Among these pictures was an artist's idea of Lorna Doone. Few, if any, of these girls had ever read "Lorna Doone," yet they went into ecstasy over the picture.

International

Hungary

The socialist Party threaten that if the landlords of Budapest do not reduce rents by May 1, 30,000 families will desert their tenements and camp in the fashionable thoroughfares.

Soudan

The curse of unemployment has found its way with capitalism to the Soudan. According to the London "Times," there are 400 European workmen walking the streets of Khar toum.

The French Trade Unions

The French "Bureau du Travail" gives some interesting official statistics of the French Trade unions. In 1884 there were 500 unions, with 60,000 members.

Trams: Public v. Private

An instructive comparison There are now 318 tramways in the United Kingdom as against 312, in 1905-6 and of these 179, or 56 per cent., belong to municipalities.

Japan

Japan also has an anti-Socialist organization, It openly fights Socialism opposes progressive measures and a speaker at one meeting was ridiculed for suggesting that the working hours of children should be limited to twelve a day.

Arithmetic

Teacher: "A coal dealer has ten tons of coal, which he sells at \$7.00 per ton. How much does he get for it?"

Scholar: "About \$85.00."

Teacher: "That's wrong."

Scholar: "Yes, m; but all the coal dealers do it."

Mr. Workingman, you know of course that the above don't hit you and does not apply to Helena.

Oh, no! Helena dealers don't do that way. They merely organize a local "trust," and then publicly advertise the prices they all agree to charge.

when such a product could survive untended. Come, now, girls, is this really your ideal of womanhood? Quite true, it is in keeping with custom, both past and present.

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Australia

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You haven't got the organization to win, and that's a fact. When you sap the resources of the enemy by making Socialists and party members of working men who now support capitalism you will have some chance.

Dreamers, rightly named, are those who give no thought to organization, and imagine the enemy will fall before their individual knowledge and effort.

The Socialist Party started the last Presidential campaign with 1,000 members, made some noise, and had 409,230 Socialist votes counted.

The party membership now numbers about 30,000; it can be made 40,000 before the end of the year. If the vote in the next campaign is proportioned, as previously, to the membership, America will take her rightful place in the international procession and STAND A MILLION STRONG.

Are you a member? If not, then do something worth while, join the party and have the President of the United States talking about you in his next speech. Here is an application blank. Below you will find your State Secretary. Do it now; today.

Application for Membership in the SOCIALIST PARTY.

I, the undersigned, recognizing the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class, and the necessity of the working class constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposite to all parties formed by the propertied classes, hereby declare that I have severed my relations with all other parties; that I endorse the platform and constitution of the SOCIALIST PARTY, and hereby apply for admission to membership in said party.

Name in full..... Street Address..... City or P. O..... State.....

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Speaking of Presidents, gather in the members, and we comrades will elect one of our very own. Every new party member brings nearer the day of deliverance.

The tools required for the job are a Red Card for yourself and a membership application blank for your friend and fellow worker. Easy, isn't it? Well, that's the way to win.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary 269 Dearborn Street, Chicago

State Department

A CALL FOR ACTION.

Local Fridley asks all locals interested in the welfare of socialism in Montana, to co-operate with them in giving some popular entertainment March 17th 1908, for the benefit of the News and the state organization. Let every one do their best. Correspondence solicited. EVA M. WELLS, Sec'y., Fridley, Mont.

\$1,000 can be raised by the above method for the purpose of putting our organization in shape to carry on the fight.

Here is your target, \$1,000. Can you hit the mark?

Byrne of Anaconda gets in with two subs.

Topel of Bozeman sends in his renewal for two years.

Hirst of Glens Ferry, goes to the bat with two subs from Idaho.

Comrade Snell of Washington, sends in a bunch of subs.

Local Stark sends in \$2.10 to pay special convention assessment.

Julius Bernard sends in his assessment from Ravalli county.

Local Butte sends in \$14.50 for due stamps and \$3.20 donation.

Local Lewistown orders twenty due stamps and send in \$5.00 donation to campaign fund, also orders a supply of red cards and application blanks.

Livingston sends in for \$9.00 of due stamps and expect to do better before long.

Billings is not far behind when it comes to selling due stamps. Comrade Powers orders another book of stamps to begin the month with.

The socialists of Butte celebrated Washington's birthday by distributing ten thousand pieces of literature.

The literature was placed in comrade Ambrose' barber shop and the distributing crews gathered there, loaded up with arms full of socialist arguments and started out on their mission of propaganda. The Butte socialists are in the fight this year to win.

Local Great Falls in \$20.50 for special convention assessment and orders \$10.00 worth of due stamps; also notifies us that they endorse Butte motion to raise state dues from fifteen to twenty-five cents.

Flabie's Report for February

Equipment Fund Report

Dr.
On deposit Feb. 1.....\$214.50
Collected on Eqmt Fund... 42.50
Collected on monthly paymt 33.00

On deposit March 1.....\$290.00
Montana News Report

Dr.
Cash on hand Feb. 1.....\$ 1.80
Collected on subs..... 18.50
Literature sold..... 1.80

Cr.
Car fare.....\$ 9.40
All other expenses..... 9.25
Remitted to News..... 17.50

Total Disbursements \$36.15
Total Receipts..... 22.10

Over Remitted..... \$14.05

Comrades, my time for the past month has been so divided between different kinds of work that I have not made much of a showing at any one of them. The first eight days were spent in the News office and the last five days at my ranch where I had some private business to look after. Three locals were organized—at Dillon, Silver Bow and Whitehall.

