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There is one thing you want to be sure you leave behind when you start for a socialist colony. That is selfishness.

If you will put "age" after the word bond every time you see it in a paper you will begin to realize after awhile where the present plutocratic system is going to land you in a few years.

The less selfishness the more socialism. It is selfishness alone that prevents the workers from uniting. If they were united plutocracy wouldn't last as long as a piece of ice in hades.

A socialist colony is a good place to educate the hog out of a man, he is not allowed to eat his fill and then lie down in the trough—a la monopoly—because he happens to be a little larger or smarter than his fellows.

Kansas City paupers are now buried for half a cent each! Guess we can afford to have lots of paupers at this rate. Let's plant a big crop of them for future burial!—Appeal to Reason.

Just wait until the trusts get their crop started in Cuba and Hawaii and we think they will be able to satisfy even your thirst for paupers.

Man's nature is a conglomerate of all the other animals. In his evolution he has retained something of each of his ancestors. We have bred out a good deal of the tiger and some of the jackass; now if he can get rid of the hog and ground-squirrel there will be some foundation for his boast superior animal.

The plutocrats say it is very unkind of the socialists to accuse them of being unchristian, when they are doing their best to carry out the injunction to "take from those that have not and give to those that have."

Well, there is one thing certain, at the rate they have been doing business they will soon be out of a job, and then—

The Difference.

A lady asks that I set forth in few words the difference between the Republican and Democratic parties. She says the matter has puzzled herself and many of her friends. To throw light upon the situation is a pleasure. That ladies should be taking interest in such things is a gratifying circumstance, and may be important, if they ever get old enough to vote. The difference is, that concerning the vital principles of government, the Republicans believe one way and the Democrats another. I have got this far, and am now devoting days and nights to ascertaining which way is which. Of course there is no need to explain what a vital principle of government may be, the truth being apparent that its importance is so great as to make it recognizable at a glance. In elucidating the subject I may add that a Republican is a Republican because if he were not he would be a Democrat, and then if the Republicans were to win, where would he be at? This goes with a vice versa attachment, making it equally applicable to the Democrats. Republicans uphold sound money, while a part of them lean toward free silver. I do not grasp the meaning of the term, never having seen any silver of this description. Democrats are for free silver, with a proportion kicking over the traces and shouting for sound money. When people of opposing parties entertain similar doctrines the difference remaining is that one is in office and the other hopes to be. As to the tariff, the state of facts is analogous, or even a trifle more. On all other issues there is a uniformity of opinion, save that the disagreement is slightly stronger. I feel now that the explanation is down in black and white, that it may be inadequate, but it is all I know of the subject, and I am grateful at knowing so much.—San Francisco Weekly Call.

Our "reserve" correspondents divide themselves into three classes: The first send remittances direct according to their preference, whether to Equality colony or National headquarters, causing us no inconvenience. The second send to one office and designate their remittances for the other, causing us ONLY A LITTLE inconvenience. The third express their wish several weeks or months after remitting. The first of the three methods is much the best.

—A man with an empty stomach does not take much interest in the old flag.—[Norton's Monthly.

REMOVAL OF HEADQUARTERS.

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ships? My answer is: They are not. The thought that there can be co-operation between the laborers of different departments of useful toil causes our brother to exclaim "Oh, bosh!"

From this I infer that Bro. Hicks does not fully comprehend the needs of Equality colony, and if he could have a few months of practical experience in pioneer work his views would be greatly modified and his knowledge would be vastly more practical.

Our good brother need not fear that a removal of the printery to the colony would result in the lowering of the tone of sentiment or quality of typography. If any such spectres are disturbing him let him join us and become a practical example of his teachings and all such spectres will speed away.

Now, Bro. Hicks manifests undue concern for those Socialists who are not educated up to the plane of Equality. He need waste neither time nor sentiment on these, but leave them to the tender mercies of the Plutes. This is the most economical way for us and it is certain in its results.

