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POPULIST HOGWASH

Here is a sample of what Sladden gets printed in "The Oregonian," the ablest newspaper on the Pacific Coast. Pretty Stiff Stuff!

PORTLAND, April 9.—(To the Editor.)—I would ask space in "The Oregonian" to correct several errors as regards Socialists supporting the new legislation. The Socialists of Oregon are not supporting the new legislation and do not care a continental about it. At the state convention of the Socialist party a resolution was sent in indorsing Statement No. 1, a pledge by candidates to support for U. S. Senator the "people's choice" as expressed in the general vote, and it was rejected without a dissenting vote. A member of the Socialist party elected to office and voting for anyone except a Socialist would be violating the constitution of the party and would be branded as a traitor to the movement.

What we seek is to obtain that power which lies "behind all kings and parliaments, all governments and laws." Our present state platform declares that all "present laws are rules of order for the regulation of capitalist private property." Does that look like any "recent legislation"? You would leave at least to be inferred that the Socialists do not understand what is behind the "new legislation." It is a squabble in the ranks of the capitalists over a division of the loot and honors (?)

Doesn't care a Rap

A Socialist who knows what he is talking about will tell you point blank that he does not care a rap for your Statement No. 1 or initiative and referendum, your single tax or any of your thousand and one Hearst reforms or Populist hogwashes. He stands on the same principle as "The Oregonian," only on the other side of it.

He stands flat-footed on a class struggle; he is a rank partisan. He seeks to gain control by his class-wage workers—of all branches of government, legislative, judicial and executive and to make, interpret and execute his own laws in his own interests and to make you swallow them, like we have to, whether you like them or not.

Not crazy enough

Do you suppose we are crazy enough to know that we could not initiate any laws that were against the interests of that mob, who today are wallowing in their own filth in New York, so long as a Supreme Court composed of ex-corporation lawyers, one of whom the President recently said had sweetbread in place of brains, could set aside by a decision of 5 to 4 that law? Do you suppose that a Socialist would take an oath or pledge before his union "to support his class with all his power and ability" and would then go to a Legislature and vote to send a member of the Citizens' Alliance to the United States Senate? No! A Socialist will not take one oath or pledge to violate another oath or pledge.

Bughouse faddists

The Socialist movement is not that bunch of Hearst reformers, bughouse faddists and unfrocked ecclesiastics who would palm themselves off on an unsuspecting public as representative Socialists, but is the crystallization of working-class interests being brought about by present needs. And in the near future when the working class line up, as they must against a common enemy, as Mark Hanna predicted, they will have about as much use for initiatives and referendums and statements No. 1 or 2 or 6 as the devil has for holy water. The present-day statesmen, with their "recent legislation" will look like a basket of oysters holding a council of war on a moonlit beach.

Brains

Whether we have direct legislation, as in Switzerland, or a representative form, as in the United States, is of no moment. If we, as a wage-working class, have not brains enough to

gain control of this Government by putting our own representatives in office, we have not got brains enough to get control any other way and do not deserve control.

In a very few words

The whole Socialist position can be set down in a very few words. It is for the wage-working class to gain possession through the ballot which they possess, with a solid political and trades union movement behind them, of the Government, and to make, interpret and execute the laws in their own interests. Whether beefsteaks will be broiled on a hot brick or on a charcoal fire, whether lean people will be fed as much as fat ones, whether a dog-catcher will be paid more than a President, whether the lawyers editors or preachers will do the dirty work under Socialism, and the many other great questions which agitate the minds of present day statesmen, orators and oracles, can well be left to be decided by the good sense and judgment of those on whom in future days will have been placed the duty to decide. Whether "The Oregonian" will be "benevolently assimilated" in the near future or not, I do not care to predict, but the working class has

HITTING THE HIGH PLACES

By Abe Herschlin.

He who imagines that the agriculturists, in the main, are not clearly grounded in the modern proletarian movement, and thus threaten to become an incubus at the needed moment, has but to take a brake-beam excursion to the home of "Rube" and get his information at first hand. The result for the cynic will be refreshing for its speedy dispelling of gloomy forebodings.

"Si" is a Socialist in that word's best implication, and is well worthy of every consideration at the hands of the assumed superior revolutionist. The reason is not far to seek: the agrarian is continually up against it; at the mercy of the railroads, the banker, commission merchant and machine maker. This quartet of Shylocks trim him to a fare-you-well, and the consequent viewpoint of the farmer is radical if not revolutionary, and anything or anybody that can prescribe a release from The Screws is given an earnest attention. And when the Socialist advocate insists that the day for the supremacy of the soil's tiller is dead and done he offers no objection. Neither does he resent the argument that the future administration of affairs must rest upon the shoulders of the working class—the wage proletariat. For the husbandman has studied and digested Socialism and our analysis of Capitalism and repudiates none of the apparently hostile and anti-small-proprietary-interest findings of the Socialist.

All the foregoing conclusions are drawn from a five weeks' trip among the water tanks and alfalfa. Personal contact with the granger in all his Capitalist ingloriousness clinches the conviction that the rural brother will not be found lagging at the crucial test.

Even though he swears by the popular elementary publications of the movement he has advanced surprisingly in Scientific Socialism as outlined by our accepted scholars. To those who are just beginning to loosen up their mental cobwebs must be paid the tribute of generous appreciation and almost entire agreement with our position.

The farmer is absolved from criticism. But too long have the state offices neglected the ruralite. Oregon, Washington and California are eager and rotten-ripe for regular weekly and even bi-weekly meetings. Speakers on the road will do well to note this: If hall meetings are not available, get onto the street. Confound priggishness and inflated cranialism. A larger and more diversified audience will engage your efforts. A hall address as a rule is delivered to the already avowed. It's the fellow on the boulevard we're after, now. Thus, formal advertising can be dispensed with. Literature sales will exceed those of the hall and the collection to

less to fear from an open enemy than from one who would "bring them into the city under promises of freedom and turn them over as spoils of war."

Gallery of Rogues

Every Socialist knows, or should know, that of all the rabble whose ill-vised mugs adorn nearly every telegraph post, barn and newspaper page in the country, not one would vote for the people's choice for United States Senator if that choice was a Socialist, except it were from pure cowardice or a personal desire to retain his position in that gallery of rogues which will assemble at Salem in the near future.