Now I want to keep busy during the month of March on their linotype proposition and if the locals will take a hold and give an entertainment on the 17th, or some time during the month, we will see the Montana News set up by our own machine before the end of April.

You do your part, comrades, and I'll do mine.

Fraternally,
J. F. MABIE.

Local Lewistown is figuring on giving a dance some time this month in line with the policy advocated by Local Fridley. Monarch is going to do likewise, and word comes to the office that the Trail Creek miners are talking the proposition over and intend doing something.

Let the other locals fall in line and that \$1,000, mark will be made.

Comrade Neitart sends in seventy cents for special assessment and takes a shot at the \$1,000, target, to the extent of \$2.70. Comrade Neitart's donation is the first to be received for this purpose.

Local Dillon, one of the latest locals to be organized, sends in their February payment on the special convention assessment.

Montana News:—

Dear Comrades:—Enclosed please find resolution of which we, the Billings Local, adopted last meeting. It would be well for all socialist locals to take action in regards to the same before it is too late.

The passage (Senate bill 1518) means to give the postmaster general a monarch's power over all matter as socialist, or union literature, takes the labor class mouth-piece from us and how then can we of the workers inform one another of our conditions. Oh, the rotten! rotten!! system.

RESOLVED.

That we of the Socialist party of Local Billings, Montana, do hereby condemn the proposed amendment [Senate Bill 1518] to section [3893] of the revised statutes, known as the Penrose bill.

And furthermore demand as law abiding citizens that you, T. H. Carter and J. M. Dixon, our senators do work and vote against the [Senate Bill 1518].

S. M. Withrow, Chairman
Geo. G. McDowell, Sec.

The following letter is from Mrs. Jessie M. Myer, the editor of the Woman's Column in the Montana News. Mrs. Myer lives at Eugene, Oregon. She is a young woman of very bright mind who came to Boise to watch the Pettibone trial. When Mrs. Hazlett was obliged to leave for the scene of the Goldfield trouble she got Mrs. Myer to continue the Boise reports to the seven or eight papers to which she was sending the news of the trial. Mrs. Myer's husband works in the postoffice at Eugene, and both are ardent and studious socialists. Their entire house is a library and they are preparing themselves for future active service within the revolutionary ranks. Mr. Myer is completing a course in law, and will be able to fight the legal battles of the proletariat as they become more and more defined. The following is taken from a private letter of Mrs. Myer's and shows the earnestness and enthusiasm of her mind. She would be glad of any correspondence on the subject of socialism:

"The more I throw my interests into the fight, the more intensely do I feel how bitter it is. Not a day passes which does not reveal to me so much inhumanity, I am nearly heart-sick. I am getting so full of its awful facts, that those with whom I associate are becoming "contaminated," avoid it as they will. I never knew I could verbally argue, until lately. It is marvelous how fast I develop. In the depot at Portland a preacher, learning that I was a socialist, accosted me. The waiting room was quite full, all became still, save us two, and for nearly three hours the combat lasted. I never was so much in earnest in my life and I was tearful too. Some times I laughed in derision. Intemperance, poverty, prosperity, thrift, crime, the Bible, none of these were left undissected. I do not think Mr. Preacher really knew what socialism was before, else he would not have become mute and limp so often. At last he stepped out "for a minute" he said, but never came back. This victory over a man who claimed to have been a pillar of the church for twelve years, made me fairly radiant.

Since then scarcely a day passes that I do not have occasion to defend my position; and best of all I can find examples right here at home to demonstrate my points with. I get a great deal at the university to kindle revolt in me. Their superficial life, constantly stirs me to action. One of the strongest girls in the school, through associating with me, has become a socialist. She finishes college this year, expects to teach German here for a year or so to supply her with funds.

She wishes to have an independence, before she publicly asserts herself. In the meantime she will digest all she can get, concerning the labor problem."

UTAH NOTES

Richfield, Utah, March 1.
Dear Comrade—Complying with your request to give you a little write up on the progress of the party in Utah and my work in this state, will say that I have found Utah ripe for both organization and propaganda.

Since January 20 we have added 298 members to the party organization. Twenty-three locals have been organized in that time, part of the places of course had had locals once before. The state secretary, Joseph McLochlan, "Little Mac" as he is affectionately known among the comrades in Utah, has co-operated with me efficiently and self-sacrificingly. He is arranging for my work to be followed up by lectures. Of course an organizer's work is mostly useless unless followed up. I am sure he will follow it up and that my work will therefore have permanent value.

We have excellent chances of carrying Wayne and Juab counties next fall. Piute county could be carried with a little pushing. A still harder struggle would carry Sevier county.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN M. WORK.

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Report of Condition Made on Call of the State Bank Examiner as at the Close of Business, February 14, 1908

RESOURCES:
Loans and Discounts.....\$1,790,137.40
Bonds and Warrants..... 63,638.75—\$1,853,776.15
Bank Building, Furniture and Fixtures..... 57,500.00
Cash on hand..... 344,406.24
Cash deposited in Banks..... 445,291.55— 789,697.79
Total.....\$2,700,973.94

LIABILITIES:
Capital.....\$ 250,000.00
Undivided Profits..... 162,231.71—\$ 412,231.71
Deposits..... 2,288,742.23
Total.....\$2,700,973.94

The above Statement is correct. FRANK BOGART, Cashier.

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