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Ultimate Interests of Farmers and Wage-Slaves Identical

ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STATUS OF THE FARMER THE FARMER AND THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

By JOHN M. POWERS
(Marcus, Wash.)
To the Editor of The Washington Socialist:

The questions dealt with on page 1, in your issue of February 25, under the title "Interesting Questions," especially the question relative to the farmer and his status in the class-struggle deserve more than passing notice.

While I agree with you in your classification of the farmer as a profit monger, because he has produced to sell at a price higher than he paid the farm laborer for producing it, or more properly helping to produce it, I do not quite agree that the farmer's profits would be greater, if farm machinery, groceries, etc., were cheaper, and I will add taxes to the list, with the assertion that: Whether taxes are high or low generally speaking, makes no material difference to the farmers as a class. It is conceded by all well informed students of economics, that the wage earners as a class get only sufficient wages to meet their economic necessities, i. e., to secure enough food, etc., to keep themselves in wealth producing condition, and to propagate more slaves.

Now, while the farmer is not a wage slave in the strict sense of the term, he most certainly is a hand slave, and the economic law above referred to applies to him just as much as it does to the wage slave.

Therefore I disagree with you, when you imply that the farmers interests are in lower prices for what he buys, and higher prices for what he sells, the farmer in buying and selling is in an entirely different position to that of the merchant, or any others in the true profit mongering class. On the contrary, he is in the same position as the wage slave, i. e., he has nothing to say about the price of his product when he sells it and also nothing to say about the price of such necessities as he is compelled to purchase from the manufacturer or dealer.

The farmer is as much at the mercy of the four vampires interest, rent, profit, and the state as the wage earner is, and it is to his interest to abolish these things.

Of course he will not admit the above, but neither will the wage slave admit it, in fact both resent any propaganda in that direction; nevertheless the facts are not altered.

I do not pretend to lay down any course of tactics to my comrades in this great educational movement, i. e., the Socialist movement, but I do believe that the time of those desiring to reach the ultimate goal, would be better employed, in trying to bring the farmers to a realization of what his interests really are, than in splitting hairs, trying to segregate the farmers from the workers, and place them in the capitalist class. I will say for the benefit of those that may read this that I do not deal with the farmers in this matter as individuals, but as a whole.

You have said that "the question is too complex to treat of fully," and agreeing with you on that I will not attempt it, but will conclude with saying: The desire on the part of certain wage-slaves to place the farmer in the capitalist class does not result from an intelligent understanding of the class struggle, but is a species of craft-consciousness, compounded with a little scissor-billies.

Our friend Bill Scissors is a very superficial thinker, he sees a foreigner with a job, and at once cries out "drive out the foreigners," he thinks the foreigner is the cause of his own unemployment.

The fellow that blames the farmer for any part of present conditions is pretty much like a Gompersite or like Bill Scissors himself. The real culprit gets away with the swag, while the fight between the workers, as to their religious, nationalities, and crafts goes on.

WHOEVER YOU ARE WHEREVER YOU ARE

If you are a real Red this paper needs and invites your support. Get your name on our sub. list, if it's only for a three-month's term, at 25c. There is great work ahead of us. Help us to help others on the straight and narrow path of Marxian Socialism. And do it NOW!

Comrade Powers has written a very clear answer to our editorial in the issue of February 15, which we publish in another column of the present number.

While we agree with comrade Powers on nearly all points, yet we feel that there are two elements of the problem which are not considered by him in his reply.

First of all, we must remember that we are not dealing with an ideal farmer, but a real, live, everyday, generally capitalist-minded average member of his class. And this average farmer, even when he is a member of the Socialist party, is, as a matter of fact, very much interested in reducing taxes, and in measures which are believed by him to tend toward reduction of the average cost of living—to a lowered cost of farmer's supplies. It is not what is theoretically true, but what the average farmer, even though he votes a Socialist ticket, thinks is true, that determines his relation to the class struggle and his views on political measures. The average Socialist, consciously or unconsciously, tries to adapt the platform and tactics of the Socialist party to conform to his own individual economic needs, whether he be a farmer, a petty merchant, or a wage-slave. The exceptions prove the rule.

Now then, as a matter of fact, is not a low average cost of production to the farmer's immediate advantage? Are not improved farm implements adopted precisely because they actually reduce the cost of production? And is not this reduction in the cost of production necessary to successful competition in the world markets? If the average cost of production in the United States is greater than in Argentina, Canada, Russia, or elsewhere, how can the American farmer sell his products at all? And we know that even the cost of production can be obtained by the average farmer only when a foreign market can be found, annually, for nearly a billion dollars worth of American farm products.

As applied to domestic sales, it would not matter, as comrade Powers affirms, whether the cost of the farmer's living, or the amount of his taxes, were higher or lower, since he would, on the average, get but the cost of his keep anyhow. But with the foreign market closed to him, through his inability to meet competition abroad, he could not even sell his products at their cost price! So he would have to go out of business, just as does the small manufacturer and petty merchant, when in competition with the great corporations.

Now the average wage-slave of the industries does not care whether the small farmer survives, as such, or not. What he wants is legislation that will improve his condition, as an industrial wage-slave, dependent upon the capitalist for a chance to work, for the opportunity to use his labor-power in exchange for what he calls "wages." He imagines that if he can buy flour and potatoes and bacon and eggs cheaply that he is that much better off. But the farmer thinks he will be better off if these products sell at a relatively high price. Also he believes there will be more profit for him if he can buy his own supplies at a low figure.

So here we have a conflict between the apparent, or assumed, interests of city wage-workers and the self-employed farmer.

And insofar as a foreign market is concerned, it would seem that the farmer is justified in wishing to see the price of his supplies at a minimum, so that he may at least be able to dispose of his products even at cost price.

But just because of this harrowing struggle for existence, or profits, the farmer's need for Socialism is as great as is that of the average proletarian who has nothing but his labor-power to sell. Here then, the identity of interests between city wage-slave and small farmer is complete. The conflicting immediate interests are insignificant as compared with the ultimate interests, which are paramount for both classes of useful workers, rural and industrial. Hence all farseeing self-employed agriculturists and all intelligent and informed city wage workers are Socialists.

COMMISSIONERS CLAY AND KELLY AID AND ABET IN VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCE

Shull Lumber Co. Are Favored by "Class-Conscious" Officials At City Hall

COMMISSIONER SALTER STANDS OUT FOR IMPARTIAL ENFORCEMENT OF LAW BUT IS OUTVOTED IN COUNCIL

The Shull Mill company believes in political action.

The Shull Mill company believes in electing to office men who will represent their class-interests, who will do their bidding, as city officials; they vote for men who will enforce the city's ordinances rigorously where members of the working-class, or poor people, are concerned, and who will, to borrow Commissioner Clay's pregnant phrase, "take the bit in the mouth" when the ordinances are contrary to what "influential" citizens want.

Mayor Clay and Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Kelly have both taken "the bit in the mouth" for the benefit of the Shull Lumber Co., and are flagrantly over-riding the express provisions of the city's ordinances.

The Shull Mill company have openly violated section 107 of the city ordinances, requiring that all chimneys and smoke flues shall be constructed of brick or stone, with enclosing walls not less than four inches thick, and, if less than eight inches thick, shall be lined on the inside with well burnt clay, terra cotta pipe not less than one inch thick.

