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TO ORGANIZE SLAVES OF CAPITAL TO VOTE THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION

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EDUCATED UNIONISTS

EUGENE V. DEBS.



Always a union man. Is 45 years old. Entered Vandalla car shops at 15. Soon became fireman on freight engine. Member for years Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen. At 22 became editor their magazine. Was made general secretary and treasurer. Resigned in 1892 when he was getting \$4,000 a year. Convention refused to accept resignation and by unanimous vote offered him any salary he might name. Upon his insistence, then voted him \$2,000 to go and regain his health. This, too, he declined.

Then organized American Railway Union, to include every employe from engine wiper to conductor. Soon reached colossal proportions. Great Northern Railway strike was won under Debs' guidance.

Then came Pullman strike, in which General Managers' Association determined to crush this new labor organization, which proposed universal co-operation by workingmen. The Pullman strike was lost and Debs imprisoned by means of the injunction overriding constitutional rights and forbidding freedom of speech.

Jan. 1, 1897, Mr. Debs issued circular to A. R. U. in which he abandoned mere union methods as having been tried and found wanting, and recommended political union of all workingmen as their only hope. He proclaimed to his fellow workingmen: "The issue is, Socialism vs. Capitalism. I am for Socialism."

He is the foremost representative of the workingman who has been educated by hard experience into a Socialist.

He is the candidate for president of the Social Democratic Party—which means, Workingmen united for political action.

LABOR'S THREE STEPS

First Step—A. F. of L. Motto: "No Politics in Unions."

Second Step—Western Labor Union. Motto: Abandon the old parties and study Karl Marx.

Third Step—Social Democratic Party. Motto: Slaves of capital, unite at the ballot box and Vote Your Own Emancipation.

Eugene V. Debs was educated in the A. R. U. into a Socialist. Edward Boyce's experience in the Miners' Union made him a Socialist. The progressive unionists everywhere are becoming Socialists. Those leaders who remain ignorant of their own class interests must soon join the ranks of the "has-beens."

Suppose all the unions in the United States resolved themselves this Labor Day into a political party, a vast Labor Party. What would they advocate? What would be their platform? You worker, who are not a Socialist, you tell us, if you can. What one thing does united labor need? If you had supreme political power, if you had your president, your senate, your house, your courts, what would you do to elevate and emancipate your class?

If you can answer these questions, you are a Socialist. If the majority of the union men in the United States could answer this question the affiliated unions would at once resolve themselves into a mighty Labor Party, insisting that capitalism, with its wage slavery, should cease. Such a party would be a Socialist party, a party of enlightened labor unionists.

Workingmen, awake and think! You are marching about these streets with banners to celebrate "Labor Day." Who gave you this Labor Day? Your capitalist masters. They like to see you amuse yourselves. Anything to keep you from seeing that they are robbing you.

Could you vote for Steunenberg in Idaho, who perpetrated the Bull Pen? Have you heard Bryan denounce or disown Steunenberg?

Could you vote for McKinley, who keeps Shoshone County under martial law to this day? Why do Bryan and McKinley support such horrible tyfanny?

Because they both are agents of capitalism. Neither Bryan nor McKinley dare say a word against capitalism as such. Suppose either of them were to make a Labor Day speech and say, Capitalism is robbery of labor, and labor must have its own. He would have to resign his candidacy. Every capitalist paper in the land would howl him down, just for daring to tell the truth about wage laborers, the very thing for which Socialism stands.

EDWARD BOYCE



President Federation of Miners, Mother Organization of Western Labor Union.

HIS ADVICE TO WORKINGMEN.

In a letter to the editor of The Socialist dated Aug. 21, 1900, President Boyce says: "I have long since advised workingmen to abandon the two dominant political parties because there is no difference between them and this is becoming more apparent every year."

If any workingman had doubts in this respect previous to 1899 the action of the Democratic governor of Idaho should convince him that between Democracy and Republicanism there is no choice so far as laboring people are concerned."

WESTERN LABOR UNION FAVORS DISCUSSION.

RESOLUTION NO. 36.

Whereas, The Western Labor Union, in convention assembled, realize deeply the fact that the only way to accomplish a lasting benefit to the working people is through the ballot box, and that in order to fully understand the questions that arise it is necessary to thoroughly discuss them; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Western Labor Union favors the discussion of political questions in union meetings, and the taking of political action by affiliated unions of the Western Labor Union.

