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### DON'T!

Do not send for any more of the Illustrated edition. We are almost crazy now trying to tell people that they are all GONE!

Equality colony, by means of the referendum have selected the following named persons as its candidates for national officers of the B C C:

President—Myron Reed, Denver, Col.  
Secretary—Oliver P. Darr, Equality, Wash.

Treasurer—A. L. Young, Equality, Wash.

Organizer—Wm. McDevitt, Seattle, Wash.

Dean—Prof. Frank Parson, Boston, Mass.

Master Workman—S. Hamman, Equality, Wash.

Distributor—W. C. Davis, Equality, Wash.

Editor—D. Burgess, Equality, Wash.

Sev. M. Dehly of Norway is now in charge of our press room.

Failure in every effort seems to qualify some people to give advice.

Some people can look pious, sing hymns and pay pew rent easier than do justly to their fellow man.

It is a wise man who can conjecture what a churchman can prove by scripture, and it's a foolish one that would try.

The Riverside Daily Press, California, has a lengthy and well written article upon socialism. One by one they wheel into line.

How did you get your title to land?

By common consent, and such consent is all that makes your title good.

What will you do when that consent is withdrawn?

Some men seem to think that their counsel is indispensable to the Ruler of the earth, and the fact that they are not called into counsel does not prevent them from still offering advice.

When Rockefeller and others of his class make large donations of plundered earnings of the poor to some high-toned church or university, they must think a bluff is good in their heaven.

Bro. Nosovitch has returned from his visiting tour of the various co-operative enterprises in the state, and now takes charge of Industrial Freedom's subscription list. Keep him busy. He'll catch your orders on the fly.

Instead of going to school, as they should, one-tenth of the children of the United States labor for wages. To these innocent sufferers there are no visions of splendor, of conquest and of mirth. To them life is a stern, sad reality.

A friend in the East writes: "I am delighted with the illustrated edition; think it one of the best papers in existence."

I like the idea of all co-operative organizations to have space to explain their plans; it encourages the spirit of co-operation.

Dr. W. H. Muller of Sewickley, Pa., has made a handsome donation to the Equality Library of his valuable little book, "Socialism in A Nutshell." Such acts of kindness will be long remembered by all Equalityites.

The doctor also donates "One Way to the Co-operative Commonwealth" to the same library.

How foolish people were 50 years ago. In those days when a man offered for office the usual inquiry was: "Is he honest, intelligent and of good judgment?"

Now we avoid all such folly and only ask: "How much is he worth?"

If he is the most successful exploiter out, he is put in (office).

On with the dance.

The Rocky Mountain News advocates the death penalty for train robbers.

This is about right, I suppose. Men that cannot rob in the modern popular style ought to be electrocuted. Men who have not better discernment than to rob rich companies ought to suffer on the cross or gibbet.

If they would cease to rob the wealthy and turn their attention to skinning the poor by means of purchased laws, they would deserve well and our legislatures would vote them subsidies and their names would be on all church rolls among the "respectables."

Hang or burn train robbers, but sound the praises of those who steal from the toiler!

That's our style these prosperous times.

To expand or not to expand is the question. McKinley says we should expand, and he is an honorable man! Carnegie says we should not expand, and he is an honorable man, or, at least, he was a short time since while upholding the government.

It looks now as if congress may afford us some entertainment this winter while this question is on.

Those who think discontent growing out of legalized injustice can be cured by shooting a few of the discontented, know very little about human nature. To remove the cause would be the proper thing, but the beneficiary of unjust law seldom relinquishes any advantage gained by such law until compelled to do so.

We are just in receipt of a beautiful, and we think, up-to-date map of Washington. It is about 2x3 1/4 feet, tin mounted, and in all respects first class. We will furnish these maps at 50 cents each, post-paid, or they may be ordered direct from Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Why defend socialism? It is coming faster without defense than it will with it. Every trust in this country is teaching socialism faster than it could be taught any other way. A trust is socialism on private account. —Idaho Tribune.

We are trying to get the people to see that this a true statement.

The socialist vote in the United States was as follows:

1888 (Presidential).....	2,068
1890.....	13,331
1892 (Presidential).....	21,157
1894.....	33,133
1896 (Presidential).....	36,564
1898.....	55,679

Our Labor Exchange friends will be delighted with Rev. B. Sharp's article in this issue.

We hope our friends will remember our appeal in behalf of Miss Mason.

If you believe in equal and exact justice to all, you are a socialist.

