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General Notes

ger's statement. It is foremost in the book lists of party organs the world over, notably "Justice" of England, "Le Socialiste" of France, "Vorwärts" of Germany and "Avanti!" of Italy. Comrade Babriola of the latter country wrote an entire book, "Essays on the Materialistic Conception of History," based on the principles enunciated in the "Manifesto." Every year the circulation of this great declaration grows greater and greater, and

The "Socialist News," of Carl Junction, Mo., which has been published for the past six months by the party at that place, will probably suspend in the next week or two from lack of support. The paper has been a fairly good local sheet, wakening up things in Jasper county, and it seems a shame it should go under. It seems, however, that the movement, or the party

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Policy of "The Socialist"

On this sacred thirteenth of the month "The Socialist" starts out for good in the old battle ground, Seattle and the Northwest.

Our policy remains the same, only more so. This paper has always aimed to tell the truth, that is the truth that concerns the development of Working Class Politics.

We believe the Socialist Politician is different from any other kind of a politician. Socialist Politician, which is the same as Socialist Public Policy, is to expose the truth. The Working Class has nothing to fear from The Truth.

If all the facts of life are revealed, brought out of darkness and slime into the light of public knowledge, Working class will win its final victory. Ignorance is the great foe of the proletarian.

"The Socialist" will claim no infallibility. But we are from Missouri and must be shown. No amount of personal attacks will avail in the least to change the course of "The Socialist."

We shall print what seems to us to be the truth. We may be mistaken, often mistaken. But, in any case, we must and shall retain our freedom of speech.

No financial muzzle will seal our lips. The question of truth and better never has affected a line or syllable in "The Socialist" and never will, so long as its present editors remain at the helm.

Whether its readers like it or not makes absolutely no difference to the editor. If every subscriber stops his paper, we will not be muzzled.

If we can't get money enough to run the paper, we will stop running, rather than stop speaking what we believe. We are not in the newspaper business merely for the fun of running a newspaper. To our minds a newspaper which suppresses the truth or distorts the facts, is not only a slave to public but a public and private traitor.

So let it be clear to every reader, "The Socialist" claims for itself free speech and will accord the same to every other paper and person.

It is not even a servitor to the Socialist Party. If the Socialist Party goes wrong, as we see wrong, "The Socialist" will not go with the Socialist Party. We stand by the Socialist Party now, because believe that party is the best representative of proletarian politics. Our object is "To Organize the Slaves of Capital to Vote Their Own Emancipation," whether, in the Socialist Party or some other.

In pursuance of this policy of Free Speech and Free Discussion, on the part of ourselves and others, we look for difficulties, financial difficulties. Sometimes, as in a recent number of the paper, we may have money enough to issue an 8-page edition like another still more recent one, we may not be able to afford more than two pages. We may even have to cut down the size of the paper. It is not the size of the paper which concerns us. The one and only thing that concerns us is, that we may be true to Working Class interests. If we are not true to these interests, we shall fail even if we succeed.

Vincent Harper, the brilliant special editor of "The Socialist" has been forced by a nervous break to forego all mental work for a time. He has "gone back to the land," and will spend a while in the wilds of nature until he recuperates.

He is liable to spend in a broadcast at any time, but our readers need not be certain of his remarkable contributions for several weeks at least. No one regrets Comrade Harper's enforced idleness more than himself, and he sends his most cordial greeting to all comrades and friends.

Special features of our next number will be:

First. Two articles on "The Farmer Question," one by National Committeeman Herman, of Washington, and one by National Committeeman Rigg, of Idaho.

These two able comrades are not exactly engaged in a debate, but they both look like youngsters doing some preliminary sparring.

Second. The Burgess is Price debate will be continued by Comrade Burgess' reply to the latter's letter in "The Socialist" of February 17, 1907. These debates between comrades of differing opinions on the course of the movement of Socialism are eagerly read by all and afford one of the very best means of education in our fundamental principles.

Third. The Washingtonian disclosures will continue at an early date. Dr. Edwin J. Brown, Organizer for Local Seattle, and one of the editors of the paper, has devoted much effort to securing this history of Seattle's Reform Chief of Police, the best story which has appeared in Seattle newspapers in many a day.

"The Socialist" will do some more "ripping up the back" of these Respectable Reform Rascals in all our capitalist controlled cities.

Haywood Wants "The Socialist"

Axa County Jail, Boise, Idaho, April 2nd, 1907.

H. H. Titus, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Comrade—For some weeks past we have not received a copy of "The Socialist." I am particularly anxious to see what is being said about the strike of lumbermen and mill workers of the I. W. W. on the Coast.

These sixty men are worthy of the staunchest support of every advocate of the working class. As stepping stones in the progress of civilizing the lumber workers come next in order to mines. With the mining and lumber workers organized on class lines, we are moving toward the co-operative commonwealth.

Send all the aid within your power to assist the "lumber jacks" and "river hogs" to improve their immediate conditions.

Send me the last two or three issues.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours for industrial liberty,

W. D. HAYWOOD.

THE MORE-HA-BO-PE-BO-BOE TRAIL

FULL REPORTS IN "THE SOCIALIST" BY THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, HERMON F. TITUS.

Dr. Titus is probably the best-equipped man in the United States to report this trial. He was the first reporter on the spot in Idaho representing the working class. His accurate and analytic reports in "The Socialist" led Eugene V. Debs to write: "Titus is the man to report this case for the labor press of America."

Comrade Titus has every lawyer in the case and can place every politician in Idaho. He it is who spoke in defense of the prisoners in every schoolhouse in Canyon county, where they expected to be tried. Counsel for the defense said Titus did more to change hostile public sentiment in Canyon county than all other puts together.

