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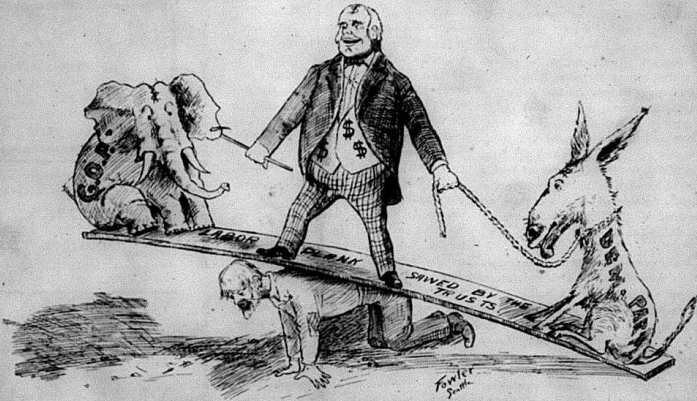
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### I'LL BE NO SCAB.

(Dedicated to the striking machinists of Seattle.)  
When Labor's forces are arrayed  
From Capital to wreat  
A meagre pittance which shall keep  
The life within the breast,  
The mem'ries of unrighted wrongs,  
The thought of those most dear,  
The class to which I now belong,  
All go to make it clear  
That I'll not choose the traitor way,  
I'll be no scab on striking day.  
When'er my country calls on me  
To vote for truth and right,  
I'll not be led by enemies,  
But vote the way I fight.  
The way my ticket shall be marked,  
And you do just the same.  
A single X just opposite  
The Socialist Party name.  
I'll vote the most effective way  
And be no scab on election day.  
And when the last great trump shall  
And judgment be proclaimed,  
Should I by any accident  
Among the sheep be named,  
The cries of the unfortunates  
Would drown the angels' notes,  
I'd cast aside my golden harp  
And walk out with the goats.  
For heavenly bliss let others pray,  
I'll be no scab on the judgment day.  
J. D. C.

## The Political Game of See-Saw.

See Saw! See Saw!  
The Elephant now comes down,  
See Saw! See Saw!  
The Donkey now goes up.  
See Saw! See Saw!  
The Capitalist's always up,  
The Laborer's always down,  
See, Sir! See, Sir!



### Why Don't He Hump Himself?

#### ETHICS AND STRIKES.

The capitalist papers are very much troubled about the strikes.  
The Republican Post-Intelligencer of Seattle preaches a daily morning sermon to the wicked strikers, and the Democratic Times holds a prayer meeting in their behalf every evening.  
The P.-I. calls the Joliet iron-workers particularly wicked because they went out in spite of a contract binding them for years to come. The foundations of society are breaking down when these workmen violate the sanctity of a contract. The eternal law of ethics must be observed, if the strikers would preserve the sympathy of the public. So these ethical essayists assure us.  
Now tell us, you holy moralists, did you ever hear of that principle of ethics by which the lesser interest is always subordinated to the greater?

#### THEY SEE THE LIGHT.

The progressive people of New Castle, Pa., were considerably surprised the other Saturday, when President Shaffer of the American Amalgamated, in a speech to some 4000 people, paid a fine tribute to the Socialist party, declaring that its members had a solution for the labor problem, and that when he rises to the point that the Socialists have attained in the mastery of social science he will be the hardest kind of a fighter for that principle.  
This sentiment is in line with a statement that appears in the "Official strike Bulletin," based on a report that Pinkertons were being imported into an Ohio city by the billion dollar trust. Says the Bulletin: "If this be true, it is high time for the people to speak at the ballot box in favor of Socialism, or meekly submit and become the slaves of the money power and be owned body and soul by them." New Castle has a large and flourishing Socialist organization, composed wholly of trades unionists, and which will soon join the Socialist Party.  
The International Typographical Union, in session at Birmingham, Ala., has voted to submit to the referendum a proposition to adopt a preamble defining the class struggle and declaring for Socialism.  
The Brewers Union came out for Socialism some time ago, as did the Western Miners' Union, and only the other day the Flint Glass Workers' National Union, in session at Atlantic City, resolved: "Whereas, a movement is now on foot to organize the class-conscious workmen of this country into one huge political party, having for its object the amelioration of the condition of the working-class; and, Whereas, The Socialist Party has used every effort to bring about such a movement, be it Resolved, That we convey fraternal feelings to the Socialist Party, wishing them Godspeed in the noble work they have undertaken."