When the Socialists are strong enough to send their representatives in Oregon to the "Executive Committee-room of the Consolidated Trusts, Ltd.," they will be strong enough to have representatives in the Legislature of Oregon to send them there. And when they do go there it will be house-cleaning time in Washington, and about the best thing they could do would be to close that intellectual house of assignation for all time. THOMAS SLADDEN.

Gallery of Rogues

defray expenses will parallel that of the indoor assemblage.

I was compelled by the pressure of San Francisco engagements to pass up much fertile territory, but will accept it all when I take to the tall and uncut in a few days. The interior even at this dull period is worth the best endeavors of the wild-eyed and sinister-mug agitator. That description fits me, clarifies the atmosphere and at last catalogues me in deserving proportions.

Without indulging in self-adulation, it is gratifying to say that "yours for oars" has favorably impressed the pastoral denizens and is invited to give the second edition on his return. So much for having something worth talking about.

I regret that Burgess stole a march on your uncle by being serenaded with defunct barnyard horticulture. I at least expected the strong-arm man to call me, but—nothing doing. Can it be that this financial constipation has sucked all the cussedness out of the bucolic dissenter? Still, like the cockney, "I bloody well live in 'opes," and ere long may "get mine," a consumption devoutly to be wished by "our frinds th' inimy."

WHAT SHALL OUR PLATFORM BE?

That is one big debatable question. Two courses are open. We can make a vote-catching platform to allure as many as possible of our "natural allies" who want the trusts busted and railroad rates reduced so as to make small individual production or the petty exploitation of a few wage-workers more profitable than now. Perhaps such a platform would increase our vote faster than any other we could adopt. But the new voters who would thereby be attracted would be a source of weakness. If by chance we were to elect the officers of a state with such allies our party would be disrupted at the first practical test. The other way is to adopt a platform which will put on record our interpretation of the way in which the evolution of industry is urging on the development of society. The platform drafted by Comrade Hillquit, while it may require slight amendments, performs this task admirably. Industry is rapidly evolving to the point where the final grapple between laborer and capitalist is near. We can do little to hasten or delay this; what we can do is to think, talk and write clearly, and organize the workers who know what they want into a machine for getting it.—Chas. H. Kerr, as Editor of Int. Soc. Rev. for April.

A few copies of John M. Work's "What's So and What Isn't" about Socialism, regular price 15 cents; to close out, 10 cents each. A popular reply to popular objections to Socialism. The sun had risen just the same.

The Sun Rose Just the Same

The following letter explains the appearance of the following story by Ernest Poole, one of the best known of "magazine writers."—Ed.

88 Grove Street, New York, April 11th, 1908.

Editor of "The Seattle Socialist," Seattle, Washington.

Dear Comrade: A group of magazine writers here in New York, some party members and some near-Socialists, are getting together in a weekly club for the purpose of sending a short sketch or story two or three times a week, free of charge, to the following Socialist papers: Chicago "Daily Socialist," "The Appeal to Reason," "The Social Democratic Herald," "The New York Daily Call," "The Seattle Socialist," Los Angeles "Common Sense," Oakland "World" and "Montana News." As you see, in this list there are only two daily papers, and Comrade Simons has already written me that the Chicago Daily will publish our material in their Friday issue, so that it will appear about simultaneously with the weeklies.

I am sending you this short fable of mine as a sample. I shall try to send you one story a week from now on. Fraternally,

ERNEST POOLE.

THE SUN ROSE JUST THE SAME. (A True Legend.)

By Ernest Poole.

A certain Indian tribe in the desert had been ruled for a thousand years by a conservative family of chiefs.

This family had absolute power. Whenever they wanted the tents or the horses, the knives or the wives of the other Indians, they took them. And the whole tribe thought this was lawful and just. Whenever they hated a man they killed him. And the whole tribe thought this was lawful and just.

For this was the custom. In a thousand years these conservative chiefs had woven such a network of customs, beliefs, traditions and laws, that now the whole tribe believed this network was the very frame of society. They never stopped to think how these customs had begun or for whose interests they had been started. That was all lost in the dim haze of the Past. If any wise Indian said "Brothers, we can get along better without these chiefs who only take our things or our lives," at once he was executed as a dangerous red-hot radical. And the whole tribe thought this was lawful and just. They thought they could not possibly live without their chiefs.

The chiefs even thought so themselves. Like all conservatives, they held the fat places in life, and so to them the whole system seemed good and wise and eternal. For a thousand years they had kept telling each other that the world could not possibly go on without them. You can learn to believe anything in a thousand years.

The chiefs had even grown to believe that the sun could not rise without their kind permission. For centuries the head chief had climbed before daylight to the top of a rocky butte that towered high in the desert, and as the horizon began to glow with rosy light he had waved his blanket haughtily, and had cried to the sun "Rise!" And the sun had risen. The people had never seen the sun rise without the chief's permission, and so they firmly believed that without the chief the world must lie forever in dreadful darkness.

It was a strange, impressive scene. The vast grey billowy desert, the black horizon and the glow of light, the tiny black speck of a chief high up on the rocky cliff, and the five hundred ignorant Indians, kneeling reverently—not to the sun, but to the tiny black speck. Such is the power of custom.

But one morning the chief slipped in climbing the cliff, and broke his leg and lay groaning on the rocks. His people were too far off to hear his groans. They knelt reverently watching the top of the cliff, but no black speck appeared. Over in the east the light grew slowly brighter. In terror the Indians looked now at the growing light and now at the top of the cliff. Their chief was lost! The sun could not rise! The world must lie forever in darkness!

But suddenly—one by one—they rose and stood staring at the east. In their eyes the look of fear and reverence was suddenly changed to bewilderment. And then a mighty shout of joy rang out in the stillness!

For over the black horizon the great round radiant ball flashed its light out round the desert.

The sun had risen just the same.

Police Disperse Crowd

Spokane, Wash., April 13, 1908.

Editor "The Socialist:" The police dispersed a crowd of between three and four thousand people that had assembled to hear me last night. A platoon of police made a rush, and the crowd stampeded.

