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## SOCIALIST ELECTION NEWS

### EASTERN RETURNS

Special Dispatch from New York

"Call" to "The Socialist"

New York, Nov. 4.—Returns are too meager to make an estimate of Socialist vote in the east, but substantial increase is assured.

Greater New York gains and the state will give increase of at least 15 per cent.

Syracuse, Schenectady and Jamestown report biggest increases.

Hillquit is defeated for congress, the Republicans naming their own candidate to support the Democrat and thus prevent the election of a Socialist.

Connecticut cities show up well, especially Hartford, Bridgeport and Danbury.

Massachusetts will make poor showing evidently. Only Lynn and Worcester so far report gains.

Pennsylvania reports indicate fine increase. Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Newcastle, Johnstown and Harrisburg making solid gains.

It is peculiar that several large cities have fallen off in vote amidst general increase. Among these cities are New Haven, Conn., Rochester, N. Y., Springfield, Mass., and Portland, Maine. No candidates are reported as elected.

EVENING CALL.

### LATEST FROM THE EAST

Special from "Evening Call"

New York, Nov. 5.—Returns indicate chief gains in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut, where twenty per cent increase may materialize, Pennsylvania making especially good showing.

Massachusetts increased vote for governor over last year, but decrease

for Debs about 3,500. Estimate New York state forty thousand; Greater New York slight increase, but upstate makes up. New Hampshire, fair increase. Maine holding Debs vote. Rhode Island increases 300 and Socialist is now third party in state. "EVENING CALL."

### IDAHO

Athol, Idaho—Total, 379; Socialist, 48; 17 per cent.—Thos. Long.

Northwestern Idaho is reported to have cast a high Socialist vote throughout.

### OREGON

Multnomah County.

1904—Total vote, about 18,600; Socialist vote, 1,859.

1906—Total vote, about 30,000; Socialist vote, 1,399.

1908—Portland precincts, Socialist vote, 1,203.

The "Journal" (Dem.) of Portland, estimates Debs' vote in Oregon at about 5,000, in place of 7,519 in 1904. But at the same time it reports 1,455 Socialist votes in Multnomah county (including Portland), 380 votes in Douglas county; 284 in Clatsop county (including Astoria), being more than 10 per cent of total; 141 in Wasco county (including The Dalles), being over 5 per cent; 331 in Linn county (including Albany), being over 7 per cent; 161 in Yamhill county (including McMinnville), being over 4 per cent; 182 in Columbia county (including St. Helens), being 10 per cent; 41 in Gilliam county, being 5 per cent; thus making 3,000 votes in 8 counties, leaving 25 counties to hear from, with a probable average of 8 per cent of total vote, which would furnish some 6,000 more votes, making a probable total in

Oregon of some 9,000 instead of 5,000. This is more likely.

Other straws confirming this conclusion is the "Oregonian's" report from Grant's Pass (Josephine county), giving Debs 276 out of 1,949, or 14 per cent, and from Lake county, giving Debs 50 out of 700; and from Umatilla county (Pendleton), giving Debs 180 out of 4,200.

We have heard nothing from State Secretary Sladden and therefore the above is the best "The Socialist" can do for Oregon this week.

### WASHINGTON

Indications are that the state has increased its total Socialist vote by at least 50 per cent, making 5,000 increase, perhaps more. The large cities have barely held their own in total vote, losing in percentages. But the smaller cities and country increase generally, some of them enormously. More details next week.—Ed.

Strong King County Precincts.

Black River—Rep., 32; Dem., 17; Soc., 13; 20 per cent.

Boise—Rep., 27; Dem., 10; Soc., 7; 25 per cent.

Cove—Rep., 33; Dem., 6; Soc., 7; 15 per cent.

Georgetown—Total, 684; Socialist, 83; 12 per cent.

Palmer—Rep., 13; Dem., 23; Soc., 12; 25 per cent.

Quartermaster—Rep., 56; Dem., 18; Soc., 14; 17 per cent.

Renton—Total, 355; Socialist, 36; 10 per cent.

Sherwood—Rep., 45; Dem., 53; Soc., 30; 25 per cent.

Wellington—Rep., 4; Dem., 6; Soc., 4; 30 per cent.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY.

Total vote, 10,102; Socialist, 869; about 8½ per cent of total vote.

CLALLAM COUNTY.

Rep., 949; Dem., 432; Soc., 188; about 11 per cent of entire vote.

KITSAP COUNTY.

Rep., 1,809; Dem., 837; Soc., 493; nearly 16 per cent of the total vote.

ISLAND COUNTY.

Rep., 450; Dem., 189; Soc., 99; a little better than 13 per cent of the total.

SAN JUAN.

Rep., 578; Dem., 169; Soc., 111; about 14 per cent of total vote.

SPOKANE COUNTY.

Taft, 11,671; Bryan, 6,562; Debs, 1,061.

CLEAR LAKE, WASH.

Republican, 77; Democratic, 66; Socialist, 45. 24 per cent.—Chas. Gardner.

BENTON COUNTY.

Prosser, Debs, 70 (1904, 41); Glade precinct, 1; Horse Heaven, 3; Wellington, 14; Finley, 14; Klona, 1; Richland, 4; Kennewick, 18. Total, 125, in 11 of 19 precincts.

Centralia—Total 1025; Socialist, 92; 9 per cent.

Chehalis—Total, 560; Socialist, 54; 10 per cent.

Winlock—Socialist, 33.

Marblemount—Total, 51; Socialist, 16; 31 per cent.

Washuena—Socialist, 7; 1904, 2.

Everson—Socialist, 21.

Addy—Total, 126; Socialist, 32; 23.5 per cent. Socialists elected Justice of the Peace.

Clayton—Socialist, 44.

Skamokawa—Total vote, 191; Socialist Party, 11; 6 per cent.—P. H. Neville.

Barrington—Total, 76; Socialist, 8; 10 per cent.—Wm. H. Thompson.

Rainier—Total, 1906, 97; 1908, 120. Socialist, 1906, 2; 1908, 18; 15 per cent.—Val Eddy.

Elma—Total, 508; Socialist, 131; Democrats, 83; 25½ per cent.—John Holman.

Maitby Precinct—Total, 53; Socialist, 4; 8 per cent.

Lake Bay—Socialist, 29.

Liberty—Total, 47; Socialist, 14; 30 per cent.—H. D. Harkness.

Natchez Valley, lower precinct—Socialist, 1906, 7; 1908, 14.

Ronald—Democrats, 23; Republicans, 32; SOCIALISTS, 35; 40 per cent.—Chas. A. Thompson.

Edmonds—Total, 235; Socialist, 52; beat Democrats; 22 per cent.—W. H. Cook.

