

Candidate Thompson Calls Wisconsin Socialists to Action

To the Socialists of Wisconsin,
August 10, 1912.

Dear Comrades:—This is a year of tremendous possibilities for our cause. It is probably the greatest we have had so far. We must take advantage of it to the full.

As your candidate for Governor, I want to do my part. Whether I am elected or not is not the important matter this time. Some Socialist is going to be elected Governor of the State of Wisconsin within the next few years. It is our business to prepare the way for that event and hasten its coming by all the means at our command.

There are two things especially in which I can be of service to you and the cause this fall:

1. In the first place, I can help you elect those of your candidates that are possible of election. Two or more Congressmen, at least a dozen members of the State Legislature, and the entire County ticket in Milwaukee county, and here and there a Local official and possibly two or three members of the State Legislature in the state outside of Milwaukee—these are the possibilities that I can help you pull across.

2. But there is a matter even more important than that, and that is to take advantage of the opportunity this fall to advance our permanent organization and build for the future. As never before, people everywhere are ready and eager to hear about Socialism. We ought to seize this opportunity. We ought to proclaim our message in every important point in the State with a new enthusiasm and an effectiveness multiplied by our experience and the ripening of the times.

And we ought to proclaim our message in scores of new places, cities, villages and country cross-roads, at political meetings, in churches, colleges, country school houses, at the meetings of farmers and trades union organizations. We ought to press home our ideas with

words that flash and burn with intensity of logic, reason and conviction. We ought to lay siege to every one of the many thousands of unsettled minds in this State and capture them, bag and baggage, now and for all time, for the Cause of Socialism.

We ought to come out in this campaign in Wisconsin with at least ten thousand new Socialists. And what is more, we ought to take advantage of the opportunity to further build our party organization. That counts for the future. Every local or branch in the state that has been organized and fighting for years past may be filled with new life, fired with new hope, its membership recruited, its ranks solidified and seasoned for the greater battles yet to come. New territory should be entered and conquered.

Many other speakers besides myself will help in this work. And we want you to co-operate to the utmost to make this by far the greatest and most effective campaign in the history of our state movement so far. Every campaign must be for us an ascending note in a mighty crescendo of power and beauty.

And in the work of this fall every local candidate and every local speaker of any ability at all, should be put to work. A thousand men and women actively engaged from now until the votes are all counted—let us set Wisconsin afire with Socialism; let us burn it in so deep that a thousand years can never efface it.

But of course, even a thousand speakers could not cover this state as it should be covered. Yet there is a way to cover it—LITERATURE!

The national office is at work on a tremendous literature campaign to put at least three or four pieces of Socialist literature into the hands of every voter in America. No political party ever attempted a greater task. It will cost \$500,000 for the pamphlets alone. It is an enormous undertaking. It will multiply the effect of our Campaign a thousand fold.

The state organization will co-operate with the national. Your local and every unattached Socialist, every friend of the Socialist movement, man, woman and child, can help in this.

SHALL WE NOT TAKE CARE OF WISCONSIN?
Shall we not resolve here and now that this state shall be covered, every inch of it at least one pamphlet deep, with Socialist literature?

As for my part, I should like to speak at every possible point in the state. To do so, it will be necessary to arrange more than one meeting a day. When possible, afternoon meetings should be arranged and possibly even some forenoon meetings. No place is too small none too large, provided only that the people are there. Where possible, I shall be delighted to speak for a few moments to the school children, in the normal schools, in churches, at fairs, picnics, union meetings, farmer's societies, anywhere, night or day—any place the people are, there I shall be glad to speak.

I will deliver the message. You must get the message. And your part will be easier this fall than ever. So write at once to the state office and arrange a campaign of meetings for your local and county so as to reach EVERY POSSIBLE point—as many as possible in a day. Get an automobile if necessary, in order to cover the ground.

And as for the literature campaign, our meetings will help to push that also. Write to the state office on that.

Everybody is going to hustle this fall. Every state I have visited this summer is snapping and crackling with enthusiasm. The comrades everywhere are like war horses champing their bits and pawing the earth, eager for the fight. Wisconsin has got to hump itself. And we are going to do our part.

Write state headquarters at once. Start the battle today.

Yours for the Great Cause,
CARL D. THOMPSON

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The Old Party Menagerie

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.
Whatever difference of opinion there may be among the gentlemen who manufacture political issues and political parties—of the old school—one thing is certain, they are all bent upon destroying Socialism.

Of course, the destruction of Socialism is not an easy matter. It cannot be trapped and disposed of to order. One needs many ways at one's disposal. As there are politicians bent upon the annihilation of the red specter.

Some gentlemen, of the very old school, believe that the voters can always be depended upon to stand pat if they are shown that the flag, the constitution and all of our sacred institutions are at stake in the election. And it takes the average voter a deal of time to awaken to the fact that there is no identity of interests between our glorious civilization and the peanut politician who is running for office.

Still other gentlemen, who shed their political bias according to the temperance and the prevailing political breeze, take the position that the average voter likes a change now and then, in name at least, and is more likely to return the old politicians to office if there is a touch of novelty in their phraseology. While they agree with the reactionaries that there is no love like the old love, they do believe that a dab of paint and powder will keep the old political "dog" as good as new.