I could not learn that any one was seriously hurt, but it was almost miraculous that some one was not seriously injured, for there was a wild rush to avoid the clubs in the hands of the policemen.

"Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." The capitalists surely are mad. The brutality of their police is doing a work for us that we could not do for ourselves. I had been trying to impress upon my audience the fact that the police are but an instrument of oppression in the hands of the ruling class. Few of the audience were greatly impressed with my words, but when the police came forth and furnished confirmation, no one could doubt.

I shall make another attempt tonight to test the constitutionality of the Constitution. I suspect the policeman's club is far stronger than the Constitution when the interests of the workingman are at stake. The Constitution is strong as the Rock of Gibraltar when it is needed to protect the interests of the owning class.

Some of the people do not believe this, but the police will prove the correctness of this assertion if we will continue to herald the truths of Socialism. Our masters and their tools are very kind to us. They seem eager to furnish proof of the truth of our contentions.

Events succeed one another with amazing rapidity, and we may expect almost any sort of outrage to follow at any moment. D. BURGESS.

Specify, Not Generalize

No doubt every member of the Socialist Party has received one of the Individual Membership Record Forms upon which, among other questions is this one:

"What factor was chiefly instrumental in your conversion to Socialism? (State in detail whether reading of Socialist literature, attending Socialist meetings, or private discussion with friends. If literature, state what books, leaflets or periodicals influenced you most. If meetings, state whether platform lectures or open air meetings.)"

Presumptively, the intention of this question is to ascertain the value of the various forms and methods of propaganda and thus enable the N. E. C. to follow out more vigorously that particular form and method which will produce the best results for the Socialist party.

If this is the aim, the form of the question is most unfortunate, for it certainly can only result in further confusion.

In the first place, what is a Socialist? Does the N. E. C. want to know when I became a Christian Socialist, a colony Socialist, a political Socialist, or a Marxian Socialist? Did I become a Socialist when the A. R. U. strike caused me to accept government ownership of railways as a line of action and avow myself as a sort of government-ownership, christian Socialist? or when I entered Burley colony as a colony Socialist? or when I became a member of the Socialist party as a political Socialist with Middle Class Ideas? or when after debate, private and otherwise, and a study of Marx, I became a Marxian Socialist?

A recruit may consider himself a soldier, but to an old soldier he is just a "rookie." The mere enlistment did not make a soldier of him. He may never be a soldier although he wear the uniform for years.

Let the question be stated in such a way that the individuality of the one who answers will not so cloud the answer as to eliminate its value as a point of exact information. If one has a yard stick and a real desire to know the actual distance between two fence posts, he uses the yard stick and not his neighbor's eye. U. G. MOORE.

"The Terrible Truth About Marriage" is still on hand. It is now selling for 10 cents per cop, postage paid. In quantities the price is 50 for \$3.00, 100 for \$6.00.

A MIDNIGHT LARK

It was, as the headlines said, a midnight lark ending in a tragedy.

The women belonged to the Working Class, "under-paid wage-slaves" in the language of our orators, and the men had plenty of money to spend.

These cold blooded lines in "The Star" are full of import. There is an inference inevitable.

Midnight larks in automobiles of middle-aged men with young women are not so unusual as to cause remark. Midnight automobile parties are all but always composed of middle aged men, often fat necked and red faced, and young women of the Working Class, usually pretty and chic. You may see them on the road to Georgetown, on the road to West Seattle, on Second Avenue, flying like the wind.

It is fine sport, to ride in an automobile flying like the wind. Every now and then it brings death to a non-participant, a pedestrian run down, or a child playing in the street—it has happened frequently in Seattle in the last few months—but it is fine sport, this flying like the wind, and automobile parties are numerous and increasing.

But when young women of our class go automobile riding with middle aged men with plenty of money to spend, there is an inference inevitable.

When this automobile dashed over the side of the Spokane street bridge, the women were hurled to the hospital, and the men gave fictitious names, because there is an inference inevitable.

"The Star" printed prominently the names of these young women who

met with an accident in a midnight lark with middle aged men. From "The Star's" view point, it is but right that these young men should be punished by notoriety.

"The Star" said that these young women were employed in a "local dry goods store." Their employers, who pay these young women a wage barely, if even barely, sufficient to maintain life, leaving their recreation to be paid for by middle aged men with plenty of money to spend, were carefully protected from publicity. Probably, to "The Star" it is incomprehensible that these employers had any responsibility in the matter.

It is passing strange that many working girls are good, yet most of them are. But every working girl knows just what she pays for being good. Elaborate suppers at fashionable cafes, theatre parties, midnight larks in automobiles are not, usually, given wholly free by middle aged men with plenty of money.

And so long as there are middle aged men with plenty of money to spend and working girls earning the barest pittance, midnight larks like these will carry with them an inference inevitable. True, some working girls who go to midnight larks, to elaborate suppers and to theatre parties, will disappoint middle aged men with a decisive "No!" but they know that means no more midnight larks in automobiles, no more elaborate suppers, no more theatre parties.

Perhaps, sometime, and we hope soon, the Socialist Party will convince the Working Class that capitalism is, among other things, a vast conspiracy against the chastity of our women.

ARTHUR B. CALLAHAM.

Public Ownership As an Issue

By Chas. H. Kerr, in "International Socialist Review" for April.

Mr. Kelly, lawyer and diplomat, says: "No issue will constitute a more direct step toward Socialism than public ownership; for public ownership means an eight hour day for the employe, the elimination of trusts for the tradesman, and low rates for the farmer."