This ordinance is in force, legally, today. And is being rigorously enforced on all citizens excepting the Shull mill people. No working-man could violate this ordinance without being immediately arrested and fined.

The Washington Socialist wants to know of Commissioners Clay and Kelly why it is that there is a sheet-iron pipe issuing from the side of the boarding house at the Shull mill, in open, flagrant violation of an ordinance that has not been abrogated, an ordinance that is in full force at this moment in all cases where the class that put Clay and Kelly into office are not affected by its enforcement. We want to know why it is that "influential" citizens can with impunity over-ride the city's ordinances, while the officials who have taken their oaths to administer the laws impartially, without fear or favor, "take the bit in the mouth," sit tight, and vote together to ignore their own ordinances, thus aiding and abetting men to whom they owe political favors, or from whom they expect to receive political favors, to violate the laws of the city.

DEPENDS UPON WHOSE OX IS GORED

Last week the Shull Lumber Co. made earnest protest at the city hall for strict enforcement of the law against the shingleweavers. This week they have called upon their servants in office to "wink the other eye" while they continue to violate section 107 of the building ordinance. Those in authority recognize "their master's voice," and vote that the ordinance be "suspended" for the benefit of their friends the Shull Mill Co.

But they have no legal authority to suspend this ordinance for the benefit of their friends.

FIRE CHIEF SILENT

Will the chief of the fire department please stand up and tell the voters of Everett why he makes no protest against this dangerous violation of an ordinance enacted to protect the homes of Everett from conflagration? Does political influence reach even into the fire department?

If the working-class of Everett shall have learned by next election day that only a Socialist official can be depended upon to enforce the city's ordinances where the rich and influential are concerned, the "bit" will not have been taken into Kelly's and Clay's teeth in vain.

VICTORS AND VANQUISHED

By EDWIN MARKHAM
(In The Nautilus.)

He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in.

SALTER BROILS TWO BROTHER OFFICIALS

Socialist Commissioner Starts Fire and Then Watches the Smoke

(From Evening Herald)

A motion introduced by Commissioner Kelly this morning at a session of the city council terminated in placing Mayor Clay and the commissioner who launched the motion in a somewhat embarrassing position. The motion proposed that the Shull Lumber & Shingle company should be granted a 30-days' permit to leave its stovepipes standing in the bunkhouse on Fourteenth street, without necessitating the construction of brick chimneys. The tight spot in which the two commissioners found themselves was when Commissioner Salter said it was a clear transgression of a city ordinance; then, to make affairs more tangled for the two commissioners, a man presented himself at the session to ask for a special privilege, Commissioner Salter suggesting that the same permission should be accorded the individual as had been given the corporation.

The Shull mill management has erected a bunk and cook house on the Fourteenth street wharf. As a temporary affair the company used ordinary pipes for its stoves. The municipal building inspector moved against that action, declaring that under the ordinance a permanent chimney should be erected. For a time it appeared as though a warrant would be asked for Manager Nelson's arrest, but the council visited the scene of action and decided against the drastic measure proposed.

When the motion was presented this morning and Mayor Clay said that the mayor of Seattle frequently found it necessary to make slight departures from city ordinances, Commissioner Salter said:

"Sure, it is up to you two commissioners to give them permission to violate the building ordinance."

That was just a trifle sarcastic, but Mayor Clay replied:

"This is only a temporary expedient. If they are using the bunkhouse at the expiration of 30 days, then I will be in favor of compelling the construction of a permanent chimney."

"We might as well go back to the old method," said Commissioner Salter. "It used to be that special permission could be obtained by some people."

A vote taken on the proposed motion resulted in Commissioners Clay and Kelly supporting it, while Commissioner Salter voted adversely.

About that time a man entered the council chamber, who Salter introduced as follows:

"Here is a man who wants permission to break an ordinance, and I suggest that you allow him the privilege."

The man in question asked for authority to establish a peanut wagon on the sidewalk on Hoyt avenue in front of the Wisconsin block. That request was clearly contrary to the ordinance. The two commissioners talked with the aspirant for a long time, suggesting other locations for his peanut wagon, while Commissioner Salter, who precipitated the uncomfortable situation, sat back and seemed to enjoy himself.

The application of the peanut merchant was turned down.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT AND HOW TO PROFIT BY IT

We have the names of over 500 old party wage-slave voters in this office, and can get more if necessary. We also have a standing offer to send this paper to any address for five weeks for 10 cents. What we want now is 100 Socialists to send in a dollar each, so that we can send this paper to these 500 voters and get them interested in the mission of the working class.

The elections will soon be upon us and with the present shingleweavers strike and the debauchery of the politicians in Olympia the workers are in a mood to listen to our message.

Moreover, this \$100 will act as an "Elastic Currency" so that we will be able to meet the printing bill when collections are hard to make, as at present when our advertisers feel the hard times, and we suffer in consequence.

We need that \$100 RIGHT NOW. Who will be the first to respond?

"A HARMLESS AGITATOR"

Objects to Rubber Hose As a Substitute for Brains

BRAWN TAKES PLACE OF SKILL IN GOLD BAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It is an established principle of Socialist philosophy and pedagogy that brute force, violence in any form, can not be made to serve humanity as a substitute for brains, or skill.

In the little burg Gold Bar, as also in thousands of other places where most of the populace have not yet come under the civilizing influences of Socialist education and administration, the brutish attempt is still being made to use brute force as a substitute for pedagogic skill.

The average capitalist-minded school teacher is notoriously stupid, ignorant, and reactionary, wherever you go. In many respects the typical school teacher is the most hopeless element in society, so far as any real social progress is concerned, insofar as it depends upon their attitude and intelligence.

So we are not surprised to learn that the very mediocre (not to say medieval,) teachers of Gold Bar are trying to make up for their own lack of pedagogic ability by beating the children of the workers over the head with a 3-4 inch rubber hose, as an aid to good spelling, the faculty of attention, etc.

Now comrade Rufus Wren is not a pedagogue, but he is, like all other well-grounded Socialists, opposed to the rubber-hose method of imparting knowledge, improving the memory, strengthening the faculty of attention, or even as an aid to good behavior. He has children in the Gold Bar school that need education, but he will take chances on their receiving enough brutal treatment from the capitalist system when they leave school to go out and begin the bitter battle for bread, and does not approve of the hose system of discipline. So, says the town sheet, the Gold Bar Record:

"Our good citizen Rufus Wren last Sunday carried a rubber hose around our streets proclaiming that that was what they educated the children with in our local schools. That may be true. If it becomes necessary to administer corporal punishment to a child a piece of rubber hose is highly recommended. Children have not changed much since Rufus was a child and it is likely that when he attended school, if he ever did, he got well beat up with a hickory rod, and see what a good citizen, political leader and author Rufus is."

All of which means that Rufus Wren is a plain, poorly-paid working man, and not a mill-owner, or he would not be referred to in such contemptuous terms. His objection would be taken seriously, as it is, the country editor need not remind us that "with all that Rufus' kicking does not carry much weight or have much influence. There are some men in the world, who, if they were dogs would bite the hand that feeds them."

Just so. A wage-slave, or underdog, should be grateful for whatever scraps are thrown from the master's table, and should be duly grateful that each crust or bone is not accompanied by a kick in the ribs, or a whack over the head with a garden hose.