Lying is immoral. But who hesitates to lie to save a life?  
It is moral for a man to care for his own family. But all the world applauds when he leaves his family to fight and die for his country.  
The lower interest must always yield to the higher.  
Well, then, to the Joliet strikers a time contract was a rope of sand when justice to the working class was at stake.  
A war is on, gentlemen: a class war, a war between the capitalist class and the proletarian class.  
It is a war of justice and poverty against injustice and wealth.  
The fundamental principle of human rights is involved and no petty contract can bind men from joining their brothers in a war for justice and liberty.  
You might as well call upon the chattel slave to observe his master's divine right of property in him and refuse to join his brother slaves in their war for emancipation.  
You don't seem to understand, gentlemen capitalists, that one of the most splendid exhibitions of moral heroism is being revealed right here in these States today.  
Thousands on thousands of men leave their jobs and surrender their only means of subsistence, taking the very bread out of the mouths of those dearest to them—ways! In order to maintain the principle of union, without which they are utterly helpless before their masters.  
Forty thousand men go out on a "sympathetic strike." They have no grievance, prates The Times.  
No grievance? Labor has a perpetual grievance against Capital. Unless Labor unites against united Capital it is beaten and forever enslaved, and humanity turns backward.  
The principle of the union of Labor is the thing fought for now in all these strikes.

It is because the U. S. Steel Corporation denies this principle, the central principle of the right of organization, that the "sympathetic" strike is the most essential as well as the noblest.  
The most hopeful sign of the times to the socialist is the rising sense of the solidarity of the working class observable everywhere. He sees that the battle-cry of Marx, proclaimed 50 years ago, is being answered: "Workmen of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain."  
Greeting to the Iron Workers.  
The national convention of the Socialist Party at Indianapolis telegraphed the following message of congratulation to the officers of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers at Pittsburgh:  
The Socialist Party, in convention assembled, congratulates the steel workers of the land on their gallant resistance to the attacks of organized capital upon the rights of organized labor.

Socialism is the only hope of the race.

#### THE LOCAL STRIKE.

The Iron Workers' strike goes right on. Machine shops and foundries in this city are closed tight as a drum now, just as they have been for some sixteen weeks.  
The business of the city suffers, trade is turned away to rival cities, where employers are not so stubborn, like Portland and Spokane, but the Puget Sound Machinery Co. and the Moran Co. don't care a rap for the prosperity of Seattle. All they care for is to beat down organized Labor and ensure themselves a bigger surplus out of the wages of their men.  
The truth is, the retailers and the workmen have a common interest in re-opening the shops, but the profits of these few employers stand in the way of any settlement.  
How long will Seattle stand it? Meantime, the making of Socialists goes merrily on.

#### From the Union Record. (Slightly altered.)

The truth has been brought home to organized labor in this city that so long as it has nothing but a Capitalist Labor sheet it can look for neither advocacy nor defense in print from any quarter whatever, even while fighting a fight to the death—except in one paper—namely, The Socialist.

The Labor Union paper of Seattle advocates a Labor Party, but it must not be called Republican, Democratic or Socialist.  
Come, tell us what you would have your "Labor Party" do? What platform would it adopt?  
It would have to be Capitalist or Socialist, would it not?  
If it was Capitalist it wouldn't help Labor any, and if it was Socialist why not call it Socialist?  
Nothing but the Socialist program can ever break the chains of wage-slavery. So none of your palliatives of a Labor Party, if you please. A Labor Party is only a Capitalist side-show.  
The Socialist Party is the only Labor Party. Socialism is the workers' politics. That and nothing else.

## Class-Conscious Resolutions

Passed at Mass Meeting in Support of Iron Workers' Strike, at Armory Hall, Seattle, Aug. 10, 1901.

One of the most significant events in the history of Labor Unions in this city was this monster mass meeting. It was not the work of the Socialist Party, but sprang spontaneously from the Iron Workers themselves. As one of the Machinists says, "This strike is making Socialists faster than all your arguments." In fact, the Puget Sound Machinery Co. and the Moran Company, and the Employers' Association, are playing into the hands of the Socialists every day this strike continues. The men are idle; they have time to read and think, and their minds are hostile to the capitalists because of the fight—all splendid conditions for Socialist seed to grow.  
Whereas, The machinists and workers of the city of Seattle, in mass meeting assembled, realize and recognize the fact that there is a class struggle existing in the present industrial system of society; and  
Whereas, The members of the privileged class, the owners of the means of subsistence, and the employers of labor, incited by greed and success in their power to appropriate to themselves the product of labor, refuse the workers even sufficient remuneration for a decent existence.  
Therefore be it  
Resolved, That the working class, in order to improve and advance their moral and material conditions, must unite as a class and strike for their liberties at the ballot box.  
Taking possession of the powers of government, they shall abolish the right of private ownership and control in the means of production and transportation, thereby eliminating the cause of the struggle between the classes.  
This done, each and every worker will be assured the full product of his labor. Then, and then only, will the liberties of every man, woman and child be assured, the power of the individual or any set of individuals to oppress their fellows by withholding the opportunity of satisfying their necessities, no longer exist, class distinctions be no more, civilization, progress and freedom be attained. Be it further  
Resolved, That this meeting pledge itself to support the men on strike in their just demands.  
(Seattle Union Record(?) please copy.)