Let us pass lightly over the eight hour clause. It is doubtless true that the sight of an increasing number of government employes working eight hours would intensify the discontent of the laborers who still have to work ten. But the government employes would no longer have to fight for their eight hour day, and might neglect to help the outside laborers who could not get it without fighting. And suppose the capitalist should decide to give all laborers an eight hour day, would that show that the end of capitalism was near? And if so, why? But the other two clauses of the "direct step," the tradesman clause and the farmer clause, are something more than doubtful. If we could "eliminate the trusts" for the tradesman (which we can't) he would cease to be a virtual wage worker for the big capitalist with only "profits" enough to live on, and would be on the road to becoming a capitalist himself, destined to become a magnate and to be "eliminated" by the powerful reformers of the next generation. And if we were to give the farmer "low rates" on his freight and the things he buys (and of course "high rates" on what he sells), would he not thereupon become a staunch conservative? Where does the proletarian come in, all this while? He has pulled the chestnuts out of the fire for his "natural allies," and he is still hungry. If the big capitalists were really as united and class-conscious and far-seeing as we used to imagine them to be when we were populists, they might reasonably come out for a large measure of "public ownership" themselves. Judicious concessions along this line might conceivably prolong capitalism fifty or a hundred years. But things don't happen in that way. The people who make history are not far-sighted theorists; they simply act as their environment makes them act.

Hustle! Send in your subscription. For Socialists. "The Socialist."

THE BROWN-SMITH DEBATE.

Egan hall was packed last Sunday night. The occasion was the debate between E. J. Brown and Winfield Scott Smith on the proposition, "Resolved, That Socialism is a religious question."

Mr. Smith, who scorns the title of "Rev.," is pastor of what he calls the "Church of Rational Religion." It developed from his discourse that anything which is good is a part of his

religion; therefore, Socialism being a good thing, is a part of his religion. Rational Religion, his Socialist hearers were led to think, is about as much a religion as material monism, only Rational Religion bears, of course, less relation to science.

A laugh of irrepressible merriment greeted his quoting the "Saturday Evening Tribune," a Seattle publication which is owned by a Democrat. Dr. Brown very ably defended and maintained the scientific position of the Revolutionary Socialists.

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An Invitation

The Socialist Party is an organization of that portion of the working class which realizes that government is now administered by capitalist parties for the benefit of capitalists as a class. The Socialist Party is a political organization having for its aim the betterment of conditions for the working class, and for its ultimate purpose the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution—the means of life.

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LOGIC

By Tom Sladden

In commenting upon a recent motion in the National Committee the representative from Maryland saw fit to bring into his comment among other things the statement, "don't hit them in the head, it will do no good; they haven't any brains, etc." And again he says, "If I am wrong in my premise Logic will bring it out."

Well, we will try this and see if he calls it logic.

In Washington and Oregon, in which are "skunks," disruptors and numerous other animals as yet unclassified by the gentlemanment, or at least a movement of a large number of animals that walk on two legs, have an articulate language and stir up considerable trouble for capitalists and those with capitalist minds both inside and outside of the movement.

In 1904 two representatives were in the convention representing the District of Columbia and Maryland. In that same convention there were 2 from Washington and 1 from Oregon. At this convention there will be 8 from Washington, 5 from Oregon and the same old two from Maryland. And for further information of the gentleman from Maryland I can tell him and he can verify it by the National Secretary, that had I sent in the money that I sent in immediately after the time limit, we would have been entitled to 6, but so as to have the apportionment as fair as I could and not to sneak in a delegate that did not belong there, I held back the money for dues and telegraphed for stamps afterward. That is the way "skunks" do.

The well. Johnnie had sense enough to tell the teacher to give him fifteen minutes more and he would figure the frog into hell. Well, here is a conundrum. If it takes four years for a state like Maryland to get 250 members in the Socialist movement, how long would it take a bunch of those "conservative" intellectuals to construct a co-operative commonwealth?

I hope that all men and women in the great movement for humanity will show by their calm and dignified demeanor while perusing this article that they have arisen above the dead level of mediocrity and have ascended into ethereal realms of ecstasy and philosophic imperturbability where none of the frothings and vituperations of the unwashed will be able to disturb them in their great work for the glory of mankind and the rescuing of human aspirations from the bread and butter question.

SLADDEN.

Out of the same monthly bulletin for March we will get a little logic. Paid in by Washington\$61.85 Paid in by Oregon\$1.50 Paid in by Maryland12.50

The amount paid by Washington in the months of December, January and February was \$222.40, by Oregon \$136.00 and by Maryland \$37.50. During the months of December, January and February I was in jail the biggest part of the time for refusing to let the capitalist mayor of Seattle bluff me and the work of the office at Portland was neglected somewhat through the temporary secretary not having had experience in the office, or Oregon would have shown better than it does now.

In the last census Maryland had a population of 1,188,044, Washington had 518,000 and Oregon 413,000 and today there is little question but what in the City of Baltimore, an industrial center that should show a great Socialist movement, there are more inhabitants than in the entire state of either Washington or Oregon.

The population of the United States is given in the last census as 76,330,000. The state of Washington according to figures from the National Secretary has one dues paying member for every 350 inhabitants, Oregon one for every 455 and Maryland one for every 4472 inhabitants; later figures would give Oregon a showing of one for every four hundred inhabitants, but we will take the National Secretary's figures for the Months of December, January and February and let it go at that. If the entire United States kept up to the Washington ratio we would have in the National movement 218,000 members, the Oregon ration 167,000 member and the Maryland ration 15,000 members. Is this logic, you lobster?

Take the bulletin and the census and figure it out yourself and make me out a liar if I am, or go back and sit down.

You got the brains and Constructive Socialists; we are skunks and Disruptivists.

On the door of the Socialist Headquarters in Portland is the sign, "Headquarters for Undesirable Citizens." On the door in Baltimore is the sign "Economic Study Club." One speaker while in Baltimore insisted on calling it the Comical Study Club, but for fear of getting him branded as a "skunk" I will not tell who he is.

Another speaker in writing back to Portland after having seen a picture of the decorations on the window of Portland headquarters made this statement: "If they would dare to do such a thing here they would swear that the revolution was on."

Our heads out here may be empty but the gentleman from Maryland has a head full of dry barn yard dust, if he went out in the rain he knows what it would be.

If I could not take a couple of hobo organizers and go into Baltimore and in three months get more members in that city alone than is today in the entire state of Maryland I would quit the movement and give some non-constructive Socialist a chance. And I would not go to using the National Bulletin to tell what a great amount of brains I possessed and how full of reason and logic I was. A careful perusal of these figures should convince a great many people that you are full of prunes.