JUSTICE.

The empty boasts of power and pelf,
Like fleeting vapors round me meet;
The star of Destiny itself
Climbs from the throne to reach my feet;
The nations poise upon my scales
Like cloudlets on the midday air;
I stand erect where empire falls,
And wait serene amid despair.

—Clark.

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"OUR OWN."

That is the name suggested for this paper by a Tacoma comrade, and that is the way the comrades all over this state seem to regard **The Socialist** as their own child.

And that is all right, comrades. This paper is not your own nor my own, but "Our Own." Its very smallness in point of inches seems to appeal to our hearts like the baby that comes to our homes. But the baby is bound to grow, and if you take good care of him he grows fast and strong.

He already begins to feel his clothes pinch. He may have to have a new suit next month.

STAND FIRM.

Comrade J. Martin, of Seattle, writes: "Comrades, stand by your colors this coming election. Don't be fooled by the used-up sophistry that you will only be throwing your vote away by voting the Socialist ticket; that it will have no chance of success; wait till next time, and then get in and rustle for Socialism."

We have listened to such talk long enough. Be true to your convictions. Vote according to your consciousness of right. Then we will astonish the political manipulators of the old parties.

And Bro. Martin backs up his letter with a long list of addresses to send sample copies to in various places in the state, together with several subscribers.

That's the way to do it. Give us addresses. Give us addresses. Get subscribers if you can, but anyhow, send us addresses.

Have just learned that **The Socialist** has been admitted as second class matter by the Washington, D. C., postoffice authorities.

That relieves us. We have had to put up already about \$20 postage, one cent for every paper sent by mail. Now nearly all that will be returned to us, as second class rates are only one cent a pound. So now we are duly christened by our good Uncle Sam.

Not one of the capitalist press in Seattle, daily or weekly; not even the *Union Record*, has yet noticed **The Socialist** by so much as a solitary word.

What's the reason? You guess. If this thing keeps up, our self-esteem will grow too much. This silence is a higher compliment than we expected.

Mrs. S. W. White, whose husband died of his wounds at White Oak Swamp in '62, hands a dollar to **The Socialist** to send a copy for three months to ten subscribers—"where it will do the most good." And she is not a Socialist herself, either.

Another writes from Lawrence, Whatcom County: "Enclosed find 10 cents to send **The Socialist** to my neighbor. He is

not yet a Socialist, but is getting disgusted with politics, which I regard as a hopeful sign."

There are literally thousands of such. Send in their names. You.

You think not? Just hundreds, not thousands. Then you ought to have heard Judge Winsor's speech to the Populist convention last Monday night at Seattle.

He actually said that no permanent relief from present conditions could be expected till the producer received the full product of his labor, and added: "You think that is Socialism? Well, I want to tell you that all that was worth saying of Populism was Socialistic." And mind you, that statement was applauded heartily in a Populist convention met to make state nominations.

Those Populists who applauded and Winsor himself are in the wrong hole and don't fit, and know they don't fit. They have been baited into the Democratic party, partly by old associations, partly by hope of office, but mostly through ignorance of the fundamental article of the Socialist tactics, namely: "Surplus value," is inconsistent with liberty and justice and must therefore be outlawed.

They think we advocate a mere substitution of co-operation for competition. They have not yet studied the present system enough to know that co-operation in production is already here—only the enormous "surplus value" is appropriated by the masters.

The Socialist program, ye applauding Populists, not even the Omaha platform hinted at. Send for No. 1 of **The Socialist** and read the S. D. P. platform, and study them, too. But you are on the way to us. There you are right. And there's no other place for you.

"The latest and one of the brightest Socialist publications comes to us in the form of **The Socialist**. Bright, clean and ably edited, it bids fair to become of untold value to the movement in the Northwest. It is published at 220 Union St., Seattle, Wash. The subscription price is 50 cents a year, 10 cents for three months, and we bespeak for it the hearty support of the comrades everywhere."

Substitute **Public Ownership**, Erie, Pa., for **The Socialist** in the above, and we retailate word for word.

An educated labor unionist is a Socialist. The labor union is the natural school for Socialism. The only thing which prevents all labor unionists from becoming Socialists is ignorance.

Of course designing politicians try to keep Socialism out of the unions for the interests of their party. But even their opposition is due to ignorance. No workingman is truly educated who will support a capitalist party.