# THOUGHTS,

By Your Uncle.

SOME 115 cracker firms have combined to fight the cracker trust, and this fact is heralded widely by the capitalist press to show how the trust may be headed off without plunging into Socialism. But they carefully refrain from guaranteeing that the combination of 115 firms, after the trust is killed (?), will not keep the retail price of that reliable article of food up to the same old trust price and the wages of their employees down to the same old trust level.

Says the little cracker baker to the bigger cracker maker, "You're hogging all the slops in the city."

You may be a bigger baker, but not a bit a quicker taker.

Of the prices we all keep high, So I will flitter-flutter, and such awful grows I'll utter

That you'll take me as a brother to your heart,

And lovingly we'll sock it unto the people's pocket

And cracker smile at the way we played our part."

THERE'S one consolation which Socialists have when they read in capitalist papers reports of Socialist meetings, and that is that the large and increasing audiences are rapidly getting their eyes open to the fact that the said capitalist papers, republican, democratic and "independent," are all unmitigated liars, without exception, when it comes to reporting any real movement of the working class towards industrial betterment.

The citizens of Seattle held a mass meeting last Sunday in one of the theaters for the purpose of raising money for the charitable branch of the Seattle hospital. The people who attended the meeting were no doubt of large heart and generous, and whose sympathies are deeply touched by the sufferings of others. It would seem, however, that if these men and women really suffered at thought and sight of poverty's sickness they would use their brains to prevent if possible the creation of paupers rather than simlessly wait for the calls of charity upon their pin money. On second thought, I am impressed with the idea that if there were no paupers there would be no dilletanti with pin money to bestow in charity, hence the reason the latter uphold and aid in maintaining an industrial system that breeds both dilletanti and paupers; hence, further, they had rather get their names in the papers as givers of charity than think half a minute about Socialism.

NOTHING makes the capitalist press froth at the mouth more than does the vision of the workers discovering their class interests and recognizing the class struggle. So do they wildly denounce sympathetic strikes, jump on the Joliet strikers for breaking a contract which is virtually but an agreement between slave and master, and so do they loudly applaud some alleged "labor leaders" because for some reason a sympathetic strike is not entered into to aid the San Francisco workers. If an extensive strike be lost in one section of the country so much the worse for the workers in another section. Under the present system the lowest wage and the most willing slave marks the line the others must follow.

BRUTE force, as an argument, is always reported to by the ignorant who know not truth or the knaves who fear it. Else why do capitalist labor editors urge their readers to "settle the Jap question" by following the example of one brute who the other day assaulted and maltreated a Japanese immigrant? What difference does it make to the unemployed whether a Jap took their job, or a machine? It's bound to be one or the other. Neither licking all the Japs, or even killing them, as is hinted at occasionally by idiotic labor fakirs, will in any way affect the matter, and men who pretend to have brains enough to edit labor papers ought to know that

THE fact that a caterpillar eats 600 times its weight in food in a month is somewhat overshadowed by the fact that it takes so much to satisfy one Rockefeller for a month that several times 600 men of his weight can't get enough to eat for two months.

It is interesting to know that the city of Paris supplies sulphurous baths, free of cost, to all persons handling lead. It might be remarked in passing that quite a few individuals in this country, who live off the people who do handle lead, will also, by and by, receive free sulphurous baths, and the sulphur will not be stately measured out by a municipality, either.

The delinquent list of water users in Seattle was larger for July than usual, and the water will be turned off unless they pay up. Whether Seattle people are more poverty stricken than usual, or are trying to bow to the numerous capitalist admonitions from pulpit and press to practice economy by living on beer and free lunch instead of regular meals with coffee, has not yet been determined, but it hardly seems that a civilized being will deliberately deprive himself of water, at least for washing purposes, without substantial reason for such untoward action.