And in reference to Bro. Hicks' last plea, the socialization of the state, I would suggest that the most economical plan and the surest, is to make a success of Equality.

[The question as to whether or not Anaocortes is a dead or live town cuts no figure in this argument. It is a deep water harbor we argue for whether at Seattle, Anaocortes or any other place.—Ed.]

Equality is the Place.

In common with perhaps nine tenths of the visitors and members who come to Equality colony, the writer hereof was several days trying to understand why it was that the national officers of the B C C did not locate at Equality, and one of the most difficult tasks I have had since becoming a member is to attempt to explain to inquiring friends—who never fail to ask why the board is not here.

Here at Equality, 605 acres of land is paid for, much of it cleared, several thousands of dollars improvements in buildings, ditching, some roads made, machinery bought, paid for and set running, acquaintances established; all this and much more already here, and not somewhere else, and that is a nucleus around which should be built the industrial organization which shall radiate from this center to the boundaries of the state.

It is a law well known to business men that concentration of capital and energies at one point is the road to success, and when success is attained, establish other centers then with safety. This is not a law for capitalists only, but a natural one, and sorry we should be if we do not know enough to use it for our purpose as they do for theirs. The world already half believes in co-operation, and only wants some absolute proof of its practicability to come to us in droves. It is useless to preach so much and allow the best and largest colony to crawl along at a snail's gait. Everything that possibly can be done toward that end is the truest and most effective advertising.

The presence of the National Board, the printing plant, which should and could thus be made a large and profitable industry, the correspondence and publishing business would enable us to get a postoffice, which seems problematical without them. The social gain, by close personal touch, the brotherhood feeling of solidarity, making it possible to explain little misunderstandings by word of mouth, that naturally arise which could not be done if the board were miles away, is of no little importance. The undersigned was a member of Kaweah colony and can testify that he voted differently on matters pertaining to the colony, before he went to the community, than what he did after he got a little experience as a member. The same principle is at work here. Actual touch with the work here causes nearly all who come to believe in concentrating right here and building up a good sized, strong and healthy town at Equality. One actual success, large enough to attract public attention, and the whole state is ours; while we might have several feeble, separated colonies and still be unknown. As to going into competitive business in a large town—well, dear me! What have we been saying about the over-production of the little trader as against the colossal combines. I was in Seattle a few days ago and inquired about the steamboat business and found it badly overdone! For use, a steamboat is as good as ever, but for profit, nil.

Next to the political illusion is the idea that we can make money by getting a little six-bit outfit and compete in the open market with the capitalists. When we grow strong enough to get large machinery we can defy them, but not until then. "Production for use" should be the slogan of the B C C for some time yet. In making things for our own use we cannot fail. In buying and selling we may, nay must.

To sum up: Economy of management, benefits to be derived and in-

terest stimulated by the presence of the national board, social and educational features, the postoffice, solidarity of interests, "object lesson," etc., are my reasons for wanting the board and headquarters with us at Equality. W. C. B. RANDOLPH, Member of Equality.

Go To Equality.

In Industrial Freedom, of the 10th, I notice call for referendum as to location of B C C headquarters. Well, while it may have been the best, and perhaps the only thing that could be done when headquarters were changed, to locate in Edison and hire the necessary buildings, it seems to me that under present conditions at Equality, the best thing now to do would be to locate there, and by doing so it would not only save rents, but tend to strengthen the colony, create harmony and help the cause of co-operation both in and outside of the colony. Let each worker at headquarters become a member of Equality colony, and thus secure a share of its rights and benefits. Combine and concentrate all your forces on Equality until such time as it is not only self-sustaining, but also able to help by its food products to sustain other colonies that may need such help.