Westport—Total, 45; Socialist, 15; Democrats, 9; 33½ per cent.—E. Johnson.

Brush Prairie—Total, 232; Socialist, 21; 9 per cent.—Sam Parker.

Johns River Precinct—Total, 33; Socialist, 5; 7 per cent.—N. Vorhies.

Thurston Co.—Socialist, 366; vote 1904, 234.—Blige Eddy.

Lopez—Precinct 1, Socialist vote, 23; Precinct 2, 21 Socialist votes.—C. D. Stedell.

Littell—Total, 248; Socialist, 16; 6½ per cent.—M. Stech.

La Conner—Socialist, 6.—Mich. Classon.

Allyn—Total, 37; Socialist 6; 17 per cent.—R. E. Silaby.

Fruitvale—Total, 178; Socialist 28; 16 per cent.

Puget Island—Total, 26; SOCIALIST 15; 60 per cent.—Sam Anderson.

Salikum—Total, 65; Socialist, 23; Democrats, 16; 35 per cent.

Tenino—Total, 192; Socialist, 32; 17 per cent.

Alder—Total, 70; SOCIALIST, 35; 50 per cent.—J. H. Moore.

Boise Creek—Total, 42; Socialist, 10; Democrats, 10; 25 per cent.

Total vote 1904, 54; Socialists, 1.—E. L. Robinson.

Kelso, three precincts—Total, 540; Socialist, 38; 7 per cent.—J. F. Dugan.

Roy—Total, 172; Socialist, 21; 12 per cent.—Theo. Mchaut.

Arlington—Armstrong precinct, Socialist, 26; Arlington precinct, 22.—Morris & Crawford.

Oak Harbor—Socialist, 9.—F. G. Crosby.

Baker—Socialist, 19.—J. B. Stranbaugh.

Bay View—Total, 117; Socialist, 30; 25 per cent.—J. R. Lester.

Puyallup, three wards—Total, 89; Socialist, 21; 25 per cent.

Little Rock—Total, 135; Socialist, 36; Democrats, 27; 40 per cent.

Cosmopolis—Socialist, 20.

Cosmopolis—Socialist, 20.—C. B. Somerville.

Kent—Total, 335; Socialist, 7; 2 per cent.—E. C. Halladay.

Pearson—Socialist, 21.—S. A. Morse.

Eastsound—Socialist, 8.—J. M. Baker.

Yelm—Total, 140; Socialist, 20; 14 per cent.—L. W. Longmire.

Aberdeen—Socialist, 190. Ran ahead of Democrats in three out of seven wards in city. Tied in one.—H. Culbertson.

Fall City—Socialist, 12.—Henry Ronkens.

Buena—Republican, 14; Democrat, 5; Socialist, 10; 34 per cent.—W. Horning.

Big Lake—Republican, 46; Democrats, 27; Socialist, 32; 30 per cent.—Wm. K. McNeil.

Silvana—Total, 200; Socialist, 34; Democrats, 32; 17 per cent.

Silverdale—Socialist, 47; 1904, 22.

Seabeck—Socialist, 5.—S. A. Everett.

Melmont—Total, 21; Socialist, 3; Democrats, 3; 14 per cent.—S. C. Hart.

Brighton Beach—Total, 251; Socialist, 20; 8 per cent.—Y. Reimers.

Ostrander—Total, 91 Socialist, 14; 15 per cent.—Louis Jones.

Oalla—Total, 108; Socialist, 32; Democrats, 30; 30 per cent.

Sedro-Woolley—Socialist, 107.—Mrs. E. D. Cory.

Mt. Vernon—Socialist, 66.—Mrs. E. D. Cory.

Seattle—Strongest Socialist ward is the 12th. Total vote, 2,012; socialist, 211; a little more than 10 per cent. The 4th precinct of this ward, Hillman, gave 20 per cent of its total vote to the Socialist Party. Socialist vote in Seattle, 1,496. Outside precincts, 554. In county, 2,050, about 5 per cent of the total. Debs vote in Seattle 1904 was 1,315.

### ILLINOIS

National Secretary Barnes is reported as estimating the Socialist vote of Illinois at 50,000. In 1904 it was 69,225. Chicago's drop more than accounts for the loss. In fact, outside Chicago, the state gains. The state's loss is 20,000, but Chicago's loss alone is 30,000.

### NEVADA

Capitalist reports from Reno estimate the present Socialist vote about the same as 1904, which may be interpreted to mean we have gained.

### OKLAHOMA

This state has rapidly jumped in population and Socialist propaganda has been remarkably active. Capitalist reports admit the vote has doubled.

### WISCONSIN

Milwaukee county reported to be 18,500. In 1904 Debs received 15,339.

### PENNSYLVANIA

Forty counties, not including Pittsburgh, but including Philadelphia, give Debs 17,959. In 1904, same counties gave Debs 13,306.

### NEW YORK

New York City reports 25,361 for Debs, a gain of about 850 over 1904, when Debs got 24,512.

The whole state in 1904 gave 36,883. It is now estimated at 45,000.

### Some Percentages In Washington

Clallam Co.—12 per cent.

Island Co.—13 per cent.

King Co.—5 per cent.

Kitsap Co.—15 per cent.

San Juan Co.—13 per cent.

Spokane Co.—9 per cent.

Spokane Co.—5 per cent.

Thurston Co.—10 per cent.

Estimating the total vote of the state at 300,000, with 75,000 of it in the large cities, and figuring from the above percentages, we shall get 5 per cent of 75,000, and at least 10 per cent of 125,000, making about 4,000 votes from the largest cities, and about 13,000 from the rest of the state, totalling 17,000 votes in Washington, against 10,000 in 1904.

### ELECTION NOTES

The Socialist vote has fallen off in the cities where Organized Labor is strongest. This is undoubtedly due to the influence of the officials of the American Federation of Labor, led by its President, Samuel Gompers, who made the strongest possible efforts to give the Union vote to Bryan. The fact is the chief Campaign Issue was the Labor Question. Towards the last, both Taft and Bryan talked of little else.

To have forced the Labor Question to the front is itself a triumph for Socialism, no matter how the votes were cast, since Socialism alone possesses the solution of the Labor Problem. Hence the Socialist Party is bound to gain adherents the more the Labor Problem is discussed.

It now looks as if Debs and Hanford would poll little more than half a million votes, thus registering a gain of some 25 per cent. This will be a disappointment to many who were over sanguine and shouted for two million. Yet we should remember that at first we all thought "a million votes for Debs" would be a big thing. Our enthusiasm ran away with our judgment, as we watched the progress of the "Red Special."

But even a half million under the circumstances is a solid achievement.

Four years ago the radical or Bryan Democrats were disappointed and voted by thousands for Debs as a protest against Parker. This year they went back to their first love.

