

Straws in the Life Stream

Try The Clarion job office for your next printing order. A letter signed "Comrade" is held over till next issue.

Mortimer and Stebbings are the Socialist Party candidates in Vancouver City.

The Liberals were so busy baiting into the Socialists on Tuesday night, in the City Hall, that they had not time to sling more mud at the "conservatives."

That Socialist rally in the City Hall will probably give the capitalist politicians something to think over. Dozens turned away—couldn't get in. Watch Socialism grow!

Vancouver Local, B. P. of B. C., will keep their present large "headquarters" on Hastings street, for the next campaign. We are in this fight for industrial freedom to win and we'll never let up till we do.

C. W. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, of Revelstoke, arrived in the city for a few days' visit on Tuesday. Comrade Mitchell thinks Socialist Candidate Bennett will win by a substantial majority in that district.

Organize Kingsley will leave for the Okanagan Valley and other interior points shortly for the purpose of getting the workers thoroughly organized for the next campaign. The Socialist Party does business 265 days a year.

Unless some settlement is reached today (Wednesday) there will probably be no capitalist press in Vancouver for a few days to tell the voters of the campaign and their politics. The news printers demand more of what they produce, and if they don't get it they produce a lot of trouble and anxiety for the old-party politicians' daily apologists and defamers.

Remember, workmen, you can vote for FIVE candidates only in Vancouver City. Don't vote for more, or you spoil your ballot. You can vote for one number under five, or plump for the two Socialist candidates if you choose. Take lots of time in making your ballot. See that you vote for the men you want by electing by placing "four X's" in the circle space to the right of the name.

At a joint meeting of representatives of the four political parties last Monday evening in J. J. Danfield's office, it was decided to ask the mayor, or acting mayor, to preside as chairman at next Friday night's grand rally in the City Hall. There will be eight speakers—all must be candidates to be allowed 20 minutes in which to present reasons why they should not be elected to stay at home. The Liberals have the first 20 minutes, the Conservatives come next, Socialists third and Independent-Labor fourth, with a repetition in the same order. The public will be the judge, and the decision will be given on Saturday next.

A very successful concert was given in Chilliwack on Saturday evening, which brought to a termination the rivalry which has been going on in connection with the fair and horse races. Although Saturday's concert was the third consecutive one during the week, it was well attended. Miss Durham, Hyman played several violin solos with noticeable feeling, which were greatly enjoyed and J. Alexander, who has lately located in Vancouver, contributed Scotch and other songs, which brought out the fine quality of his cultured baritone voice. The business element found with a repetition in William Moore, whose clever impersonations and funny jokes gave him great applause.—Com.

Among Ourselves

Comrade T. E. Walsh is making a tour of the West in taking subscriptions for The Western Clarion. And many of our friends of the paper show to him will be appreciated.

"We are having a hard fight, but are confident of success."—Alec C. Cummins, Ferguson, B. C.

Over 7,000 Clarions issued last week and 10,000 copies this week. There's something about this. Keep your ears to the ground.

"A very interesting little story could be written of the sacrifice and inconceivable which has been steadily undergone by several of our stalwarts in order to raise our deposit."—J. W. Bennett, Revelstoke.

A widow's mite was cast in to the socialist collection at the mass meeting in the City Hall on Monday night. It was a me-at bread ticket, and is good for one bar at a defunct bakery. Otherwise the collection was "good."

"The Western Clarion is one of the cleanest and best Socialist papers in America, and it is the only paper in Canada which stands in the interest of the working class alone."—Mrs. Irene Smith, at Monday's Socialist mass meeting.

Unorganized Socialists at Kwant, B. C., contributed \$20.00 to the campaign for Vancouver City. The boys at Coquitlam Tunnel sent in ten dollars to the Executive Committee for similar use. Ever since the workers are beginning to realize that this is their fight, and that no strings must be attached to Socialist candidates by the funds from capitalist concerns for campaign purposes.

Socialism is coming to the front in the far north. Where a Socialist paper was a year ago a suspected stranger, now it is regarded as a warm friend. The sober senses of the literature received up to date has made a favorable impression and people of all occupations are reading it. Although many comment upon the boldness of the articles, the Socialists they admit the truth contained in them. Our organization is anxious to learn all about the subject and is anxious for the right man, Walter W. Wood, Secretary, Socialist Educational Society, Dawson, Y. T.

