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ORGANIZATION NEWS

ARLINGTON COMRADES MAKE GREAT SUCCESS OF FIRST SHIPLEY LECTURE

"EVOLUTION OF MAN" SUBJECT FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 13th

After nibbling for two years on Shipley's "Nebula to Man" illustrated lectures, the Reds of Arlington, urged by the comrades of Silvana,—who had heard them—started the course last Friday evening at the Scenic theatre. About 165 persons were present, and seemed to enjoy to the full both the wonderful stereopticon views and the story told of sun, planets, moons, comets, meteors, and the universe of blazing suns and glowing nebulae that wander through space so far beyond our solar system.

"The Autobiography of the Earth" will be given on the evening of Aug. 6, followed by "The Evolution of Man" on Aug. 13. The latter two lectures, illustrated with about 200 stereopticon views of ideal geological landscapes, animals of millions of years ago, and man before and during the Glacial Epoch, will show how life arose on the earth, and how man himself is but the final term of a series of evolutionary processes which began with the lowest germ of life in the ancient ocean, which once covered all the earth.

What would amount to approximately twenty miles deep of the earth's strata have been searched by scientists, thanks to the terrible cataclysms that have forced to the surface strata that were laid down millions of years ago.

Embedded in these ancient rocks are the fossil remains of thousands of extinct animals, revealing the slow evolution of life from the lowest crustaceans and mollusks to our savage, and in many cases ape-like prehistoric ancestors. It is a wonderful story, and no thinking man or woman can afford to let this splendid opportunity go by, when so much valuable knowledge can be obtained with so little cost of time or effort.

It was the great Sir John F. W. Herschel who said: "Geology, in the magnitude and sublimity of the objects which it treats, ranks next to astronomy in the scale of the sciences." And John Ruskin well declared that "Geology does better in re-creating dry bones and revealing lost creations than in tracing veins of lead or beds of iron."

HAVING GOOD MEETINGS

Reports to hand indicate that Carl Ulonska is having fairly good meetings. The reports also indicate that the meetings would be much better if more comrades got in and boosted. Comrade Ulonska should be heard by every Henry Dubb in your locality. If you cannot get them there by persuasion, chloroform them. It would never do to let them miss the lecture. Everybody get in and boost for the lectures in his bag. Get away from the habit of letting "George do it." Tell everybody. Write it on every piece of available paper. Chalk it on the sidewalks, BOOST, and then BOOST again.

WOMEN VOTE RIGHT IN NORWAY

Since Norway has given every adult woman and man the right to vote legislation is said to have taken a remarkably Socialistic turn. The women particularly are demanding social legislation for the improvement of the lives of the masses, rather than pandering to the classes, as has been the custom of pimple-headed politicians everywhere.

NEWS FROM OLYMPIA

HERMAN'S MEETINGS IN OLYMPIA ARE TRIUMPHS

Olympia comrades are rejoicing over the success of both of comrade Herman's meetings. We want the other locals to work hard to advertise his meetings and get the crowds out. He is worth it.

We held one meeting in Priest Point park at 2:30 p. m., another one at Socialist hall at 8 p. m., both were well attended, the outdoor meeting having over 200 and the hall meeting was nearly that many. A great many of the audience from the park followed the speaker to the hall meeting; so we expect to feel results in our membership from such a demonstration of interest and understanding. Our expectations are not groundless as we received two applications at the close of the last meeting and have more substantial promises.

No speaker has ever made the science of Socialism more clear or held his audience better.

EDITH A. TISH, Sec.

SILVANA-ARLINGTON PICNIC

The fifth annual Socialist picnic, held at beautiful Island Grove last Sunday week was a success in every way. From far and near five hundred men, women and children gathered to join in the day's festivities, bringing well laden baskets, the contents of which were spread at noon and a free lunch served to all. At 2 o'clock comrade Kate Sadler mounted the platform and by her eloquent logic and force of delivery held her audience for an hour and a half as she spoke of the development of modern production and industry and the relation of the working class to the same. It was regretted that the Silvana band could not be present, owing to circumstances, however, comrade Nels Bruseth favored the assembly with several fine selections on the saxophone, accompanied on the piano by Agnes Thorsen. Swings and teeters were highly enjoyed by the little ones.

In athletic stunts the following were winners: High jump, Marius Holdahl; running, Andrew Holdahl and Phy Hartson; 12-lb weight throwing, Ben Anderson, of Lakewood, 44 ft. The collection taken was sufficient to defray all expenses of the picnic. Come again, neighbors and friends, and make this an annual day of pleasure.

TO EVERETT READERS

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I have always supported the forward march of the human race toward the light, and I have sometimes resisted a progress which was without pity.—Les Miserables.

We are all collective beings, let us place ourselves as we may; for how little have we, and are we, that we can strictly call our own property?—Goethe.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

TO LOCALS AND INDIVIDUAL SOCIALISTS:

I have read every Socialist book and pamphlet that has ever been printed in the English language. I am familiar with every paper and magazine now being printed in the name of Socialism and I want to say with deep conviction that I consider THE NORTHWEST WORKER far and away the best of them all. Particularly correct is its position on the Great War which is the all-absorbing subject for some time to come. The comrades making it are not eternally begging for help or peddling stock,—they are devoting their energies to producing a really good paper, and they are succeeding most brilliantly in that at least!

