

EQUALITY COLONY NOTES

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Sawmill Fund.

Equality colony is on a lively rustle for a larger sawmill. Last Monday evening a meeting was held to devise ways and means to procure a sawmill that would enable us to cut lumber for our own use and also supply this valley with lumber and its products. The noble hearted socialists walked up to the mark and handed over this:

W. C. B. Randolph.....	\$ 10 00
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J. E. Turner, monthly.....	50 00
M. V. Dade.....	5 00
Geo. Jaap.....	1 00
Chas. Buckle.....	5 00
Wm. Gearhart.....	10 00
L. Yockey.....	1 00
D. D. Herriman.....	1 00
L. F. Herrick.....	70
G. W. Daniels.....	2 00
Ivar Sabo.....	1 00
John Berg.....	50

The Machinery Fund.

We give herewith the terms of the machinery fund, to which we call the especial attention of all the well-wishers of the B C C movement. We have made a good start toward securing a large saw mill, at a great bargain, and have money enough subscribed to pay for it and transport it to the colony grounds. But, in order to put it to work we will be bound to have a donkey engine. The saw mill has been paid for by those already on the ground, practically, and now we call on the reserves and everyone who can do even a little for socialism to get us the donkey engine. Here are the terms on which the machinery fund is to be raised!

Resolved, That the general assembly hereby create a special fund to be known as the "Machinery Fund," to begin October 1st, 1898. Into this fund shall be paid twenty-five per cent of all cash salaries drawn by any and all members of Equality and also fifty per cent of all gross cash earnings of all machinery bought in whole or in part by the machinery fund. The payment of such earnings into this fund shall begin six months after the commencement of the operation of such machinery in each particular case. This fund shall be for the single purpose of repaying any and all members and others who have or shall hereafter contribute money or its equivalent toward the purchase of machinery for Equality colony. This machinery fund may be discontinued at any regular meeting whenever all demands upon that fund shall have been paid. All loans to this fund shall be without interest, the principal to be paid quarterly, and the amount due each lender shall be calculated on the ratio the amount of his loan bears to the whole amount of the loan and proportioned to the amount in the machinery fund at the time of each quarterly payment. In no case shall this fund be used except as herein stated. The disbursement of this fund shall be in the same manner as other moneys of Equality are paid out.

Now in view of the fact that our own resident brothers show such practical faith in the colony by such large subscriptions, does it not appear that the reserves can well afford to place a small amount each, guaranteed as it is by the contract. Little added to little makes the mighty aggregate that will put the pioneer workers for socialism in a position to become self-supporting in a very few months. Just let that self-supporting point be reached and then our membership fees can be used for more and more machinery, and the material success will be assured. It is then seen to be both economical and wise to strengthen the machinery fund now. Subscribe now, and by the time we have the saw mill set up, we will be able to order the donkey engine and go to work at once.

Brother socialist, you are next.

—The Seattle Times prints an article descriptive of the colony by Comrade Randolph. Good for the Times.

—Bro. Vasovitch, a newly arrived member, chose to place himself in the cooking division. He has found his niche.

—Do you notice how often we refer to the excellent quality of our music? We just cannot help it, nor could you if you heard it.

—The bakery is completed and Comrade Davis is up to his shoulders in dough. Davis' bread is like the home made—O. K.

—Bro. Pelton has turned logger. Look out for more lumber.

—Bro. Hummel of New Ulm, Minn., who was here some time ago, is with us again. He couldn't stay away.

—In writing to the bureau of correspondence it would be a great assistance if you would enclose a stamp or two for reply.

—We are eating new apples raw, and you easterners just think of picking apples all winter right up to March. That's us.

—Bro. Wieland of Seattle proposes to come in with a fine lot of Jersey cows and thoroughbred chickens. Thus a long felt want is running over full.

—A team and two men are out hauling in some prunes from a neighboring orchard. Before long we will have our own orchard and drying house.

—The school teachers left Equality last Sunday for a four days' stay at Mt. Vernon, the county seat of Skagit county. They will attend the institute and examination.

—Never a day passes but we entertain some visitors who want to sample our brand of socialism. Nearly all speak in praise of the work already done and the prospects for the future of Equality.

—The slashing is nearing completion, and in a short time it will be burned and then the stump puller and the grubbing hoe will fit the ground for a crop of turnips this fall and garden next spring.

—We are in receipt of information that other colonies, some in this state and in California are proposed. Why of course, colonize and then federate your colonies and thus expanding, soon old Plutus will be out of a job.

—Carpenters, what's the matter with sparing a few of your surplus tools to put in a few licks for the Co-operative Commonwealth. We can make good use of them if you pay the freight. Plumbers and tanners ditto.

—Nothing can exceed the delightful weather we are having. The world-famed Southern California may take the palm as a winter resort, but when it comes to mild and balmy summer days, the state of Washington walks off with the blue ribbon.

—The hay pitchers are still at it—taking pay for their work in hay. It takes muscle and a strong will to make hay in the hot weather when you are not used to the work. The boys are sacrificing their present personal comfort for an ideal socialist city.

—The shoe department has received orders for several pairs of shoes from a near by logging camp. Our customers offer to pay more for our shoes than they can buy them for in a competitive market. This is a substantial compliment to co-operative workmanship.