To locate elsewhere, would be to start another colony, creating rival interests and weakening both. Why should headquarters seek to start up any industry apart from the colony? Its interests are or ought to be centered in the colony as well as the colony in the interests of those at headquarters. Hence it seems to me the much wiser course that headquarters be located at Equality, its workers become members and partakers of its benefits, and to make sure of success take one thing at a time, establish the sawmill, then take hold of the steamboat, or whatever is thought to be most needed and of most importance, then a flouring mill, a woolen or cotton factory, etc., in succession as means can be had to build or buy such, for until we possess these things we will be to a greater or less degree at the mercy of the old system, hence the importance of united, concentrated effort until obtained. Therefore my say is, locate headquarters at Equality and by a steady pull, a long pull and a pull all together we will win. Enclosed find my ballot for the referendum. ANDREW SCOTT, Minsi, Pa.

Some Other Place.

I believe the Headquarters should be located at some other place than Edison or Equality. I don't believe it would be good policy to attach the national union to any particular colony, as the different colonies are only a small portion of the movement for which the B C C was organized. Enclosed find \$1 for the steamboat fund. Will try and send more later. P. L. HEGG, New Whatcom, Wash.

Perseverance Will Bring Success.

Commonwealth is right by co-operation and will succeed if lung power does not override reason in debates. Many otherwise successful colonies would have flourished if patience and reason had been their guide. All men are not born equal and never will be, not even under the law; but we are all fitted for something and the nearer we get the man to his something the nearer we approach success. Success means to win; win means to flourish; flourish means to be happy. I hope you are enjoying the B C C. Ohio. W. N. PACKER.

Heartily Approves of It.

Your decision to have a steamboat is heartily approved of by me. I am sure it will be a very good thing for the progress of the B C C. Enclosed you will please find money order for \$1 to apply to the steamboat fund. It is saved by self-denial. Next time I will see my brothers and sisters in Equality with a mite for their machinery fund, and so I will see you again in a short time. I am very glad to read of all your progress and prospects, and as a thorough socialist I will do all in my power to help you in the good work. I send my best regards to all unseen friends in Edison and Equality. Industrial Freedom would be just the right name for the boat. Pennsylvania. N. A. ROSEN.

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LETTERS FROM MEMBERS.

Likes the Nutshell.

We were all so much pleased with your late illustrated article (the Nutshell) that we are sending for a few copies. I read children's columns in all papers, and am very much pleased with yours. Frances E. Russell.

Get There, Boys.

Notice to all members of the B C C in Los Angeles: Come to our meetings held in St. Vincent hall, No. 614 S. Hill street, every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, so we can consolidate the different unions and work together. California. W. E. SMITH.

Does His Heart Good.

Of all the papers I take I most regret the loss of Industrial Freedom. Having been a socialist 40 years it does my old heart good to see such grand work going forward. If I can sell some land I hope to be better acquainted some day. Missouri. T. E. TABER.

Wants the Steamboat.

I think we ought to have the steamboat as soon as possible; but we ought to get a boat that we can be proud of, so that if it is given any of the names suggested in Industrial Freedom we need not be ashamed of it. I wish that I might be able to give more at present, but may after a while. California. Louis Hartvigsen.

Should Be Class-Conscious.

Am proud to know your work is making headway. Regret that the B C C does not advocate in its Freedom the necessity of CLASS-CONSCIOUS political action. Socialism will never come by co-operators (so-called) voting the republican or democratic tickets, which is done by some of them here. Let Washington socialists come out with an S. L. P. ticket and more progress will be made, in my estimation. Ohio. Robert Bandlow.

Wants Equality Prospectus.

As I am a subscriber to Coming Nation, also Industrial Freedom, I have great interest in the colonies of Ruskin and Equality. In Coming Nation of August 13th I have read your interesting letter, that Equality has published a prospectus of the working and operation of your colony. I would like to have one and get a little more light on the subject. Enclosed you will find postoffice money order for \$1, for two years' subscription to Industrial Freedom. Montana. August Teschner.

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Harmony Colony Notes.

S. M. Dunn, President
A. T. McDonald, Secretary
J. P. Ramey, Treasurer

Comrades here are firm for co-operation.