Comrades everywhere, organize and capture the public schools for the working-class, then, as school directors, you will be in a position to protect your children from the brutality of stupid capitalist-minded school teachers.

CHILD MURDERERS

The child labor commission, of Massachusetts reports that in one Boston school district 125 of the 1,238 children at school go to dump-heaps, freight yards, markets and ash barrels in search of food, fuel and clothes. They pick in all sorts of weather, with bare toes sticking out of their shoes on the coldest winter days. Their hands shake so that they can barely hold the bags. The ashes crack the skin.

In the face of this systematic murder of little children, there are millions of people who claim to be Christians and who yet vote for the anti-Christian capitalist system.

Socialism, they say, is against religion. Against the kind of "religion" that permits the murder of little children, Socialism undoubtedly is. Every true Christian is a Socialist; even if not every true Socialist is a Christian.

SHOW YOUR COLOR! Seconds Wanted on Anti-War Referendum

LET'S SEE WHERE THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THE U. S. STANDS ON INTERNATIONALISM AND MILITARISM

The American Socialist of March 20 contains the Local Everett No. 1 resolution defining the position its membership stands pledged to take in the event of a declaration of war by the capitalist class of this country, either offensive, or defensive. And they're always "defensive!"

The Socialist party of the United States will by this national referendum, if it receives sufficient seconds, be given an opportunity to ascertain where its membership stands on the question of what action we shall take, as a party, in the event of war.

IMPORTANT POINT

It should be borne in mind that locals which second this referendum do not thereby declare themselves in favor of its provisions.

What we must have is an expression from the entire party membership, not a small committee, as to what stand the majority of Socialists intend to take in the event of the United States becoming involved in war.

Let us not be trapped as the Socialists of Europe were, so that our capitalist enemies may gloat over us as they did over "the collapse of the International."

If we are real Socialists, standing for our CLASS, anywhere and everywhere, rather than for their and our exploiters, here and elsewhere, under whatever flag, let's stand up like men and women and be counted!

The attitude of the party's official committee, as given in its Bull Moose report, recommending limited armaments, is not representative of the class-conscious, revolutionary Social-

ists of this country. The real Red is not concerned with the question of more or less armament, but with the question of how many of our party members are actually Socialists—how many will refuse to kill their working-class brethren for the benefit of the capitalist class. This is the question for real Reds, for Internationalists, who are the only bona fide Socialists.

WHERE WE STAND

Let us put this referendum to a vote throughout the United States. Let us ascertain for a certainty just where we stand on this all-important issue.

In the face of this national question, all other issues of the Socialist party pale into insignificance.

Whether the Socialist party of the United States is for or against war, IN PRACTICE, not in THEORY ONLY, is what we are all entitled to know.

Let every Local in the country second this national referendum, printed in the American Socialist of March 20, page 3, column 1. Then see that every dues-paying party member votes "yes" or "no" on it. Let there be no evasion of duty on this question of questions.

If we stand READY TO SLAUGHTER MEMBERS OF OUR CLASS at the behest of the capitalist class, to protect THEIR property interests, or to aid in the capture of more markets (and profits) for the wealth we create and do not get, then let us come out in the open and say so. Then we should follow such a decision by dropping our red emblems of International Brotherhood of the Workingclass with the Black Flag of Death and Capitalism, relieved only by the hideous skull and cross-bones, so truly emblematic of all that Capitalism means to the workers of the world.

THE War Is The CLASS War!

1,750,000 CHILD SLAVES TOIL MODERN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

One million seven hundred and fifty thousand children toil for a mere pittance in the mills, mines and factories of the United States.

The product of their hands under-sells the product of adults, and thus may the employer of child labor outbid in the market the product of the employer of adult labor only.

The child works more cheaply. These children should be at school desks.

Here are the illiteracy figures in the Southern States, which district lags behind the rest of the country in emancipating its children:

	Illiterate Children per 1,000 pop.
Louisiana	115
South Carolina	83
Alabama	77
Virginia	77
Kentucky	59
North Carolina	68
Georgia	57
Tennessee	54
Florida	50
Arkansas	47

The men, able to work, willing to work and should be at work.

The benches occupied by 14-year-old boys and girls rightfully belong to the logical family breadwinner—the father.

Never was there a time when child labor called for more drastic action on the part of those in power than today, when the cities are clogged with idle men, gaunt and hungry, kept from available jobs by cheap, juvenile labor.

"BOY SCOUTS TO KILL MEN HERE"

Philadelphia.—Boy Scouts, taught how to shoot and use guns when there "are mobs to control," is part of Judge J. Willis Martin's idea of the usefulness of the movement, as expressed at a meeting which opened a campaign to raise \$50,000 for the enrollment of 10,000 more boys in the movement.

It is estimated that more than 300,000,000 acres of our land are owned by foreign and domestic capitalists. One hundred and twenty million acres of this is rented, the balance being owned by the great railway corporations.

EUGENE V. DEBS
East and west, north and south, as far as the globe is humanly inhabitable, extends the conquest of modern industrial development. The remotest regions are penetrated and the most ancient nations are awakened to the new life.

One after another the nations of the far east, so long dormant under the influence of oriental civilization, are being industrialized and taking their places in the international procession of modern development.

The transformation of Japan into a modern industrial nation in the short space of a single generation is one of the marvels of our age. Eugene Brieux, the French writer, has paid a recent visit to Japan and in writing of what he saw there he says: "Industrial development here, as elsewhere, has created socialism, and misery has given birth to revolt."

In this terse utterance the famous Frenchman has described the process of the social revolution. Capitalism, being based upon exploitation and the use of modern machinery, necessarily creates the conditions which make socialism inevitable, and as a logical sequence socialism follows in the wake of capitalism all around the world.

WORKERS TAKE THE RISKS

In Massachusetts, under the industrial accident law, nearly \$2,300,000 was paid last year by insurance companies to injured employees and relatives of those killed. There were 95,963 non-fatal accidents and 698 fatal cases reported.

The men of the Plasterers' Union and the Lathers' Union of Boston have notified their employers that after May 1 they will only work five days a week. The carpenters have notified their employers of the same to take place from June 1. Other unions are taking the matter up.

The Austrian government has decided to organize a grain monopoly on similar lines to that established in Germany. Prisoners of war are replacing the peasants who have been sent to the front.

Encyclopedia Britannica says: "The ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity."

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WASHINGTON SOCIALIST

To County Convention

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend the following outlined plans as ways and means to up-build the Washington Socialist, and to increase its circulation.

1. There should be one person in each locality to push the circulation.
2. Each local should arrange for entertainments for the benefit of the paper, not with the idea of raising money as a gift but to increase the circulation and arouse an interest in the paper. Dances, lectures, playlets, lap suppers, are types of entertainment.

3. Picnics and festivals held under the auspices of the whole county, or under sections of the county organization, like northern, southern, middle and eastern parts of the county.

4. Some comrades possessing autos, and well known, should be induced to cover the county during the year in behalf of the paper.

5. Rancher comrades could set aside a piece of ground and develop the products to the benefit of the Washington Socialist; or some other products of the farm, such as chickens, pigs, etc. These products could be used at a midsummer or autumn festival.

