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ORGANIZATION NEWS

WILL SPEAK IN LAKEWOOD.

A rousing Socialist meeting is to be held by Local Lakewood Sunday afternoon, June 7, in the local headquarters.

Charles William Skinner and Carl Ulonska will speak on "The Social Revolution." All are invited to attend the meeting.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION.

Literature distributors get literature at headquarters Friday and Saturday for Sunday distribution, May 31. See that your territory is covered.

CARL ULONSKA,
Chairman Organization Committee.

HERE'S THE WAY TO DO IT.

Seattle, Wash., May 18, 1914.
Circulation Manager Washington State Socialist.

Dear Comrade.—At our last regular meeting, held on Friday evening, May 15, your communication calling for subs was read, and a motion was made and carried that a commitee of one be elected to go among the comrades at the meeting to get subs. Comrade Wells was elected and as a result, you will find enclosed sub cards filled out, and a check drawn ot the amount of $2.95, covering the subs.

Wishing the state organ continued prosperity and success, I remain, yours for the revolution,

RAYCINE C. SARGENT,
Recd'g. Sec'y Local No. 5.

RESOLUTIONS OF PROTEST.

The Socialist party of Snohomish county, Washington, in mass meeting assembled, do herby protest against further blodshed in Mexico in behalf of foreign and American capitalists, and we hereby urge the working class of America to stand firm against further intervention, even to refusing to bear arms against their brothers in bondage in defense of the dollars of the ruling class.

MRS. J. M. SALTER,
J. P. CAMPBELL,
CARL ULONSKA,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF PROTEST ON COLORADO CLASS WAR.

Resolved, that the Socialist party of Snohomish county, Washington, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby protest against the brutal and inhuman killing of men, women and children in the coal fields of Colorado, and we do hereby demand that the perpetrators of these fiendish crimes be punished to the full extent of the law, and that, they, the hired assassins of the capitalist class be deported.

MRS. J. M. SALTER,
JOHN CAMPBELL,
CARL ULONSKA,
Committee.

PROGRESS IN HOLLAND

The national secretary of the Socialist party of Holland reports that the number of Socialist locals in the country at the end of 1913 was 389, a gain of 105 in one year.

The number of party members in good standing on December 31, 1913, was 25,708, as against 15,667 on December 31, 1912. This represents a gain of 10,041.

The number of Socialists in town and city councils was 247 in 1913, only 191 in 1912. There were forty Socialist members of provincial legislatures during the year just closed, while 1912 could boast of only twenty-twenty-one.

The second chamber of deputies, corresponding to our house of representatives, has a total membership of 100. In 1913 fifteen of these were Socialists, a gain of eight over those elected in 1912.

For the first time in the history of the country the Socialists suceeded in breaking into the upper chamber, which resembles the senate of the United States. Two were elected to this chamber during the past year.

SPANISH REDS GAIN

According to returns from the general elections in Spain the Socialists have undoubtedly made gains. The press reports state that eighteen Socialists and Republicans were elected. In the last parliament the Socialists had but one represntative. The Socialists and Republicans have been working for the overthrow of the monarchy and the establishment of a republic. However the government forces secured a clear majority of deputies, electing 235 members. The Liberals captured 101 seats; Independents 19 and Conservatives 12.

Look strictly into the nature of the power of your Goddess of Getting On; and you will find she is the Goddess—not of everybody's getting on—but only of somebody's getting on. This is a vital, or rather deathful, distinction.—Ruskin's "Crown of Wild Olive."

COMRADES OF ORIN ORGANIZE NEW LOCAL.

The state office reports the organization of a new Socialist local at Orin, Stevens county. There were eight charter members, and about twenty men have signified their intention of joining at an early date.

SOCIALISTS ORGANIZE A SOCIAL SOCIETY.

On May 3, the Socialists of Arlington and vicinity met at the Labor temple and enjoyed a program consisting of short speeches, recitations, songs and instrumental music. Between the forenoon and afternoon division of the program a delectable lunch was served. At this meeting a society called the Stillaguamish Socialist Brotherhood was organized, whose mission is to promote social intercourse among the Socialists.

The next meeting of the society will be held at Island hall to which any one desiring a good time is invited to bring a basket and attend. The following program is being arranged for Sunday, May 31st. Invitations have been sent out to those whose names appear on the program, requesting that they appear and help make the meeting a success.

11:00 a. m.
Song, "Red Flag" ..... by Assembly
Welcome address .... Thomas Jensen
Recitation ..... Willie Salter
Beginning of the Socialist Movement ..... A. H. Coburn
Selection on the zither ..... Mrs. W. G. Grimm
Mission of the Socialist Teacher .. Mrs. J. M. Salter
Why I Hate Socialist Teachers .... Co. Supt. Lizzie Jones
Song, '.... "Put on a Socialist Smile"
Socialist Movement of Today ..... K. Jasperson
Piano solo ..... Agnes Thorsen
Lunch .....
1:30 p. m.
Song, selected ..... by Assembly
Why a Farmer Should Be a Socialist ..... Chas Roth
Growth of Socialism in Birmingham ..... Norman Biles
Selection on violincello .. John Wrage
Address by State Secretary Katterfield .....

FRENCH SOCIALISTS GAIN TWENTY SEATS

Add Fifty-seven Successful Candidates on Second Balloting to Forty Elected April 26.

The most striking features of the recent election in France in 252 constituencies where any candidate failed to obtain the necessary majorities at the first voting on April 26 was the success of the Socialists.

The results in 234 constituencies as announced at the Ministry of the Interior show that the United Socialists secured fifty-seven seats, winning twenty-nine new ones and losing nine which they had previously held.

Among the candidates defeated was M. Lepine, the former prefect of police of Paris.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS WIN.

The election news from France is most encouraging to all Socialists. The workers stood shoulder to shoulder on May 10 and elected fifty-seven Socialist representatives to the chamber of deputies. As they had already secured forty seats at the election held April 26, the Socialist party will be represented by ninety-seven deputies, as compared with seventy-seven in the last chamber.

The Radicals and Socialist Radicals carried twenty-four seats, and will have 203 seats in the next chamber. The chief losers were the Progressists.

A dispatch from Paris states that the great victory achieved by the United Socialist party has thrown the reaction into a blue funk, and on the other hand, has fired the revolutionary working class with the determination to gain still greater victories and finally to make "Marianne' the real red republic she was calculated to be.

The greatest satisfaction to Jean Jaures and the other leading Socialists is derived from the fact that the nearly complete count of the popular vote cast in the first balloting, April 26, shows the straight Socialist vote to have been over 1,400,000, an increase of about 20 per cent over the vote of 1910, when the Socialist candidates received 1,110,561 suffrages.