All neighbors are friendly to our cause and are very anxious to see us succeed. Some have already tendered work to build a milldam when we are ready.

Bros. Dunn and Ramey are picking their hops. The entire crop cannot be saved on account of losing their dry kiln by fire.

We are receiving many inquiries concerning our plans and industries contemplated.

Comrades from California, Iowa and Washington, have been heard from so far, and prospects grow brighter all the while.

Several have promised to come and others have promised to invest, and when we have ten men promised to come we will issue a call for them to move forward at once.

We can comfortably house five families extra now. So those who wish to join a \$500 colony in Washington should write our secretary at once.

We want to secure deeds and options on a 220 acre tract of well improved land in addition to the 160 acres offered on memberships, to do which we must have some cash pretty soon. A \$400 mortgage must be lifted within a few months or 40 acres of our very best land will pass into the hands of Pluto, and we would then have to pay twice that amount to get it. Those sending money for this purpose may send either to the colony secretary or national headquarters. Be particular to state your remittances are for redemption of 40 acre tract, Harmony colony.

The peaches we grow here are delicious. Our trees were loaded this year, and it belies the claim that peaches are a failure here. The colony should increase their number of trees as soon as possible.

Fruit of many varieties sufficient to supply six or eight families went to waste this year in Bro. Dunn's orchard.

A number of our neighbors have successfully grown tobacco for several years. As fine tobacco as the writer ever saw grow in Missouri, Arkansas, or Texas, is now to be seen growing here. No worms to bother. We believe corn will yet be decided a paying crop.

Wheat, oats, rye, buckwheat, barley, peas, clover, and timothy, bring large yields here, and by the use of the silo several crops of clover can be cut each year.

There is no discount on this being a great dairy country, as grass grows with half a show. Bees, also, make the finest honey imaginable. White clover seems a natural crop as it springs up wherever there is an opening made in the timber.

Several have made inquiry about the health of our section. Our section has gained quite a reputation as a health resort.

Mr. E. A. Sherman of Topeka, Kan., this year made a second visit to our neighborhood, spending the summer, and each time has become strong and hearty. Another man from Kansas, Mr. J. M. Flynn, who was about dead with asthma, came here some two years ago and is now not bothered with asthma at all. Others can tell similar stories. The writer has a similar one to relate. Not a case of malaria is known to have existed in our section. Beautiful spring branches afford water for our neighborhood. No wells are used. We seem to have about the right altitude and distance from the sea to be healthful.

Others question regarding our religious views. That need not worry anyone, as our colony is not a religious project. It is a Christian movement to provide homes and profitable employment; to insure its members against want or the fear of want, and in that alone we hope to be able to uplift our people and rear our children to that higher plane of life which will live the only law: "Love thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul," and "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The law of Love is the Christianity we believe in, and we believe, with just industrial conditions, a few generations later, people will naturally live it. No church or denominational creed will be supported by the colony income, but all will be left free to worship when, and how, and where, and as much as they please just as long as they do not neglect their duty to the association, make themselves repugnant to others, or interfere with the liberty of others. We are very tolerant, but toleration is not construed to mean that any sect may, by getting in the majority, appropriate public funds for their use, nor squander time that should be used in producing some-

thing to add to the comforts of life. We believe a public building should be provided for assembly meetings, literary, scientific, recreation, and religious purposes, free alike to all.

In writing for information, enclose postage for reply, and our secretary will promptly answer all questions. Address, A. T. McDONALD, Newaukum, Lewis Co., Wash.

ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT.

REV. GEO. CANDEE, NAT'L ORGANIZER.