Why so? Because any party that supports capitalism is the enemy of the wage worker. Can a man be educated who supports his enemy?

Ten weeks, Ten Cents. Workers, if you like this paper, mail us a dime in an envelope. It will be safe and will encourage us.

5,000 Workingmen should read this issue. Send 50 cents for 100 copies to distribute free.

M'KINLEY AND STEUNENBERG MAKE MORE SOCIALISTS.

BURKE, Idaho, Wednesday, Aug. 22.—On Thursday evening last the Miners' Union of Gem attempted to hold a meeting in their hall, "State Auditor Bartlett Sinclair" having solemnly and officially proclaimed he had no objection to meetings of labor organizations.

After being in session for some time the doors to the hall were suddenly and forcibly broken open by two law and order deputies, who immediately seized the books of the recording and financial secretaries and demanded the receipts of the evening from the latter. He, however, refused to give them up.

At this juncture President Balch interfered, and with the butts of the deputies' revolvers was promptly knocked into insensibility. Many thought him dead.

He was taken to the Providence Hospital at Wallace, where the doctors pronounced the wounds so serious as to be doubtful of recovery. However, after some hours he regained consciousness and hopes are now entertained.

During the disturbance six of Joe Macdonald's militiamen with Winchester stood guard and were ready to render the deputies any assistance necessary in their work.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

33 a day this week.

20 a day last week.

MAKE IT 50 NEXT WEEK.

Treasurer's Report

August 21 to August 27.

| | | | |
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| 21 | Reported last week | | \$69.10 |
| 23 | J. D. Curtis, Issue No. 2 | | 2.00 |
| 23 | H. F. Titus, special | | 1.50 |
| 24 | Subscriptions | | 16.53 |
| 26 | H. F. Titus, Issue No. 3 | | .50 |
| 26 | H. W. Titus, Issue No. 3 | | .50 |
| 27 | H. Holtkamp, Issue No. 3 | | .50 |
| 27 | A. F. Lindwall, Issue No. 2 | | .50 |
| 27 | Subscriptions | | 3.50 |
| | | | \$94.63 |

Aug. EXPENSES.

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| 21 | Reported last week | | \$57.85 |
| 20 | Treas. receipt book | | .25 |
| 21 | Treas. account book | | .35 |
| 23 | Seattle Eng. Co., 2 pictures | | 3.00 |
| 26 | Postage | | .50 |
| | | | \$61.95 |
| 27 | Balance on hand | | 32.68 |
| | | | \$94.63 |

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



JAMES HUGH ROSS,
Blacksmith, Tacoma.

**First Union Labor Ticket
In This State**

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EUGENE V. DEBS, of Indiana.
- FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
JOB HARRIMAN, of California.
- FOR GOVERNOR,
W. C. B. RANDOLPH, .. Carpenter, Seattle.
- FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,
E. S. REINERT, Section Laborer,
Loon Lake, Stevens County.
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JAMES H. ROSS, Blacksmith, Tacoma, Wn.
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- FOR CONGRESSMAN,
WILLIAM HOGAN, Laborer
Equality, Skagit County.
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ALONZO G. SEIBERT, Bricklayer, Seattle.

Scatter this number every-
where among Labor Unions. 100
Copies for 50 cents.

THE WORKERS' POLITICS

Socialism means that the whole people have a right to have a voice in their industrial affairs just the same as they have in their political affairs.

It means that in order that the people may exercise that control, they are to own the tools of making a living—that is, the people as a whole will own the factories, the railroads, steamboats, mines, lands and all the rest, in the same way that they now own and manage the army and navy, the post-offices, geological surveying, lighthouses and the like.

Our ability to do these things collectively has been abundantly demonstrated by actual practice. The postoffice is the best operated industry in this country: it is efficient and economical—it would cost perhaps \$5 to send a letter from her to Central India if all the mails between here and there were separate competing companies—whereas now it only costs five cents.

When the whole people do any kind of business for themselves they of course try to do it as well as they can, and as cheaply to themselves as possible, so public business is done at cost, no profit being made out of it.

This brings exceedingly cheap service to the whole people. See the radical difference between public business and private business—the latter's policy is to charge as much as they can for what they do, and the policy of the public is to charge themselves just as little as they can, or actual cost. Now, isn't that a great difference?