The total vote cast for all parties April 26 was 8,328,000, so the Socialists constitute about 16 per cent of the electorate.

The strength of the Socialists in the new chamber will not be fewer than 102 seats, a gain of 26 over the old chamber.

Experienced politicians believe that the situation in France is pointing in the direction of the formation of two clearly defined parties—Conservatives and Socialists, and then will come the final battle, which will establish the real co-operative republic.

Directory Socialist Locals

If any local has paid for entry in this directory and has been omitted from the list, please notify this office at once and correction will be made.

The rates for this directory are $5.00 per year.

Seattle, Fifth Ward Local—Meets every Friday at 8 p. m., 2012 Westlake Ave. Nesta Wells, secretary.

Local Everett No. 1—Meets every Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, at the Socialist party headquarters, 1612 California St., Everett, Wash. Peter Husby, Secy.

Granite Falls—Meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock in Miller Bldg. Julia Herman, Rec. and Cor. Secy.

Hillyard—Meets every Thursday night at 446 Sanson Ave. J. C. Harkness, Secy-Treas., Box 307, Hillyard.

Mountain View—Business meeting the second Wednesday in each month at the homes of the members. Propaganda meeting the fourth Sunday in each month at the Mountain View school house. D. C. Buchanan, Cor. Secy.

Local Port Angeles No. 1—Meets every Sunday at headquarters at 2 p. m. Fred Goos, Secy.

Prosser Local, S. P.—Meets at the office of S. H. Mason, attorney, opposite postoffice, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. John C. Mathews, Local Secy., Box 2.

Silvana—Meets the second and fourth Sundays at 2 p. m. at Union Trading hall, Silvana. Nels Bruseth, secy.-treas.; Ole Larson, organizer.

Not Bad—The pretty pupil-teacher was taking the geography lesson, and was finding the density of one r two of the scholars rather more than she could cope with. She was questioning them on the peculiarities of British seaports, and at last she painted to Liverpool on the map, and asked:

"Now, boys, why is the river at Liverpool always thick?"

Dead silence. Then suddenly something popped into Willie Smith's mind and his eys twinkled.

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Breakfast Ready.—"Mr. Brown's started his garden. I saw him planting his seeds this morning."

"That reminds me. It's time I turned the chickens loose."—Detroit Free Press.

No Hurry.—While a reporter was telephoning his story from Sing Sing early yesterday morning, a convict hammering on the floor made it hard for the reporter to hear. "Would you mind stopping for a few minutes?" asked the reporter.

"All right, boss," said the convict, "go to it. I got twenty years to finish this job."—F. P. A. in New York Tribune.

Many a one thinks himself free and sees not the bands that bind him.—Rueckert.

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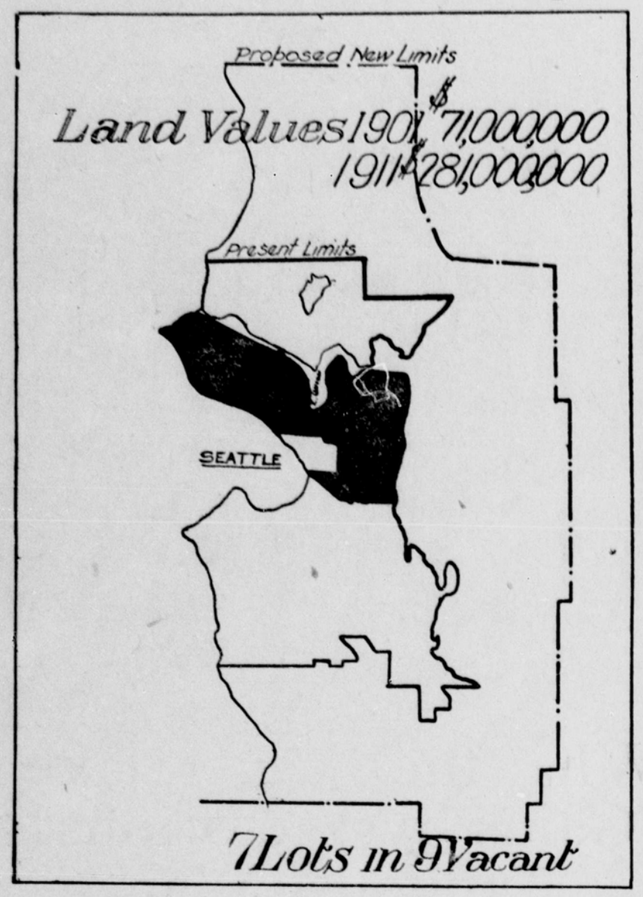

Thorwald Siegfried, Attorney, Would Have a 60x100 Lot for Every Family on Much Less Ground

Thorwald Siegfried, Seattle attorney, believes Seattle could concentrate itself with profit. He has prepared a circular in which he sets forth his argument illustrated by the map presented herewith. The circular contains the following:

High taxes and an expensive, wasteful government find a good reason for their existence in the annexed map of Seattle and its explanation.

The present city limits include 58 square miles of land area, which gives an average population of less than nine persons per acre, assuming that all of its people live within the limits. Yet the Bogue plans commission wished to extend the limits to the Snohomish County line and across Lake Washington, as shown by the outer line on the map.

The low average of nine per acre does not mean that everyone has plenty of room to live in. On the contrary, thousands are huddled in flats, tenements and incipient slums. The explanation is that 77 per cent of the city's area is entirely unused. This unused condition is true not only in the residence districts but also in the business section where many locations are occupied only by one-story shacks.

Any private enterprise would be scuttled if it had to build sewers, streets, car lines, water pipes and electric wires to serve an area over three-fourths of which was to be kept idle and useless. Yet the city staggers on under a load that attests the patience and long-suffering of the real, ultimate taxpayers of the city—the laboring men and women.

Creates Congestion

The condition we now have is "congestion"—ridiculous as the term may sound in connection with a population of nine per acre. It is congestion in business, finance and government; in housing, working and traveling; congestion that comes from forcing trade, work and play into long, narrow, crooked channels in order to keep 77 per cent of the city's area idle.

On the other hand, we could have "concentration" without congestion, if the black area shown on the map were sanely used. It represents that part of the city south of the government canal and north of Hanford street, excluding tide lands, water areas and the down-town district between Denny way, Yesler way and Broadway.