—The public works department has begun excavating the foundation for the barn. It is to be 42x100 feet and 24 foot walls. It will take about 50,000 feet of lumber and 65,000 shingles. In competition, the building of this barn would "bust" the average man. We in Equality are only average men, but the job is an insignificant one. Tally one more for co-operation.

—Mr. John M. Snook, formerly secretary of the Colorado co-operative colony, stayed a few days with us. He says he wants a membership in Equality, too. He reports his colony in Colorado as progressing well with the work of making their irrigating system, and says a cheerful and hopeful feeling prevails among the members. We extend a fraternal hand to our Colorado comrades.

—Last Friday the school gave a most enjoyable entertainment to a crowded house. The collection—oh, I thought we were out in plutocracy—free as the air is everything in Equality. No disgusting commercialism mixed up with our intellectual and musical treats. The children took up the spirit of the occasion as well as the older ones and the hands of the clock pointed to eleven when we adjourned.

—We adopted a new set of rules to facilitate the detail work in the different departments. Little by little we improve our plans of action, and each time we find that in so far as we can approach a natural and therefore correct system, just so do harmony and effectiveness result. Socialism to us means the perfection of foresight, order and arrangements instead of disorder and chaos that our poorly informed opponents charge against it.

—Dr. Arnold continues his lectures to large and interested audiences in the school house.

—Our shingle resources are simply incalculable. We want to surprise you folks when our large mill arrives.

—All funds intended for Equality colony should be sent directly to Denis McCoy, payable to Alex. Pugh, Treasurer.

—The fishing crew snared 700 pounds of salmon this trip. Considering the scarcity of those birds this season the boys are doing well.

—Bro. Carey Lewis has been elected superintendent of agriculture during the absence of Bro. Fisher, who has gone to bring in the saw mill.

—Bro. Barton, our blacksmith, got a job smithing for an outside firm for awhile, and so Bros. Beel and Dade are making the sparks fly in the shop.

—Our haymaking comrades report that the hay runs from four to five tons per acre. Compare Washington with your own state and act accordingly.

—An extra large force was put to work in the agricultural department this week. The weeds thought they would slip in on us unawares, but we fooled them a trip.

—Friends, don't let any criticisms, good or bad, of our movement, pass unnoticed. If you don't feel like taking it up, just call on the bureau of correspondence.

—We will soon begin work on our road as an outlet for the colony. The commissioners here are kindness itself and permit us to work our road tax on our own road.

—The dirt is still flying. Our ditchers keep steadily at work draining the finest piece of land probably that North America can boast of. It will be ready for next year.

—A look at our cabbage patch makes one's mouth water. There are 40,000 plants now coming along in first class condition. The agricultural department is our main stay.

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—Bro. A. B. Hicks of Livingston, Montana, a member of the B C C, is here to stay with us awhile. He has put in some good licks for the people's party in Montana, and now makes a bee line for the Co-operative Commonwealth.

—The New Dispensation, a "hot stuff" little paper, published by our old friend, C. L. Jones, in Corvallis, Oregon, devotes some space to a description of Equality colony. It makes good reading along with the excellent thoughts in his vigorous little paper.

—We are trying to do our advertising of Equality colony by means of the work we are doing here on the grounds. It is an excellent plan for prospective members to come and see us if possible, before joining, as no one can tell it to you as well as you can see it for yourself.

—Here is the sort of metal wanted at Equality colony: Men and women that have the courage and muscle to tackle frontier life and the intelligence and loyalty to the socialist ideal to work for a cause when it is unpopular, swerving neither to the right nor left for praise or blame; tenacity of purpose, strong convictions, and an undying perseverance and faith in an evolving humanity that is to work out a higher, juster and nobler civilization.

A Personal Talk.

To the Members of the B C C:

Dear Comrades—I want to talk personally to each and every one of you, and please do not cast this aside or think it means "some other fellow." Your future homes are located here in the finest farming and dairying country in the world; with a climate while not perfect, yet so much better than that east of the Rockies, that you will think it is next to perfection. This land is to be your home, but to make it possible to prepare a place for you, and to make this colony self-supporting, we must have machinery. We have already purchased a fine saw mill and hope to have it on the ground ready for business by September 15th, but with this mill we need the power to get the logs to the mill, and I want to make a proposition to every man and woman who ever expects to come to Equality: Will you not out of your limited means or out of your abundance donate 50 cents to a fund to buy a donkey engine. I ask this simply as a matter of justice to you as well as to us. For the sooner we get the donkey engine the sooner your home will be prepared for you. It will cost \$800 to \$1,000, and if each member of the Brotherhood responds, the engine is secured. This is only a small sacrifice asked of each, considering the results; we will then have power to get logs rapidly to the mill,

and also clear our land of logs and stumps. I hope every one reading this will feel that it is a personal appeal. The amount can be credited on membership fee, if so stated.

Fraternally yours,
OLIVER P. DARR.

Equality, Aug. 1, 1898.

The man who bares his breast to the enemy's bullets is not the man that gets the bonds. The fat, slick fellow with a big diamond pin and patent leather shoes that sits on the veranda in a duck suit and fans himself and drinks mint juleps, is the fellow that gets the bonds.

—[Ex.] He that is opposed to inquiry and investigation is not a friend to truth.

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