Four years ago the A. F. of L. was not officially arrayed against the Socialist Party. This year hundreds of thousands of the working class voted for Bryan who would otherwise have supported Debs.

Four years ago there was no "Independence Party" making its special appeal to "Labor," through that "Friend of Labor," W. R. Hearst, with his syndicate of great newspapers catering to Labor.

Against all this new and powerful opposition, the Socialist Party has more than held its own. It is safe to assume that the present vote of half a million must represent a greatly increased number of actual Socialists who cannot be moved away from us by any false gods.

We have lost a hundred thousand Bryan Democrats who voted with us in 1904 and another hundred thousand Trades Union votes, but we must have gained a good three hundred thousand from somewhere to make up those losses and a hundred thousand besides, in order to complete the half million in 1908.

But even this half million will suffer its own shrinkage in turn. The

returns show great gains in many country districts, where there is little real knowledge of Socialism. In fact, some of the very heaviest votes are recorded where there is the least acquaintance with Proletarian Socialism. Such votes are the result of popular discontent with the old parties, rather than any clear insight into economic conditions.

There are many exceptions to this conclusion. In numerous farming communities a good deal of study has been going on and the works of Marx and Kautsky have been deeply read. But in many more such communities, progress in modern and scientific Socialism is limited to the horizon of Dick Maple's "Rip Saw." From such ignorant rebellion against the hard conditions of rural life, there will come a reaction revealing itself in a reduced Socialist vote in subsequent elections. But just as in the Gompers city vote, now swung away from Socialism temporarily, so even in the country districts, will further and profounder thinking forced by continued hardships, bring all these deflections back to the Socialist Party as the only possible medium of permanent relief.

Socialism has nothing to fear from defections. Based on the principles of Evolution, it is sure to come into its own in due time.

Another element in the Socialist vote is commonly unrecognized, namely, the effect of the Residence Qualifications required in the various states as prerequisite to voting. This in most states is one year, though two years in several. The wage workers are always compelled to travel a good deal looking for jobs; this year even

more than ever, due to the hard times.

From several investigations, we are convinced this requirement alone cuts the Socialist vote in two. That is, if only two months' residence were required, amply sufficient to prevent colonization of voters, the Socialist Party vote this year would be doubled. If we got half a million votes actually cast for our ticket, there is another half million who would have voted with us, if not forbidden by this outrageous "Residence Qualification." Yet the Socialist National Convention, led by some wise comrade from the Far East, turned down a proposition from the Far West to put among our "Demands" the reduction of this unreasonable and disfranchising "Residence Qualification" from 12 months to 3 months! All the other "Immediate Demands" are dwarfed in practical importance by this one, which would at once double our vote and be worth a hundred "Red Specials."

### CHICAGO DROPS

The Chicago vote has been reduced from 48,000 in 1904 to some 18,000 in 1908, in spite of the natural increase in population. On the other hand, the Pennsylvania cities have gained largely. It is also conceded that the Northwestern states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho have made some of the largest gains in the country. We have heard nothing yet from Wisconsin, but no congressmen have been elected there, as was so confidently expected. "It will be interesting to note" how the Opportunist cities com-

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## FOLLOW UP THE VICTORY

By Ben Hanford

There's nothing the matter with the vote.

THE VOTE IS ALL RIGHT.

It was a splendid battle, nobly fought and grandly won.

The Jimmie Higginses and the Mary Hamiltons and Eugene Debs and every man and woman in the cause did their best—and it was glorious. It was heroic. Not a shirker. Not a deserter. Only workers, doers, builders.

What a grand victory.

Comrades, that victory must be followed up. The enemy are demoralized and in full retreat. We must smite them hip and thigh. The retreat must be made a rout.

We have the public ear and eye. Socialism's spoken word must be heard. Its written word must be read.

The winter courses of lectures must succeed the campaign and street-corner meetings. The serious pamphlet and book and constructive side of the Socialist philosophy must be presented to those who have heard the analysis and criticism of capitalism and its denunciation.

Then all these new voters of the Socialist ticket. They must be attended to and at once. We must get them to become party members—workers and doers. They must become COMRADES. Some one taught the gospel of Socialism to each of these new voters. They must pay for their tuition by themselves becoming teachers.

The new Socialist voter must become a recruit in the movement and join the Socialist Party. The recruit must be trained to be a Socialist soldier, and in due time the soldier will be a veteran.

Comrades, do not fail to ask every new voter to join the party. Explain to him just how our party goes about its work. Show him that, were it not for the party organization, he might never have heard of Socialism and would have had no opportunity to vote the Socialist ticket. Out of all these new voters we shall surely find some treasures. Who knows but among them there may be another Debs. Not a greater or a grander Debs. That cannot be. But another Debs. Think what another Debs would have done in this campaign.

Comrades, spare no effort to build up the party organization. Then the Socialist press. You must not neglect it for a day.

Our two English dailies, the Chicago "Daily Socialist" and the New York Evening "Call," must be made self-supporting. It can be done, and in a few months' time.

Now that the election is over, now that four long years are to pass before the people have another chance to say who and what kind of men shall be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States, you may be sure that those Judges will quickly teach the workmen of this country their need of Socialist Daily Papers.

It will not take the union men of the United States long to find out what kind of a "friend of labor" they have in the White House after the 4th of next March.

Then those union men will look to our Socialist Dailies for support and instruction. They will be ready to receive and we must be ready to give them what they look for. By the tens of thousands they will then see the mistake of electing a capitalist candidate to the Presidency of the United States to look after workmen's interests. Meantime, Comrades, before next 4th of March, right now, we must go to work and establish these two dailies firmly on a self-supporting basis.

Our weekly press must not for a moment be neglected. In some respects it is more important than the daily press. The weekly press can present the Socialist arguments more extensively and thoroughly than the daily can do. A daily paper must devote the greater part of its space to the day's news. Its chief function must be the interpretation of passing events. But the weekly press can undertake the complete exposition of the Socialist philosophy, and in many respects has an educational and propaganda value that can never be equaled by the daily paper, and which only the Socialist pamphlet and book can surpass. The daily and weekly papers are equally necessary.

So, Comrades, there are three things to take your immediate effort and strength.

Build up the organization of the Socialist Party. That is the backbone of our movement. Establish on a self-sustaining basis our daily and weekly Socialist papers. They are the two arms of our movement.

We have just closed a great campaign with a glorious victory. But the war is not over.

It will not be over until the last capitalist of the world has been stripped of his last privileges.

When the Working Class of the World rule the world, then the war will be over.

When all the earth and all the fruits thereof belong to those who labor, then there shall be peace, plenty and prosperity.

Comrades, we are working for something worth while.