Possible Improvement

The black area contains about 18 square miles, less than one third of the city. Out of that area we could use about a thousand acres for parks—more than Fort Lawton, Woodland, Volunteer, Interlake, Leschi, Madrona, Denny and Kinnear Parks combined; and take one-third of it for streets and alleys. In the balance we could house the 315,000 people of Seattle, in 52,500 dwellings each occupied by six people, each dwelling having a lot 60x100 feet, which is much more than the vast majority of families have or expect in a city that is 77 per cent vacant. That would not leave any to live in flats or hotels, or in Ballard, Fremont, Green Lake, University, West Seattle or Columbia.

Cheaper Conveniences for All

Seattle has 300 miles of paved and planked streets—enough so that every family could have its 60-foot lot front on them; it has more than twice as much street car track, gas pipe, water pipe and electric light and telephone wire as would be necessary to serve a sane, uncongested distribution of its people. That means that we travel twice as far and take twice as long to do it, and pay twice or four times as much, as we need to; that we build miles of sewers, streets, pole lines and pipes, and pay for them in taxes, merely as proof of our dullness in keeping 77 per cent of the city vacant for private speculation.

In addition, speculation has increased the land values of Seattle from 71 millions to 281 millions in the 10 years from 1901 to 1911; which means that in addition to the public taxes all of the people pay to some of them (and few they are) a private tax of from 5 to 8 per cent per annum on 210 million dollars.

If Seattle's people were concentrated as suggested, it would mean a population distributed at the average and actual rate of 30 per acre, which is not congestion. New York City has a statistical "average" population of about 27 per acre, though it contains over 50 tracts of vacant ground from 100 to 1,600 acres while its slums harbor from 750 to 1,300 people per acre; that is congestion. If New York City had a uniform distribution of 50 people per acre it would have a population of ten million and a half, almost twice its present population; that would be concentration without congestion.

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PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY.

(Adopted by Mass Convention of May 24, 1914.)

The Socialist party of Snohomish county in mass convention assembled hereby renews its pledge of loyalty to the working class of the world, and to the principles of the International Socialist movement as expressed in the last national and state conventions of the Socialist party.

OUR PLEDGE.

We pledge ourselves that in the event of the election of our candidates in Snohomish county that we will conduct the business of the county in the interests of the working class and it alone; that in the event of any organization of laborers or any group of unorganized workers striking to better their condition that we will use all the legal power at our disposal to assist them to defeat the employing capitalists; that we will do all in our power to abolish the contract system on all public work; and we pledge ourselves to furnish employment at union wages to the limit of the county funds; that we will abolish the present brutal system of starving prisoners; that if there must be prisoners at all they will be fed and clothed and cared for as human beings; that we will see to it that unimproved land held for speculative purposes be taxed to the limit of the law.

THE PUBLIC SHCOOL SYSTEM

The schools being the most important institutions in modern society, and of tremendous significance, we pledge ourselves to control them in the interest of the producing class, rather than, as now, in the interest of the capitalist class alone; and we condemn the present superintendent in her malicious campaign against Socialist teachers, and her arbitrary methods used in forcing consolidation on districts against the will of the patrons therein. We call attention to the fact that in spite of the political promises of our opponents to be frugal with the funds of the county, they have permitted the County Superintendent and Prosecuting Attorney to spend the public funds freely in long and fruitless campaigns to revoke the certificates of Socialist teachers whos only offense was taking the side of the workers in their struggle for better wages and decent living conditions.

ARE AGAINST FORCED FREE LABOR

We condemn absolutely the policy instituted in the city of Everett under which innocent men are condemned to forced free labor in Forest Park stockade for the crime(?) of being out of employment and seeking work in Snohomish county. We assert that the way to prevent the alleged frequency of petty thievery is to give the unemployed work at union wages, not by forcing these unfortunate victims of bankrupt capitalism to work in jail for no pay. We brand this innovation of the police department an infamous invasion of human rights, an insult and a challenge to all who must toil for wages.

MINIMUM WAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYES

We pledge ourselves to do all within our power to aid the Everett Trades Council in its effort to provide a minimum wage law under which all persons employed directly or indirectly by the city would receive a daily wage of not less than $3 for an eight-hour day's work.

We demand that the police power of the county be used to the utmost to protect working people in their right to free speech, to peaceable assemblage, to picket peacably, singly or in mass, and to hold meetings and distribute literature in connection with labor disputes; and that the power of the department of health be used to prevent the housing of strikebreakers in factories and public buildings.

We demand the establishment of sufficient fre dispensaries, hospitals, sanitariums and convalescent homes to accomodate the vast number of patients who are denied proper care through the prohibitive cost of private institutions.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing measures and all others that may be proposed for the benefit of the masses of the population will require the efforts, not only of city and county officials devoted to the interests of the working class, but also a strong Socialist delegation in the State Legislature.

The Socialist Party does not beg for votes. It does not put its candidates forward as individual good men, but as representatives of the working class. It warns the voters that nothing can be accomplished by relying on individuals as such. It is the party that counts.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SOCIALIST CONVENTION FULLY-REPORTED BY CAPITALIST PAPERS OF EVERETT.

The following account of the Snohomish county mass convention, held last Sunday in Socialist headquarters, 1612 California street, Evertt, appeared in both the Morning Tribune and the Evening Herald of May 26:

SOCIALISTS TO MAKE AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN

Convention Attended by 200 Held Sunday and Candidates Named for County Offices.

Socialists of the county intend to make an active campaign this summer, and on Sunday a mass convention attended by 200 assembled in the party headquarters on California street for the nomination of two candidates for each office to go before the Socialist voters of the county on referendum. The candidates receiving the highest vote in referendum will be the party candidates. Democrats will see in the list of nominees an old-time democratic shouter, H. W. Illman, of Hartford, who has gravitated to the Socialist organization as the agency through which to achieve whatever it is that he thinks should be achieved. The list of nominees is:

For commissioner, first district—J. E. Wrage, Arlington; Ole Larsen, Silvana.

Commissioner, third district—H. W. Ilman, Hartford; W. S. Kellar, Monroe.

Senator, thirty-ninth district—Thomas Jensen, Silvana; J. W. Morris, Arlington.

Representative, forty-ninth district—W. G. Grimm, Silvana; E. B. Caswell, Arlington; A. H. Coburn, Arlington; W. Roselema, Birmingham.

Representative forty-eighth district—J. Olinger, Everett; J. M. Salter, Everett; J. McCullough, Bothel; C. E. Briggs, Edmunds.

County superintendent of schools—Mrs. Mary McNamara, Marysville; R. W. Thompson, Monroe.

Sheriff—B. A. Burton, Arlington; H. F. Leister, Edmonds.

County auditor—H. Krott, F. G. Crosby, Everett.