I WANDERED into Seattle's tenderloin district the other night and got into a pleasant argument with a bright-looking Salvation Army lass who, while hoping we, the Socialists, would succeed, yet believed we would not. "Look at the crowds that go to these hell-holes," she remarked, giving a comprehensive sweep of her arm which seemed to include every concert hall within four blocks, "with their natural depravity and wickedness of heart that causes them to go there. You'll have to save their souls before they'll be good enough to want Socialism." This argument of the Salvation Army girl is the argument, also, of almost every minister of whatever creed. In this they speak, unconsciously, maybe, true to their material interests, for to them would we turn and increase their income while being "saved" and made good enough to want Socialism. They do not see that they are actually blaming their God for all this evil, for from where else could "natural wickedness" come? They also do not or will not see that our criminals and drunkards do not, as a rule, come from the middle class, the fairly well-to-do, but almost wholly from among those who are amid conditions bad and vile. "Why do they go to those places," asks the little Salvation Army girl, her voice trembling with love and sympathy, "if they are not naturally bad?" I'll tell you, my dear. It's because they HAVE NO BETTER PLACE TO GO. When Seattle has her first Socialist administration, and if the capitalist charter allows the municipality to act along higher lines, there WILL BE better places to go; there will be numerous city libraries, free gymnasiums and swimming baths, playgrounds and high-class vaudeville resorts, free and devoid of all objectionable features. It won't take long, then, before the people will be better, and the "hell-holes", now run because of profit, with their obscenity, profanity, and painted "tempresses," who practice their arts wholly for the ten cents per tempt, will cease to exist. Incidentally the occupation of my little Salvation lassie will also disappear, and, hand in hand, she and the dive keeper will depart down the dim aisles of an unwept and dishonored past, when men were wolves and when godliness and manliness were both crushed and mangled under the spiked chariot wheels of Greed and Profit. No, I do believe I know human nature well enough to assert that men and women will naturally turn to the highest and best, providing it is to be had on at least the same terms, and with the expenditure of no more exertion, than will secure the lower and more vile. These conditions Socialism will create.

UNCLE SAM.

## The Socialist Party

Communication from the New Secretary and New National Committee. Important.

Office National Secretary, Room 427 Emilio Building, St. Louis, Mo.

To the State, Territorial and Local Organizations concerned in the National Socialist Unity Convention held at Indianapolis, Ind., July 29, 1901:

Dear Comrades—The National Unity Convention of the Socialist Party which convened at Indianapolis, Ind., on July 29, 1901, elected the undersigned as National Secretary, with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo. The convention adopted a Constitution for the party which provides, among other things, for a National Committee, consisting of one member from each organized State or Territory, and it elected a quorum of five national committeemen, residing at St. Louis, to supervise and direct the work of the secretary. The National Committee has the power to remove the National Secretary, the quorum of five, or the party headquarters, and whatever the management of the party's affairs at headquarters, the same must be satisfactory to the National Committee, which represents the party throughout the country. The convention also adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Social Democratic party, with headquarters at Springfield, Mass.; the Social Democratic party, with headquarters at Chicago; the Socialist party of the State of Texas; the Socialist parties of the States of Kentucky, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, hereby surrender their separate and independent existence and merge and amalgamate into one organization.

The great object of the convention having been accomplished, I am directed by the quorum to address you, advising you that the National Secretary and National quorum of five have assumed office and are now ready to transact such party affairs as may properly come within their jurisdiction. The National Committee now has under consideration designs for charters suitable to the new party which will be issued soon, and furnished free of charge in exchange for charters of former Socialist organizations, one form of charter being for State or Territorial organizations, and another for locals where such State or Territorial organizations do not now exist. According to the Constitution adopted, the revenue of the National Committee is to be computed on a basis of five cents per month for each member in good standing, to be paid by the State or Territorial organization where same exist, or by the locals where such State or Territorial organizations have not yet been perfected.

The amount and character of the work performed by your National Committee depend in a great measure on the promptness with which said committee is supplied with funds. It is, therefore, important that this feature of the new party organization be kept constantly in mind; and at the present juncture of affairs it should receive immediate attention.

In conclusion, the National Quorum expresses itself desirous of co-operating, insofar as it properly can, with State and Local organizations, in building up the solid, impregnable Socialist Party, whose mission it is to sweep the capitalist system into oblivion and usher in the co-operative commonwealth. To this end, comrades, you are now called upon to arise as one in the great Socialist revolution and complete the work so auspiciously begun by the Unity Convention at Indianapolis. With greetings to each and every comrade in the United Parties, I remain, on behalf of the National Quorum,

Fraternally Yours,  
ERICH GREENBAUM,  
National Secretary Socialist Party,  
August 10, 1901.