Whereas comrade Hodgins has given her services gratis to the upbuilding of the Washington Socialist for more than a year, and by her management brought it from a losing venture to a self-supporting one; and

Whereas comrade Shipley, its editor, has made the paper one of the clearest Marxian publications on the continent, laboring oftentimes without pay, and at all times actuated by an unselfish devotion to the cause;

And last, but not least, comrade Crosby, who has so efficiently conducted the advertisement department, and at all times willing to help in any department of the work;

And let us not forget others, such as comrades Mrs. Cort, Mrs. Roeder, and others, who have week after week, from almost the inception of the paper, rendered such valuable aid on mailing day;

Be it resolved, That this convention do tender to these tried and unflinching comrades our deep and heartfelt appreciation of their unselfish efforts in the upbuilding of our county press, which has become the 42-centimeter gun of Snohomish county, the state of Washington and the United States.

J. M. SALTER,
CARL ULONSKA,
C. P. MORRISON.

WHAT LOCAL EVERETT NO. 1 THINKS OF THINGS

Local Everett No. 1 held an unusually interesting meeting last Sunday night. The comrades had evidently got wound up for the county convention that afternoon and had not yet run down. Three new names were added to our membership list, and it was decided to hold an entertainment on Easter Sunday. Among the things discussed were the various documents from the state office relating to various things now before the membership. On the matter of a state-owned press one lonesome member spoke in its favor, while several spoke against the idea. The motion by Local Bedford, Mass., to restore state autonomy, and the motion of Local Rotterdam Junction, N. Y., to restore the party referendum were seconded by unanimous vote.

F. G. CROSBY,
Press Committee.

RICHMOND PRECINCT SOCIAL IN AID OF W. S.

The comrades of Local Richmond Precinct pulled off a social a short time ago with fairly good success. When comrade Bonner Bartlett came to the county convention last Sunday as a delegate he also brought with him the sum of \$2.60, which was duly handed over to the Washington Socialist as a donation from the above local. As a result a few more Henry Dubbs will have an opportunity of being put wise and thus swell the ranks of the revolutionary proletariat.

MORE "INCENTIVE"

Toledo, Wash., March 21, 1915. To the Washington Socialist, Everett. Dear Comrades: Please find enclosed P. O. order for 50 cents for which send me the paper for six months. This is my renewal. Comrades, it was an oversight on my part that I let my sub. run out, but thanks to you I have not missed many papers.

Keep the good work going; the paper is better every week.

Yours for the revolution,

JESSIE E. SWOPE,
Toledo, Wash.

COMRADELY CO-OPERATION MARKS THE COUNTY CONVENTION

Plans Discussed for Strengthening Party Organization

WASHINGTON SOCIALIST MEETS WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

An enthusiastic assemblage of Reds opened the annual convention of Snohomish County Socialists last Sunday morning at headquarters, 1612 California street, with comrade Bickford in the chair. Comrade Peter Husby was elected secretary.

As the routine work of the convention will be given in the official report of the county secretary (which will be published next week in this paper), we need only say here that during the entire proceedings the spirit of comradely co-operation was in evidence, and each and all worked earnestly to expedite business and make the convention's work worth while.

Various plans for the further upbuilding of the county organization were proposed and each proposal thoroughly discussed by the delegates. Comrade J. M. Salter was unanimously elected as a special agent of the county organization in the work of securing the co-operation of comrades and locals in the support of The Washington Socialist.

Resolutions commending the work of the managers and editor of the W. S. were unanimously adopted, and ordered published in these columns.

Cliques and factions were conspicuous by their entire absence, the oneness of purpose of the convention and the evident desire of each delegate to do something to further the interests of Socialism being highly gratifying.

The names of newly elected officers, etc., will be given by comrade Ulonska in his regular report, in next week's issue.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED

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LOCAL MARCUS REPORTS ACTIVITIES

There is a healthy little local here now, it has nine members, and the prospects for more seem good. We took part in the school election of March 6; nominated two candidates, one for 2-year term and one for 3-year term. Each candidate polled 34 votes, which was a remarkably good showing. There was no interest shown in the election, until the Socialists announced their candidates, then the saloons, Catholic church, etc., got busy to defeat us. They did, but the propaganda value of our participation in the election was immense.

J. M. POWERS.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Washington Socialist, Everett, Wn. Comrades: Many thanks for sample copy and sub. blank (will attend to that measure to secure peace next Saturday.) Enclosed please find P. O. order for 50 cents to renew my subscription. Times are so hard that I have to economize on everything possible, but I don't think that I can afford to economize on the Washington Socialist.

Yours for the revolution,
JAS. H. MURPHY,
Curlew, Wash.

BAY VIEW NEWS

Bay View, Wash., March 20, 1915 Washington Socialist. Dear Comrades. On the 18th inst. comrade Emil Herman was with us and in the evening gave a splendid lecture on the class struggle to about 80 people. Many of them had never attended our meetings before, the close attention all gave him must have been very flattering to our comrade; and we feel sure will be of permanent good to the Cause here, among those present. We noticed the minister of the church here, also the professor of the high school.

Your comrade,
CHAS. MILLWARD.

MARVELOUS

The doctor told her that what she needed was a good hearty meal at night and then to stop thinking about her stomach.

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PROGRAMME.

1. La Marseillaise.....Souza's Band
2. Gems from "Merry Widow".....Victor Light Opera Co.
3. Madrigal, from "The Mikado".....Lyric Quartette
4. The Broken Melody, 'Cello solo.....Rosario Bourdon
5. Silver Threads Among the Gold 'Cello solo.....Rosario Bourdon
6. Gems from "Cavalleria Rusticana".....Victor Opera Co.
7. Gems from "Tales of Hoffman".....Victor Opera Co.
8. Romance from Concerto No. 2 "Wienlawski" violin solo.....Maud Powell
9. The Fatal Stone, duet from "Aida".....Enrico Caruso, Johanna Gadske
10. Happy Days—violin, harp, flute.....Neapolitan Trio
11. Herd Girl's Dream—violin, harp, flute.....Neapolitan Trio
12. All Hail, Thou Dwellings! from "Faust".....Enrico Caruso
13. Serenade (Pierne), violin solo.....Charles D'Almeida
14. Sextette from "Lucia".....Victor Opera Sextette
15. Good Night, from "Martha".....Lyric Quartette

Can you beat that program? Of course we will not have these famous musicians with us in person; but Tiedeman and Woodburn, the well known piano and talking machine house, 2918 Colby, have very kindly given us the use of one of their latest Victrolas for the occasion, and the records will be loaned by comrades.

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Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free when accompanied by adults.

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IS THIS A GOOD PLAN?

When you sit in your Local and hear the chairman say, "All in favor of admitting the applicant to membership say aye," and you say "I," and the new member sits down—and well, isn't that often the end of the show? And haven't you often felt that something else ought to be done for, or with, or to, that newly elected Red card man or woman? Of course you have. But you didn't know just what it was. Here is a suggestion: As soon as the business meeting is over, introduce the new "comrade" to all present, or as many as is practicable. Then ask him or her this question: Are you a subscriber to The Washington Socialist? "Well, no, I—I—" break right in there and sell the new member a subscription for from three to twelve months,—get a year's sub. if you can, of course.

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Q. Being a subscriber of your
esteemed paper I would like a little
advice:

A. gave a mortgage to B. for a stat-
ed period of time. Before mortgage
came due, B's agent told A. that mort-
gage could run just so interest was
promptly paid, so after running a year
past due A. has found it impossible
to keep up taxes and street grade as-
essments. What is A's duty and
what will be the results? Taxes and
assessments are behind for the last
year only.