"The Society of The Future" is a small book whose author is Leonard D. Abbott, N. Y. It throws a strong light upon the horrors of commercialism, but the author does not content himself by uncovering the enormities and injustice of present hideous practices, but he points out ways by which he hopes we may pass to higher and nobler planes of existence. It seems to us all thoughtful persons would be well repaid for time spent in perusal of this booklet. We mail it at 5 cents each.

A Chicago junk dealer has been using his 6-year-old boy as a cart horse. The boy was hitched to a small wagon by means of a strap, performing the labors of the noble equine while his father went along and gathered up old rags and iron. On the day that a policeman had arrested the father the little fellow had traveled many miles through muddy alleys, and had a look of weary resignation on his face just like a tired horse. His father was fined \$25.—Mc Clure Trio

This father was fined to rest the boy. Of course, the \$25 wont be missed in that household!

How absurd!

R. C. Foster, Veteran's Home, Napa, Cal., desires the address of the Secretary or President of the Co-operative Association near Newhall, Cal. Will someone who knows kindly send the name and address to Brother Foster?

I should like to see the pamphlet [Nutshell] taken up by the schools, for the subject is dealt with in such a manner as to be an amusement rather than a task. Please to send me 25 cts worth to send to the teachers round here. Edward Irving, Farmington, Cal.

### THE STANDING ARMY'S SIZE.

General Miles is unexpectedly modest in his suggestion of the proper numbers of the standing army of the United States in the immediate future. He thinks one soldier for every thousand of population will be enough. This would create an army of something rising 70,000 in its proportions. Those who are to take the lead in the bills creating the army in Congress have larger ideas of the need. Mr. Hall, who is chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, and General Hawley, who holds the same position in the senate, are both on record as saying that a hundred thousand troops will be required. It is an interesting question how these are to be obtained. There has been difficulty in enlisting a third of the smaller amount in the present condition of affairs, and the inducements to enlist are not assumed to have been increased by the experience of United States soldiers in the late war.—Boston Herald.

How to get soldiers, an interesting question! It is easy. Just hang onto the gold standard, and starve men until they will be glad to join the army. Almost anyone would rather be shot than to starve.

### THE SITUATION.

There are several co-operative associations that have lately sprung up in different parts of the United States. And they are got up by well-informed, clear headed parties. This is an encouraging sign. I shall look for many powerful establishments in the near future as an outcome. As all of these movements differ more or less in the details of plans, every feasible proposition will stand a chance of being acted upon, thereby solving the grand problem in which we are all interested. For that reason I hope that the union of the B C C and the C B will not take place, as has been suggested. Let them be friendly by all means, and help each other in every way; but let each work upon its own plan.

Things look at present as if the socialization of this country must come through voluntary action. Partisanship is so strong, and the public mind is so slow to understand its own interest, that without colonies as educators, progress would be very slow.

Nevertheless, all socialists should be thoroughly united in politics, and let every vote be on record. Late experience has shown that we can accomplish nothing with the other parties, as none of them care anything for principles when put to the test. The way the Fusion organ has been abusing all single taxers since last election should convince every reformer of that. It is time now to begin gathering our forces preparatory to the next election, and reconcile conflicting elements. With all socialists united, and with the support of the half socialists, good showing can be made, and it will be better each succeeding time. This is the situation at present as I understand it.

Ballard, Wash., Thomas Owens.

### THAT NIKSUR ASSOCIATION.

The Niksur Co-operative Association of Minneapolis, Minn., held their second social Friday evening, December 2d, in Avery's Hall, 14 N. 26th St. The affair was a success in every way, not a seat empty. The program consisting of songs, recitations and speeches occupied about an hour and a half, and was good from start to finish, especially "Herr Most," impersonated by comrade Albert Bush, who with frouzy hair, large black bushy beard, red nose, and typical red flannel shirt, declaimed in a forcible manner that touching oration, "Give me beer, or give me death," cleverly hitting right and left those people who imagine socialists to be a beer-drinking-saloon-loafing class. If the Niksur socials do no more, they will be the means of educating a great many people to the knowledge that socialists are after all, a class of people (especially co-operative, colony socialists), who believe in bringing about a better condition of affairs, by a bloodless revolution, instead of the method attributed to them by the yellow journals. The social ended with refreshments served by the ladies, and all voted the affair such a success, that the inquiry was: "When are you going to have another?" Comrade Ackerman displayed the December number of the "Niksur Magazine" increased from 20 to 40 pages, and much improved many ways. This issue commences a series of articles by Chas. D. Raymer entitled "The Co-operative Colonies of America."