Never received so many returns from an advertisement in my life.—[Second avenue merchant.

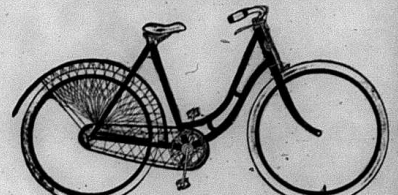
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# The Son of a Gun, and the Thief of the World

A Tale of Over-production.  
By F. Scrimshaw.

ONCE upon a time there was a Son of a Gun that inherited from his father, who was the son of a large portion of the earth and the fullness thereof, and the inhabitants thereof, that he might be a father unto them, and "give them employment," and reign over them and receive the great share of the product of their industry and labor, in return for reigning over them and being a father unto them and "giving them employment." And the land was his, and all the unworked and unsuspected riches that at that time might be dug out of it. And as a father he "gave the people employment" of digging up the riches out of the earth while he looked on.

And the riches were very great and made a goodly heap. And when he saw the goodly heap of his riches by his gracious permission had dug out of his land, he said unto them:

"God bless you, my people; ye have well. We will now divide this amongst ye shall take half and divide amongst yourselves as the reward of industry, and I will take the other half to divide it amongst myself as my reward. You see we jointly produced this wealth. You assisted me with your industry, and I assisted you by Looking On and giving you permission to dig in my earth. We will jointly divide therefore, and I will be your Captain of Industry."

And all his people said: "The thing thou speakest is good; so let it be." And it was so; and they were happy. And they dug and dug, and he looked on and looked on, and by equally dividing the product they all grew wealthy; but he grew well-to-do; than any one of them.

Then saith he unto them one day: "Behold now, let us, with the wealth we have produced, start factories and build the factories, and ye shall build the factories, and ye shall build the factories; the factories shall be MY factories; I will pay wages for making the Things, but by way of reward for Looking On the Things shall be mine, and I will sell them, and the profit thereon shall be mine."

And the people answered him and said: "The thing thou speakest is good; and it is so." And it was so. Therefore did the People build the factories, and the Son of a Gun did look On. They also did build machinery to make Things; and the Son of a Gun assisted them by Looking On. They also did, from morning till night, work the machinery that made the Things, and the Son of a Gun industriously Looked On; and when the Things were made he took them all and paid the people their wages.

Then did the Son of a Gun hire some of the People to store his Things, and sell over the counter the Things to the rest of the People who came with their wages they had earned to buy such Things that they had need of.

Now there dwelt in those parts around and on the other side of a rocky hill called "The Corner," a certain Thief of the World, who, like the Son of a Gun, had inherited from his father a large portion of the Earth and the fullness thereof, and the inhabitants thereof, who in like manner, had dug up the wealth of the earth by his gracious permission, and had built factories and worked in them and made Things which were as the reward of his Looking On. And he paid them their wages for.

And these people called themselves the Great Public.

Now, it so happened that neither the Son of a Gun's factories made all the Things that the People wanted, nor the Thief of the World's factories all the Things that the Great Public wanted.

So, after the People had spent a portion of their wages (which were but half the Value of the Things they jointly produced) with the Son of a Gun, the Son of a Gun sent his hired servants to sell the rest of his Things to the Great Public Around the Corner (whose wages also were but One-Half of the Things they produced), who bought all

they needed up to the limit of their wages. Likewise, after the Great Public had spent a portion of their wages with the Thief of the World, the Thief of the World sent his hired servants to sell the rest of his Things to the People Around the Corner, who bought all they needed up to the limit of their wages.

But when the hired servants returned, each set to their Master, they took back with them a goodly portion of Things they could not sell, because the producers of both sides had no more wages wherewith to buy. So they reported that trade was bad and there was a financial stringency.

Then goeth the Son of a Gun and calleth together all his People and saith unto them: "Behold, now, trade is bad; there is a financial stringency; the Great Public Around the Corner are not taking my Things. My servants report that my Things are too high priced for them to buy with their wages; but if the Things were cheaper they could buy more. It behooveth me, therefore, to cut down wages some until Times mend and the financial stringency be loosened."

Then all the People lifted up their voices and wept, and howled, and threatened they would be something awful before they would take the Reduction.

But the Son of a Gun mildly beamed on them over his spectacles, and gently reminded them that the Earth, the Factories and the Things were his, and that he held the Keys of Hell and Death in his hand. Whereat the people agreed to produce Things for less wages.