He has spoken all over the Northwest from Seattle to Butte in favor of a fair trial for the prisoners. He has risked his life a dozen times in public defense of their cause.

Titus took "The Socialist" from Toledo, Ohio, to Caldwell, Idaho, an obscure county town, for the express purpose of defying the Idaho authorities in their very home. He fought for the Socialist Party throughout the campaign, and together with the managing editor, Erwin B. Ault, compelled the capitalist press of Idaho to stop declaring our brothers guilty without trial.

A swarm of reporters will flock to Caldwell when the trial begins, whose knowledge of the case is so superficial that they will be the prey of every floating rumor and their reports will be necessarily unreliable, though sensational.

Titus will be able to see through the evidence of the prosecution as it is presented and he is best qualified to furnish reports actually trustworthy and illuminating.

The trial will begin May 9th, and "The Socialist" will cover all the news from the very first day. WE SHALL ESPECIALLY AIM TO GIVELATER NEWS THAN ANY OTHER WEEKLY PAPER.

If you want these reports you can accept the special offer of "THE SOCIALIST" FOR THE TRIAL, 25 CENTS.

Be sure you cannot trust the daily papers. They falsified without stint, till "The Socialist" was moved to Idaho, and, together with other Socialist papers, forced their lies down their shameless throats. They will falsify and misrepresent and suppress the evidence in the case.

If you want the exact truth subscribe for "The Socialist" and get the Titus reports.

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How They Grovel

One of the most pitiful pictures drawn in the New Testament, to my mind, is the denial of his comrade, Jesus, by the apostle, Simon Peter. Having returned around the country together for two or three years, burning handouts from the same back doors, sleeping in the same barns and haystacks, agitating and speaking from the same soap boxes on the same corners, just the minute that the town marshal cornered Jesus Simon Peter forgot that he had ever known him.

And that has been the method of cowards before that day and it is the method of cowards yet. In the case of Simon Peter there was perhaps an excuse. Personal vanity is the only sacrifice—the loss of the friendship of some whose friendship, if they were honest to their class, they would never have had.

I speak of the misleaders of Labor in San Francisco and their confederates here and elsewhere. I know they exist in Portland and am positive there are a few of them in Seattle who are not yet in the same class as Caesar's wife. What I refer to is the case against Eugene V. Debs.

Not that I have any time for Schmitt or the party he represents. I despise both, for both Schmitt and his party reflect nothing but the lack of development of class-consciousness in the working class. If there is a warm spot in my heart for Schmitt it has been developed in the last few months or since the cowardly abandonment of the man by the very ones who have benefited by his administration, whether it was a graft administration or not.

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in digging post holes for the telephone company at \$2.50 per day whether they were employed to find the persons that killed Stensengen, but that they attempted to fasten the act upon the color for Miss Mortimer, or McCarroll, or Vernicelli or something like that?

Why Stensengen's men are better off in Frisco if Frisco grafters get it than if it is sent as a dividend to New York, because if it goes as a dividend it will most likely be spent in Frisco and the Frisco workers may indirectly get some benefit out of it.

Now these cowardly delegates to the Frisco Trades Council deny that they ever had anything to do with what was called the Labor Party of San Francisco. The cowardly traitors! The Labor Party of San Francisco was anything but the Trades Council in executive, state chamber session.

But affairs have taken a change. The hero is under a cloud. His sword has been broken. By fair means or foul, little difference.

His former associates wait for a trial? For proof? No; but on the first word of a lot of the Citizens' Alliance these cowardly petroliers, like rats leaving a sinking ship, desert their comrades and seek to preserve their own worthless carcasses. What is friendship but a name; * * * that follows wealth and fame and leaves the wretch to weep.

HERE IN PORTLAND.

Here in Portland the fabric at the head of affairs in this city are attempting to do the same thing. Not even to do as much as San Francisco.

Take a capitalist. Have the unions endorsed him—corporate lawyer, Citizens' Alliance any old thing—and call him a representative of the working classes will be led around by such chaff they ought to be despised.

Here are alleged labor leaders getting capitalist politicians endorsed by labor unions from the inherent goodness of heart of these bunco steers in the Federated Trades Council of Portland?

Finch yourself and see if you are awake, Mr. Working Man! Did Mr. Gram come back from Salem and say that Mr. Farrel was one of the true friends of labor at the last session of the legislature? Is this the same Mr. Farrel that as secretary of the Leggers' Association endorsed the stand of the mill owners in Portland in attempting to make their employees work 11 hours a day for from \$1.75 up?

Look it up and see if this is not the same man.

Why are you voting for a capitalist why not vote for Mr. Kunsee, the secretary of the Citizens' Alliance direct, instead of only taking the pass and be endorsed by working men that are not awake yet, and who are in the same concern?

THOMAS SLADDEN.

They Dared Not Publish It

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In reference to the editorial in the Morning Oregonian of February 22, 1907, "I take it that no person in Oregon, except a writer, (See his brilliant, brave and fearless editorial columns.) This is the only picture we could get of him, as he refuses to sit."

THOMAS A. SLADDEN

State Secretary Socialist Party of Oregon

State Editor of "The Socialist" for Oregon. Snapshot taken in his own home, corner Fifth and Davis streets, Portland. To the right is the breakfasting little bed room which serves for the State Headquarters for the Socialist Party and bedroom (with no bed but the floor for this genuine proletarian writer. (See his brilliant, brave and fearless editorial columns.) This is the only picture we could get of him, as he refuses to sit."