County assessor—Hans Soley, A. B. Davies.

County clerk—Frank Cort, Everett; V. M. Sill, Edmonds.

County treasurer—Flora Bartlett, Edmonds; William Anderson, Everett.

County attorney—Peter Husby.

County engineer—left vacant.

Coroner—W. S. Keyser, Everett.

Resolutions were passed condemning government action in the Colorado trouble, the Mexican war, objecting to the policy of the police department in arresting "men out of work" and criticising Superintendent Lizzie Jones for alleged unfair treatment of Socialist teachers.

The Everett organization voted to take control of the Commonwealth, the Socialist paper. It will be published under the name of the Washington Socialist and the expectation is to make it the state organ.

It will be remembered that the Socialists had majorities in a number of precincts of the county at the last election. The characteristic of the party is persistence, and the organization just effected is notice to the other parties that they must fight if they hope to break into the Socialist precincts in the coming election.

As part of the summer campaign a number of lectures on Socialism will be given in the People's theater. Emil Seidel, who served one term as Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, will speak Thursday evening on the Socialist administration and what it accomplished in that city.

Mother Jones will also speak in Everett at an early date.

WHAT SOCIALISM IS.

American Year-Book, Cyclopedia and Atlas.

No word has been more abused and misunderstood than the word Socialist. The Socialist is not an anarchist, they are opposed in theory and practice. The Socialist does not propose to destroy the family, abolish religion or devide up property, nor does he seek to carry out his ideas by riot and bloodshed.

In a single phrase, Socialism means public ownership of the means of production and working class control of the government, a chance to work for all who will, and to all workers the full value of their product.

The typical Socialist is a rather quiet and thoughtful workingman, serene in time of trouble and self contained in the day of victory. He realizes that the world will move on very well after he is dead, but remembers that while he lives it is his business to help the world move. He considers himself an ally of eternal laws of nature and is proud to do his little part in the great cause.

Century Dictionary: "Socialism is any theory or system of social organization which would abolish entirely, or in great part, the individual effort and competition on which modern society rests, and substitute for it co-operative action; would introduce a more perfect and equal distribution of the products of labor, and would make land and capital, as the instruments and means of production, the joint possession of the members of the community."

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CAPITALIST PRESS LIES

Plute Press Lied Concerning the Milwaukee Socialist Vote—Lies Are Exposed.

By Carl Ulonska.

Again the lies of the capitalist press in polluting working class news are exposed and again the imperative necessity of the working class supporting their own press is shown. We must support the press that represents our class and our interests.

The recent Milwaukee election returns, as given throughout the country by the kept press stated that the entire Socialist ticket in Milwaukee had been defeated by 8,554 votes and that Seidel's vote was less by 1,053 than at the city elction of 1912, and then in flaring type announced that the non-partisan vote had increased tremendously. Returns at this time showed that Mayor Gerard A. Bading defeated Seidel by approximately 7,000 votes against 12,977 votes in the election held two years ago. Final returns show that the non-partisan vote in Milwaukee decreased instead of increased—a decrease of over 5,000 votes. Yet in spite of these figures the plute press lied and in glaring headlines announced that Socialism had been annihilated in Milwaukee. Further returns show that the Socialist vote in Milwaukee has not debut increased.

creased but increased.

In the recent municipal election the Socialist vote increased from 41 1-2 per cent to 43 1-2 per cent. The vote of the entire Socialist ticket in Milwaukee.

Calls It "Forgotten News."

The Public in commenting on the distorting of the Milwaukee election returns by the Associated Press, raps the kept press of the country severely in doing what it salls "forgetting the news," and concludes, "Yet the Associated Press claims it was libeled when the Masses charged it with suppressing news."

It is claimed that evidence gathered by the Masses, showing how the Associated Press lied and tainted the news, was the chief cause of the Associated Press abandoning the suit against the former.

Workers Must Support Own Press.

The lies of the capitalist press in tainting and polluting working class news shows clearly that the capitalist class are using the press to keep the working class in mental enslavement and to bear down the yoke of industrial slavery. The master class realize the power of the press and they are using it (as might be expected) to perpetuate their class in power. We must do likewise if we wish to establish our class in power.

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This is what the Chicago Day Book says about Hearst and his fellow conspirators against the Mexican people:

The real purpose of the rich Americans who have been turning every trick possible to bring about a war with Mexico is made clear by the editorials in the newspapers of W. R. Hearst, the brazen mouthpiece of special privilege.

I don't know how many men will give up their lives, gladly, although I don't believe any well man gives up his life gladly. Many will enlist gladly; they will go to war gladly. But only a few, if any, of them will expect to give up his life.

Very few of those who will go to war will know—perhaps they wouldn't care if they did know—that back of all this war of conquest is the money-madness, the cunning greed, the desperate avarice of big gamblers who have invested millions in Mexico—men who have bought Mexican land for a song, and expect to reap an enormous harvest by having this government pacify and police "barbarous" Mexico, so that mineral wealth can be dug from the mines and agricultural wealth reaped fromthe soil.

Take Hearst, for illustration. He owns vast tracts of land in Mexico that were bought for a song. There couldn't be much profit in that investment so long as the Mexicans were at war among themselves. There can and will be, however, enormous profit if this country annexes Mexico and keeps a big army in that country for many years to keep the peace while Hearst and his pals cultivate that land.

Every American boy killed during an invasion of Mexico may mean several dollars in Hearst's pocket. It may mean like profit for Harrison Gray Otis of the Los Angeles Times.

Every American life sacrificed in pacifying and conquering Mexico may mean thousands of dollars in the pockets of the Guggenheims and Rockefellers.

When Hearst says these American boys will give up their lives gladly to add to the 'greatness and territory of their country and to the permanent welfare and happiness of the land that is to be conquered," do YOU think Hearst is thinking of any land but the acres he himself owns?

Do YOU think he is thinking of the welfare and happiness of either the American or the Mexican people, or of the happiness of Hearst himself over more millions jingling in his own pockets?

How are we going to make the Mexican people happy by killing them? And how will we make American soldiers happy, or their folks back home happy, by sending them into that country to be killed off by thousands by disease and Mexican bullets?

Suppose we do annex all of the many millions of acres of land in Mexico, how many arces will YOU get? How many acres will YOUR country get?

Won't Hearst and Otis and Taft and Rockefeller and Guggenheim and all of hte others who have got in on the ground floor, own all then that they owned before they brought on this war?

And suppose we do pacify the Mexican people, will we see that the land taken from them by the favored Mexicans and Americans is given back to them?

