

# A Few Nuts Cracked

1. Will not the eight-hour law drive the industries out of the state?

Undoubtedly, as soon as this law is passed the salmon will cease their annual runs in Washington's rivers, and will all swim over to China. Washington's vast forests will pull themselves up by the roots and, together with her mills and mines, her factories and farms, accompany their plutocratic owners to Atlantic Beach or Monte Carlo.

Do you really think they will?

Or will not our employers adjust themselves to the new conditions and learn to run their plants upon an eight-hour basis, just as Mr. O'Shea, one of the largest lumber dealers in the state, who now operates his plant successfully upon the eight-hour plan, and who will vote for Initiative Measure No. 13.

2. Will not this measure reduce our wages?

If it would, do you think for one minute that all the big exploiters of labor and their hireling newspaper editors, would be fighting it?

3. How will this measure affect the farmer?

The same vested interests that have been robbing the farmer and the city worker alike are just now expressing great solicitude lest the eight-hour law will discommode the farmer, whom they love so well (to pluck).

The fact is that the same fundamental law that governs the standard of living for the city wage worker governs also the farm worker. Sweatshop conditions for part of the wage working class and unemployment for the rest, mean coolie conditions for the farmers. A well paid, steadily employed wage working class in the state of Washington to buy the products of her orchards and fields mean prosperity on Washington's farms.

The farmers themselves are intelligent enough to realize this, and almost with-

out exception the farmers' organizations have endorsed Initiative Measure No. 13 as meaning great benefit to the farmer who farms his farm.

It is only the farmer that farms the farmer that's kicking.

4. But what are all these basely material advantages beside the "sacred right" of every man to work as long as he pleases?

The right of a man to work is one of his sacred liberties. But to protect EVERY man in the enjoyment of this liberty, the sphere of action of one individual must not be allowed to encroach upon that of his fellow man.

Suppose one man could do all the nation's work and handed over all the product to one boss. The rest of us would either have to go hungry and naked or steal, wouldn't we?

In such a case the injustice of monopolizing the nation's work would be instantly seen and REMEDIED. Yet what's the diff between that and compelling 30,000,000 to do the nation's work during long hours of toil and leaving 10,000,000 idle to choose between starvation and stealing?

If we have 40,000,000 workers, we must either devise ways and means to let them all work and earn a living, or the 30,000,000 who do the work must feed and clothe the 10,000,000 idle. Which shall it be?

5. How about nurses. Will a sick man have to hire them in "flocks"?

The Stop-Look-Listen League is springing the nurse gag in every paper in the state that it controls, in order to soften the hearts of the voters.

First, let it be distinctly remembered that any law that is of benefit to the WORKERS in the state will be declared unconstitutional by the courts if there is any loop hole that their lawyer ferrets can find. If this law contained any exceptions, they'd kill it dead as a door-

# Throwing Your Vote Away!

By CARL ULONSKA.

Workingmen and women! are you going to throw your vote away?

Who are you going to throw it away from?

Are you going to throw it away from yourself and your class?

Republican, Democratic, and Progressive politicians tell you that to vote the Socialist party ticket is throwing your vote away.

We Socialists agree with them that if to vote against living in rented shacks. Against eating poisoned and adulterated food.

Against being clubbed on strike.

Against unsanitary working conditions.

Against long hours.

Against child labor.

Against poverty.

Against crime.

We agree with these politicians that if this is throwing our votes away that we are going to throw them away. We

are going to throw them away for the things we want and need and perhaps lose, but we refuse to vote for the things which we do not want and win!

We are going to vote for ourselves and our families.

We are going to vote for homes not shacks.

We are going to vote for humanity against greed.

We are going to vote for plenty of pure food for our children and ourselves.

We are going to vote to give labor the full social value of its toil and as an end to attain this we are going to vote for an eight-hour day for the workers of Washington.

If to vote for ourselves is to throw our vote away; we are going to throw it away voting for homes, food, shelter, recreation, culture, education and the political party that stands for these things—THE SOCIALIST PARTY.



R. W. THOMPSON.

R. W. Thompson, Socialist Party candidate for County Superintendent of Schools is fully qualified to fill this important office by long previous experience and training having taught in the public schools in many parts of this country and also in Alaska. He holds a No. 1 certificate. Comrade Thompson lives at Monroe, where he is engaged in the grocery business. He has been a member of the Socialist Party for a number of years and is secretary of Local Monroe.



H. F. LEISTER.

H. F. Leister, Socialist Party candidate for Sheriff, is fully competent to represent the workers of Snohomish county in this important office, for he is a worker himself, being a timber worker by occupation. A class conscious worker, one who has fought and felt the class struggle for years. Comrade Leister has been a member of the Socialist Party for years and is also a member of the Timberworkers' Union. Comrade Leister was chosen by the workers of Snohomish county as their nominee for sheriff two years ago and again this year. He is married and has a family.