There would be no paupers nor millionaires under Socialism. It is only under this present unjust system of wage slavery that millionaires are made. The existence of the millionaire necessitates a million paupers, for he, by a subtle process in business not generally understood, extracts their wealth from them and keeps it himself. If there were no working men to fleece, there could be no millionaires.

But while there would be no millionaires and paupers under Socialism, every one would have an abundance of all that he desired, provided only that he were willing to do his share in helping his fellows make them. He would always have a job without any possibility of a doubt, and at good pay—three or four times what the best paid workers get now, and knowing the absolute security of his job, he would not need to pile up wealth for fear of future want, hence greed would atrophy and comfort, ease and repose would be the normal state of all men.

Socialism would establish justice in the industrial world instead of the warfare that is now going on. See how the big companies in business freeze out the small ones, as heartlessly as if they were heathen men. Might rules now, but right will rule when all people have an equal stake in the country.

The rich and powerful are interested in keeping up this present state of things because it is working to their advantage, but they are only a small percentage of the whole. The vast majority are being ruined

by the inequalities and are directly interested in putting a stop to it.

The workmen all over the civilized world are coming to see that there is no chance any more for them to get out of the working class and become employers of others and thus get rich; that those who own the mills and factories and railroads have us at a great disadvantage and their riches make them powerful and tend always to accumulate riches and power more and more and we correspondingly sink lower and lower and become more helpless, and that there is now no hope of our ever being anything but workmen. We thus find ourselves to be the vast majority of mankind, all under the same conditions, practically, and all have identical interests. We find that we, as workers, have been deprived of the wealth our own hands have created and see that same wealth lavished, wasted and flaunted in our faces by that small minority who never do anything.

We have now discovered the way in which that wealth is transferred from our homes where it rightfully belongs, to the money vaults of an idle, parasitical class. The legerdemain is inherent in the system of working for another for a wage. That wage is always small on account of the necessities of the great numbers of workers, and the ones who do the hiring are enabled to pile up vast fortunes on the difference between what they pay us, and what our labor actually creates. They call this difference Profits, but our term for it is not so polite.

We see how we can employ ourselves, through the instrumentality of government, using the public revenues to buy or build factories instead of battleships, and then there will be no such thing as "profits" going to a bloated set of do-nothings. ALL THE PRODUCTS OF LABOR WILL GO TO US.

But you may say that those who are running the government are opposed to our scheme and can not be trusted to carry it out. Aha! you have hit it exactly! They are opposed and can not be trusted, and for those two mighty good reasons we propose to turn them out and put in the Social Democratic Party that is composed of working men who are directly interested in destroying this vicious profit system that is destroying them.

The working class can be trusted to do this, because they must do it or die! These are times that try men's souls. Great things are about to be done! Scatter your doubts to the winds; believe in the irresistible power of a united working class, who are far more than a majority!

Our law says a majority shall have their ideas carried out, and Socialism is our salvation. We, the majority, want it, and by the eternal law of right and justice, we will have it!

The Social Democratic party is the means by which we propose to bring about Socialism. Brother slaves! get in line with us, vote with us, elect men in your own condition, with your own interests and you will batter down the walls of your industrial prison and build the new social order of justice, peace and plenty! To the ballot, my hearties!

W. C. B. RANDOLPH.

SOCIALIST UNIONISTS

H. H. HOLTkamp.



Financial Secretary
Seattle Carpenters' Union.

All trade unionists should be Socialists and take a united stand politically for the principles they advocate in their unions. Without political action and support, all their efforts and petitions will be of no avail. This is very evident, that a legislature elected by a capitalist class, whose interests are opposed to the working class, cannot for their own interest enact laws favorable to the workers. How often do we see a law enacted in favor of the wage workers, made invalid by a capitalistic judge, declaring it unconstitutional? It therefore behooves us, if we are at all scientific, not only as trades unionists, but as wage workers in general, to not only take a united stand for political action, but to see to it that we vote to overthrow the present competitive and capitalistic system and enact the co-operative commonwealth, for which all trades unionists do stand in principles.

H. H. HOLTkamp.

PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION.

Central Trades' Council, Dayton,
Ohio.