If we are to be the great pacifiers of this continent, why not pacfy Colorado, Michigan, West Virginia and every other state in the union where the poor are dispossessed of the land and then held in industrial bondage?

Our forefathers, or somebody's forefathers, fought to free this country from British rule. How free are we now?

We say the union army saved this glorious union—but for whom? Whose is it now? How much of it belongs to YOU?

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DEATH.

(By Clarence Church.)

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Yet he was dying! All his money, all his timber, all his mines and mills and men couldn't keep him alive. The greatest doctors in the world couldn't keep the breath of life in him.

And as he lay there on that beautiful bed, dying, he thought of all he had done, and a wretched look of despair came over his withered face. After all these years of grab, what had he accomplished? Nothing!

The men who toiled and sweated in the darkness and dampness of his mines; the women who were obliged to forsake their homes and babies to slave in his factories and shops; the little children who had bent their poor little backs over his looms; who had had their young lives stinted and deformed, torn away from home and school, and the fresh air, to sweat 'mid the grind and roar and rush of this man's machinery: All these it were, who, goaded on by the iron hand of want and hunger, had done it all. They must work to eat! And so he became rich and "great."

And what had he done? What useful function had he performed in the interests of humanity? NOTHING!

He saw now how empty it all was. He had been a robber, a tyrant, perhaps a murderer.

The great dark cloud of death was closing in around him. He felt Death's chilly fingers upon his forehead. Death was close, was wrapping the folds of its terrible cloak about him, smothering him.

Money! How useless! How dirty! How awful!

The roar of machinery, the hack-hack of axes biting into the trees, the moans of tired men, the curses of the oppressed, the white slaves of industry; the wail of mothers, the cries of little children—what a maddening, horrifying din they made in his weary ears.

The men who had taken their slender pay-envelopes at his mills and mines and factories; the women who had ground away day after day in his sweat shops; the children who were grown prematurely old in his service—not one of all this great army was here near his death bed. Beside him now were only those whose hands were itching for his dirty gold, whose only love was the love for filthy lucre.

They drew near unto the old man who was breathing his last.

"All empty! All empty—and—vain," murmured the dying man. Those waiting did not understand.

HOW MUCH OF "OUR COUNTRY" BELONGS TO THE WORKERS.

Very clearly and at a glance do certain statistics gathered by the United States treasurer show the arrangement of the society in which we live. These figures indicate that:

20 people in the United Staes possess incomes of $10,000,000 or over.

200 people possess incomes of $1,000,000 to $10,000,000.

500 people possess incomes of $500,000 to $1,000,000.

10,000 people possess incomes of $50,000 to $100,000.

21,000 people possess incomes of $30,000 to $50,000.

75,000 people possess incomes of $20,000 to $30,000.

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Also and likewise 18,341,380 persons, or three-fourths of the wage-earning population, earn an income averaging $480 a year.

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98,000,000 PEOPLE IN UNITED STATES ,SAYS CENSUS BUREAU

The continental United States now has a population of more than 98,000,000 while the country with its possessions has more than 109,000,000 people. Oregon has 783,279 and Washington 1,405,865.

Estimates for cities under 100,000 have not yet been announced. Portland is given 260,601; Seattle, 313,029; Tacoma, 103,418.

I have been long accustomed, as all men engaged in work of investigation must be, to hear my statements laughed at for years before they are examined or believed; and I am generally content to wait the public's time.—Ruskin's "Crown of Wild Olive."

Adventures of a Socialist

IT WAS a bright, sunshiny day, so
* * *
I COAXED
* * *
PAT NOLAN,
* * *
ORA GRASS and
* * *
CHARLIE OTT to desert
* * *
CENTRALIA, and take a stroll
* * *
OUT INTO the country, along the banks of the
* * *
CHEHALIS river.
AND SO AWAY we went,
* * *
CHATTING AS Socialists are wont to do,
* * *
GIVING THE Capitalist system hell;
* * *
WHEN CHARLIE spied a bird's nest,
* * *
IN WHICH were four, fuzzy little "babes"
* * *
AND WE ALL sat down a few feet away
* * *
AND WATCHED the mammy and pappy birds
* * *
PACKING FOOD to those hungry little atoms,
* * *
ONLY STOPPING for an occasional moment, to eye us or sit on a twig
* * *
AND sing a song to let us know how bright the world looked to them.
* * *
"HAPPY BIRDS" said
* * *
ORA "they have no landlord demanding rent."
* * *
"NO," SAID CHARLIE, "There's no fat capitalist sitting around
* * *
TAKING four-fifths of what they collect and calling it
* * *
PROFIT.
* * *
ALL AT ONCE the birds set up a tremendous twittering,
* * *
AND WITH every sign of fear and anger
* * *
WOULD DASH at the base of the bush on which their nest was built.
* * *
SUDDENLY Pat let out a yell and, grabbing a stick
* * *
MADE SHORT work of a snake
* * *
THAT WAS just starting to crawl into the bush
* * *
TO MAKE a meal of the baby birds.
* * *
"THERE'S your John D. Rockefeller," said Pat, as he threw the
* * *
DEAD SNAKE out into the road,
* * *
AND, PRAISE the Lord, I'm proud I killed it.
* * *
"PAT," said I, "That snake was only obeying a natural law.
* * *
ARE YOU not ashamed of your bloody deed?
* * *
PAT LOOKED at me and answered,
* * *
"MY
* * *
CONSCIENCE
* * *
ACQUITS ME."

W. H. S.

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The minds of men and women too,
With hearts too brave to tremble,
Best comrades, stanch and loyal as you,
Who to our cause assemble.

O no, our hearts no blood lust craves,
But shall we shun the battle
And hear the yoke as cringing slaves,
Dumb as the driven cattle,
Where "patriots," sleek scoundrels, teach
Of "Freedom, like no other,"
To jail and gag, from right of speech,
A conscientious mother?

This with the stars and bars above,
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The flag that should inspire with love,
But tells another story:
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Of Mammon's tools, base yeomen,
That rather seem the spawn of hell
Than manly sons of women.

So let us now, her martyrdom
Shall prove the fool's undoing,
The Clarion call, the beat of drum,
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Heretofore it has not unfrequently happened that comrades in trouble sought the advice of the editor of this paper. But your editor is not a lawyer, nor has he the time to devote to such matters. So from now on our readers are invited to address all questions involving points of law to comrade Peter Husby, Room 209 Stokes Bldg., 1616 1-2 Hewitt Ave., Everett, Wash.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Q. Kindly answer the following question through the columns of the Washington Socialist. Has a board of directors of a school district of the third class the right or power ot make extensive improvements on the school buildings of the district without letting a contract or putting the matter to a vote of the voters or patrons of the school?

