

ings so that a judge (a member of said organization), could attend a prayer meeting; enough said, we will pass on.

Here in Fresno is to be found some good gullible material. This was evidenced by their hearty welcome to McClain. I am not quite sure that I have his name spelled right. He is the latest arrival. No one knew he was coming. He swooped down here like a buzzard on a carcass. He is not travelling under the auspicious of the Socialist organization (?). Just like that party's method of doing propaganda.

He says that he is known as Higgins the tramp, and he seems desirous to own that name.

I don't know if he is related to Box Car Casey, or not.

As a professional tramp is a professional dead deal, possibly his new name fits him well. With his British Columbia record it is not surprising that he desires a new name. At the close of his speech on the street he takes up a collection; same method adopted by the Salvation Army. Both out to make a living on the line of least resistance, regardless.

This McClain is the man who made himself infamous during a fishermen's strike in B. C. a few years ago. Some of the members of the fishermen's unions who were in that strike say that he pocketed several hundred dollars of the unions' money. He did not work for about twelve months after the strike. It must have been an easy thing. About the same time he also spoke in the interest of a capitalist candidate for office. This candidate belonged to a political party corresponding with the Republican party. At one time he was affiliated with the S. L. P., but the comrades concluded he could do the party less harm on the outside, than on the inside.

Almost any old crook fired out of the S. L. P. the bogus will receive with open arms.

McClain said in answer to a question by the writer that the A. F. of L. was like a bunch of sheep, led by a decoy sheep, and that decoy sheep was Sam Gompers, and that Sam Gompers was the greatest fakir that the world ever saw. Also that the A. F. of L. was conducted in the interest of the capitalist class. And in answer to another question by Yours Truly he said that his organization did not fight the A. F. of L., showing it to be either traitorous or cowardly; possibly both. This personification of gall, Mr. McClain, said that some day he might be a member of the S. L. P. ("rats, go way back and sit down.")

He tells the story of the horrors of Colorado in a very thrilling way. But owing to his careless manner of handling the truth one hardly knows how much of it to believe.

To those who wish information relative to McClain, write to Section Vancouver, British Columbia, and it will be cheerfully furnished. G. P. Ross.

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A GOOD SUGGESTION.

To the Daily and Weekly People:— To the comrades throughout the country, the Press Committee of Section Boston submits a plan, which, if adopted, should not only increase the circulation of the Weekly People, but would also provide a source of revenue to their respective sections; as evidenced by the successful results that has attended the experiment of the plan by the above committee.

A month ago, Section Boston authorized the Press Committee to purchase twenty-five copies of the Weekly People to be sold at our agitation meetings at the rate of two cents per copy, the profit thus made to be applied to the Agitation Fund. Since the same was done we have increased our sales to one hundred copies a week, thus netting us a profit of \$1.25 per thousand sold. In other words, where there was no circulation or revenue we now have an increased circulation of one hundred copies a week and a source of income that is valuable. We have also issued a circular letter setting forth the merits of the Weekly People, and the necessity of the working class reading it, which we place in each copy, together with a selected leaflet.

Now, if each section would adopt the same method, starting with just so many as they can sell at a profit, results of incalculable benefit to the party at large would follow. It would be far superior to the waste now occasioned by the promiscuous distribution of tons of leaflets, for the man who would not value his class interests as being worth the price of a copy of The People is not worth giving a leaflet to; such a man, as Berry says, is food for capitalist cannon.

The remark of Berry's is borne out in

THE FAKIR'S PARADISE.

To the Daily and Weekly People:— California is the land where the bogus Socialist microbe flourishes in all its slimy ugliness.

It was P. T. Barnum who said the American People love to be humbugged. This is a field where the bogus Socialist grafter has an almost uninterrupted paradise.

The writer of this is a travelling man. While in Santa Cruz this summer, I came in contact with the species. Their secretary admitted that they were a gang of freaks. He said that they changed the date of their business meet-