All communications pertaining to organizing and lecture work should be addressed to the national organizer, Rev. Geo. Candee, 1617 Detroit Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

The following members have been commissioned to act as deputy organizers:

- F. D. Festner, 503 Pike St., Covington, Ky.
- Rev. L. F. Finley, Brice, Ohio.
- Marta Bethune Jones, Norcross, Ga.
- Rev. A. A. Worsley, Sylvania, Wis.
- N. A. Quale, 516 Milfin St., Madison, Wis.
- W. C. Lewis, Amethyst, Colo.
- N. Crossland, Blue Island, Ill.
- Fred Eichholtz, Edison, Wash.
- John Cloak, 101 Harbine Ave., Dayton, Ohio.
- R. H. Hart, 1672 Indiana Ave., Toledo, Ohio.
- Cyrus M. Hawthorne, Roseburg, Ore.
- Plut White, Jackson, Mich.
- Tom Fitton, 171 Delavan Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
- J. W. Fairchild, Mizpah, Ky.
- Rev. A. D. Hale, Haskins, Ore.
- C. Bishir, Hutchinson, Kan.
- Rev. Theo. A. Johnson, Rushmore, Ohio.
- C. M. DeWitt, Springfield, Ohio.
- Thomas Hickling, Box 106, Sandusky, Ohio.
- Miss Helen J. Wescott, Manhattan, Kan.
- Rev. Chas. H. Vail, 61 Hanna st., Jersey City, N. J.
- Mrs. C. H. Vail, 61 Hanna st., Jersey City, N. J.

B. C. C. LECTURE BUREAU.

The following members have expressed their willingness to answer calls to lecture in the interests of Socialism and the Brotherhood. For terms, dates, etc., write direct to lecturers:

- Miss Helen Potter (the noted impersonator), Hotel Pelham, Boston, Mass.
- Mrs. Marion H. Dunham, Burlington, Iowa.
- Levi S. Lewis, 512 Hamilton St., Albany, N. Y.
- Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, 510 Rialto Building, Kansas City, Mo.
- Mrs. Katherine Lente Stevenson, The Temple, Chicago, Ill.
- Mr. Josephine L. Church, 1638 Dorr St., Toledo, Ohio.
- Rev. J. Stitt Wilson, 252 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- Mrs. L. G. Johnson, 4323 Forestville Ave., Flat 20, Chicago, Ill.
- J. W. Lonsbury, Toledo, Ohio.
- L. Klamroth, Equality Colony, Edison, Wash.

CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE.

We now have over \$5,000 worth of property liable to destruction by fire. Such loss would seriously cripple our work. In a few weeks we will have a system of waterworks affording much protection. At present we have no protection at all. Hence we call on each of our more than 3,000 members to subscribe for as many of the \$1 shares of insurance fund as he can pay on short notice. No money is to be paid in; but in case of fire each will be called on in proportion to the amount of his subscription. Send in your letters at once, stating how much you will take. We don't want to pay extortionate rates to the old-line companies, and ask our own members to carry this risk on their own future homes. There will thus be no expense at all, except in case of loss, and then merely enough money to replace. OLIVER P. DARR, Sec. HELEN M. MASON, Treas. C. H. SWIGART, M. W. WM HUMMEL, Distributor. W. H. KAUFMAN, Editor.

We are glad to welcome Harmony Colony notes, and hope they will now be a feature of each issue.

The "Nutshell" leaflet has been slightly delayed, but will be ready very shortly. Send in your orders.

Write to treasurer concerning subscriptions. Address communications for publication to the editor.

The orders for "Nutshell" already received will be filled in a very few days.

If all dues were paid we could have the steamboat now.

But all dues will NOT be paid soon unless there is something VERY NEW under the sun. So we must have NATIONALS to get that steamer underway.

Bellamy's great book, "Equality" \$1.25. You can get "Equality" and INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM one year for \$1.50.

Deputy organizers wishing a sample copy of a B C C manual for use in spreading propaganda, should address Rev. L. F. Finley of Brice, Ohio, enclosing a 2c stamp.

Five hundred dollars for the first payment, and the steamboat will be launched. Send to National Secretary B C C.

Laundry Machinery Needed.

We very much need a 24 inch extra laundry, and would like any laundry machinery which is in good working order.