## TO OUR COMRADES, GREETING

By Eugene V. Debs

The campaign is ended and my very first thought is of the kindness shown me and the loyal support given me in every part of the country. While at times the exertions were trying I was sustained every hour by the loving care and unflinching support of comrades. To me this was the most beautiful and satisfying feature of the campaign. It expressed the true spirit of Socialist comradeship which is the making of our movement and which will sustain it through every ordeal until it is finally triumphant.

The one incident we all deeply regretted was the illness of Comrade Ben Hanford. With all his heart he yearned to be where he always has been, in the thick of the battle, but he had given himself too freely of his life, utterly forgetful of self, until at last his physical powers succumbed and he was compelled to see others on the firing line while he was reserved for less strenuous service that he

# ORGANIZATION

## By Alfred Wagenknecht National Organizer

Allow me, through the columns of "The Socialist," to thank all those of the National Committee who voted for my employment as National Organizer; those who voted for me knowing that organization work was necessary and placed confidence in my ability to do that kind of work. The few that voted for me to give me a chance to show how deficient I was in all respects, these few I think disloyal to their convictions and the movement. I, for one, will never help vote any man into office whom I think unfit. Were we all to vote unfit men into office just to show the Party their unfitness, we would have no party.

To Comrade Thompson I would like to say this: I shall always continue to fight for what I want, and to fight in the open, allying myself with the faction which best represents what I want in the way of Socialism and tactics. If I understand Carl D. Thompson correctly, he wants it understood that he never disagrees with anyone, never did take part in a factional controversy. We know different. He took part in the Minnesota and Nebraska controversies and at the National Convention was just as ready to organize and contest for what he wanted as I and many others. The difference between Comrade Thompson and us in Washington is, Thompson fights, tries to hide it, chastises others for doing it. We in Washington fight, say we do, and know we can't win unless we recognize the strength of our opposition and organize against it. Thompson fights and says he don't. We fight and acknowledge we do. The man that won't back up his convictions and try to make them the prevailing convictions is not much of a man.

Thompson may have fooled himself into believing that he has only fought those who fought. Therefore he allied himself with those who fought those who fought in an effort to kill fights. It does take two to fight. It is generally understood that when more than two enter a fight it becomes more of a fight. Thompson is more of a fight aggravator than angel of peace, fighting to kill fights. His voting for me as National Organizer to give me a chance I can hardly thank him for. Makes me suspect he is attempting to lead me to slaughter.

I submit the following report of my work in Missouri to allow the National Committee to judge my usefulness to the party. If I am no good in organization work, I'm very willing to be told my place in the party, to have Comrades point out my limitations.

### WORK IN MISSOURI.

#### Seдали, Mo.

Sept. 11, 1908.  
Arrived at 10:30. Visited nine members delinquent for one to four years. Got four to rejoin party. Had street meeting in the evening. Seдали's membership can be increased to one hundred in a month if a good organizer is placed there. Industrial conditions excellent for a live, working local. Missouri Pacific shops located here. Receipts, literature, 85c. Expenses, hotel 20c, fare 32c, postage 25c. Private entertainment by T. E. Behrens.

#### Warrensburg.

Sept. 12, 1908.  
Arrived at 8:16 a. m. Secretary Sutton of local had only a few hours notice of my coming. Met me with officers of local in local headquarters.

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#### Belton.

Sept. 18, 1908.  
Arrived about 4 p. m. Meetings advertised, spoke at street that night to good audience of about 50; spoke to farmers Saturday afternoon, Sept. 19, and again on street that night. Local in hands of officers not qualified for office. M. V. Ferguson, well meaning, is old and deaf, forgets to bring minute book to meeting and chances are there are no minutes. J. N. Hixon, small merchant, old and sick, is treasurer. Both seem to think local is a sort of club which allows Democrats and Republicans to join in order that they may learn Socialism. Informal by A. C. Young, who understands the movement, former member of Frisco local, that local Belton has a few head-of-ticket Socialists as members. Arranged that if I had date to spare I would return and straighten out books. Could not get hold of books while there. Receipts, wages, \$2; fare, 35c; literature, \$1.90. Expenses, fare, 34c. Thank George Wells and A. C. Young for entertainment. Was thrown from soap box by a Democratic politician, who ran into same with his buggy purposely.

#### Kansas City.

Sept. 20, 1908.  
Arrived about noon. Met F. G. Futvove, county secretary, who has me in charge; about 2 p. m. arranged for two organization meetings in Kansas City suburbs named Sheffield and Centropolis; visited both places, as well as Independence. Secured hall for Monday night meeting in Centropolis. Helped Futvove send out 175 notices of meetings to Centropolis comrades and sympathizers. Local has by-law favoring branch form of organization. Branch autonomy limited to propaganda, however. Comrade Futvove should be given credit for being able to obtain results, and for his initiative and executive ability.

#### Holden.

Sept. 13, 1908.  
Arrived at 8:47. Comrade Henry Kohule of Centerville, a member in Warrensburg, accompanied me and helped me look up Holden Socialists. Secured eight applications for membership out of fourteen Socialists and sympathizers visited. Did not organize into local because of lack of material for good officers. In several months, when farm work is over, O. O. Hudson, who will make good secretary, will be able to act in that capacity and an organization can then be effected. Met with Socialists in Birdsal's photo studio and talked about organization. Decided to name one of the eight as dues collector. Applicants: F. McWhirt, O. O. Hudson, A. A. Paschal, Chas. A. Birdsal, Ezra Brooks, H. W. Higgins, Clyde Buster, J. L. Buxter. Receipts, dues \$2.75; expenses, hotel \$1, fare 29c.

#### Pleasant Hill.

Sept. 14, 1908.  
Arrived about 10 a. m. Saw local secretary and found no arrangements had been made for work of any kind for me. Local is active here, however. It is at present trying to prosecute two Lone Tree primary judges for failing to count two Socialist votes cast at Lone Tree. Made an offer of a thousand dollars to Democratic county campaign meeting and barbecue to allow a Socialist to appear on platform with Bryan. All this makes local felt in community and helps its growth and gives it prestige. Expenses, hotel 25c, fare 32c. Left at 11:10 for Harrisonville.

#### Harrisonville.

Sept. 14, 1908.  
Met Comrade Jake Davis and together we visited Socialists and talked organization. Arranged for a street meeting for tomorrow night. Sept. 15-16, 1908.  
Distributed and talked up bills advertising night street meeting. Talked on street and adjourned to room in Hubbard Bldg., where we organized a local of nine members. Gave instructions to officers and advised as to conducting business meetings and how to make local felt in community politically. Several farmer Socialists living out of town will increase local membership. Learned after meeting that W. F. Rowe has been secretary of a local of Railroad Fremont and advised he be selected permanent secretary when charter is procured, to which J. M. Hunt, present temporary secretary, and several local members agreed. Started cash, membership and minute books for local, and advised as to keeping accounts. Receipts, collection \$4.50, dues 90c; expenses, fare 20c, hotel \$2.