A. If B. insists upon something be-
ing done about the mortgage, then it
is A's duty to pay off the mortgage
or have it extended for a definite
length of time. If B. will not extend
the time, then you will have to get a
loan from some one else to pay off
the mortgage with interest and taxes
and assessments. If neither of these
things are done, then B. will have the
right to foreclose, and sell the prop-
erty. After sale, you would have one
year in which to redeem.

**LOCAL REPUBLIC ADOPTS
RESOLUTIONS ON MONEY
QUESTION**

We, the Socialists of the United
States and all other countries, are
agreed on certain points of doctrine.
We believe in the social ownership
and democratic management of the
means of production and distribution;
we all favor the inauguration of the
co-operative commonwealth in which
there shall be equal opportunity for
all and special privilege for none.

We realize that in order to obtain
this object, it is necessary that all of
those industries that must be operat-
ed collectively, now legally held by
corporations and individuals, should
become the property of the govern-
ment.

As to the proper method of acquir-
ing possession, there seems to be a
wide difference of opinion. Some say
that competition will do the work,
others that the government should
purchase them, and still others claim
that confiscation is the only plan and
to let the government take them with-
out remuneration of any kind, from
the parties now in possession and re-
store them to the whole people to
whom they should always have be-
longed.

We see in the Socialist press a great
deal about the different systems and
ideas; the capitalist system, the wage
system, and the profit system; but
we very seldom, if ever, see anything
about the monetary system which is
the mother of them all, the foundation
on which they rest.

Let the Socialists when they once
gain control of the legislative branches
of the government, pass a law to de-
monetize every dollar in existence and
substitute therefor a government is-
sue of currency based on labor, to be
paid direct to the people for labor per-
formed; this would shift the standard
of value to where it naturally belong-
ed. The price of any article on the
market would depend on the days,
hours, and minutes necessary to its
production.

We believe that the proper solving
of the money proposition will make
possible the solution of every other
question that may come up for con-
sideration in the co-operative com-
monwealth. We believe that this key
will unlock the door of opportunity
to every individual in the United
States and all other countries if uni-
versally applied and that there is pos-
sibly no other key that will fit the
lock.

Let us therefore kill the old money
goose that lays all the rotten eggs
that hatch out into the rotten system
that are a festering sore on the body
politic and thus stop the breed at once
and forever.

Republic, Wash., March 12, 1915.
We, the members of the Socialist
Local of Republic, Wash., being a unit
in the belief that the proper solution
of the money question is the one es-
sential point and that if this idea were
once incorporated into the Socialist
platform, both state and nation, would
cause a revolution in Socialist propa-
ganda work to the lasting benefit of
the Socialist cause.

Therefore, we respectfully submit the
same for your consideration and hope
that it meets with your approval so
that by publication you may assist us
in teaching this propaganda.
Yours for the co-operative common-
wealth and a commonsense Socialist

NEWS IN BRIEF

ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

The Socialist voters of Haledon, N. J., have again held their own against the combined opposition of all other parties. Two Socialists were re-elected for a three-year term and another newly elected for a term of two years. The borough of North Haledon elected four school commissioners also over the combined parties.

Professional strikebreakers attack-
ed strikers from the Summit, N. J.,
silk mills recently. One striker was
shot and another stabbed. This is the
third strike within a few months to
take place at this mill.

RUSSIA

The arrest of the five Russian So-
cialist members of the Duma has re-
duced the strength of the party to
seven. These members, with the ex-
ception of one, I. Mankoff, who has
been asked to resign, voted against
the war budget. The Group of Toil,
a radical peasant group, refrained
from voting. Russian papers also
bring the sinister news that the Free
Imperial Economic society has been
dissolved by order of the government.
This society, which counts among its
members the greatest men of science
and art in Russia, has been in exist-
ence for 150 years.

AND AMERICA

A young Russian girl of Pittsburg
was asked: "How do you like our
country?" She replied: "That is a
poor question. I have no country and
I will never have any country that
does not belong to the workers. I
find the struggle for existence in
Pittsburg just as hard as in Russia."

Charles Tellier, who invented cold
storage, recently starved to death in
Paris. When a caller remarked to
him that "poverty brings out the best
in man," he said, "Yes, brings it out
by the roots."

Because many of them voted the
Socialist ticket 3,000 old soldiers, vet-
erans of the Civil war, have been prac-
tically disfranchised. The authorities
of Los Angeles county have changed
the polling place of the men in the
Old Soldiers' Home to where they
are compelled to walk 14 miles over
hills in order to vote.

For the first time in its history,
Richmond college at Richmond, Va.,
has had a Socialist lecture. Harry W.
Laidler, organizer of the Intercolle-
gate Socialist society, was the speak-
er, and Jess C. Duke, state secretary
of the Socialist party, was the chair-
man.

Y. P. S. L. NOTES

By WILFORD DOUGHERTY
The Y. P. S. L. of this city will
have its weekly business meeting Fri-
day, March 26.

The Everett league must go ahead
and do bigger things than ever. Our
membership must be increased. Our
educational work must go on. Our
social affairs must be bigger and bet-
ter, because leagues are starting up
in other towns and we must be the
banner league.

The Everett league's study class
meets every Monday night, 8 p. m., at
1612 California street. Last Monday
it studied value and price and the
class struggle.

Ellen Moore, Sophus Bonniwe and
Wilford Dougherty were elected on a
committee to select some subject on
which to debate with the Centralia
league, which has challenged the
league to a debate.

The league has lost an active mem-
ber in Harry Tanner, who has been
compelled to go with his parents to
San Francisco. The Prisco league will
have quite an asset in Harry.

A mock trial will be held after the
business meeting of the league Fri-
day evening. Bring your friends.
Everybody invited.

WE MIGHT LEARN

The bill for supplying clothing to
the school children of St. Louis was
defeated by the house by a vote of 58
to 73. The St. Louis conference of
Lutheran pastors decided to fight the
bill on the ground that it was born of
paternalism and Socialism. The bill
was introduced by the St. Louis Cen-
tral Trades and Labor union.—Santa
Cruz Free Press.

Dr. Foote's Plain Home Talk, a
cyclopedia of popular medical and
social service, \$2.00 at Hill's Book
Store, 2929 Colby.

platform on which to stand.
Respectfully submitted,
W. A. BOWMAN,
CHAS. E. ANDERSON,
VAL O. CROCKETT,
Committee.

RULERS IN PANIC

The rising of the workers in Eng-
land has thrown the rulers into some-
thing of a panic. The London Times
very guardedly says: "It would in our
opinion, be a very great mistake at
this juncture to use threatening lan-
guage to the men or to talk of strong
measures. If it becomes necessary to
take strong measures the less said
about them beforehand the better."

Comrade Geo. R. Kirkpatrick has
been invited to speak before the Cali-
fornia state legislative body on "War."

Twenty cities in the United States
have a Socialist for mayor. Big
municipal campaigns are under way in
several cities and this number is
bound to be increased.

Conneaut, O., shows a falling off in
police court business since the elec-
tion of a Socialist administration. In
the past month only \$28.50 was col-
lected in fines.

In talking of the recent New York
church bomb scare, ex-Chief of Police
Devery is reported as saying: "The
idea of a widespread plot is nonsense.
Those boys (the two Italian prisoners)
are not anarchists or Socialists. They
are simply religious maniacs, nothing
more or less. I know their kind. The
asylums are full of them."

