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A SUGGESTION FROM PIERCE COUNTY.

Comrades:—
 There is a strong probability, if not a certainty, that the socialist party will elect a number of officials in this state in 1912 in the counties and municipalities. We socialists are not the only ones who are aware of this possibility. The office seekers have their eyes open and you will notice from now on an influx of "good, capable" men into the socialist party. Not that I am opposed to good, capable men—far from it. We can never get too many in the party; but it is for us to see that persons who join the party for selfish purposes shall not be able to serve themselves by so doing.

There is no doubt in my mind that the juicy official plums in sight constitute the attraction to the party that is now growing so popular.

I think we could eliminate this attraction to a considerable extent by the following method: Let the locals take the matter up for discussion and instruct their state committee to bring the question before the next state convention and to formulate a wage scale to be paid to every elected official in the state, the wages to be at prevailing union scales and set strictly from the working class standpoint.

We working men and women do not propose to foster a new set of masters composed of socialist officials. We are not hunting for masters, we are looking for servants, and if we take a working man from the ranks and pay him from \$1,500 a year up, while the average workingman gets from \$500 a year down, he will soon get the notion into his head that he is away ahead of the men who elected him to that office. But suppose he is paid only at the rate that his comrades are getting and that the balance of his salary be paid to the party (state and county), he is more likely to remember that he is a servant only and the plum would not look so large to the office hunters. Now is the time to discuss and not after our officials are elected.

Hoping to hear from some of the comrades through the columns of The Commonwealth, I am,

Yours for the revolution,
 P. A. JOHNSON,
 Chairman Pierce County Committee.

A DANGER SIGNAL.

Men and women are being discharged from their jobs in Los Angeles because they favor Job Harriman, socialist candidate for mayor. Their employers, in many cases, make no bones of the matter.

Assuming that such employers sincerely believe they are serving society by using the bread-and-butter club to influence votes, hadn't they better pause and look a little deeper?

IF A MAN HAS NO CAPITAL SAVE HIS ABILITY TO LABOR, DEPRIVING HIM OF HIS JOB IS PRECISELY LIKE HOLDING HIM UP ON THE HIGHWAY AND STEALING HIS PURSE. IT IS A RESORT TO FORCE. IT MAY BE EQUIVALENT TO ASKING HIM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN VOTING FOR HIS CONVICTIONS AND RISKING STARVATION FOR HIMSELF, HIS WIFE AND HIS CHILDREN.

About two-thirds of all the voters in the United States work for wages. If the comparatively few business men who employ them may reduce them to starvation when they refuse to obey the bidding of the masters on election day, then "freedom of the ballot" is an empty phrase and the republic is ruled absolutely by the few who control the jobs.

Is it possible that the employing class is so short-sighted as to invite the appeal to force in settling the political, social and economic questions of the United States?

We hope not; it suggests a terrible prospect. Take our advice, gentlemen, and don't do it. If you want a little mild excitement, stick your head in the mouth of a hungry lion, but don't tell American workers that you will starve them to death if they don't vote your way. That's dangerous!—Seattle Star.

WOMEN DO NOT WANT IT!

At the close of the registration in Santa Barbara, Cal., last Saturday, 3,000 women and 2,500 men had registered to vote in the municipal election of December 5. This constitutes 95 per cent of the feminine population.—Woman's Journal.

From across the car came another phase of the same theme: "No, the American people will not always be hoodwinked. The poor will not always consent to be run over by the automobiles of the rich without complaining of the aches in their shoulders."

THE WAGE PROBLEM.

A careful study of the best available evidence suggests that in a normal year one-half of the adult male wage-earners east of the Rockies and north of the Ohio get less than five hundred dollars each, and three-fourths of them less than six hundred dollars; while three-fifths of the adult female wage-earners get less than three hundred and twenty-five dollars. This calculation embraces an immense number of persons—literally millions. The sums named do not represent a decent living for free and industrious inhabitants of the richest country in the world in a prosperous time.

Unquestionably, as a general statement, wages ought to be higher; but where is the additional money to come from? Some industries that pay the lowest wages yield only a moderate return upon the capital employed; and if the price of the products is enhanced in order that wages may be increased what will the people who already complain of high prices say to that?

There is a huge maladjustment here. Socialists think they know how to cure it, but they are only a handful and other people prefer the disease to their remedy.

Certainly competition is not the cure, for competition usually is the cause of low wages and low return upon the capital.

One point is clear: If a great number of industrious people are unable to get a decent living in normally prosperous times, as a country we are still considerable of a failure.—Saturday Evening Post.

COMRADE HASKINS WRITES OF CONDITIONS IN NEBRASKA.

Editor Commonwealth:
 No matter where the cold, hungry and ragged proletarian wanders in this "land of the free and home of the brave," he finds the social conditions for him about the same. The competitive armies of unemployed that, a few years ago, were found only in the cities, have spread to the fields of agriculture, so numerous have the armies become and so fierce is the competition for a job.