#### Lone Tree.

Sept. 15, 1908.  
Received applications for membership from J. L. Jester and W. D. Jones, both Lone Tree, Mo. Both applicants desire to join Harrisonville local and will drive the six miles to attend meetings. A Socialist meeting should be held in the Lone Tree precinct. Many head-of-ticket Socialists in this neighborhood. Thank J. L. Jester for my entertainment.

#### Sept. 17, 1908.

Walked five miles west to see Socialists I heard about. Spent the day in that neighborhood; got four applications: Lee Gaines, route 2, Freeman, paid \$3.00; farmer, Frank F. Taylor, route 2, Freeman, paid \$3.00; farmer, Simon D. Taylor, route 2, Freeman, paid \$1.00; farmer, Richard L. Gaines, route 2, Freeman, paid \$3.00; cook, Lee Gaines worked for M. K. & T. R. for many years, is best posted and will arrange for meeting in his neighborhood, either at his house or at Everett, Mo. Solicited

for charges. Branch has about 20 in good standing; local about 10. Object is to get one organization, with meeting place centrally located, and controlled by those who are against the Socialist Party to boost Democrats into power.

Sept. 25, 1908.  
Visited some of the branch members. Books of branch, in hands of Comrade Jefferies, in good condition, and as soon as they get money they will invest in a set from National office. Helped write postals notifying members of mass meeting. Addressed street meeting, with help of some local comrades. Audience came in large amount of other amusements, military tournament of 5000 soldiers occurring here at present.

Sept. 26, 1908.  
Went to Cosby. Met Wm. Grato, who arranged meeting for candidate for governor. He is the only Socialist there. Got him to join party. Some of the section hands in sympathy with party, expenses, fare 50c, literature 85c; receipts, fare 50c. Returned to St. Joseph the same day. Could not hold street meeting because of rain. Had a little meeting of members and talked over prospects in St. Joseph and arranged program for tomorrow's mass meeting. Discussed available timber for officers.

Sept. 27, 1908.  
Addressed propaganda meeting at 3 p. m., after which a mass meeting of local was called to order. Stated the purpose of mass meeting and talked on organization. Resolutions were passed consolidating Local St. Joseph and Branch No. 1, agreeing to abide by national and state laws, disciplining any member who violates membership pledge, and that officers of the new organization be elected to hold office until January 1. Committee elected to collect and audit books of local and branch report next Sunday. New officers: T. C. Jefferies, secretary; treasurer; L. H. Miles, organizer; Comrade Geiger, literature agent.

Advised on conducting Sunday afternoon propaganda meeting, parliamentary procedure, and duties of officers. A half dozen enthusiastic and aggressive young comrades are at the helm and St. Joseph will be heard from. A "Debs Club," consisting of Comrades, former members who intend supporting county Democratic ticket, has been formed. "Club" has about five members. Receipts, from local, \$10.29; literature, 50c. Expenses, hotel, \$4.55; fare, \$1.24; street car, 50c; postage, 25c. Procured one new member.

#### Graham.

Sept. 28, 1908.  
Met E. D. Wilcox here, who has me in charge to help campaign in his congressional district. Socialist who was to secure a hall or meeting place had to go out of town for work. Distributed literature, but weather too cold for a street meeting. Bank cashier, a Democrat, volunteered to procure a hall for us and got a crowd if we would tell what Socialism is. We agreed, the hall was secured, and 30 attended. Wilcox opened the meeting. I made closing remarks. Many questions were asked. Wilcox sold some of his own literature. This is the first Socialist meeting ever held in Graham. Were invited to come again. Was to have had a meeting in Maitland tonight, but sympathizers failed to get meeting place and hall owner wanted to charge us \$8 for rent of only half an hour. Addressed a meeting, which will join party as soon as he gets money, and Henry Barrett, sympathizer, for future work in Graham.

#### Burlington Junction.

Sept. 29, 1908.  
Re-billed town for tonight's meeting. Met Socialists and sympathizers and talked organization. Procured one new member for the local. E. D. Wilcox makes Socialist headquarters out of his barber shop. Meeting held, outside of town, the largest ever held, outside of the "Red Special," audience 75. Population of town, 1,000. Wilcox, congressional candidate, and I divided the time. Many questions asked.

#### Sept. 30, 1908.

Sent ahead notices of my coming to Stanberry by addressing all "Appeal" readers by postal. Went to Dawsonville to look up Socialists who were not party members. None at home. Dawsonville, two miles from Burlington Junction. Address L. Brown for information. Talked joining party to sympathizers in Burlington Junction. Many can't afford the ten cents per month the local asks for dues. Intended to have another hall meeting tonight but local members decided not to compete with Democratic congressional nominee, who is billed here for tonight. E. D. Wilcox is the mainstay of local Burlington Junction. Receipts, from local, \$4.50; literature, 50c. Expenses, fare, \$1.42; meal, 25c; postals, \$3.00; printing, \$1.25.

#### Maryville.

Billed town for afternoon street meeting. Inquired for resident Socialists. Held street meeting amid hoots and cat cries from hide bound Democrats. Attendance about 50. Advised tonight's court house meeting. Procured court house. Audience 100 at court house meeting. Congressional Candidate Wilcox opened the meeting. Many questions asked after the meeting. This ends my campaigning with Wilcox in the fourth district. Receipts, literature, \$1; dues from M. at L. of which I secured five, \$2.50. Expenses, hotel, 75c. A collection of \$1 went into congressional campaign fund. Members secured: B. Waldo Lemon, 75c; James E. Bell, 75c; Frank L. Murray, 25c; J. D. Smith, 25c; Ernest Fairchild, 50c.

#### Stanberry.

Rounded up and met with seven Socialists this evening. They decided to organize and Louis Martin elected secretary-treasurer. Geo. Mock organizer. E. B. Hill literature agent, H. W. Hunter dues collector. Wabash round house and repair shop situated here. Agitation is needed badly, but comrades can't afford to pay for it, because of the very small wages of railroad employees, of which local is composed. On Oct. 3 get two more Socialists to sign charter application and talked to many men individually in shops. Big Socialist sentiment.

Receipts, dues 90c. Expenses, fare 45c, hotel \$1.50.

#### McFall.

Met G. D. Woodward, who lives several miles out of town, in town. He is a member at large in good stand. J. O. Green, blacksmith, referred me to Ted Mauring and S. B. Williams as the best Socialists in town. Visited both of them, but both were unable to afford dues necessary to membership, only working one day in the week. Green, Mauring and Williams said they would do what they could to help state office in propaganda work in McFall. Green will contribute to campaign fund when called upon. Expenses, fare 45c, hotel \$1.40. Collected \$2.00 campaign fund.