A. The board of directors have right to make repairs; but the making of extensive improvements, such as the building of an addition or extension to the presnt building, or the building of a basement, cannot be considerd as making repairs. The law provides that the board may build school houses "when directed by a vote of the district to do so." The making of extensive improvements can not be done without a favorable vote of the district.

The law further provides: "Whenever any board of directors shall be authorized by the electors of their district, to erect a school building, it shall be the duty of such board, before entering into any contract for the erction of any building, to obtain the approval of the county superintendent, of the plans and specifications for the building ot be erected, including also the heating, lighting, ventilating and safety thereof."

The law contains nothing more in regard to the letting of contracts by a board of directors of a district of the third class than contained in the section quoted above.

Q. I am a subscriber to the Washington Socialist and want your advice on the following questions through its columns.

I sold a tract of land in Snohomish county on a real estate contract. The contract was drawn on a printed blank and is recorded. It calls for the party of the second part to pay all the taxes and assessments that may be levied on said land, which said party of the second part is willing to do. The said pjarty has put valuable improvements on the land, and paid the 1912 taxes, but the treasurer refused to take the taxes on his improvements and I had to pay the taxes on them. I still have a tract of land there in Snohomish county adjoining this tract which I sold on contract, and now the 1913 taxes on the land I sold are assessed to me, and the county assessor says it cannot be assessed to the party of the second part until he gets a deed.

A. A. S.

A. There must be some mistake about the treasurer refusing to take tax money. Usually he doesn't care who pays the taxes, just so they are paid. The taxes will continue to be assessed to you until you give a deed of the land to the man who bought it. The difficulty is that the land you sold and the land you still have, stood originally on the books of the assessor and treasurer as one piece of land, and it must remain so until it is segregated by deed. If you have to pay the taxes on all of the land, then you can refuse to give your purchasers a deed until he settles for the taxes that you have paid for him; this your contract gives you a right to do.

Efficiency.—"I hope," said one wife to another, "that you never nag your husband."

"Only when he is beating the rugs," said the second one. "When he is thoroughly irritated he makes a much better job of it."—Ladies Home Journal.

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"THE COLONEL AND HIS FRIENDS"

The Washington Socialist overloaded with the above famous play, which was refused permission to appear in the city of Seattle. You can get it for 15c per copy of the Wash. Soc. Adv. Dept., 1612 California Street, Everett, Wn.

THINK THIS OVER

HOW SOCIALISTS SEND CAPITALISTS TO CONGRESS.

By Theodore Teepe.

At the last presidential election the Socialist party cast 901,873 votes and elected twenty-six Democratic and Republican congressmen.

That may be surprising but it is true. Socialists voted for Socialists but other parties used the votes. As a result twenty-six Republican and Democratic congressmen are holding jobs which they would not be holding had those 901,873 Socialist voters and their families never lived.

The twenty-six Scialist congressmen were legally counted out because we still cling to an ancient and discredited system of representation. The remedy for this great wrong is proportional representation.

In the last presidential election the vote was as follows:

Democratic	6,293,019
Republican	3,484,956
Progressive	4,119,507
Socialist	901,873
Prohibition	207,928
Soc. Dèmocratic	29,259
Total	15,036,542

A total of 435 congressmen was elected. That equalled one congressman for each quota or unit of 34,566 votes if we figure on the basis of the presidential vote.

The actual representation of the various parties and what their representation would have been under a proportional system is as follows:

	Actual	Proportional
Dem.	290	182
Rep.	127	100.8
Prog.	18	119.2
Soc	0	26
Prohi.	0	6

If the Socialists and their families were not counted and if the basis of representation were the same as it is now, there would be only 409 congressmen. It is very clear then that the other parties are getting the actual benefit of Socialist votes.

This injustice can be remedied by adopting a system of proportional representation. Everybody who wishes to help in this matter should drop a card to Senator Robert Owen, requesting a free copy of the senate document entitled "Effective Voting." Be sure to keep it for permanent reference because the fight for proportional representation is now on.

Particular attention should be given to the Hare system which is sometimes known as the single transferable vote. That method is very effective in the election of city councils, where the proportional system will probably be introduced first.

JERUSALEM AND NEW YORK

"And they came to Jerusalem, and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

"And he taught, saying unto them, is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

"And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him; for they feared him, because all the people were astonished at his doctrine."

"And they came to New York, and Jesus went into the Calvary Baptist church, and he began to cast out them that had made a mockery of religion, using his name to commit all manner of crimes and cruelties, using his name to commit all manner of crimes and cruelties, using his name to cloak the murder of innocent women and little children.

"And he taught, saying unto them, is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

"And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him, for they feared him, because all the people were astonished at his doctrine."

And so the scribes and the chief priests called the police reserves and the plain clothes men of the city of New York. And the reserves came in a patrol wagon, and they took Jesus and smote him in the face with a blackjack, they kicked him with their feet, and threw him into the street, cursing him for a disturber of the peace. They cast him then into the patrol wagon and carried him before a judge. And the judge, fearing the wrath of the rich people of the land, commanded that he be taken to the workhouse for three months.

The day following the Times, the news tablet of the Pharisees, commented on the occurrence, saying:

"According to the police court Jesus, the outlaw, who invaded the temple yesterday and tried to convert the service into a riot, represents a peculiar variety of unbelief. In the public mind he is ticketed as an offender against law, order, and decency who should be effectually suppressed.

"But this outlaw has gained exactly what he strove to gain, a huge advertisement of his lawlessness and indecency. To ignore him would be futile. He is aiming for the support, not of intelligent people who read newspapers, but of the illiterate foreigners who have found advancement hard in this country in a period of financial depression. (We have heard it stated that Jesus himself is a penniless 'Sheeny.') They cannot be ignored. But sterner measures should be taken to compel them to obey the law. This is no time to tolerate civil strife of this sort, nor is there the slightest excuse for the kind of mob violence these anarchists of various brands, all equally detestable, are trying to foment."—The Call, New York.

WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT OF THE FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE?

The use of troops to coerce the working class has been common in every age and country. Recent examples are the extermination of the peons in a Mexican valley to create a Hacienda and the massacre of Siberian gold miners. But in this country we are told that we are equal; that there are no classes; that each citizen is an American sovereign, etc. So it is with something of a shock that we learn that beginning with Shay's rebellion in 1786 down to the cowardly slaughter of women and children at Ludlow, Colo., American workingmen have been deemed a fair target for the bullets of young American clerks, apprentices, law students, etc., wearing a militia uniform.

