EQUALITY COLONY NOTES

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The Machinery Fund.

The subscriptions to the machinery fund are steadily increasing. It is a winner. Every little counts. It is a work for humanity, and you and I and all of us are in it. Now watch this list grow:

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—Co-operation means peace and plenty.

—Everybody busy and getting all he makes.

—We are not ashamed to be called socialists.

—The health of Equalityites is at the top notch.

—Dr. Arnold gave a lecture Wednesday evening on "Health and Disease."

—The porkers have been treated to a large and commodious pen further from town.

—The laundry work for all these socialists is a big job. Some machinery is needed.

—Mrs. Olsen, the superintendent of cuisine, has bought some new dishes. Think it's time.

—It is not hard work but continuous work that counts. We do it that way in co-operation.

—In gathering vegetables we speak of wagon loads. Nothing less than that would phase this big family.

—The barn is ready for the shingles. It is quite an imposing structure, 52 feet from the ground to the comb.

—The correspondence bureau are doing some overtime work just now, writing half the night and all day on Sunday.

—The money has been paid for our sawmill and it will soon be in use. Then look out for a building boom in Equality.

—The Mt. Vernon Argus, a weekly county paper, does us the honor to publish a column sketch of the B C C and Equality colony. We gratefully return thanks.

—Bro. Oerklund made a neat bookcase for the colony library. He says it will not be long until the carpenters can make nice furniture for all its members.

—The band boys are making things hideous with the noise of the horns. Each toots his own horn, and with the progress they are making will soon be able to give us some fine music.

—Bro. Burgess of Fayetteville, Ark., a recent arrival, has rolled up his sleeves, spit on his hands, and pitched into the work as though he meant it. He has filed his application for membership.

—It is truly gratifying the way the pledges to the machinery fund are coming in. "Confidence is restored." The good work continuing for a few months more will see our new sawmill running.

—Comrades Bertrand and William Aust of Streator, Ill., arrived this week, and after taking a square look at Equality in the rough, called for some application blanks. Don't know what they wanted with them.

—About every so often some young fellows walk up the hills to the school house, light it up and tune their fiddles and blow their bugles and here comes a crowd of merry ones who have a hop and good time.

—The roof is about finished over our big barn. It now looks bigger than ever.

—Bro. Robert Young who has been out at work for a month has resumed his post in Equality.

—The correspondence bureau is getting a large mail. The number of our friends is on the increase.

—The Palladium of Olympia has an outline of Edison colony. Verily the people are good to us.

—The mechanics are making a thingumajig to boil clothes in. The laundry folks are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the experiment.

—A young comrade here in Equality colony wants a book on steam engineering. Some one having a second hand one would do a favor to present it to our library.

—Misses Myrta and Edith Burgess who recently came with their parents from Arkansas, are doing service for socialism by waiting on table. They add much to the social side of life in Equality.

—The fishing brothers have decided that they will discontinue fishing for a few weeks. The fish don't seem to bite any more. In that respect they are far and away ahead of the American voting kings.

—This is fine weather for the boys to gather and burn the black remnants of our slashing. Our sustenance is to come out of this land pretty soon, so we can make no delay in getting it ready for the plow.

—We had several visitors at our general assembly last Saturday. It is the unanimous opinion of them all that our meetings are the most interesting, decorous and instructive of any meetings of "laboring men" they ever saw.

—The boys are practicing on their brass band. They have ten instruments and say they need more. To hear them toot at nights you would not think they needed any more. Oh, well, that part of it is all right, as they are learning to make some good music.

—You don't hear anyone here complain that he is too poor to have a house. We do things in a different way here. If a man gives his life force for the best interests of the people he is entitled to the comforts of a home, and when men and lumber can be spared, all will have a home in their turns.

—Local Union No. 2 of Dayton, Ohio sends five dollars to the sawmill fund through their treasurer, Bro. Thomas Peacock. They want same credited to membership for some worthy brother whom they will designate in the future. That is right, boys, we will, with your co-operation, build homes for thousands of worthy brothers.

—Some short sighted people come here and see our log houses and working clothes and other crude arrangements and get the idea that these are permanencies, and they don't like socialism. All right, if you cannot look ahead with us to the time when our labor can make all the nice and beautiful things we want, why you have our permission to retire.

—We wish to impress upon the minds of the reserves and all those that contemplate coming to Equality that we are still in the pioneer stage, and those who come must expect to give up some luxuries, and habits, for the sake of seeing this movement succeed. Some sacrifice of personal feelings and privileges is necessary. The social advantages one obtains by being a member of Equality are worth immensely more than the personal discomforts endured for a short time as pioneers.