#### Pattonsburg.

Oct. 4, 1908.  
Could not locate any Socialist except Comrade Woodward, whom I met in McFall. The only other Socialist besides Woodward, who also votes in this precinct, has moved away. Edw. Jenkins, who holds a position in the bank, will furnish information and act as correspondent. Expenses, fare 16c, hotel 50c.

#### Gallatin.

Oct. 5.  
Town is two miles from Wabash depot. Rain made street meeting impossible. Big crowd in town attending dedication of new court house. Secured three members at large, the only three Socialists in town, so I am informed. John Long, dues 25c; P. M. Bonnett, dues 50c; C. W. Hamshaw, dues 25c. Would like another campaign speech in Gallatin before election. Receipts, dues \$1.00, literature 25c. Expenses, hotel \$1.00, fare 35c.

#### Laclede.

Oct. 6, 1908.  
Met several of the Socialists and called a meeting of Socialists and sympathizers for tonight in Anderson's shoe shop. Fifteen attended. Talked on Socialist fundamentals and organization. Organized a local of six members, J. W. Anderson, secretary; John Sween, organizer. Started set of account books and instructed officers. After organization was informed that John Sween was marshal and Wm. Bottiger, one of the members, was street commissioner of Laclede. Was told they were candidates on no political ticket, but simply announced themselves candidates and were elected. Sent charter application on to Missouri state office with this information for action by state committee. Receipts, dues 60c; literature, 60c. Expenses, fare 94c, hotel \$1.25. Informed later that Wm. Bottiger of Laclede holds position of street commissioner by appointment from city officials.

#### Macon.

Oct. 7-8, 1908.  
Instructed by state secretary to do all possible to make Red Special stop here on Oct. 27, at 11 a. m. a success, the state office having no Socialist or correspondent here. Interviewed seventeen sympathizers, Populists and Socialists. Secured applications for membership from three, Thomas E. Smith, 212 W. 8th St.; Geo. C. Hollis, and Jacob R. Howe, Route No. 2, Macon, Mo. Sent posters, advertising matter and instructions in detail to Thomas E. Smith. He, together with Geo. Hollis, will bill the town. Jacob Howe will bill the country, together with his son. Smith is young, active, not afraid to agitate his convictions. Howe is a recent convert, an old farmer. Hollis is very enthusiastic and can be depended upon for support. Other Socialists I could not meet here: Frank Rogers, 2 R. E. Orr, J. F. Howe, R. S.; J. N. Orr, and W. H. Butler whom I talked to. He is a well informed man but not in a "working for the cause" mood at present. Sympathizers are Jas. Bradley, colored school teacher. Use him to notify colored residents. Dr. J. H. Garnett, colored teacher; Mack White, blacksmith; Wm. T. Howe, John Harold, O. S. Hicks, lawyer and Populist; J. W. Orr, painter; Geo. Janers. Names of two weeklies are "Times Democrat" and "Macon Republican." Surrounding towns to be notified are Bevier, Keota, Laclede, Brookfield, Macreline, Callao, Clarence, Shelbina.

Had a meeting of seven Socialists and sympathizers and talked over methods of advertising and party organization. Can organize a local here soon by getting R. P. D. route Socialists to join. Receipts, dues 75c, literature 60c. Expenses, fare 78c, hotel \$1.25, postage 25c.

#### Moberly.

Oct. 8-9, 1908.  
Found, by inquiring at the post office, that posters sent postmaster had been turned over to J. E. Norton, Socialist. Looked up Norton and with him visited several Socialists in the evening. Decided to call a meeting of Socialists in Ben Hur Hall, secured gratis by J. B. Merrill. Sent postals notifying Socialists of meeting and had notice inserted in two daily papers, the Moberly "Monitor" and the "Democrat." Population of town is 10,000 and needs longer than two days to canvass. Wabash shops located here and quite a railroad center. Meeting in Ben Hur Hall was attended by six Socialists who, after deliberate consideration, decided to form a local organization. J. B. Merrill was elected organizer and W. C. Fennel as secretary-treasurer. Address 507 N. Johnson street. Six members are good material. Sympathizers are John E. Ryan, real estate, will vote for Bryan this time; Wm. Courten, car shops; Jake Davis, 600 N. Johnson; Len Hopson, east side. Detailed instructions should be sent local secretary to help make Debs meeting a success. If weather is unfavorable court house can be secured. Surrounding towns to be notified are Beckley, Clark, Cairo, Jacksonville, Huntsville, Clifton, Hill, Elliott, Higbee, Madison, Evansville. Both dailies here will give good notice if written up and sent them right before Debs meeting. S. E. Rhoderfer, of the local, has good initiative and executive ability. Advised secretary as to keeping accounts and started books. Secretary is time keeper for Wabash railroad and should do well in the office. If given encouragement and help present local should do well. Receipts, dues 60c. Expenses, fare 45c, hotel \$2. Talked of method of advertising Red Special sufficiently to local members. Missouri state office had no Socialist or correspondent here to arrange.

#### Neison.

Oct. 10, 1908.  
Spoke in hall to audience of 75.

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## THE SALVATION OF CHRISTIANITY

By Ernest Untermann

A little while ago John D. Rockefeller imported a new pastor for the devotees of the Golden Calf, who pay mock homage in the Standard Oil Temple to the Carpenter of Nazareth.

There is no protective tariff on the industry of saving souls, and John, who does not believe in competition, is willing to pay a monopoly price for the job of having his soul saved. And when John's heart ached with longing for the Kingdom of Heaven, which a rich man will enter as soon as a camel will pass through a needle's eye, he called for an expert soul saver, the Rev. Charles F. Aked, D. D., of England.

Of course, Aked is well aware that Christ and Mammon are antipodes. He accepted American dollars in place of British shillings, presumably, for the simple reason that he thought: "The richer the man, the more certain his damnation, and the more need of a sky pilot who is on the job."

No one doubts that Aked's job is a hard proposition, and that he earns all he gets from John. So far the Reverend has not succeeded in persuading John to comply with Christ's first injunction: "Give away all you have and follow me."

But this does not daunt Aked in the least. In addition to saving John, he has also undertaken, in his spare time, to save Christianity, a feat no less difficult than that of saving John.

Eventually Aked may undertake to save the Savior, and perhaps he may even manage to spare a few minutes for the task of saving himself. Everybody can see that Christianity needs saving, when it has fallen into such hands as those of John and Aked. But Aked excuses himself by pointing out the fact that history is full of instances showing that it is always the least qualified who accept great missions, when those who are really qualified shirk their duty.