I have been in the harvest fields since the 15th day of July. To the wheat fields of Washington seekers after employment came flocking from almost every walk of life. I found the same condition in North Dakota. Then traveling south to the corn-growing state of Nebraska I found again a vast throng of men ready to sell themselves upon the muscle-market, many of them from the cities and scarcely knowing what a corn field looks like. They are here with ready and willing hands to help gather the crop and store it away. What they will do this winter and what will become of many of them is a question. No advertisement for "Help Wanted" appears in the papers; it is always "Positions Wanted."

There is a distinct rumble of dissatisfaction among the farmers. Tenant slaves are becoming more numerous, competing with each other for a chance to till the soil. The landlord is quick to take advantage of this. Land that, a few years ago, was renting for one-third of the crop, is now renting for from \$300 to \$500 cash and the tenant slave must give a note bearing interest if not paid when due. Land has nearly doubled in value the past five years, making it fairly impossible for the tenant slave to save enough from his scant earnings to purchase a home of his own. In all this one can sense the gathering impetus of the oncoming revolution and the new social era in which there shall be for all freedom, equality of opportunity, and justice. Fraternally,

JEAN HASKINS.
 Randolph, Neb., Nov. 19, 1911.

RESPECTABLE SCALAWAGS.

Is socialist doctrine right? It holds that the institutions of a time represent the dominant class of that time.

When the supreme court was first organized the dominant class was the landed class. How this class obtained its enormous estates has been described in the chapters of Gustavus Myers' "History of the Supreme Court of the United States."

The first chief justice was John Jay. He was the grandson of Nicholas Bayard, who got a land grant of forty miles long by thirty miles wide by bribing the royal Governor Fletcher.

His mother was a daughter of Jacobus Van Cortlandt, who secured enormous estates by the same methods.

His wife was a daughter of William Livingston. The Livingston family was one of the richest land holding families in the United States.

Jay's partner, Robert R. Livingston, married the daughter of Henry Beckman, who corrupted Fletcher to give him two estates—one sixteen miles long, the other twenty miles along the Hudson.

Jay himself was a big land owner and land speculator.

The Everett Shoe Manufacturing Co. will be open for business in their new store, 2003 Hewitt avenue, after Dec. 1.

SINGLE TAX PLAN MEETS OPPOSITION

Everett Abstractor to Test Legality of the Amendment in Courts.

BURDEN HELD UNEQUAL

Argued That Measure Is in Contravention of State Law Requiring Assessments at Full Value.

Everett, Nov. 18.—Theodore Anderson, of the Anderson Abstract company, promises to bring action to restrain Everett from a further attempt to incorporate the single tax amendment in the city's charter.

The opinion of some of the lawyers here that the amendment is unconstitutional comes as a shock of surprise to many citizens, for it had been planned to make Everett the pioneer among the American cities to espouse the single tax.

Can City Discriminate?

It is argued by the opponents of the measure that the state law requires that all property be assessed at its full value, while the single tax measure necessarily contemplates either assessing improved property at less than its value or unimproved property at more than its value. The owners of unimproved property maintain that they are entitled to have their land taxed at the same ratio to its real or sale values as is the owner of improved property.

Revisers Interested.

The single tax, owing to its adoption in the election of November 7, is, so far as the popular mandate is concerned, an official part of Everett's municipal program, and as a consequence may be expected to figure prominently in the work of the charter revision committee, which started its work yesterday.

Among the heaviest owners of lands that would become targets for the single tax here are the Everett Improvement company, W. G. Swallow, B. J. and W. J. Rucker and A. D. Austin.

Some lawyers suggest that single tax would prove unreasonable unless fortified by an income tax.—Sunday P. I.

"LITTLE BUSINESS MEN."

We are somewhat interested in the market report of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, Portland, Oregon, of November 4, which was handed to us by J. F. Littooy, our horticultural expert. In part it reads as follows:

"The distribution effected by the exchange, and the prices obtained for the growers, has been so much better, and the returns of the cash proceeds so much quicker, that it is unfortunate that more associations did not co-operate with the exchange. In this connection the exchange reproduces a newspaper report of an extract from the address of Prof. C. W. A. Veditz, of the George Washington University (Washington, D. C.), government expert on the new tariff board, before a meeting of the American Institute of Bankers:

"The so-called little business men, he said, 'are rapidly becoming a living monument to the shameful waste and wanton stupidity of uncontrolled competition.'"

The report goes on to ask: "Does not this bit of shrewd observation by a prominent government expert, point a moral to the fruit growers?"
 Well, it should, and to everyone of our readers and the readers of the report besides. The fact that the words "uncontrolled competition" are used somewhat unadvisedly, matters not, the substance for thought is none the less present.

The time has come when the "Little Business Men," and even the Little Big Business Interests of the west have not only come under the dominating influence, but full control of the real Big Interests of the East, and they are coming to hate the eastern master with a bitter hatred. This condition of affairs is brought about by the rapid accumulation of the wealth of the land in the hands of a comparatively few men of the east, through our present system of profit.