Then there are the more or less genuine reformers, who do not know where they are going, but they are going to have no immediate intention of stopping. And, finally, there are the very few gentlemen who make a science of politics, who have an eye to what is happening across the waters and an ear to the ramblings and the mutterings of discontent among our own people, and who know just enough to know that the pressing issue in these times is the awakening among the lower classes, and that the coming lineup is for and against Socialism.

An Address to the Priesthood

In view of the fact that several Vermont clergymen, principally of the Roman Catholic church, have bitterly assailed the Socialist movement, charging that it is hostile to religion and subversive to religious belief, the convention of the Socialist party of Vermont has addressed the plain statement of its position to all citizens of religious belief and affiliation, irrespective of creed.

THE STONE REJECTED.

For years it had been trampled in the street by the feet of the heedless foot—The stone that Bunarroll made confute That shape you know, that marble loveliness. You mind the tale—how he was passing When the rude marble caught his Jovian face. That stone men had dishonored and had thrust out of the front of the wayside dust. He stooped to lift it from its mean estate. And bore it on his shoulder to the gate. Where all day long a hundred hammers rang. Till suddenly the hidden angel came. That had been waiting, prisoned in the stone. Thus came the cherub with the laughing face That long has lighted up an altar-place. —Edwin Markham in August Nautilus.

Hanford Case an Object Lesson

Hanford's resignation from his exalted position as federal judge, has been accepted by President Taft. The investigation has thereby come to a stop, something evidently demanded by the powers that be. The entire proceeding ought to be an object lesson to the nation.

American Plutocracy

America is no longer a republic, it's a plutocracy; the president is merely the creation of the bank directors, railroad kings and coal barons, the same with governors of states.

The Love of Kind

Man's sociality of nature evinces itself in spite of all that can be said to the contrary. He is social by nature, and he is social by habit.

Kipling's Funny Stuff

Rudyard Kipling's dialogue in hell in the July American Magazine, is a good piece of craftsmanship, but when he describes the Labor Agitator in the Benefactors as one who helped alleviate the great evil inherent in the union labor idea—but it is begotten of the evil of privilege, and if the agitator or walking delegate were destroyed there would not be an end of strikes.

Growth of Corporations

At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were in America probably not more than 100 corporations, of which at least one-half were in Massachusetts. The late workman, Chancery Kent observed that "at 1840 corporations had multiplied with a flexibility and variety unknown to the common law. He says: 'The increase of corporations in number, and of private industry and enterprise, has kept pace in every part of our country with the increase of wealth and improvement.' The Massachusetts legislature, for instance, in the session of 1812, incorporated upwards of seventy manufactures and corporations. In 1857 Judge Dillon remarked that "it is probably true that more corporations were created by the legislature

Easy Money for the Few!

Earnings of the International Harvester company, it is announced, are making a record this year. The surplus is back to \$25,000,000, which is within \$2,000,000 of the size of the surplus when, in January, 1910, a 33-1/2 per cent stock dividend was declared. In the last 10 years the Harvester company has spent \$3,000,000 for additions to its plants and in the purchase of raw material property.

Year	Domestic	Foreign	Miscellaneous	Total
1911	58,865,000	14,214,000	18,520,000	91,599,000
1910	54,973,000	10,832,000	15,394,000	81,199,000
1909	41,820,000	9,212,000	12,235,000	63,267,000
1908	34,549,000	8,015,000	11,182,000	53,746,000
1907	26,119,000	5,587,000	8,175,000	39,881,000
1906	21,225,000	4,477,000	6,218,000	32,920,000
1905	15,528,000	3,295,000	4,419,000	23,242,000
1904	11,934,000	2,468,000	3,251,000	17,653,000
1903	9,112,000	1,874,000	2,478,000	13,464,000

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The Few Versus the Many

By Allan J. Benson.

The policy of permitting a few men to use the machinery with which all other men must work or starve...

By the value of labor's product, instead of by the direness of labor's needs. They say the present situation gives to the men who own the machinery most of its benefits...

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FOR PRESIDENT Eugene V. Debs OF INDIANA FOR VICE-PRESIDENT Emil Seidel OF WISCONSIN

The following paragraph appears in Malloy's department in the August Metropolitan, referring to the charges of the Haywood-St. Joseph story...

Members of the Milwaukee Jewish colony are interested in the growth of the first Socialist paper published in the pure Hebrew language...

A new paper has made its appearance from Chicago, called 'The Chicago Socialist' which seems to be a marked continuation of Morgan's Provoker...

Crooked Work The revelations in connection with the Branon referendum in the 'Barnes case' are rather startling...

With Our Readers J. H. Stoffer, Tennessee—It is certainly to be regretted that time and space must be devoted to this small bit of local and denigratory lumber...

What is Hillquitism?

BY CHARLES DOBBS. (Written for The Herald.) Every allegation brought by the 'direct action' disruptionist element in the Socialist party...

Wealth is Produced by Labor

By RALPH KORNGOLD. Strange how hard it is for some people to grasp so simple a proposition as this: WEALTH IS PRODUCED BY LABOR...

Painted News a Capitalistic Fruit

BY A. M. SIMONS. What we want to know is whether the news agencies are impartial in the telling of news...

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

Republican came and stole half of that hog. Ringmaster—'Now, see here! How do you know the thief was a Republican?'

How Chickens May Be Trained

I do not doubt that some, perhaps many, readers of Our Young Folks own chickens and are very fond of them.

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Local Lancaster County has arranged to hold a Socialist picnic at Litz on Saturday, Aug. 24.

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