Aked certainly is a living illustration of this truth. Since the Christian rank and file do not bestir themselves and do not do anything for the salvation of Christianity, he, although in the pay of the powers that systematically destroy Christianity, is going to save it for them.

He proposes to do it in the same way that the capitalists propose to save the working class from the profit system—by continuing to do business on the old stand.

John's face must have worn a broad smile when he read the following exhortation from Aked's pen in the October issue of "Appleton's Magazine": "Religion is not to become political. It is politics which must be made religious." For how can Aked accomplish the feat of making politics religious without making religion political?

And John's smile must have broadened when he read: "The world of politics must be claimed as God's world. Political work must be held to be religious." And yet religion is not to become political.

The mystery deepens when we read a little further on: "The Church must say that a religious life is not consistent with neglect of political duties. The churches have been anxious about doctrines. They need to get busy about ethics. They have made much of ordinances. They have to concern themselves with civic and national morality. They have been instructed upon points of theological minutiae. They have to master the principles which guide, or misguide, our city government, state legislation, and national policy."

At this point John surely broke out into a merry laugh. Aked, paid by Standard Oil money,

exhorting the churches in the name of morality to study the way in which the Standard Oil Company buys up the Forakers and Haskells of both old parties, or makes the Roosevelts, Bryans and other political puppets dance to Standard Oil music, is funny enough. But when he exhorts the churches in the name of Jesus Christ to save Christianity by that method, while John is quietly gobbling up more trusts and corrupting municipal, state and national governments, the joke is taking on a sulphurous hue and conjuring up visions of Aked roasting on a pitchfork over a brimstone lake.

John may laugh now over the antics of his theological hireling. But he will not be the one to laugh after the revolutionary working class gets through with him and his tools in the universities, pulpits and political offices.

In a few words, Aked's plan of saving Christianity is a call to fight revolutionary Socialism. Only this, and nothing more. Stripped of all deceptive verbiage, Rockefeller's pastor calls upon the churches to line up their members against the revolution of the working class. Christ's name is to serve as a cloak for the suppression of the class whom Christ represents.

Aked takes his confession of faith from another English soul saver, who is likewise trying to save Christianity by keeping the working class under the heel of the masters. This confession of faith, in the English diplomat's own words, is simply: "To change this modern world into a Christian world, to change the socialism which is based upon the assumption of clashing interests into the socialism which is based on the sense of spiritual union, and to gather together the scattered forces of a divided Christendom into a confederation in which organization will be of less account than fellowship with one spirit and faith in one Lord—into a communion wide as human life and deep as human need—into a church which shall outshine even the golden glory of its dawn by the splendor of its eternal noon."

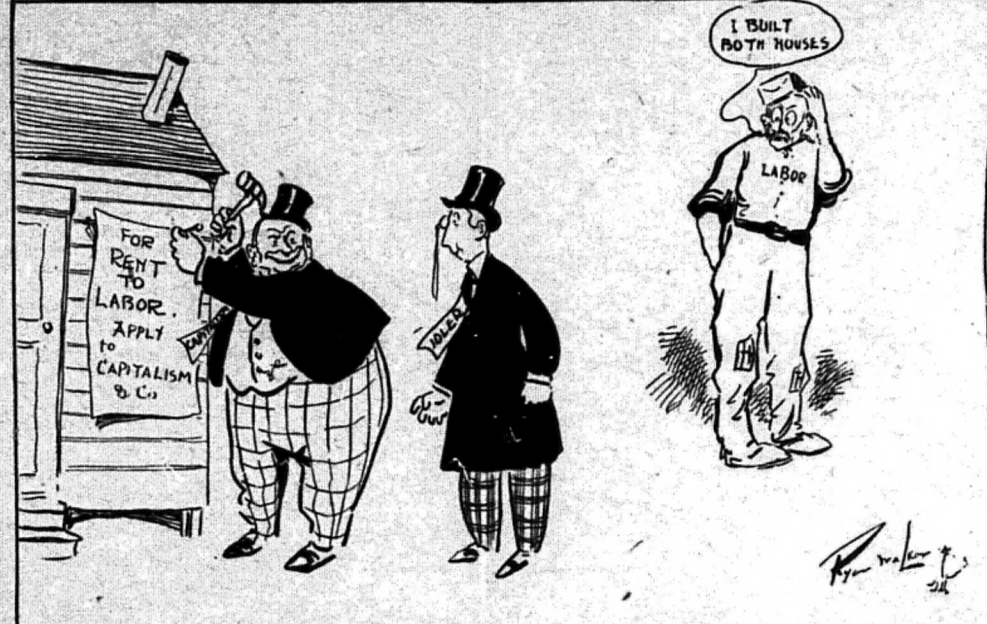
Not economic unionism, but spiritual unionism; not a social revolution abolishing industrial, political, theological and other social parasites, but a fellowship in which the parasites continue to live in luxury and Christ's lambs are downtrodden—that is the program by which the Aked kind of Christianity is to be saved.

This eternal moonshine has lost its savor for the working class quite as much as the morning glory or noon splendor of a spiritual fellowship based upon economic slavery.

Aked unctuously quotes the following passage read by Christ from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And Aked adds: "He began to say this. His Church must keep on saying it. The Church may keep on saying it, and nothing will be changed in the fundamental relations between the capitalist class and the working class."

But the working class is preparing to do it, and that is the secret of Aked's desire to "save Christianity." Christianity will be saved. But its saviors will be those who are combatting by Aked and his kind. Its saviors will be those Socialists who understand the class struggle and who will fight it to a finish by abolishing

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### Tacoma Police Open Campaign

Herman, Turner and Lewis were arrested Thursday in Tacoma on complaint of some petty business man for speaking on the street.  
 As usual, the police help the Socialists.  
 The comrades were to go out again on Friday.

### Don't Forget Sunday Night at the Labor Temple

It is far more essential to ultimate success that such an organization should be built up than that a few thousand votes, more or less, should be secured for our state and county candidates at this stage of Socialist progress.

## THE WOMAN

By Bessy Fiset

Well, election has come and gone! What would I not give to be able to write one twenty-fifth of what I feel! Disgust, anger, hatred surge over me.

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But it is true, as the Capitalist class says, you love it! You wouldn't live in anything but a hovel if you could; you enjoy seeing your children stunted in mind and body.

"Let the women go to Hell if they want to, they are only slaves, anyhow. I'll defend Capital!"  
 "Hurrah for Billie!"

Like all Socialist women, I was at the polls and I saw you come up in your work clothes, saw you swell up like a toad at the familiar greeting of the political pork with the equally fat Havana, or the handshake of "eye-glasses" with his creased pants and lavender socks.

