

Straws in the Life Stream

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The Socialist Party in Winnipeg has entered the municipal campaign, independent of all other organizations.

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The Socialist Party of B. C. had better make ready for another election. Best to sleep with one foot on the floor in these "treasonous" times.

The "april" in the Socialist Party at Nanaimo proves to be a "politician." One opposition candidate remains to be the record. But how many persons can get settled with their own importance at times and not be satisfied?

The Clarion desires to direct the attention of every Socialist in the province to the proposed constitution of the R. F. of B. C., submitted for approval of rejection in this issue. Read it carefully. It is ready to pass judgment intelligently.

The B. C. Electric Railway employees have invitations out for a concert and dance to be held in the city hall on Tuesday next, November 18th, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Ernest G. Gorman and Charles Tanner secretary-treasurer of the committee.

Locals of the S. P. of B. C. should endeavor to build up their dues-paying membership. The provincial executive committee needs the per capita tax to carry on the work of agitation, organization and education, and the workers everywhere need all these. Hustle, boys, hustle!

The next issue of the Western Clarion will appear on Thursday, November 18th. If the comrades do their duty they will give the directors time to "catch up" and enable us to issue as usual thereafter. Send along your interesting, readable news and by purchasing a share in the paper you are assisting us to meet payments due on plant.

The following from the Winnipeg Voice is significant: "Workmen cannot secure the full benefit of their labor until they know how to go about it. This paper will give the information. When you've read this copy hand it on to your workmate and try to get him interested."

The International Printing Pressmen's Union, is the latest union to declare for political action. They advise that only by the ballot can the working class ever hope to secure the rights that are undoubtedly due to them. We support this resolution defining their position: "We now believe that emancipation from oppressive conditions is to be achieved only through the ballot box; and that it is the duty of all working men to stand together for the common good."

Wishful's Magazine, beginning the third year of its existence, with the November issue, comes with a new and artistic cover, a superior quality of paper and numerous fine illustrations. The Canadian Socialist movement, which springs into the world's notice through its recent political successes, receives considerable attention from Editor Wishful, who made a special study of the subject on his recent visit to that country.

Among Ourselves

Herbert Taylor of Golden, B. C. has been in \$1.50 for subscription card this week.

Over \$100 was received for subscriptions and shares by the Clarion this week. \$100 a week for two months would enable us to turn the vision of the shirt off to the wall altogether and read!

If you've got a job looking for a job try running a for the Clarion. It's a job that's a master every time. Providing the latter doesn't know how you get over with him during your enforced idleness.

I do hope we shall save the Clarion. It must be converted to a paper of the movement, and each comrade MUST DO SOMETHING, however small. You will hear from me later. HAROLD BURNETT, Victoria.

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE

of the other side of the street in the office this week, one half of which came from the Okanagan valley—the better to show the farmers on the coast. What a harvest there will be next election day.

"Here, \$10 for a share, but don't dare to mention my name," writes a Vancouver slave-slave, who has never identified himself with the movement. "My job may be at stake but thank heaven, the ballot is safe, and I'm willing to support the only weekly labor paper in B. C."

It has been proposed to the directors of the Western Socialist Publishing Company, limited, that the Clarion be reduced to a monthly or semi-monthly, rather than suspended. For the present we will do neither, but leave it to the comrades to prove that the Socialists of Western Canada are able and willing to support the only weekly labor paper in B. C.

I want to see a copy of a British Columbia Socialist publication. Will you do something to the "pluses" up there. Please send me 10 or 12 copies of different dates, so you can let me know what terms you would send out 300 samples. If I furnish names for the Western Socialist Publishing Co., Ltd., please send me a copy of the paper.

These lessons will be printed regularly in this paper throughout the year, and those comrades who are interested in this study whether the Comrades may wish to do so, may order a copy of the book for as many others as may wish to do so, by sending the name to the Editor of Correspondence and the Training School, Canadian Mills, will appreciate it if those organizing class work in Western Canada, Box 46, Kansas City, Mo.

LESSON 12—ORIGIN OF THE WAGE SYSTEM. You remember that the tribes got to fighting with each other in order that they might get more land for more herds and take care of the children and the helpless people within their own tribes. Just as the old tribes grew the seeds on the soil and land they also grew.

After a long time there were so many people on the land that the lord who owned the land had more people than he needed to do his work. And so he told them they could go away if they wished. And many did so. But sometimes so many stayed—because they owned the land and had the king's soldiers come and drive them off his land.

They were not slaves, because no one wished to own them, who were not serfs, because no one was willing to own them. They were the workers who were able to do what they were asked to do.

That is where the wage workers came from. They were not slaves—because the power of the master was not worth exercising. It was found to be more than able to him to hire the worker, when it was needed, and turn him out to starve when his work was done.

When the worker was not able to starve him out—his under slavery—and support him all the year round, or provide the patch of ground—under serfdom—whereon he could support himself.

THE LESSON. 1. The working man became his own man because no one else was willing to keep him alive for what he would do.

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A RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE REVIEW

Now that the election is over—and this is the first time that the Socialist Party of B. C. has had candidates in the field—let us look back over the past year and see how we have done.

We ought to be satisfied with what we have done. We have done well. We have done better than we expected. We have done more than we thought we could do.

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THE CLARION'S EDITOR

Born in Winnipeg, Ontario, 1875. Practised shortly afterwards moved to Essex county, cleared bush farm near London, Ont. till '88. Educated in county public school, passing high school examination in '88. Came west alone, per cattle train, winter '89-90. Worked on cattle range south and east of Calgary, B. C. section, at Sheppard, A. P. R., brickyard in Calgary, construction work in Canmore, Alta., and Glenora, B. C. Camp at Bayberry, B. C. at intervals till summer of 1901. Went to Manitoba, worked on cattle range and then in the oil fields. Returned to Calgary in 1902. Worked for Frank Oliver, now P. on immediate west. Became a printer in 1903. Bought Edmonton Times, and established South Edmonton News. Practitioner for some time in Nov. '04. Married July 20th. Visited Kootenays in March '06. Upon return to New Westminster, moved to Revelstoke in Aug. '06. Worked in C. P. R. shops for short time, and in partnership with A. Johnson, bought Edmonton Herald, and established Revelstoke Herald, semi-weekly in Jan. '07. Sold interest to partner. Returned to Calgary, where he printed under the name of Eagle at Ferguson, B. C., in Feb. 1909, in time to assist the miners in their organization for an eight-hour day. The management of Lardner Miers' (London) and Agnew & Co. (Edmonton) in the cause of the dispossessed. Owing to political and economic developments in the West, the paper was discontinued in 1910. For a transitory period found it difficult to remain in "commercial" newspaper work. Moved to Vancouver in 1911, and took up residence in Vancouver. Bought interest in Citizen and News (Vancouver) in 1912. Moved to Victoria in 1913. Issued the first western edition as the Canadian

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