You have all heard the story of the frog in the well jumping up two feet and falling back three and how long it would take the frog to jump out of

Farmers Restless

Spokane, Wash., April 12, 1908.

Editor "The Socialist": In all parts of this state I find the farmers in a rebellious state of mind. They are restless, discontented, almost hopeless. This statement may come to some of your readers as a surprise, for we have been assured that the farmers are prosperous, but the fact remains that many of them are in a rebellious mood.

This does not mean that they are revolutionary, for men may be rebellious without being revolutionary, but to be rebellious is to be in a state of mind that is easily approached by the Socialist teachings. We ought to make revolutionists out of rebellious farmers. It is our duty to do so, and I suggest that we have no time to lose, for events are moving at a speed never before attained, and we must act with promptness, if we would achieve results commensurate with present opportunities.

I do not favor organizing the farmers into Socialist locals until they have a good understanding of Socialism, but I believe that we ought to form auxiliary clubs for the study of Socialism by the farmers. Undoubtedly we should remain in close touch with these clubs, furnishing them speakers and selling them Socialist literature of the kind suitable for use by such people.

I feel quite sure that by a little effort we ought to be able to establish a number of these clubs at once, and as we gain experience we shall be able to reach most of the more rebellious farmers.

It occurs to me that we ought to get into communication with the State Grange with a view of placing our literature in every Grange in the state.

These suggestions are made in the hope that they may lead to something definite and practical, and I have a hope that the comrades will see the importance of speedy action.

D. BURGESS.

A few copies of John M. Work's "What's So and What Isn't" about Socialism, regular price 15 cents; to close out, 10 cents each. A popular reply to popular objections to Socialism.

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Work begins on the juvenile paper, to be known as "The Boy Socialist," with a girls' column, this week, and they hope to have their first issue out by the 3rd of May. Comrade A. B. Callahan has given the boys the use of a small press for their own special manipulation. All communications should be sent to the editor, Harold Ault, Station G, Seattle.

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THE WOMAN

We will be more than glad to hear from any interested in the woman question and having items of interest to women.

We will also be glad to have questions asked and answered through this column. Address all communications to Mrs. Beulah Hyde, 855 East Sixty-seventh street, Seattle.

At the meeting of the Woman's Socialist Educational Club, held April 8th, it was decided to endorse the action of the Socialist Woman's Union of Los Angeles in presenting resolutions to the city council of Seattle concerning the demonstration attendant upon the coming of the naval fleet. The following are the resolutions endorsed:

"Whereas, Our national government has seen fit to send the naval fleet to our coast, we protest against this being made the occasion of arousing through the press a war spirit in our people.

"We protest also against the call to the citizens of this city for any sum of money to fetter the naval officers and men. Especially do we protest against the appropriation of any sum of public money for this purpose.

"Such use of the people's money is illegal and should meet with public disapproval at any time. But at present, and in view of the fact that so many people are unemployed and without the necessities of life, it is a wicked extravagance.

"At the present stage of our civilization we have come to a time when the best thought of the world demands peace. In our reckless vaunting of military glory we are losing an opportunity to show the sincerity of our boasted Christian civilization. Were we true to our ideals we would be leading the nations of the world in a demand for the universal peace for which we so loudly contended in the recent peace conference at The Hague.

Mrs. De Voe, president of the Washington Equal Suffrage Association, spoke to the members and friends of the Woman's Socialist Educational Club on Saturday night, April 11th.

Mrs. De Voe is a very able and entertaining speaker, and her talk was enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of hearing her. Many of those present joined the Equal Suffrage Association of Seattle.

There is a movement on foot, having its inception in the Woman's Socialist Educational Club, to start a gymnasium for the boys and girls in the Young People's Socialist League. Those having it in hand realize that in order to get the best results with the young people they should feel that the Socialist movement is theirs not only in a far-off way, but in that it stands ready to join in all wholesome physical occupations that are so vital to boy and girl development. May this work for and with the young Socialists receive the encouragement and support, both moral and substantial, of every one interested in this coming generation.

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Propaganda meetings every Sunday at Egan Hall, 8 p. m.

Executive committee meets at headquarters Tuesday, 8 p. m.

Women's Educational Club meets every Wednesday evening at room 49 Holyoke Building, Entrance at Rear of Frederick & Nelson's, on Spring St.

Polish Propaganda Club meets the first and third Sunday afternoons in each month at Socialist Headquarters.

Scandinavian Propaganda Club meets every Tuesday evening at Local Headquarters.

COMING EVENTS.

The Executive Committee has arranged for the following dates for propaganda meetings:
 Special program in charge of Mrs. Titus, April 26.
 Symposium, delegates to National Convention, May 3.
 E. T. Kingsley, May 10.
 Special program, May 17.

EMIL HERMAN TO SPEAK.
 Emil Herman, a member of the National Committee of the Socialist party, will speak at Egan hall tomorrow (Sunday) night. Herman is the man who began the fight for free speech in Seattle two years ago, and was one of the most popular speakers in the Socialist Party, and the announcement that he is to speak is usually sufficient. His subject is: "Has a Working Man Brains?"

Only sixty out of the 102 members of Local Seattle are paid up to March 1. What about your dues?

WARD MEETINGS.
 The First ward Socialist Party voters will meet in Dr. Brown's office in the Union block Monday night, and the Second ward in the same place on Wednesday night. The purpose of these meetings is to put the party on a practical political footing, and every man in these wards who votes the Socialist Party ticket should turn out.