I saw more than that. I saw the expressive shrug ("one more sucker!") as you passed in to deposit that precious paper in favor of the perpetuation of the "Hogg" family. I heard the talk about Vanderveer, which led to a discussion of the jail system here considered "good enough for the dirty loafers and too good for she devils that get run in down there."

But you love it! As one of you said, "Why, man alive, I just like to rub elbows with a man what's got money. Somehow it makes me feel good all day." And his blue eyes fairly sparkled as he thought of it, and he voiced the sentiments of you all. As a class you are the biggest snobs in the world and every election day you mark down after every master candidate you vote for:  
 "I'm a snob!"  
 "I'm a snob!"  
 "I'm a snob!"

Only your don't know enough to write it out yet, you can just make your mark. And the babies are dying in Fall River, and the children are hungry in Chicago, and the women are selling themselves everywhere, and you—your strikes and your spirits are being broken. BUT YOU LOVE IT!

Is woman's place, on election day, at the polls or at home? Surely the fair-minded must admit that she is needed at the polls if the Proletariat is to pull itself out of the slough of despond it is in! But will the working woman have any more sense than the working man? In one of the factories in Seattle a straw vote was taken, before the election, among the girls with the following result:  
 Taft, 19; Bryan, 11.

One girl refused to vote. They say she was for Debs, but hasn't the courage to say so. I doubt if you can find the same ratio among the same number of male workers.

Why should she join forces with the working class? Isn't she looking out for some clerk, real estate man, professional man or business man, if she can get him? Do you think for one minute she is going to marry a working man who proclaims his slavery through his finger nails, if she can get a set of manicured nails, instead?

She is bending every effort to get out of the working class. Join forces with the Proletariat? The slaves? Not much, with the magic Honk-Honk in the distance!

And the babies are dying in Fall River, and the children are hungry in Chicago, and the women are—"Here, wake up, what is the matter with you? Four more years of Prosperity, vive le Hogg!"

The "Socialist Woman" for November is a "Teachers' Number," and is the best number of that little magazine yet published, to my way of thinking. Possibly that is because the school question is my pet theme. An example of the way the public school teachers ignore Socialism was told me yesterday. The teacher suggested a straw vote in her class, and at the outset said, "Now there are just two candidates, Taft and Bryan." A young Socialist jumped up (after decorously holding up his hand, of course) and said, "No there are more than two candidates."

The teacher reiterated that there were just TWO, Taft and Bryan. The boy insisted, saying, "You are mistaken, there are three candidates. Debs is a candidate!" To which she replied, "Well, all right, we'll write him down," and with the utmost condescension put Debs' name down.

The vote was taken and the Socialist boy was the only one voting for Debs. Can any one tell why that teacher did not put down all the candidates and explain, or at least attempt to explain, what each one

stood for, thus allowing the young minds before her to reason out the best one to vote for? Of course, she didn't know enough to tell what they stood for (except, probably, in the case of the Prohibitionist), but if she didn't know she had no right to bring the matter up before her students at all. But, of course, that was another sign of her ignorance—the two go hand in hand!

The Socialist Study Club of Hillman is to entertain all members and friends of the Socialist Study Clubs of Seattle on Saturday, November 7th. Pratt's hall has been engaged and there will be a good time generally. Comrade Hattie Titus is going to furnish some music for dancing and I believe there will be some kind of a program besides. Take a night off, comrades, and go out to make the acquaintance of these friends at Hillman City.

Socialist children, 11:30 a. m., every Sunday, at Room 49, Holyoke Block. Don't forget time and place.

WHAT DEBS THINKS.

The Associated Press reports from Terre Haute that Debs says: "The so-called falling off was not a falling off. I attribute the vote falling short of the expected mark to the fact that an unusually large vote was cast for the Socialist candidate in 1904. Then there were a great many disgruntled Democrats who were chagrined because Parker was nominated, and they voted with the Socialists. This year they went back to the Democratic party and voted for Bryan. I count that we have made a gain in the actual Socialist vote."

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### ORGANIZATION

Many questions asked. Local of ten members here. Have not yet started account books nor are regular meetings being held. Talked on organization after the propaganda meeting of eight of the ten members in the local. Could not assist further, having to leave at 11 p. m. with J. H. Allison for Longwood, a drive of 15 miles.

Receipts, collections \$2.65, literature \$1.00. Expenses, fare, \$1.15, hotel 50c.

Helped post bills advertising meeting. Met several sympathizers.

Spoke at a school house five miles from Longwood to audience of 40.

Went to Pestal in afternoon, but man who said he had arranged for meeting undoubtedly did not, for no one came. Spoke in Longwood school house in evening to about 30 men. Good attention.

Receipts, literature 85c.  
 Thank J. H. Allison, Longwood, member of local Sedalla, for my entertainment.

Arrived late in the evening on account of bad train time on Lexington branch of Missouri Pacific. Could locate neither a Socialist nor a sympathizer. Looked up secretary of United Mine Workers. Talked to him and several members of the Union, but none knew of Socialists. Secretary is very accommodating. Name is Geo. F. Dunkin. Union has about 400 members. Federal Union of A. F. of L. with 40 members also organized here. Secretary, Fred Newman.

This town needs agitation mostly. On account of limited time I could do no more than I here report. Leave early tomorrow a m. for Topeka, Kan.

Summary.

Days in field..... 24  
 Propaganda talks..... 25  
 Organizations talks..... 12

Expenses.  
 Railroad fare..... \$11.81  
 Miscellaneous..... 6.55  
 Hotel..... 22.25

Total..... \$40.61

Receipts.  
 Literature..... \$11.40  
 Lectures..... 32.31  
 Collections, donations..... 11.90  
 Dues collected..... 30.25

Total..... \$75.96  
 Four locals organized with 30 members.  
 Increased local membership 16.  
 Members at large secured 24.  
 Total increase, 70.

OFFICIAL COMMENDATION.  
 St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 20, 1908.

J. Mahlon Barnes,  
 Chicago, Ill.

Comrade: Under separate cover I am sending A. Wagenknecht a letter in your care. Please to forward him. I am uncertain where to address him.

The work of Comrade Wagenknecht in this state was first class. While he does not seem to be a "spell-binder," yet as a hustling organizer he takes a front seat. He works from the moment he reaches town to the time when his train pulls out. For a capable, intelligent organizer he is the best we have had in Missouri. He realizes the necessity of instructing a new local as to conducting business and getting properly started, an important point if the local is to live. His accounts indicate that he is very economical and keeps expenses down to a minimum.

Any state engaging him for organization work will not regret having done so. We need many more like him to make our party machinery what it should be.

Fraternally yours,  
 OTTO PAULE,  
 State Secretary.