Then did his hired servants go forth with the Cheaper Things to the Great Public Around the Corner, and sold them nearly all, and returned with joy unto the Son of a Gun who rejoiced with a great chuckling greatly.

But when the hired servants of the Thief of the World came with Things to sell to the People, they were dismayed to find that the People could not buy as aforesaid, for after they had spent all their wages, and bought what they could, there was left a great Heap of Unbought Things the hired servants had to take back to their masters.

Then goeth the Thief of the World and calleth together the Great Public and saith unto them: "Behold, now, trade is very bad; there is a great financial stringency, and business depression. My servants report that they cannot sell these Things unless the price thereof be very much less. It is my painful duty, therefore, to announce a 25 per cent. reduction until the financial constipation be over."

Then the Great Public lifted up their voices and wept and vowed they would be something awful before they would stand it. But the Thief of the World beamed on them and gently told them he had the power to make them suffer hunger and thirst if they disobeyed. Whereupon they submitted.

Then did his hired servants go forth rejoicing, bearing cheaper Things to the People, who bought a little more than at the last time. And the Thief of the World, though he rejoiced that he had effected more sales, saw with alarm that his heap of Unsold Things was gradually increasing.

But when the hired servants of the Son of a Gun went again to sell, behold, the Great Public were so poor that the servants could sell but very few Things even at the Reduced Rates and as Great Bargains. And they returned with sorrow to the Son of a Gun and poured out their much sorrow and little cash at his feet.

Then goeth he again and calleth together his people and saith unto them: "Behold, the financial stringency increaseth; the market is glutted; it is hard to make sales; I must retrench expenses; I must not only reduce your wages, but I am going to run some of my simplest machinery with donkeys which will work for hay and thistles."

And the People wept sore, but saw no way of escape.

So the Son of a Gun did reduce their wages, and imported a number of donkeys who worked for hay and thistles

and displaced an equal number of men. Then saith the Son of a Gun to himself: "Now shall I be able to compete; now shall I save all these wages, and sell to the Great Public Around the Corner. Yea, I do not see why I should not so simplify my machinery as to get rid of all these high-wage-earning men and employ all beasts; then should I sell marvelously cheap, and my Things would be all profit."

Then he sent forth his hired servants with Marvelously Cheap Things, who sold quite a large lot to the Great Public Around the Corner, and returned to their Master in high glee. And the Son of a Gun had a light heart and slept well that night, for he had made large sales and good profits.

But when the Thief of the World's servants returned from their selling expedition to the People, they reported that times were very dull; that they who could buy could buy but little, that many were out of work and could not buy, and that their places had been filled with donkeys who eat only hay and thistles and didn't want Things.

Which made the Thief of the World shake in his shoes with the fear of bankruptcy; and he hastily called together the Great Public and explained that really, if he could not produce more cheaply he would have to assign, as the financial constipation was more stringent than ever, and in order to find a market for Things he was compelled to have Cheaper Labor to produce Things with.

So he discharged half of his men and got mules and donkeys that consumed but hay and thistles and didn't want wages.

And he sent his hired servants with Cheap Things to the People, who could buy but very few; so that the Thief of the World had to discharge more men and get more donkeys and mules, and, also, to shut up a lot of his Thing factories.

And the hired servants of the Son of a Gun when they went to sell Things to the Great Public Around the Corner found nobody but men out of work and hay-and-thistle-eating mules and donkeys who did not need Things.

So the Son of a Gun had to discharge more of his men and get simpler machinery and more donkeys, and to shut up a lot of his Thing factories.

But the Great Public Around the Corner had grown so poor that his hired servants had to reduce the little wages they had out of their pockets by selling at a Great Sacrifice.

And the Thief of the World did likewise with the People Around the Corner.

So the Son of a Gun became Bankrupt and the Thief of the World Starved; the People Starved, and the Great Public Around the Corner languished in idleness; the Thing factories were closed; even the mules and donkeys did not get hay and thistles; the Son of a Gun said the Crisis was all owing to Lack of Confidence, and the Thief of the World said it was all owing to the Gold Basis having got off its base; and all the People and the Great Public Around the Corner, and all the mules and donkeys stood staring at each other like Dampfools.

But one day they came by that way a dusty, careworn stranger with no marks of respectability upon him, and he, seeing their plight, said unto them: "Brethren, why starve ye here all day in the midst of plenty? Arise ye, abolish this loathing Son of a Gun and this Thief of the World who steal your produce and tie up your hands. Take your own. In one grand common ownership work ye the land and the factories; abolish the idlers and divide the product amongst the workers, each according to his needs. So shall there be enough for each, enough for all, enough for more."