We must not accept this condition of things as a fixed feature of capitalism from which there is no escape. Public sentiment is becoming more and more opposed to violence and military action in social crisis. As Socialists, we must study mass psychology and apply our findings to the good of the movement. This is an age of peace societies, of international arbitration. We must utilize this growing opposition to international warfare in bringing about domestic peace.

The national executive committee has summoned a militia conference to meet at Washington, D. C., next winter. What can we do, here, in Washington state to further the purposes of the conference locally?

Our state is ahead of many in that our state constitution forbids (Art. I, Sec. 24) "individuals or corporations to organize, maintain nor employ an armed body of men," but this does not rid us of the militia danger. A constitutional amendment should forbid the use of the militia against unarmed men. This wording would be safer than one more specific which might be knocked out by the court as class legislation. This should be supplemented by statutory restrictions.

The advantage of taking this matter to the legislature is the saving in time and money. The initiative and referendum requiring more of both. Another thing, this will force our old party politicians into the open on the question.

What should we expect of the fourteenth legislature? Not a chance to introduce some bills and make a few speeches. Not a chance to operate a hot-air plant. A Socialist delegation using the right tactics can actually secure legislation in this direction. There are many things impossible to us but not this.

J. N. McCULLOUGH,
Referendum Candidate for Representative, 48th District.

SOCIALIST SCHOOL TEACHER IN OREGON VICTIM OF CAPITALIST RULE

Word has just reached this office that Comrade Flora I. Forman has been indicted on the criminal charge of rioting and housebreaking, the true story of which occurrance was published in a recent issue of this paper. If convicted, and the politicians will see to this, our valiant comrade will be imprisoned as well as deprived of her certificate. The latter, of course, is precisely what they are after. In Oregon, as in Snohomish countl, it is decreed by the capitalist class and their minions that there shall be nothing but master-class politics in the public schools.

Comrades, send letters of protest to County Attorney Dillard, St. Helena, Oregon. Those who are able to send financial aid, which is badly needed, should remit to Helen Heath, secretary of the Defense league, Quincy, Oregon.

Whilst timorous knowledge stands considering,
Audacious ignorance hath done the deed.
For who knows most, the more he knows to doubt;
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WORKERS NOT ROBBED BY HIGH COST OF LIVING.

The average wage-earner is not hurt by the high cost of living, but by the competition for jobs, there being more willing workers always than the capitalist system can employ. But the limit of competition for jobs on the basis of a living wage—and none can work long for less than the cost of self-maintenance—is set by the average cost of living. The wage scale follows approximately the curve of the cost of living. So a low-cost of living would simply mean a relatively low wage, not more "savings" for the wage slave.

We may see then that the workers are poor not because of what they SPEND, but because of what they DON'T GET. The robbery takes place in the pay-envelope, not in the stores or saloons.

With every advance in the development of machinery unemployment has increased, and the worker is year by year able to purchase less and less of the product of his own labor.

An examination of the reports of the United States Census Bureau shows that there is a glaring inequality between the average value of the workers' products and the average wages paid.

In 1850 the average wage was $247, and the value of the product per worker was $812. The difference between the wages paid and the value of the produce was therefore but $565. In 1910 (or 1909) the average wage was $518, and the value of the produce at the factory door was $3,124 per worker, a difference of $2,606 between the wages received and the value of the product.

Statistics showing the continual increase in the value of product per worker do not make the exact amount of this "progressive" robbery of the wage slave apparent, owing to the increasing cost of material. But there is another way by which the approximate rate of robbery can be shown. As the census report justly observes: "The number of wage earners and the value added by manufacture are, on the whole, a better measure of the relative importance of manufacturing industries than the gross value of products. In some industries the value of the materials used constitute by far the largest part of the total value of products, the manufacturing process involving the addition of only a small amount of labor cost and other expenses and of manufacturer's profit to the cost of the material." Again: "All duplications, as well as the original value of materials, are eliminated in the figures for value added by manufacture. This value covers salaries and wages which represent over one-half of the total, overhead charges, depreciation, interest, taxes and other expenses attendant upon the manufacturing operations, as well as the profits of the undertaking."

The value added by manufacture in 1850 (or 1849) was $484 per worker and the difference between the wages paid and this added value was $237. In 1910 (or 1909) the value added by the worker was $1,289, and the difference between this amount and his wage was $771—an increase of 337 per cent since 1850. This is progressive prosperity for the "progressives" and "conservatives" alike.

The fact is that the wage-worker gets merely the price of his labor power, the cost of his "keep" like any other work animal, and under progressive or conservative rule, he will derive no substantial benefit from the "unparalleled prosperity" of "the people." The wage worker can look under capitalism only for a "progressive" decrease in his share of the product of his own toil. The apparent increase in wages merely reflects the increase in the cost of the wage slave's provender. This is the bitter lesson of the thirteenth century census report on manufactures. The table below, based upon figures derivable from the government census, affords splendid campaign material for intelligent wage-workers:

	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910
Average wage	$247	$288	$302	$346	$444	$437	$518
Value of product per worker	812	1438	1648	1965	2204	2450	3124
Difference between average wage and value of produce	565	1150	1346	1619	1760	2013	2606
Value added to raw material by average worker in manufacture	484	651	679	721	990	1025	1289
Difference between wages paid and value added by manufacture	237	363	377	375	546	588	771

From these eloquent figures the bourgeois spellbinders can derive no "thunder" for the campaign. They prove conclusively that the wage-workers are being robbed year by year of a greater and greater portion of the wealth they produce, leaving them poorer relatively to their productive powers, than at any other time in the history of the world.

STUDY OF CRIME.

There was introduced in the house of representatives on January 7, "a bill to establish a bureau for the study of the criminal, pauper and defective classes." It was introduced by Congressman Taggart, of Kansas, apparently by request of an organization devoted to "study of man."

The bill creates some salaried offices, the incumbent of which will study criminals as though they were of a different species than the rest of us.

One feels tempted on observing suggestions of that kind to inquire whether it would not be a good idea to create a commission to study the "criminologists" and learn why they do not see that existing economic conditions have more to do with crime than any abnormal characteristics of criminals. Nine criminals out of ten are victims of circumstances. Nine men out of ten who are not criminals would be, had they been placed in the environment and been subjected to the circumstances in which existing criminals have been produced.

With conditions such that all can not honestly earn their living, some will resort to dishonesty in preference to starvation or beggary. Fear of poverty will drive many to crime who are not suffering from actual need. Very few of these are abnormal creatures. Quite the contrary. A man must be abnormal who will abstain from crime in spite of necessity.