A "True" Lake Comrade writes as follows: "Just a few weeks or two ago how the cause is progressing in this part of the province. Before this political contest came on we heard very little about Socialism; but since the Grit and Tory politicians are so busy with their mud-throwing contest, which was held here on Tuesday evening, the 15th, we have heard little else. On Saturday evening, the 19th, the culminating period arrived. Benj. E. Wilson had been billed for a lecture on Socialism, and at the appointed hour nearly 500 people in Trout Lake district was on hand to get some pointers on the vital question of the day, for who else could be trusted and did not come were either hidden or so much under the thumb of the greasers that they were afraid to face the fire. Comrade Wilson spoke for an hour and a half, and before he was done speaking half the time the applause which followed each fact as it was driven home and clinched with proof became more pronounced until towards the last he was cheered to the echo. Comrades watch our smoke on October 3rd, and you will hear something drop, and drop hard."

From across the sea comes a kindly word from our former Sicilian comrade, J. M. McGreger, who is now in Japan and sends from hence an appreciation of The Clarion, and his words are the standard-bearers of the party. In conclusion, Comrade McGreger says:—"I have not found many signs of Socialism here yet, but I stumbled on one of its followers the other day, who is employing some of his leisure time in translating 'Capital' into Japanese, a heavy task for a young university student not perfectly conversant with English."

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It remained to the finish. Goodbye is an excellent word. We can talk for a long time without saying anything. The three candidates are now in the social holiday joint meetings. They never expected to have Taylor and Bennett. He is hard to catch. Last night they spoke at Armstrong's hall with audience. Bennett and Kelle were the favorites. They turned Taylor down first. They will return to text on Monday next. It is the intention to hold a joint meeting the night before the election.

The Revelstoke Herald has made us many friends. Even old Conservatives discern it.

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Next week The Clarion will publish an article dealing with conditions in Japan, written especially for our pages by E. H. Oshio, a young Japanese living in London, England, to whom we have recently been introduced by a mutual friend. This was meant for our special campaign number, but as that number has been crowded to the wall in the hurry of an anti-slavery election day, we are running the articles contributed for its columns in each issue as they come to hand. The concluding sentences of our Japanese comrade are worthy of repetition. He says: "It would, I fear, be an insult to point out the moral of this brief account of how they do things out here, so let me only add as a conclusion: Send as many Socialists as possible to the legislative assembly and let them push our programme and let them have no compromise. Our comrades in Germany have triumphed, and our people in England are awakening, and the little islands of Japan are fairly moving; then let us not lag behind, but go forward. Let us, the Japanese, either in Japan or abroad, help the work of progress to go on, for that is our right and claim; fellowship and brotherhood, mutual help and co-operation."

The secret of this case spoke on a certain day. Rise up, my child, and cast; thy fair face away!" E. H. OSHIO.

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THE CAMPAIGN AT REVELSTOKE

REVELSTOKE, B. C., Sept. 26.—The Conservatives held a meeting Tuesday evening and invited Bennett and Kelle. They were there for about an hour, but he could have said it all in five minutes. Kelle followed, but only spoke about fifteen minutes. "Old 'Let'er' fliker" Jim seems to have put his old-time fire. The audience was dying, but friendly towards Kelle. He was followed by Ed. Adair. They put him up to throw mud at Kelle, and he passed old "Let'er fliker" for thirty minutes, and would have continued, but the audience made him sit down.

Bennett followed Adair, and all parties admit that he made the speech of the evening. They also admit that K. was the Socialist's meeting. He explained the class struggle, and showed how impossible it is to represent the exploiters and the exploited. He said he was not attempting to side with the horse, and if elected he would represent the working-class alone. When he finished, the applause was deafening. About 50 people left when Bennett finished, leaving a small audience for the last speaker, Ben Goodwin. About 100

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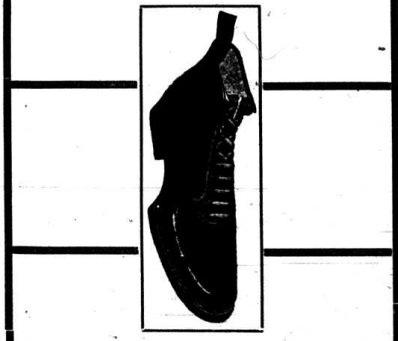
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