Many members are interested in Washington, are looking that way with longing eyes, and may conclude to take Horace Greley's advice and "go west." Those who are interested should send ten cents for sample to THE NIKSUR MAGAZINE, Voegeli Blk., Minneapolis, Minn.

"Yes" remarked the widow Tacum, "before we were married I used to admire John because I thought he was noble. I continued to admire him afterwards; but it was because he was such a splendid humbug!"

### LETTERS FROM OUR

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Industrial Freedom all Right!

I received a copy of your paper, and I must say that the paper is all right. I send you one dollar and want you to send a copy for one year to Hugh Tennant and the other copy to myself Fmile Tennant, Col.

Sees some Improvement in the Paper.

Please send me ten copies of Industrial Freedom commencing with no. 32 to 45. I am very much pleased with the improvement in the tone and matter of our paper for some time passed and shall soon increase my subscriptions. Enclosed you will find money for the papers. C. H. C. Cal.

The Weary Mariner Logs for I. F.

It is with great anxiety that the crew of the good ship "Perry," await the arrival of that small though noble sheet entitled, "Industrial Freedom."

Mr. Langley who is a strong socialist, is delighted with your paper. He desires to renew his subscription from the first of the year. Could you inform us if there are any openings for a few earnest, hard working, sober sailors in your colonies.

Mr. J. W. Leonard, one of our oilers, with his young bride is spending his honeymoon, and a months leave at the Richmond.

"A Sailor," U. S. S. "Perry"

Local Union No. 3 of N. Y.

November 22d the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved: That we most heartily congratulate the brave Pioneers of the B C C on the success they have attained during the first year of their struggles in the State of Washington, knowing the many disadvantages under which they have labored, we deem it our duty to give all the encouragement possible, by each member giving as much as he can towards the Machinery Fund from month to month until the Association is in good working order and we earnestly hope all members of the B C C will do likewise.

Resolved: That we advise the Association to name the steamboat INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM.

Resolved: That we favor the plan, as set forth in the Illustrated edition of I. F., of the B C C and the C B uniting to support the I. F. on the basis proposed.

State Secretaries.

If you will give the reserves a little space in the paper, it may be for the benefit of the order, to discuss the idea of State Secretaries.

I have a number of letters from different states in which the idea is favorably looked upon.

State Secretaries would have to work for no pay at the present time.

1. State Secretaries would have a compact territory, and be able to keep in more instant touch with every Local Union.

2. Such State Secretaries could receive personal communications from Headquarters and emphasize such communication to every L. U. in his state, and every L. U. could report to him in all matters of benefit to the B. C. C. He could report the state work, so that we should have an epitome of work done by each state in our paper for some states would report one month and some another, so an interest would be created, that is dormant now.

3. It would make it better for Headquarters to have some official Head for every state.

4. We need better organization than we have now and this would give it.

5. Finances could be continued as now. Something must be done to increase interest in the B. C. C. and the more people we can get interested in the movement, the quicker and more certain will be the success for every colony in connection with our movement. Live secretaries of states would be able to do very much to keep the members interested and to encourage L. U., and answer questions quickly from enquirers in the state. To write to Headquarters and wait for a reply from Ohio takes between 1 to 2 weeks, that is too long. Of course, State Secretaries would have to keep themselves posted, and earnest ones would do so. Now Reserves, please discuss this question. Yours for the cause. Thos. Hickling, Dep. Organizer, O.

"Nutshell" is in good request, but we can furnish it still faster. \$2.50 a hundred copies.

Do not hesitate to take Industrial Freedom out of the Post-office. If it is sent to you some arrangement has been made and you will never be asked to pay. We do not collect debts. That is no part of our business. Take our paper and read it and get all others within the circle of your influence to do the same. It may do you good.

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

Any of our friends who will send us a good receipt for the manufacture of store polish, would be kindly remembered by the pioneers.

Dear Miss Mason:

I was very glad to receive your article on "The Varying Length of Days and Nights." It is the simplest and most explicit treatment of the subject I have ever seen. You do well to entitle it "All in a Nutshell." No teacher using this explanation with its accompanying diagrams, or, better still, the cocoon shell and the ball, can fail to make this most difficult subject plain to her pupils.

Hattie McClellan Randolph,

For the \$1.00 inclosed please send copies of "Nutshell." Ed. Dillon, Jr., Seattle, Wa.

I have been long trying to devise a method for illustrating the subject [Varying Length of Days and Nights] so that even children could understand it, and must congratulate the writer [of "Nutshell"] on her success in this very interesting and instructive explanation. Edward Irving, Farmington, Cal.

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