According to statistical figures, the wealth of the United States is \$125,000,000,000. Of this 2,500 men control \$70,000,000,000. These 2,500 men inherited comparatively little of this enormous wealth and produced, practically, none of it. It has been accumulated through the System of Profits and reinvested Profits, until it is now accumulating so rapidly that it is a matter of but a few years, at least, before it will have not only absorbed the remaining \$55,000,000,000 of wealth, but all the newly created wealth into the bargain. And, during this interim, these 2,500 exploiters will have exploited each other so successfully that probably the thousands can be eliminated from the equation, leaving something like 500 men owning all the wealth of the country.

At that time there will be but two CLASSES left in "Free" America—the 500 capitalists and the one hundred or more millions of serfs.

Picture a picture is it not?
 A picture that will be a literal, positive reality unless the present SYSTEM OF PROFITS IS OVERTHROWN.

We believe it will be overthrown. We believe the American people are becoming a thinking people. That they are

waking up to a realization of the enormity of the crime they are committing by allowing THE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION to continue. And this System of Exploitation is no more nor less than the Profit System, and it must be abolished.—The New Time, Mountain Home, Idaho.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Very shortly the proclamation will go forth throughout the length and breadth of the land: "Hear ye! Hear ye! On the unty-um day of our Lord, in the year and reign of 'Billy the Fat,' 1911, ye shall eat, drink and give thanks," et cetera—and some more besides.

Mighty nice custom that—for the fellows who have the wherewithal and something to eat and drink and be cheerful about—BUT—

To an ordinary ass it looks like this: As long as this country is cursed with the great national crime of child labor; as long as the mother must leave the home and find employment in the factory; as long as full grown working men are paid a wage barely sufficient to furnish the actual necessities of a physical existence; so long as uncertainty of employment, even at the most miserable wage, hangs like a menace over the heads of millions of workers; so long as hundreds of thousands of working men's lives are yearly sacrificed through preventable accidents; as long as GRAFT rules and INCOMPETENCE guides the ship of state; as long as crime, misery, prostitution, drunkenness, insanity, suicide and all the brood of vices that spring from POVERTY and INJUSTICE still are the common lot of the common people; as long as billions of wealth are spent for WAR, and every so-called Christian nation is armed to the teeth and ever ready to fall upon its weaker neighbor, or enter wars of conquest and plunder; in a word as long as hell reigns supreme and the God of Mammon sits upon his throne of Gold while Truth and Justice lie torn and bleeding, SO LONG will there be little occasion for THANKFULNESS on the part of the disinherited, the betrayed, the befuddled people.

Some of us may well be thankful that we are not in quite as bad a fix as our fellows, but it is mighty "poor grace" to boast it, and miserable ethics to make it a subject of personal approach to the Great Lord of the Harvest, the God of Nature who has provided in abundance for ALL HIS CHILDREN, an abundance that is kept from them by the very powers that proclaim "Thanksgiving Day," the representatives of the Master Class.

Now the Ass who writes this isn't a grouch; he's willing to admit things might be WORSE. But he is more willing to proclaim that things OUGHT TO BE BETTER, and he isn't a little bit SATISFIED or "thankful" about things as they ARE.

And to show his mulish disposition in this particular matter he has made a vow that so long as one single child slave toils for wages, so long as one single (or married) woman is forced to sell her body for bread; so long as anyone willing to work cannot find useful work to do, and at a proper remuneration; so long, in brief, as capitalism reigns, he will call days of National Feasting—FAST days instead, and do his best to stir up an intellectual PROTEST till JUSTICE shall be established on this earth.

Of course these are but the meditations of an ass—you can do as you please—it's still a "free country"—as long as you do what the boss wants you to do. But it won't hurt you to think it over. There's nothing like a "kicker" if he's kicking for what is RIGHT.

The ass himself did it.
 G. H. LOCKWOOD.

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CONVERSATIONS HEARD ON THE CAR.

"Say, do you remember the old man who ran the elevator at our factory on First Avenue North?"
 "You mean old Jim Dalberg?"
 "Yes, the little thin Swede. Well, he is starting off to St. Louis with his old mother—you remember she was an invalid for years?"
 "That's strange. Whatever is taking those miserable people away at this time of year?"

The first speaker, who seemed to know a good deal about the case, mumbled, "I guess they're ashamed to starve to death where so many people know them."
 "Yes, Lowry was well off enough to live without worrying about money when he up and died. It was the same case with Gregory—he got it in his nerves that he could not get enough money and at last his nerves killed him. It is the everlasting race after the almighty dollar that hurries many of us off before our time. We certainly do take our hats off to the man with the dough. It is always the man with the dollar who has the first seat in the observation car."

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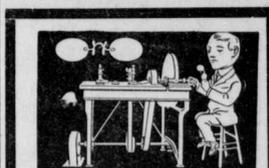
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