And some jeered and said: "Thou speakest new, strange and unorthodox doctrines; get out!"

But some pondered his words in their hearts, and thought there might be a better method than the present one.

Socialists in England have held a conference at which the war in South Africa was denounced in unmeasured terms. Steps were taken to spread the propaganda all over the land of Bull.

# National Platform Socialist Party

Adopted at Indianapolis July 31, 1901.

The Socialist party, in National convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever increasing uncertainty of livelihood that characterizes the life of the working class, and it divides society in two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in a mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and school, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the protection of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage-workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, the League and the Public Ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the

collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition of Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts, and combines. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, to the improvement of the service and diminishing of the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and in old age; the funds for this purpose to be furnished by the government and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of eighteen years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movement as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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Local Seattle—Headquarters, 220 Union St.—Recording Secretary, G. H. Peters, 2002 Boren Ave., Treasurer, Joseph Gilbert, P. O. box 337, Organizer, A. G. Seibert, Librarian, C. Peters. Business meeting, first Friday evening in each month. Social meeting every Friday evening, 220 Union. Propaganda meeting every Sunday evening at 7:45, Germania hall.

LOCAL

Comrade Moore speaks this Sunday evening, and his talk will be live and interesting. Invite your friends.

The meetings in Germania hall Sunday evenings are almost invariably crowded. Much interest is manifested.

Comrades in nearby towns who would like to have a talk from Comrade Boomer ("Uncle Sam") can get him at any time by notifying this office. Actual expenses only.

The comrades should not forget the social gatherings every Friday evening at headquarters, 220 Union street. Bring your wives and sweethearts. Let them get acquainted and enjoy the music and dancing.

Some of those interested in the proposed dramatic club program at the following positions be assigned: Low and Irish comic, Comrade Lindvall; villain and tramp parts, Comrade Boomer; heavy leads and Scotch dialect, Comrade Peters.

General

The Advance of San Francisco has enlarged to 16 pages and shows much improvement otherwise.

Never were the Socialists more united. Even Oregon and Oklahoma, which did not participate in the convention, have now swung solidly into line for the Socialist party. There is going to be a surprise for the capitalists at the next election.

It now transpires that the reporter of the Indianapolis Sentinel, the fellow who so broadcast the lie that there was a split in the union convention and that Debs had been shamed, is a DeLano, S. L. File. The strangeness and wickedness of the lie is thus accounted for, including the barefaced one that Clemens of Kansas and a few others had bolted. No such thing occurred.

NOTES A-FIELD

Father T. McGrady, Kentucky, will deliver the principal address on the Day, Sept. 2, at Saginaw, Mich., for the Central Labor Union.

Trades unions are flocking by scores to the standard of the International, in spite of frantic anthems of labor fair and capitalist labor party.

Chicago Socialists have formed a co-operative association for the distribution of groceries, merchandise, etc., and one eighth of the proceeds will be turned into the campaign fund.

Prof. Emile Vinck, an eloquent orator of Belgium, is coming to this country next month to lecture in the interest of the Socialist party. Prof. Vinck, who speaks English, German and French fluently, will deliver addresses in the leading cities.

Tenorio Tarron and Labor Council voted almost unanimously to support, both morally and financially, the movement for Socialism in Canada. All over the Dominion the sentiment in favor of the formation of a clear-cut Socialist party is growing.

Socialists have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the results of their agitation. That the Socialist movement is becoming popular among the American people is a fact beyond a doubt. Only those who are active workers in the great cause of the working people can realize the change that is taking place in the minds of the proletariat.

When 21 little delinquents of Massachusetts held a "vitalist" convention, says the Cleveland Citizen, and solemnly declared that the Socialist Labor party man who joins a union is a traitor, or words to that effect, the scab New York Sun joyfully announced that "Socialists denounce the trades unions." The old truism that "birds of a feather flock together" is once more emphasized.

The Machinists' Journal for June quotes the resolutions introduced in Parliament by the Socialist, Ker Harlan, and says: "Perhaps when we send a machinist to represent us in Congress, we may get resolutions like the above, not only introduced, but passed. It may seem a long way off, but it is nearer today than it was yesterday, and if we only keep on educating ourselves it will be nearer still to-morrow."

The Seattle Socialist published a souvenir edition last week. Its many cartoons are illustrative of the principles enunciated by it. Every Socialist should get one. What the Socialist can't say about Socialism, his worth saying. Everything is forcible and to the point.—Independent, Vancouver, B. C.