—The benefits of co-operation are illustrated by referring to the sawmill we lately purchased. We bought it for about one-quarter of what the owner paid for it. Why did he thus dispose of it? Because he could not make a living by its use in competition with the colossal machinery of the trusts. In order for him to run the mill at all he must sell lumber at a certain price. This he could not do at a profit. So the machinery stood idle. Now on the other hand, we by co-operation can take the mill and make lumber for ourselves. We are not particularly concerned as to whether we get out lumber at just so much per thousand feet. We cannot lose on it anyway. A day or two longer on a bill of lumber is all that can come against us. Under co-operation the mill will be run every day, no shut downs, no interest to pay, no wages to keep up. And all that the plant can turn out is all ours. In the case of co-operation vs. competition, verdict for plaintiff.

—Denis McCoy can sell you a tailor made suit "out of sight." Ask those who have bought of him.

—The producer is entitled to all of his product. The wage system will not permit this, but co-operation does.

—Quite a number of reform publications are sending our library copies of their paper. They have our thanks.

—Who said tomatoes wouldn't ripen here? We find it easy enough and will turn them out on a large scale next year.

—Our postage bill is by no means microscopic, but it is no use kicking, you cannot stop a socialist from writing letters.

—Bro. Pugh holds down his job at the saw mill and attends to the duties of treasurer on the side. He is busier than is good for him.

—We received a letter a few days back addressed to "The Quality Colony." No sir, thank you, we are just plain everyday people.

—The shoemaking department is pegging away, making a $3.50 shoe for $2. We intend to increase the capacity of the department very soon.

—It is great sport for the Equality boys to pile wood on the stumps in our streets and then burn them. We can spare the stumps and it amuses the boys.

—A team used in hauling lumber to the barn took fright and ran away, smashing up the wagon and harness, but fortunately doing no other damage.

—Ed Pelton says that a man would starve on white bread. He knows it because he tried it and lived three days longer off graham than he did on white bread.

—The shingle mill was running a couple of days this week to cover the barn. If we had more power we would keep that mill hot, but just be easy—there is a hen on.

—Quite a large room, several sewing machines and women busy running them—that's our sewing department. They work, but are not singing the "song of the shirt."

—As soon as we can get enough machinery going to ensure the stability and self-support of Equality, then we will have any quantity of other plants as donations. Courage and good cheer, brothers, and hasten that self-supporting point by increasing our machinery.

—"Bread is the staff of life," is a truth disputed by no one who has ever partaken of that baked by Comrade W. C. Davis in the Equality bakery, whether in the form of loaves, rolls or biscuits. It has the peculiar characteristic of always being fresh even if a week old. Comrade Davis is certainly an artist in his line.

—We have received word from Bro. Klamroth, who is on the road working for the B C C as organizer, that there is a chance to get a second hand donkey engine cheap. Would not that be good news? We have secured the saw mill now for certain and such prospects for a donkey engine. Who thought when the machinery fund was started that it would forge ahead so rapidly and successfully? A little longer at it and we will be independent of the trusts.

A Pleasant Outing.

Among the pleasant days to be remembered were last Saturday and Sunday spent in enjoying a camp out and a sail on the bay. A party of twenty-two, burdened with huge baskets of provisions, rolls of blankets, guns, and umbrellas, met shortly after the noon hour, Saturday, at the most popular place in Equality, the dining hall, and from there walked to the boat landing at Blanchard, and boarded the sloop "Progress," bound for Eliza Island. The sweet strains of the violin, guitar and clarionet, mingled with the gentle voices of the party raised in song, made the hours pass swiftly, and when the shades of evening were falling reached their destination. The vacant buildings, left as memories of what was once a summer resort, were occupied as headquarters for the night. After a lunch around a camp fire, dancing was indulged in to while away the evening hours.

Lanterns were hung on the walls of the long shadowy ball room, the moonlight gleamed across the bay through the open casements to light up the smiling faces, and the music echoed through the room to lighten the tired feet, and not until a late hour did the parties seek their pillows of hay for a little repose. The next morning was spent in wandering over the beach, and then a fine sail around the island and home.

A wagon and team to convey the luggage and mementoes was one of the pleasant features of the return home.

Among those who composed the party were: Mrs. G. E. Pelton, Misses Evie and Florence Pelton, Mabelle Odell, Edith and Myrta Burgess, Hattie Fisher, Maude Turner, Kate Halladay, Messrs. Ernest Halladay, Alex. Pugh, Barry, A. L. Young, Geo. Jaap, C. Cochran, Hudson, Marcus, George Odell, I. H. Nosovitch, O. E. Williams, D. McCoy, S. Palbitska, B. Savage.

George Gould is trying to evade his fair share of war taxes. He says that the $5,000,000 bequeathed him by the late Jay Gould was not a gift, but a salary of $500,000 a year for a period of ten years.

Members and friends intending to visit Equality colony for a day or two should endeavor to do so on Saturdays and Sundays. Saturday is a half holiday and members will be more at liberty to enlighten their guests.

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