We regard it as the sacred duty of every honorable laboring man to sever his affiliations with all political parties of the capitalists, and to devote his energy and attention to the organization of his Trade and Labor Union and the concentration of all Unions into one solid body for the purpose of assisting each other in all struggles—political and industrial—to resist every attempt of the ruling classes directed against our liberties, and to extend a fraternal hand to the workers of our land and in all nations of the globe that struggle for the same independence.

"Probably the greatest feature of Socialist organization is the new trades unionism which signifies political action at the ballot box. Every indication is that the trade unions of the United States are stampeding into the ranks of the Social Democratic Party."—E. B. Helphingstine.

Bundle Rate is now one-half cent a copy for 20 or more. Hurry up your orders.

FROM PRESIDENT FICKS

Of Seattle Typographical Union.

SEATTLE, Aug. 26, 1900.

Editor Socialist.

Dear Comrade: Pursuant to promise the undersigned will endeavor to explain to his fellow unionists why he is a Socialist and believes in the propaganda undertaken by the class-conscious workers of the world.

A study of history teaches us that like causes ever produce like effects. As the toiler of the Old World is today, so will his brother in the Newer World be tomorrow; when the few and constantly diminishing natural opportunities are monopolized. Project your thought into the future, and, under conditions as they are, can you fancy man as wiser or better than he is today?

Socialism—one for all and all for each—promises to reverse the present order, where each is for self alone.

Under Socialism reason and not rebellion will be the arbiter in the disputes of men: ballots and not bullets will decide the destinies of the people; peace and plenty will be the result of toil; love and life and land and wife will be the meed of the toiler; children will be welcomed as a blessing, not as an unmixed evil which must be guarded against, as is now too often the case; man will be free to develop the moral and aesthetic side of his nature, until, with the elimination of rent, interest and profit, he becomes truly the noblest work of creation, and when at last his race is run, if hope speaks truly to the heart and there be Elysian fields beyond the confines of this, our mortal life, he may "with seraphs sweetly sing, quiring to the young-eyed cherubim." Fraternal yours,

GEORGE W. FICKS.



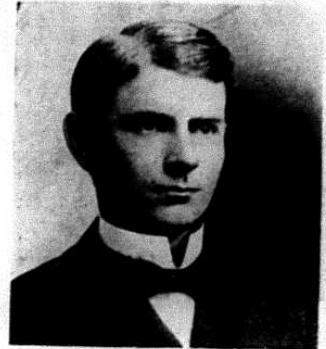
CHAS. EULITZ.

Western Labor Union Organizer
Pacific Northwest.

Socialism is the coming political party for workingmen, and I am only too glad to give my testimony in its favor.

Vote your own class of men into office, who know how to make laws to better the condition of laboring men.

A. F. LINDWALL.



Recording Secretary,
Seattle Painters' Union.

As a progressive, evolutionary, class-conscious trades unionist, conscious of my class interests and knowing my natural rights among which is, to the producer the full product of his labor, I therefore recognize the impotency of the trades unions to bring about this desired result. The capitalist class, although few in number, are in possession of the means by which we live. The workingmen are many, but without means. Brother workingmen, by the memory of Homestead, Coeur d'Alenes and St. Louis, let us rise up as one man and STRIKE capitalism at its weakest point, namely, the Ballot Box. "Workingmen, unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain." A. F. LINDWALL.

GREAT I. T. U. ALMOST SOCIALISTIC

"Resolved, That the International Typographical Union emphasizes that it is distinctly a class organization, embracing in its membership all workers following the kindred crafts in the printing industry, who upon the industrial field are antagonized by their employers on every occasion, which fact should impress the members of this organization that to subserve their interests as wageworkers it is essential that they act as a unit upon the political field from whence capitalism derives its power to oppress, and we declare it consistent with the ethics of unionism and the sacred duty of every honorable member of this union to sever his or her affiliation with all political parties of the exploiting class which are constantly encroaching upon the liberties of the working people."

The above vote was passed Aug. 16th at Milwaukee by a vote of 87 to 73. The next morning the friends of McKinley and Bryan, alarmed at this Socialist action by this great, intelligent and conservative union, rallied their forces and succeeded in rescinding the resolution by a vote of 91 to 61.

Mark it, two-fifths of this great delegate convention stayed solidly by a Socialist resolution. Who says the labor leaders are not fast turning Socialists?

Next number will answer the question, Votes or Socialism, Which? Prepare to discuss it in your weekly meeting.