Think of it! When one man 50 years old, who has worked all his life, is compelled to beg for a little money to bury his dead baby, and another man, who is 65 years old, never did anything useful in his life, but million dollars to enable his daughter to live in luxury and to enable her to marry a foreign aristocrat, do you see nothing amiss?—Social Democratic Herald.

CORRESPONDENCE

Must Have It. I've had the paper coming to me for a considerable time. In the first place I subscribed for ten weeks, if I forget the date with an intention of renewing. But now I like the Socialist and must have it. Hartford, Wash. D. McKinnon.

An taking more Socialist papers now than I have time to read, but believe it is the only way to keep up to date. I am looking towards keeping all true Socialist papers alive. Yours fraternally, Graniteville, Wash. G. E. Redmayne.

A Warm Meeting.

The series of meetings held about the first of the month at Lowell, Hartford and Everett were all warm ones, and successful, too, but the last one, held at Everett Saturday evening, Aug. 3, was the hottest of them all, and unsuccessful attempt being made by some of the smaller capitalist politicians an office holders to break up the meeting. Comrade MacClain was frequently annoyed and interrupted during his talk by a number of King Bill McKinley's slaves, with their heads soaked in whiskey and their heads destitute of brains. One of them, a deputy sheriff of the low republican type, bid at his best to create a riot, but the Socialists were out in strong numbers and with cool heads prevented any serious trouble. The result of the futile efforts of these benighted dupes of the Mark Hanna class to down Socialism only resulted in drawing a large crowd to the meeting. Comrade MacClain turned his arguments, with the result that many of his listeners were turned towards Socialism by his zeal and eloquence. The Socialists are thick in this part of the country and an effective organization is under way to unite our forces in strong propaganda work and have the working classes organized in one solid phalanx for the next campaign. A hall will be secured and an unceasing campaign will be inaugurated.

Well may the capitalist masters be alarmed and send their mental slaves around to break up Socialist meetings with profanity and abuse. The handwriting is on the wall. "They are weighed and found wanting."

As a son of Freedom, wake to glory; Mark! mark! what millions bid you rite. Everett, Wash. Chas. W. Seagriff.

A Capitalist Coward.

During July the Davenport (Wash.) Tribune made a vicious and lying editorial attack upon Comrade Herron, and having thus raised up a man of straw proceeds to give some cowardly blows at Socialism. This capitalist cowardly attack is couched in Comrade Strait of Davenport to answer in a letter which, strange (7) to say, the Tribune has failed to publish up to the present time. Comrade Strait's letter is as follows:

Editor Davenport Tribune: In your issue of July 23 there appeared an article in the column of "Timely Topics" quite prejudicial, and in fact malicious, concerning one George D. Herron, New York Editor, if you wish to know the precedent of a ghoulish press it is nothing to me, or for that matter it is nothing to any other admirer of George D. Herron. But if you will withdraw that same vile lie of a man of straw which you will undoubtedly present marked with your own "patent label" of Socialism, I will give you my name and the name of the journal in which I will publish an article on your behalf. Judging from your hyena-like attack on George D. Herron, a domestic affair I believe you, Mr. Editor, to be altogether too cowardly to discuss Socialism minus personalities. But if you really have the sand to open the columns of your paper for a controversy on Socialism please publish this letter, so that if you succeed in making an ass out of me the people of Davenport will know that I was the aggressor and richly deserved my fate. Very truly yours, for a true Socialism. Albert Strout, Davenport, Iowa, July 20, 1901.

Hurray for Unity!

Kindly change the address of my paper to Great Neck, L. I., N. Y. Hurray for Unity! Leonard D. Abbott.

'Rah for Everett.

Up to last night I had no permanent headquarters, but today we have secured a good hall which will host about 250 people, and of which we will have full control, and at which hall will be established Socialists headquarters. Last night was the best meeting we have had. After this we will have regular meetings every Sunday afternoon, so any comrade who happens this way will be welcome. Any speaker properly endorsed will also be welcomed. We are greatly encouraged at our prospects and in a couple of months we will have a strong local organization. Comrade MacClain is a workingman thinking as they never thought before. I am in the cause, John Graybill, Sec. Local Everett.

Report of Assistant Organizer.

I arrived at Colby at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. I had sent bills and letter a few days before, but found out arriving that they had not been received by Comrade Atkinson in time to be distributed for meeting Thursday evening as proposed. So I put in all day Friday morning making arrangements that a meeting would be held that evening. Owing to the limited time for notification I have had a very large turnout. However, I organized Local Colby and ten charter members. There are quite a number who will be in for the last two arrangements for another meeting Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2:30. CAMERON.

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