A PLAN FOR PARTY OWNERSHIP.
 The following was offered at the last meeting of Local Seattle:
 "It is believed that the remaining four thousand shares of the Trustee Printing Company, owners of the Socialist, can be bought by the locals of the states of Washington and Oregon by making an aggregate payment of \$200 per month.
 "If every one of the locals in the two states will take at least twenty shares, paying for them at the rate of five cents per share per month for twenty months—a total of only \$1 per month for twenty months, there is no doubt that some locals would take more than twenty shares, so that there would be no difficulty about the sale of the entire 4,000. These favorable terms are on condition that the entire number are taken by locals.
 "Of the 6,000 shares already sold, 1,500 are owned by Mrs. White, 1,000 by Dr. Titus and 1,000 by Erwin B. Ault, and 3,500 by other individual party members and by locals.
 "If the state secretaries, with the endorsement of the state executive committee, should address a letter to each member of the party who holds stock, asking if, in the event of the locals throughout the two states took up the entire number of the unsold shares, they would be willing to donate their shares either to one of the state organizations or to some local, there is no doubt that almost all of them would readily consent.
 "When a sufficient number of these shares have been pledged by individual holders to secure, with the four thousand unsold shares, the control of the corporation, a letter sent to each of the locals by the state secretary, with the endorsement of the state executive committee, asking that each of them subscribe for at least twenty shares to be owned by and to be held by a holding corporation to be composed of the locals as share holders, there can be little doubt, we think, that the necessary shares will be taken by the locals.
 "This would not only place 'The Socialist' under the ownership and control of the party, but would make it the strongest paper in the movement. Its income now pays its expenses, and the \$200 a month so received could be used to purchase new machinery and to extend the circulation.
 "We hope that the state executive committee will take the matter up at once, and that long before the next state convention meets 'The Socialist' will be owned and controlled by the party."
 On motion, the matter was laid over for one week, and the secretary requested to notify all the members.

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STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
 State Headquarters, Tacoma, April 12th.
 Regular meeting convened at headquarters at 9:30 a. m. with John Downie in chair and T. F. Burns, C. E. Johnson and J. E. Sinclair present. Minutes of previous meeting were corrected to include Anton Koeliger, Geo. Vogler, Reynold Klitzke and H. B. Peterson in list of 33 accepted M. A. L. Approved as corrected.
 Applications for membership at large were accepted from the following nine comrades: Fred Hoff, Deming; Joseph Zeltz, Coupeville; Nola Sorensen, Sumner; W. Forester, Redmond; Frank J. Boyle, Bellevue; Ralph Myers, Arlington; Andrew Anderson, Big Lake; Chas. Hammer, Mountborno; and Orin Clark, Big Lake.
 Applications for charter were received and granted as follows: Bay View, Secretary Ben Johnson; Clippert, Secretary J. B. Strausbaugh; Chewelah, Secretary Geo. Bevelid; McMurray, Secretary Th. Fotheringham and Loom Lake, Secretary Jack Smith.
 Communications received, read and disposed of as follows: From Local Yelm and Burnett, informing committee that both these locals had endorsed resolutions adopted by Local Spokane and Marble Mount, was ordered filed. From Los Angeles, California, informing committee that G. P. Bartel, who some months ago had acted as an organizer for Walter Thomas Mills and had used his efforts to disrupt the Socialist organization in this state, is a member of Branch Los Angeles. The state secretary was instructed to file charges against said G. P. Bartel with Branch Los Angeles.
 From Mrs. Hattie W. Titus of Seattle, offering her services to the state committee as a lecturer under the auspices of the state committee. Services were accepted and state secretary instructed to inform Mrs. Titus of acceptance, and to route her whenever practicable under general rules governing lecturers. (\$4.00 per day and railroad fare to be retained from collection, state committee not to be responsible for any deficit.)
 A resolution from Local Granite Falls protesting against the sending of a full delegation to the National Convention and contending that only two delegates be sent. State Secretary was instructed to inform the local that a state representation to the National Convention is governed by provision of the national constitution and that the state committee has no jurisdiction in the matter other than strictly comply with said constitution.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES.
 State Headquarters, Socialist Party of Washington, Tacoma, April 12th, 1908.
 To the State Committee and Local Secretaries:
 Comrades: Hereby is submitted a report on the representation to which each local and the members at large are entitled in the state convention, to be held in the city of Seattle in July, 1908, in accordance with provisions of the amended state constitution:

State Constitution, Article V, Sec. 2.
 Representation for delegates to the state convention shall be based on the average number of members in the local who have paid dues for the months of January, February and March prior to the convention, the standing of the local to be based on report of the state secretary.
 State Constitution, Article V, Sec. 11.
 Members at large shall have voice and vote in conventions of the party on the same basis of representation as provided for locals.

The following columns give name of Local, amount paid, average membership and number of delegates.

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Aberdeen, No. 2.....	14.00	66	7
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Delphi, org. Feb.....	21	2
Everett.....	21.00	46	5
Granite Falls.....	13.50	30	3
Hoquiam, No. 1.....	7.44	34	3
Hoquiam, No. 2.....	18	2
Northport.....	10.50	23	2
Porter.....	7.65	17	2
Roslyn, No. 1.....	4.41	21	2
Roslyn, No. 2.....	21	2
Ronald.....	18	2
Seattle, No. 1.....	28.20	62	6
Seattle, No. 2.....	16.10	76	8
Spokane, No. 1.....	36.00	80	8
Spokane, No. 2.....	4.41	21	2
South Bend.....	9.90	20	2
Tacoma.....	28.00	63	6
Tiger.....	9.90	22	2
Vancouver.....	12.90	28	3
Wilkeson, No. 1.....	9.90	22	2
Wilkeson, No. 2.....	7.40	20	2
Winlock, No. 1.....	7.40	20	2
Winlock, No. 2.....	17	2
Members at large.....	97.75	131	13

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Local Edmonds did not pay dues during January, February and March, paid dues for period named on April 2d, is therefore excluded from list and, is under the rules governing apportionment, not entitled to representation.

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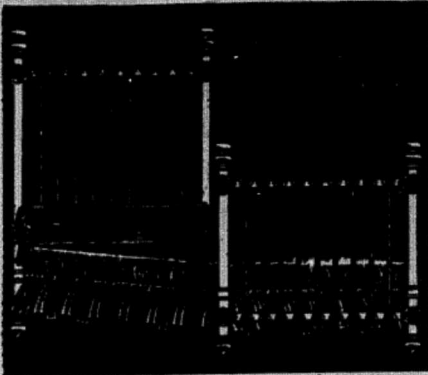
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a final settlement of their accounts for special assessment stamps has been extended to April 30th, and then returning all unused stamps. However, all money on hand for special assessment at present must be sent to the state secretary at once. An extra effort should be made to dispose of stamps remaining in their possession.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES.
 State Headquarters, Socialist Party of Washington, Tacoma, April 12th, 1908.
 To the State Committee and Local Secretaries:
 Comrades: Hereby is submitted a report on the representation to which each local and the members at large are entitled in the state convention, to be held in the city of Seattle in July, 1908, in accordance with provisions of the amended state constitution:

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MARX IN HISTORY

Three weeks ago "The Socialist" announced a translation of Karl Kautsky's latest pamphlet, entitled "The Historical Achievement of Karl Marx," not naming the translator.