Instead of bills creating commissions to study the existing evils, what is needed is a bill to apply knowledge already acquired toward removing the cause of poverty. If our legislators could be induced to do that, crime would be reduced to a minimum if it did not actually disappear.

The average Russian day laborer is said to have only about four cents a year for spending money.

CALLS ADULT ILLITERACY OF COUNTRY DISGRACEFUL

Washington.—American's adult illiteracy described as a national disgrace, can be wiped out by the time the next federal census is taken if the work is undertaken at once, according to Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education. This assertion is made in connection with an appeal by the commissioner for an appropriation by congress of $10,000 with which to eradicate illiteracy in this country.

"We now have," declared Dr. Claxton, "more than 5,000,000 illiterate men and women and many millions barely able to read and write. This illiteracy is a burden and a menace to state and nation. It costs the country at least $500,000 every year. An appropriation of $10,000 would make it possible to begin the work of wiping out this national disgrace and the cooperation of the states, school officers and educational associations would be such that after 1920 we would be able to show practically a clean slate."

Cruel—Cholly—"When I was a boy, you know, the doctor said if I didn't stop smoking cigarettes I would become feebleminded."

Miss Keen—"Well, why didn't you stop?"—Boston Transcript.

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MINIMUM WAGE OF $8.50 NOT ENOUGH, SAY COMMISSIONERS.

Men Say Yes; Women Say No.

Last Friday evening there was a conference in Olympia of three laundry owners, three laundry girls and three representatives of the capitalist class generally, met to determine just what is the lowest cost of living of laundry girls. If the cost of living is high, then the compensation of wage-slaves must be relatively high. The five men on the conference voted for $8.50 a week as the cost of maintaining female laundry workers. The four women of the conference said "no," and the minimum wage commission also said "no," declaring that "investigation has revealed the fact that $8.50 is not sufficient for a woman to maintain herself in health and comfort."

Those who voted for the $8.50 wage were: Rev. R. H. McGinnis, Tacoma; Judge E. M. Day, Bellingham; Frank Nixon of the Raymond steam Laundry, Raymond; W. J. Doust of the Cascade Laundry, Spokane, and A. Jacobsen of the Rainier Laundry, Seattle.

Those who voted against it were: Mrs. R. C. McCredie of Sunnyside, president of the State Federation of Women's clubs, and three laundry workers—Miss Johanna Hilts and Mrs. Hilda O'Connor, of Seattle, and Mrs. Julia A. Wilson of Spokane.

Some 25 to 30 laundymen had come to Olympia to coach their representatives. They caucused till 3:30 in the morning Thursday, and with them the object of the minimum wage law was interpreted to mean: "What is the irreducible minimum upon which a girl can exist from week to week?"

A capitalist daily reported one phase of the proceedings thusly:

The girls allowed themselves 10 cents a day for car fare, or $36 a year.

Nixon went as low as $20 on this item.

Miss Hilts estimated $4 a year for petticoats.

Nixon wouldn't allow more than $2.

Two of the girls went as high as $12.50 per year for hats, and Miss Hilts came down to $10.

Still Nixon wouldn't allow more than $8.

The girls asked $10 a year for amusements.

Nixon allowed but $5.

And then came the question of room and board.

Nixon was again low.

He allowed $2 a week for meals and $1.50 for room.

The other two employers were more generous. They allowed 50 cents more.

It was five minutes to 12, noon, Friday.

Mrs. O'Connor, who already gets more than the minimum law is expected to give the girls, was pleading, nevertheless, for her sisters slaving at the mangle.

"Do you know what it means to eat on $2 a week?" she asked Nixon. "Three meals a day, 21 meals a week. It means less than 10 cents a meal. Have you ever eaten a 10-cent meal?"

Nixon said he had.

Nixon pulled his watch out of his pocket. It was noon, and it was time for the conference to recess for lunch. Nixon took a straight course to Doane's to eat.

And when Miss Hilts and Mrs. O'Connor reached the same place, later, Nixon was having his check countersigned by the cashier. The state allows the members of the conference their expenses.

AND NIXON'S VOUCHER FOR ONE MEAL AMOUNTED TO $2.40

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There will be another meeting called about June 1.

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The comrades in every nook and corner of the Evergreen State are showing by their renewed interest and heightened enthusiasm that they have rested on their oars long enough, and that they are now determined to take control of the Ship of State in the interests of the working class, and guide it speedily into the haven of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

All signs point to a great awakening of the workers, not only of this state, but throughout the entire country, to the realization of the fact that none of the old parties is willing, or even able, to pass any legislation, or administer the laws already in the statutes, in the interest of the wage-earners. They begin to understand now more fully that all capitalist parties exist for the special benefit of the capitalist class. Never was there a time when sound economic teaching has been so eagerly listened to as at the present time of unemployment, government by gunmen, and general bankruptcy of the whole capitalist system.

Our answer to the effort of the capitalist class to still one mouthpiece of the exploited masses, the Commonwealth, is the present sixpage Washington Socialist!

Comrades of Washington, keep up the good work you have been doing for the past five months; even do a little aggressive campaigning for subscriptions, and then see what kind of a paper we will give you in return for your loyalty and co-operation. JUST WORK AND WATCH!

ON THE OTHER HAND!

We feel pretty good over the support that we have so far received. But, on the other hand, we confess right here and now that we must depend absolutely on our readers for the maintenance of the Washington Socialist as a six-page paper. We feel that if you did what you already have done for the paper as it WAS, that you should double your efforts for the six-page paper. And we simply can't do the full work of our party with less than six pages.

So, comrades, it's up to you.

NOTHING TO DO WITH THE LARGER EDITION.

The fact that the Washington Socialist was taken over by the comrades of Snohomish county, last Sunday at the mas meeting, has nothing to do with the enlargement of the paper. The six pages had been decided upon already. And the county committee, or the comrades as a body, have given no money aid to start us out with as a party-owned press. Nor will they be called upon to assume any debts. WE'RE NOT GOING TO INCUR ANY DEBTS. We're determined either to swim or sink on a strictly cash basis. If this paper isn't worth the support of all red-card Socialists of this state—well, let's kill it, or let it die a natural death. The paper can't be any better than the rank and file of the party wish to make it. And the only way to make it better is to support it better.

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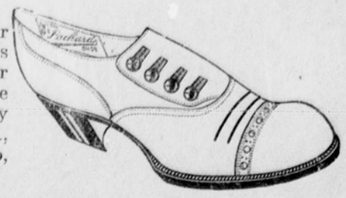
"No," said his wife, "but it is quite a satisfaction to me to see a man eat a meal without finding fault with the cooking.—Cincinnati Enquirer.



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