### IS THE WORLD A SUCCESS?

Writing on the "great hope" that Socialism holds out to the spiritual nature of man, George D. Herron says:

"Sodden skeptics that we are toward any proposal for social happiness, we are blind to the foolishness and failure of past and present modes of conducting, or of attempting to conduct, the organization and relations of men. We see, or think we see, the failure of every considerate effort toward an ideal social state; but we do not consider the flasco and the tragedy forever encircling and corrupting us, of the attempts to carry on the world on the basis of historic inequalities; we shut our eyes to the demonstrated and eternal impracticability of every partial or divisive scheme of life. We say that programs of liberty and fraternity and equality have never succeeded; but tell me, pray, what else has succeeded? We deride Utopia; yet less than Utopia has contrived and perpetuated a world that is itself a derision, an abyss of sorrow. History is indeed a record of the stark incompetence of the practical man, and of

opportunist and merely political programs of procedure. It is the false wisdom of these that has achieved the depravity and imbecility of the industrial and political society that now is, to say nothing of the suffering and desolation therein."

### CAN EASILY SPARE THEM.

The answer of Socialism to the capitalist is that society can do without him just as society now does without the slave owners and the feudal lords; both were regarded as necessary to the well being and even the very existence of society.—Prof. W. Clark.

The republic of Paraguay, Andorra, and San Marino are inclined to resent being overlooked by Germany in its general distribution of ultimatums.—New York Evening Post.

It begins to look as if Elihu Root and others who accepted Nobel Peace prizes ought to step up like gentlemen and give back the money.—New York American.

nailed under the pretext that it is "class legislation."

Second, Remember that violators of labor laws are never prosecuted today unless labor itself does the prosecuting. And Labor will have its hands full in the future without snoopng around the cottage of some poor victim of accident or disease and trying to make out a case against some good Samaritan who, in all probability, would be fully protected under the EMERGENCY clause.

On the other hand, in our publicly owned hospitals (of which we should have many more) the nurses work but eight hours a day and arrangements are made for days off. Why can not the private hospital do likewise?

Surely, if there is one person more than another who should not be subjected to overstrain it is the nurse who, for the safety of the patients themselves, should be alert and full of vitality.

3. How about the servant and the cook?

The kept press is trying to scare our wives into opposing this law, by telling them that domestics will have to quit at noon, that we'll all get dyspepsia from eating cold lunches on Sunday. They have misquoted prominent society leaders and the bill itself in their desperate efforts to defeat it.

The bill does not say that eight CONSECUTIVE hours shall be the limit per day. The hours may be arranged to suit the convenience of the employer, only not more than a TOTAL of eight hours in one day or 48 per week may be worked. It may be seven hours per day for six days and six for the seventh, or eight

hours per day for six days and some one day off in seven.

To solve the servant problem, the hired girl must be recognized as a HUMAN BEING, with human desires for pleasure and recreation, to meet and enjoy her friends just like other folks.

The problem that so many housewives have tackled, how to maintain and retain the domestic drudge, can NOT be solved. But the problem of how to retain the domestic helper will be very largely solved by passing Initiative Measure No. 13.

### Getting Down to Brass Tacks

The eight-hour law will increase the material and mental well being of all the workers in the state of Washington, whether they labor in factory or field, in mill or mart, or in the home. It will develop a working-class competent to use the powers of self government.

It is being opposed by those would-be MASTERS of men, who look upon the workers as a commodity to be bartered and bought like so much axle grease, incapable of higher aspirations.

Let us SHOW them, on election day, whether they have measured us aright.

Let us show them that in spite of all their prostitute press and in spite of all their lickspittle politicians the workers of Washington will get what they want when they want it.

Work and vote for Initiative Measure No. 13.

## Business Success

Depends in a large measure upon a bank account—without money no business can prosper—with it the gateway to success is ever open—every day opportunities arise for safe and profitable investments.

Take your bank seriously—it is here for your good and your good means the good of the community—learn its personality well—many times you can turn to your bank in time of need.

[We will welcome your account!]

Citizens Bank & Trust Company

# You Can Have A Case of Beer and Two Quarts of Whiskey Every 20 Days.

You cannot spend your money in Washington. The beer cannot be made in Washington, from Washington products, or by Washington labor, so in effect says INITIATIVE MEASURE No. 3

## Do You Favor Home Industry?

Will you make 8,300 men, with wives and children dependent upon them, JOBLESS? Do you want to share your bread and butter with them?

WHAT ABOUT THE EMPTY DINNER PAILS of the 15,000 hop-pickers; the elimination of EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS paid barley growers last year?

Will You be Responsible for this Condition?

# Prohibition Does Not Prohibit

WORK and VOTE AGAINST INITIATIVE MEASURE No. 3, Mark your ballot thus:

Against Initiative Measure No. 3