At the same time, Ernest Untermann, who is now living in Idaho, was invited to translate the work. He is engaged in publishing his translation of the third volume of Marx' "Capital," and is best fitted for such work. Untermann's reply to our invitation is printed herewith. It makes interesting reading. Kautsky will probably have something to say, as well as Plechanoff, on the subjects Untermann discusses so vigorously.

Whether or not the Elder Dietzgen is entitled to all the distinction claimed for him by his son Eugene, and his son's friend, Untermann, is not so important as that American Socialists should learn what both Marx and Dietzgen and all scientific Socialists as well, have established as Social facts and Social laws. "The Socialist" aims to give to readers such knowledge as will guide them through the fogs of economic ignorance which prevail over the American Proletariat. Kautsky's pamphlet and Untermann's translation of it and the resultant discussions are welcomed as means to this end. The first installment of Kautsky will appear next week.

Untermann On Kautsky

April 9th, 1908.

Dear Titus:
I enclose the first instalment of the desired translation of Kautsky's "The Historical Achievement of Karl Marx." In this connection I deem it wise to make you acquainted with a few facts of Socialist history in the making, which have a very intimate bearing upon the questions discussed by Kautsky in this pamphlet.

In the first place, I do not know whether you have Kautsky's permission for this translation. If you have not, I presume you will ask for it. There is no doubt, of course, that this permission will be given. Neither do I doubt that Kautsky will agree to my being his translator, not because it is I, but rather in spite of it. This will sound like a riddle to you, and to a good many other comrades. So it will be well for me to explain it and forestall all misunderstandings.

To this end I would request that you publish this letter with the first instalment of my translation of Kautsky's pamphlet. For I want it understood that I do not identify myself with Kautsky in all points, even if I translate his pamphlet, but that I translate it, first, because you have invited me to do so, and in the second place, because I want the American comrades to become thoroughly familiar with Kautsky's works, in order that they may better understand the points in which others, I among them, differ from him.

Marx and Dietzgen

Since 1904 a disagreement has developed between Kautsky and his intimates in Europe and America on one side, and Eugene Dietzgen and myself on the other, about the scope of the historical achievement of Marx, Engels and Josef Dietzgen. Kautsky and his friends claim, as he does again in this pamphlet, that Marx has completely unified natural science, historical science and philosophy, driven metaphysical dualism from its last hiding place by this means, and laid the foundations of Social science in all these fields in such a way that Josef Dietzgen's contribution to Socialist thought would not be a fundamental addition and supplement to the work of Marx and Engels, but at best only a more elaborate presentation of some theories stated by Marx and Engels in their fundamental outlines, even if not fully elaborated by them.

We take issue with this conception. While we are the disciples of Marx and Engels in history and economics we are the disciples of Josef Dietzgen in scientific philosophy. We deny that Marx and Engels have completely revealed the nature of the human mind in such a way as to make any fundamental demonstration in this field unnecessary. We deny that metaphysics has been fully overcome by carrying dialectic materialism into the history of social development. We deny that philosophy as a special science has been rendered completely useless in the field of human research by the historical achievement of Marx and Engels, for we claim that before history can be completely freed from metaphysical dualism, philosophy itself must become a science and free itself from metaphysics by a dialectic theory of understanding and cosmic monism.

We deny that Marx and Engels have accomplished it, and claim that they only made a step in this direction without fully reaching the desired goal.

The manner in which he works against us here in the United States is illustrated by an article of his in the New York "Volkszeitung." The recent discussion of the Immigration and Emigration questions, and of the Role of the Stuttgart Congress and of

We claim that neither Marx nor Engels, nor any of their immediate followers, have ever elaborated the Marxian theory of understanding, but have only given us some fragmentary hints concerning the natural interrelations between the universe, social evolution, and the human mind. We claim that neither Marx nor Engels nor any of their immediate followers have ever systematically elaborated a complete and comprehensive view of the dialectic world process on a truly monistic natural basis. We claim that they have devoted themselves well-nigh exclusively to the elaboration of the historical development of mankind on the basis of economics, but have given but a very fragmentary, incoherent and contradictory presentation of a dialectic theory of understanding and of a dialectic world monism, and have signally failed to apply their theoretical declarations on these points in their practical activity.

We claim, on the other hand, that the achievement of placing the Marxian theory of understanding and naturally monistic world conception completely within the frame of scientific research, of making a dialectic science of philosophy by which all other sciences can alone be comprehensively unified, is the historical merit of Josef Dietzgen, and we insist that this merit shall be acknowledged by the immediate followers of Marx and Engels and turned to practical advantage by making their theory and practice more consistently dialectic on a basis of natural monism.