Comrade J. B. Miller has been re-
elected as alderman in the Muscatine,
Iowa, city council. The democratic-
republican combination resulted in the
defeat of the other Socialist candi-
dates.

A French Socialist serving in Fort
Irving was angered by something that
occurred and gave vent to his feel-
ings by shouting: "Long live the So-
cialist republic! Long live the inter-
national!" He was arrested and sent-
enced to one month's imprisonment
and now many of his comrades are de-
manding his release.

The struggle for existence goes
merrily on between the business men
of Everett. The fittest to survive are
those who advertise in the Washing-
ton Socialist. See that you help them
to survive.

If you can spare the dollar renew
your sub. at once and help us over
the hard times that are facing us at
this moment. This time next month
we hope to be in better shape but just
now we need the hard cash. Do it
now.

Take a look at our 10 cent sub. offer
and then rustle up a few subs.

AFTERMATH OF EDMONDS' SCHOOL ELECTION

Edmonds, Wash., March 20, 1915.
The "compromise" that was effect-
ed, as reported by the local capitalist
sheet must have been a pretty slimy
affair when they try to draw the So-
cialists down to their own low level
by intimating that there were any
Socialists on the election board at the
school election.

There also seems to be considerable
controversy as to the legality of the
election; but we will leave that to
the public and just state the facts as
they happened: The electors present
ignored the hand picked board and
elected V. M. Sill, Oscar Dilner, and
George Bartlett on the board, with
one dissenting vote, that was cast by
Beeson, who was in favor of the hand
picking.

In the meantime a constable arrived
and he was asked if he would uphold
the legal board and see that they got
their seats, and he said "No."

As the crowd gathered the question
was asked Mr. Beeson, "Why the legal
board could not take their seats,"
and he replied that they were all So-
cialists. After considerable parley he
suggested that each party present
pick a man and they be declared elect-
ed thus ignoring the legal board. Mr.
Lang and Mr. Arp agreed to do this,
and Arp picked McElroy and some-
one suggested V. M. Sill, but before Sill could
decline it was steam rolled through
V. M. Sill, who was a Socialist, said
he could not conscientiously serve be-
cause he considered any form other
than that designated by the school law
illegal. Then Mr. Beeson induced Mr.
McAllister to serve on the election
board. Mr. McAllister was not voted
on by the people present, but appoint-
ed or chosen by Mr. Beeson because
he thought him to be a Socialist.

Moral: If you wish to be law abid-
ing: Study law. If you want to know
what constitutes a Socialist study So-
cialism.
WALTER REECE,
Press Committee.
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perial Tea Co.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

GREATEST TEACHING FACTOR

Wessington Springs, S. D.
March 16, 1915.

Editor The Washington Socialist.
Your books will disclose the fact
that one of the readers of your valu-
able paper lives in South Dakota.
Every week it brings its quota of
news and stimulating editorials to one
who has but recently embraced the
doctrines of Socialism, and it is to me
a cheering message.

Primarily it appeals to me because
it is a weekly paper advocating the
principles of a movement that en-
circles the globe. But it is more than
that to me; for until last fall I lived
in the state of Washington, and so it
becomes a very personal message to
an old citizen of the great state of
the Northwest. It appeals to me more
because I am attending a school here
which, of course, teaches everything
but the fundamentals of Socialism.

SOME EXPERIENCES

My fellow students know little of
what it means to be class-conscious.
They cannot understand why "dividing
up" should appeal to any man. When
the error is straightened up, and the
"dividing up" barrier is proved a fal-
lacy, they object on the ground of
"lack of incentive."

When the "lack of incentive" is
shown to be a present day cause of
evil they find a supposed flaw else-
where.

The greatest factor in convincing
any man of the evils of the present
day system, is to be a servant of capi-
tal and has the inherent love of lib-
erty in his veins strong enough to
think.

TRUE EDUCATION

This is true in my case; the woods,
the farm, the saw mill, whose hired
man I have been again and again,
was, as I see it now, the best, the most
practical education that life could give
me; and it educated me, and I have
graduated from the school of capital-
ism, and henceforth the education that
I get will be used to help overthrow
the institutions of hell.

STOOD BY PARTY

A had an opportunity to enter into
a good work next summer. The pro-
hibition work; but the contract called
for a pledge to vote that party ticket,
of course, that settled it; and my
reply was in substance that I was al-
ready a worker in a greater cause than
mere temperance work, and that tem-
perance was after all one of the many
good things a Socialist government
would inaugurate.

I wish to thank you for the promp-
tess with which the paper is sent and
wishing you continued success in the
work, I am

Your comrade,
E. A. ANDERSON.

WANT AND AFFECTION

THE LATTER DRIVEN AWAY
WHEN FORMER PREVAILS

By ENRICO FERRI

Want is the strongest poison for
the human body and soul. It is the
fountainhead of all human and anti-
social feeling. Where want spreads
out its wings there the sentiments of
love, of affection, of brotherhood, are
impossible. When work is assured,
when living is certain, though poor,
then want, cruel want, is in the dis-
tance, and every good sentiment can
germinate and develop in the human
heart.

The family then lives in a favorable
environment, the parents agree, the
children are affectionate. And when
the laborer, a bronzed statue of hu-
manity, returns from his smoky shop
and meets his white-haired mother,
the embodiment of half a century of
immaculate virtue and heroic sacri-
fices, then he can, tired, but assured
of his daily bread, give room to feel-
ings of affection, and he will cordially
invite his mother to share his frugal
meal.

But let the same man, in the same
environment, be haunted by the
spectre of want and lack of employ-
ment, and you will see the moral at-
mosphere in his family changing as
from day to night. There is no work,
and the laborer comes home without
any wages. The wife, who does not
know how to feed the children, re-
proaches her husband with the suffer-
ing of his family. The man, having
been turned away from the doors of
ten offices, feels his dignity as an
honest laborer assailed in the very
bosom of his own family, because he
vainly asked society for honest em-
ployment. And the bonds of affec-
tion and union are loosened in that
family. There are too many children,
and when the poor old mother ap-
proaches her son she reads in his dark
agitated mien the lack of tenderness
and feels in her mother heart that her
boy, poisoned by the specter of want,
is perhaps casting evil looks at her
harboring the unfilial thought:

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tery than one mouth more to feed at
home."

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J. M. BORFORD,

Ilia, Wash.

DARWIN'S CONTRIBUTION

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kinship with all the other animals of
the earth, and in teaching us the im-
portant role of "natural selection," in
the evolutionary process, Darwin has
rendered an incomparable service to
humanity. The great German Social-
ist scholar, Karl Kautsky, has well de-
clared that Darwin's contributions to
science "belong to the greatest and
most fruitful of the human intellect,
and enable us to develop a new criti-
que of knowledge."

It is absolutely necessary to a
sound understanding of Socialism
that we get the evolutionary point of
view.