Plechanoff's Criticisms

This is the issue between them and us, and it is now being fought out between these two camps of Marxism in Germany and Russia. I fired the first shot in this battle when I published my article on "Antonio Labriola and Josef Dietzgen" as an appendix to Labriola's "Socialism and Philosophy" in the fall of 1906, over one year before Kautsky's present lecture was delivered in Bremen. This article was translated into Russian by Paul Dauge, who takes our side in the Russian Socialist movement against Plechanoff, and was translated by myself into German, but refused publication in the "Neue Zeit" by Kautsky. Thereupon I stated our case more completely in a little work published in 1907, several months before the delivery of the present Kautsky lecture, by Dietz in Stuttgart under the title "Dialektisches," a copy of which I send you under separate cover. This likewise has been translated into Russian. It was then that Plechanoff attacked Josef Dietzgen, Eugene Dietzgen, Paul Dauge and myself in a Russian magazine, but instead of picking up our complete case as stated in "Dialektisches," devoted himself exclusively to the Labriola-Dietzgen article and to Josef Dietzgen's "Positive Outcome of Philosophy," without meeting a single one of the points made in our count. Instead of meeting the issue squarely, Plechanoff attributed to us the most elementary mistakes and assumed that we had yet to learn the ABC of historical materialism. We are supposed to hold that Marxism as elaborated by Marx and Engels has no theory of understanding of its own, nor any germs of a monistic world conception, that they did not recognize nature as the basis of society, that they misunderstood philosophy. We are supposed to be ignorant of the historical genesis and philosophical antecedents of Marxism, and so forth, in spite of the fact that I have made American socialists familiar, three years ago, in my "Science and Revolution," with the historical connections between natural science, philosophy and Marxism, which Kautsky now presents in this pamphlet of his. The difference between my work and his is only that he states quite generally the trend of this development, and completely ignores the role of Josef Dietzgen in it, claiming for Marx and Engels what is in fact the historical achievement of Dietzgen, while I have outlined the work of the typical thinkers of this development from ancient days to the present and have given Marx and Engels what belongs to them and to Josef Dietzgen what belongs to him.

The present pamphlet of Kautsky shows the effects of this incoherent struggle between them and us, and differs in this respect from all his former works, without, however, rectifying the mistakes that have become typical for his wing. The complete proof for our claims will soon be published in a work of mine refuting the position of Plechanoff. Kautsky himself has never publicly taken issue with us, but has confined himself to private correspondence. In the meantime, he has indirectly worked against us through his friends, on the plea that philosophy is not in his line. In spite of this admission, he continues to lecture us on a field on which he is confessedly an amateur, while it is our specialty.

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the National Executive Committee of the American Socialist Party in it, leads him to hint in this article ("Volkszeitung," February 23, 1908) that the only danger for the American working class at present is that they might be deluded by some "short-sighted politicians of the moment" into forgetting all about the Class Struggle and engaging in a Race Struggle. The article is framed in such a way that we are not directly mentioned in it, and that it may seem to be aimed at Gompers et al., but is calculated to place us in the same position with him, whenever we take sides against Oriental Immigration. The point is, however, that not one of us, who take issue with Kautsky on this question in the Marxian movement, has ever thought of such a thing, but that we are opposed to Oriental Immigration for the good and sufficient reason that it makes our class struggle harder, since it weakens the power of resistance of the labor organizations and of the Socialist Party. Neither does our position argue against the international solidarity of the working class or against the unifying authority of our International Congresses, as some comrades infer. To place the issue upon this ground is to appeal to sentimental and utopian rather than dialectically scientific considerations. We believe in international and national solidarity of the working class, and we value the decisions of our International Congresses as guides to theory and practice, but not to the point of cutting our own throats or allowing doctrines which are a complete misrepresentation and misunderstanding of local issues.

It is rather Kautsky and his friends who are shortsighted and who dodge the real issue by clouding it with inferences which do not do justice to us. They forget that the Race Struggle is as much a fact as the Class Struggle, and that we cannot get away from the race struggle, least of all in the United States, by sticking our heads into the sand and ignoring it. We do not propose to lose sight of the one on account of the other. Whenever conditions demand it, we shall see to it that our class struggle is not weakened by elements which tend to increase the danger of a race struggle. And whether European Parlor Socialists and International Congresses dominated by them shake their wise heads over it or not, we shall prove to them that American Socialists are not governed either by way of Friedenau or by way of New Europe, that is, New York.

We don't need any more instruction in the A B C of Socialism from those who know our struggle only from hearsay. Those who think we do will find out that we, who are fighting this struggle, will be the ones to settle it according to our own lights.

The race question will still be with us even after we shall have the Socialist Republic, only it will then be divested of its class struggle character. But nevertheless its settlement will by no means be so easy and amicable as some of our Marxian scholars dream. The question as to what race shall dominate the globe must be met as surely as the question as to what class shall own the world. We should neglect our duty to the coming generations of Aryan peoples, if we did not do everything in our power, even today, to insure the final race victory of our own people. We are not shortsighted, but long-sighted, and we look far beyond the class struggle toward the time when the race struggle shall still continue when class struggles have long been forgotten. The race struggle, like the class struggle, will also be a political struggle, and it will be so much fiercer, the more the law of natural and sexual selection will bring the question to the front as to what race shall have control of the economic powers of the globe which insure its propagation and higher development. We want to make the solution of this question, and the victory of our own race, as easy as possible for our children's children. Unrestricted immigration of colored races does not seem to me to be the proper way to accomplish this duty, nor even the proper way to make our present class struggle more effective.

the National Executive Committee of the American Socialist Party in it, leads him to hint in this article ("Volkszeitung," February 23, 1908) that the only danger for the American working class at present is that they might be deluded by some "short-sighted politicians of the moment" into forgetting all about the Class Struggle and engaging in a Race Struggle. The article is framed in such a way that we are not directly mentioned in it, and that it may seem to be aimed at Gompers et al., but is calculated to place us in the same position with him, whenever we take sides against Oriental Immigration. The point is, however, that not one of us, who take issue with Kautsky on this question in the Marxian movement, has ever thought of such a thing, but that we are opposed to Oriental Immigration for the good and sufficient reason that it makes our class struggle harder, since it weakens the power of resistance of the labor organizations and of the Socialist Party. Neither does our position argue against the international solidarity of the working class or against the unifying authority of our International Congresses, as some comrades infer. To place the issue upon this ground is to appeal to sentimental and utopian rather than dialectically scientific considerations. We believe in international and national solidarity of the working class, and we value the decisions of our International Congresses as guides to theory and practice, but not to the point of cutting our own throats or allowing doctrines which are a complete misrepresentation and misunderstanding of local issues.

Class Struggle and Race Struggle

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This is just a short illustration of the difference between the dialectics of the Kautsky wing and those of the Dietzgen wing of the Marxian movement. The further development of this struggle between Marxians will supply an abundance of other illustrations. I hope this will make the issue sufficiently clear and specify my position toward this pamphlet of Kautsky's. If necessary, I shall gladly make further comment after you get through publishing my translation of it. Yours for the Revolution,
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