In speaking of the value of Charles
Darwin's contribution to the theory of
evolution, Mr. Arthur Balfour recently
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ances have now become part of the
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lives or whatever his occupation or
trade in life. To him we trace, in the
main, the view which has affected not
merely our ideas of the living organ-
isms, but our ideas upon politics, upon
sociology, ideas which cover the whole
domain of human terrestrial activity.
He is the fount and origin, and he will
stand for all time as the man who has
made this great, and, as I think, be-
neficent revolution in the mode in
which educated men can see the his-
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NEEDS OUR PLATFORM

John D. Rockefeller was quoted as saying, before the industrial commission, that he would like to divide the surplus output of the industries controlled by him with labor (those who produce it) but he did not know how to go about it.

Will someone please hand John D. a Socialist platform.

Thirteen coast cities of the U. S. are exposed to "the enemy." Their combined taxable valuation is \$17,504,286,210. We propose that, in the event of war, that regiments be made up of volunteers, graded according to the proportion they own of this 17½ billions, the wealthiest on or nearest the firing line. Let the wage-slaves fall in at their "taxable" position in the rear. What?

One-fourth of the human race die before reaching the age of six years; one-half before the age of 16. Poverty, over-work, and child labor are the causes.

The order of the Austro-Hungarian government for the mobilization of the last lines of reserves has brought about a serious rising among southern slaves. The mobilization orders were torn down and citizens and police clashed in several towns. All persons who refuse to submit to the decree of the authorities are to be shot.

INDIRECT PROPAGANDA

That the Socialists of the United States have caught on to the capitalists' method of indirect propaganda, through diverse mediums, is evidenced by the eagerness with which the Reds have entered into the work of popularizing a song which, instead of glorifying war and the soldier, holds the horror of military murder and working-class self-immolation up in its true light. Instead of the mother who is proud to offer up her "darling boy" for cannon fodder, "for the flag" and Profits, the intelligent mother says, "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier." That's the sentiment mothers! Comrades, sing it at them! Encourage your boy or girl to learn the song and sing it everywhere. The masters will be slow about advertising the song. They'd suppress it if they could. Let us sing it everywhere. We have requested the Everett Music House, 2932 Colby avenue, to buy a good supply of this really worth while song, and to make it a point to push its sale, at 15c, which they are doing. Order a copy by mail.

But won't somebody, please, tell us what "Americanism" is if not can't prudery and blessed and hallowed ignorance of the mighty issues of modern life?—Arturo Giovannitti in International Music and Drama.

One principle of international law seems to be that China has no rights that any other nation is bound to respect.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The Question of Party Tactics and Platform Discussed by Two Ex-State Secretaries Barzee of Oregon and Bostrom of Washington

A Joint Discussion of Party Affairs and Platform Immediate Demands Between C. W. Barzee, of Portland, Ore., and Frans Bostrom, of Tacoma, Washington.

In entering this discussion of party affairs with comrade Bostrom, it is understood that we are trying to arrive at a common understanding of the proper means for advancing Socialism and bringing about a more complete unity in the organized movement. This discussion suggested itself through the publication of the foregoing letter from comrade Bostrom to J. Stitt Wilson, sub-committee of the N. E. Com., under date of February 15, 1915.

Socialism as represented by the Socialist party is a social policy applied politically to the social needs of society as a whole. Only indirectly does it relate to labor organizations as a factor for accomplishing its purpose and this same relation, to a degree, is known to exist in all political parties as is proven by the fact that all such parties claim, more or less, to represent the interests of labor and this claim is substantiated by the further fact that a large majority of organized labor affiliates politically with them. The Socialist party cannot, therefore, claim a political monopoly on organized labor.

Socialism does claim to have a political policy based on the scientific analysis of economics as applied to life and living which benefits not one part only, but ALL of that social unit that makes up human civilization. If, then, Socialism is scientific, from a political point of view, it must need follow that it cannot be diverted from its final destiny and, that, any step in that direction advances it accordingly.

POLITICAL AIM OF SOCIALIST PARTY

In respect to its necessities, society is a homogeneous mass having like needs and requirements. The different economic systems under which it has existed has destroyed this homogeneity and the education, manner of acquiring a living, etc. As a result, makes one part of society at war with another part, to their common destruction, and leaves it entirely out of joint in its intersocial relations. The harmonious re-establishment of correct relations is the political demand of the Socialist party. Having thus a multitude of differing minds to deal with, a majority of which must be apprehended and consolidated into one political group, viz., the Socialist party, it is the purpose of the organized movement to teach a common interest that will overcome all erroneous education politically, socially and economically. It is herein conceded that only one certain part of society, from an economic view point, i. e., the working class, is particularly susceptible to a comprehensive acceptance of the Socialist philosophy. Thus the approach presents, erroneously, from a class rather than a homogeneous view point; hence the appeal to the working class for political affiliation, not for the supremacy of their class, as a class, but for the overthrow of all classes and a return to a homogeneous social relation of our common interest. If this analysis be correct, what then is the duty of the Socialist party members as individual workers? Is it not to teach a common interest as well as a special working-class interest? Conceding this, the most practical plan for accomplishing this work should be the plan of the Socialist party, and thus we have arrived at the parting of the ways.—Immediate demands in the national platform. We now pass to the plan of education set forth therein.

QUESTION OF TACTICS

A little forbearance right here might span a great chasm that is widening and dividing the organized movement into camps of warring individuals who have exactly the same objective.

If all minds were in exactly the same stage of evolution that which would convince one would convince all. If all were of the same economic education as comrade Bostrom and myself, we might say that tomorrow we will begin the operation of the cooperative commonwealth. But, as stated, previous environment and the education, that came with it, demand that different tactics be used to bring different-minded individuals to a common understanding.

I meet a person with whom I desire to discuss this question in a convincing manner. There is just one condition by which this may be accomplished, viz., by apprehending them in the fullest sense of that word. I must speak in language that he can understand and that which interests him. While this person may have working-

UTOPIANISM VERSUS REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM

By FRANS BOSTROM
In order to be able to arrive at any result whatever, it is always necessary in a debate that the two opponents start out from one common premise. Thereafter each statement of fact made by either must be accepted by the other, before it can be used in building up the argument. Beliefs, traditions, commonly accepted opinions have no value in an argument, only facts, scientific truths. And the premises laid down by comrade Barzee are not facts. Society is not homogeneous, the interests of the individual members of it are not, have never been and can never be identical. As an entity one society may have a common interest as against another society. At any rate, the law of self-preservation applies to societies as well as to individuals. There is no instance in history of any society in which there was not a class struggle. Communism never prevailed in any society. The tribe was but an enlargement of the family. I here consider the word SOCIETY as identical with the word STATE, which coincides with comrade Barzee's use of the terms.

FUNCTION OF THE STATE

The state was originally an alliance of slave owners for the common defense against invaders and for the convenient subjugation of their slaves. "A harmonious re-establishment of correct relations," to use the comrade's phrase, is therefore not our goal, since we have no desire to go backward and re-establish anything. In all history, the class which was most concerned in the readjustment of the affairs of the state, was the one which brought it about. Appeals to the fair-mindedness and generosity of the governing class has never given results, nor has the promise of heaven and the fear of hell. The fact that lenient masters have existed proves nothing, nor millionaire Socialists. To quote Tolstoy: "The masters will do anything for the workers except getting off their backs." The workers, being always miserable, "having always the world to gain and nothing to lose," have always been ready for the revolution, whenever it suited "their betters" to rebel, and have always been left in the lurch when the victory had been achieved. It is time for the workers to cease to be the catspaw of another class.

"EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES"

Every revolution has so far been for equal opportunities. In other words, it has been a revolt of the clever ones against the monopoly of inherited power. Whenever in any social development the ruling class has been sufficiently established to become arrogant, it closes the door of opportunity and refuses admittance to upstarts. Then the trouble begins. The slaves get leaders. The bribery of promotion not being offered to the more intelligent of the mob, they get restless and demand a change. They turn to the mutts, the Jimmie Higginases, for aid. Any Jimmy responds, always. And when the victory is

class psychology, he may have republican, democratic, prohibition or progressive (I believe there are a few extant) political affiliations; but he must be informed and taken into the Socialist party, if the party is to succeed politically.

WAS THIS PLANK JUSTIFIED?

Too many Socialist propagandists speak in language not understood. They fire their shots entirely over the mark, or fail to reach it. In either case we have failed and nothing comes of our effort. In Oregon (1914 election), the Socialist party put out a measure to form a department of industry and public works. It was generally conceded to be a Socialist measure; though, in reality, it was but state capitalism or what is commonly called state Socialism. It got the attention and votes of about 58,000 citizens. Much prejudice must have been removed and some education acquired to get so large a vote when the average for our candidates was less than 18,000. As a result, 40,000 citizens favorably considered Socialist propaganda, and many others must have seriously reviewed it, as all the votes cast for and against the measure was 26,000 less than the total vote of the state. Inasmuch, then, as thinking and study, is the means by which knowledge must be increased, did the Oregon Socialist party do right or wrong in putting out that measure? Was this misapplied energy, or did it tend to educate the citizens of Oregon in matters that would lead them to a better understanding of Socialism?

C. W. BARZEE.

WE'D RATHER BE COMFORTABLE JUST THE SAME

He who hath never warr'd with misery, Nor ever tugg'd with fortune and distress, Had had n' occasion nor no field to try The strength and forces of his worthiness; Those parts of judgment which felicity Keeps as conceal'd, affliction must express, And only men show their abilities, And what they are, in their extremities. —Samuel Daniel.

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Mary had a little lamb
And it began to sicken;
She sent it off to Packington
And now it's labeled "CHICKEN."

won, and the door for advancement is opened, the clever ones step in and pull the door after them and leave Jimmie in the cold, holding the sack. The revolutionary Socialist wants equal opportunities to earn a living, he wants an absolutely certain job. He can not prevent the smart guy from becoming a leader, in fact he doesn't want to, but he wants to prevent him from selling out. His leader in the future will not be self appointed, shall not compromise with the enemy, but must let his own emancipation depend upon the emancipation of the whole working class.

OUR PLATFORM SOPS

The class struggle is recognized in the national constitution and the sops offered in the national platform to the petty middle class is a violation of said constitution, of fundamental principles, of common sense and decency, and is a testimonial to the dishonesty and inefficiency of opportunism. To appeal to any class for fairness, justice, generosity or mercy, is utopian. To appeal to any one for votes for Socialism under any other pretext than that of absolute overthrow of capitalism, is opportunism, which is but a polite name for humbug. Voting is but the counting of noses. We want to know how strong we are. For force alone rules, now and always. And we should beware from getting a false count. Let well meaning gentle folks join us to satisfy whims or ease their consciences, but let them remember that this is OUR movement and we must guide its course.

WOLVES

By THODOSIA GARRISON
(Poem suitable for recitation by child)
Lean and lithe and famished-eyed,
Smarting jaws too often red;
Wolf—wolf—wolf—
The wolf that must be fed!

I wait beside the factory door,
Close by the thin-clad, anxious line
Of those who wait for work. The score
That daily turn away are mine.
Beneath the little tradesman's sign,
Too small to catch the passer's eye,
Biding my time, I scratch and whine;
The wolf that must be fed am I.

I hunt by day and candlelight,
I trail the landlord's heavy feet;
The shopgirl, hurrying home at night,
Hears me pad after in the street.
At their suburban gates I greet
The underpaid young clerks who try
To make a little home complete;
The wolf that must be fed am I.

For these my days of plentitude,
In gratitude shall I deny
That prosperous, sleek gentryhood
Who hunt beside me, far and nigh?
Mill, mine, and merchant kings who buy
The souls men sell for bitter bread—
Bread—
Born brother to ye all am I;
We are the wolves that must be fed.

Wolves—wolves—wolves—
The wolves that must be fed!

BOSTROM'S LETTER TO STITT WILSON

Basis of Controversy Between Barzee and Bostrom

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 15, 1915.

J. Stitt Wilson,

Sub-Com. of the Nat. Ex. Com.

Dear Comrade: Replying to your circular letter of January 1, in which you request criticism and suggestions for the good of our organization, I wish to say:

That while there are many very grave errors and blunders in the management of the party affairs and the position the organization has taken toward organized labor is untenable, conditions which must be fundamentally changed before we can hope to amount to much, there is one cause for the failure of the party to advance, which so utterly overshadows all other causes that nothing else is worth mentioning before that cause is eliminated.

That cause is the incongruous, confused, inconsistent platform declarations in favor of every populist reform ever conceived.

Were the party the political expression, exclusively, of the working class, i. e., were all the party members workingmen and working women, then there could be no other fault to find with "immediate demands" than their uselessness. The same, of course, holds good with any other class homogeneous party. But since the peculiar conditions existing in this country, render it impossible to organize a political party exclusively working class, it follows that the platform must contain nothing else than what every individual of its heterogeneous membership can readily subscribe to, if harmony is to prevail.

That single demand, is the conquest of the powers of government for the purpose of the introduction of the cooperative commonwealth, i. e., the revolution. Universal suffrage and a shorter working day would probably be considered a matter of course, almost unnecessary to mention, and would cause no disruption. But, it is certainly useless to expect taxpayers to vote to tax themselves out of middle class existence, and unreasonable to expect any intelligent worker to vote for lower taxes, municipal ownership, etc., ad nauseam. The attempt to perform such unnatural feats is what has made many sensible men cautiously watch the party from a safe distance, instead of actively participating in its work. It looks too much as if our offer to serve every class except the millionaires, were merely a vote catching device. The citizenship of America is none too intelligent, but it is just barely possible that while it expects to be fooled by old party politicians, it considers it unnecessary to take the trouble to change parties for the purpose of getting the same service from people who glibly promise unattainable things.

At any rate, there can be no peace in the party, and should be none, until the party becomes single minded and consistent in its purpose and glittering generalities, bombast, reform fakes and all other opportunist buncombe is relegated into innocuous desuetude.

FRANS BOSTROM.

THE INTELLIGENT CLASS VERSUS THE MILITARY CLASS

"If we compare one century with another, we shall find that for a very long period wars have been becoming less frequent. . . . Every important addition made to knowledge increases the authority of the intellectual classes. . . . the antagonism between these classes and the military class is evident; it is the antagonism between thought and action. . . . between argument and violence, between persuasion and force, . . . between men who live by the pursuits of peace and those who live by the practice of war. Whatever, therefore, is favorable to one class is manifestly unfavorable to the other. . . . As the intellectual acquisitions of a people increase, their love of war will diminish; and if their intellectual acquisitions are very small, their love of war will be very great. In perfectly barbarous countries . . . no account is made of an enemy; and the more he has killed, the greater the reputation he enjoys. This is the purely savage state, and it is the state in which military glory is most esteemed and military men most respected."—Pages 137-138, Buckle's History of Civilization in England.

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