If you really and truly care to do Socialist work,—work that will not turn to ashes on your own lips in some form of slavery to the state, a reformed and strengthened Capitalism,—then you can do no better thing than circulate with all your powers The Northwest Worker, and stick to it. I'm doing it. Let's concentrate upon it and make our first concern to see that it is sustained and its usefulness extended. In bundles is the best way to handle it.

Yours for World Socialism,
BRUCE ROGERS.

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LOCAL EVERETT No. 1 meets every Friday evening at 8 in The Forum, 1612 California St., Everett. Frank Cort, fin. sec.; Hanna Crosby, rec. sec.; F. G. Crosby, organizer.

LOCAL EDMONDS meets every Sunday evening at 8, in Engels' hall, Edmonds. C. E. Briggs, Edmonds, recording sec.; B. H. Davis, Edmonds, financial sec.

LOCAL MONROE meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month at 8 p. m. in the St. James hotel. R. W. Thompson, Monroe, sec.; W. S. Keller, Monroe, organizer.

LOCAL CEDAR VALLEY meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in the month at 8 p. m. in the Cedar Valley church. Richard Pape, R. F. D. Edmonds, sec.; J. M. Hoover, R. F. D. Edmonds, organizer.

LOCAL LAKEWOOD meets every Thursday in the month at 8:30 p. m. in Lakewood hall. Chas. Roth, R. 1 Arlington, fin. sec.; John Overvold, R. 1 Arlington, organizer.

LOCAL RICHMOND meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month at 3 p. m. in the homes of members. F. D. Hoffer, R. 1 Edmonds, fin. sec.; Bonner Bartlett, Edmonds, rec. sec.

LOCAL GOLD BAR meets every 3rd Sunday in the month at 2 p. m. in the homes of members. Rufus Wren, Gold Bar, organizer; Gustus Fleeder, fin. sec.

LOCAL SILVANA meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month at 2 p. m. in the Silvana Trading Union hall. Arvid N. Berg, Silvana, fin. and rec. sec.; Ole Larson, Silvana, Organizer.

LOCAL BRYANT meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month at 2 p. m. in the homes of members. Mike Kronholm, Bryant, fin. sec.; Ben Montgomery, Pilchuck, organizer.

LOCAL HOME ACRES meets first Sunday afternoon of each month at comrade Chas. Solle's residence. W. J. Fortson, rec. sec.; Chas. Solle, fin. sec.; Chas. Jurgus, organizer.

LOCAL MARXIAN, Seattle, meets every Thursday at 8 p. m., at 1433 Lakeside Ave. Lalla Rogers, 1433 Lakeside Ave., fin. sec.

LOCAL ARLINGTON meets every Monday evening at 8 p. m. in the Labor Temple. Homer Caswell, rec. sec. Wilford Dougherty, Fin. sec.

FROM A READER

Vancouver, Aug. 1st, 1915.

To the Northwest Worker:

Dear Comrades: I have been a worker for Socialism 18 years and my ideas have changed a great many times as to certain phases of Socialism, and as I am not a graduate of any high school or have any ability as an orator, I seldom argue anything at a Local or write anything for publication, but I read a great deal and the stand the Northwest Worker takes on subjects and discussions always rings with true Socialism and should be taken by every true Socialist in Washington. There are thousands of dues paying members today in the Socialist party who do not understand true Socialism or are traitors to the party according to their application card they sign when asking for membership to the party.

The referendum started by Local Marx and printed in the Northwest Worker of July 29, should be seconded by every Local in Washington and should be freely discussed by locals. The members of the Locals should be careful in selecting men for office and see that they do not advocate some side issue such as prohibition or religion, but stick to the class struggle. One great trouble with the working men in the Socialist party, as in all other parties, is they will pick out a man who is glib with his tongue whether he has any sound sense or not. The Socialist party stands for the laboring man and if the members of the Socialist party have not sense enough to vote for a laboring man to represent them instead of for a lawyer, or a preacher, or some one who makes a living off the laboring man, we will have the same conditions under a Socialist administration that we would have under any other administration. For that class of men usually work in the interest of that class of men.

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Editor Northwest Worker:

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If we wish to continue the present form of society we must expect this and like human slaughters with ever increasing magnitude, as they go hand in hand with profits, and with an ever increasing disregard for human life.

Lastly, that the only permanent remedy for these evils is the direct opposite form of society, or the Social Ownership of the social necessities, coupled with the democratic management of the same.

Under this form, and this alone, can we expect to have the proper regard for human life, as then it will behave each person, in order to protect himself to have constantly in mind the safeguarding of every other member of humanity.

Human life and energy being the greatest essential to social welfare, yet we know at present it is held the cheapest.

Yours for Greater Social Justice,
HARRY FETTERHOFF.

HUMAN NATURE

You can't alter human nature. Our ancestors used to be cannibals, but the people are no more.

You can't alter human nature. Our ancestors formerly lived in caves and ate uncooked meat, but now we do neither.

You can't change human nature. Our ancestors burned witches and tortured people of other beliefs than theirs; but we never do anything like that!

You can't change human nature. Our forefathers imprisoned men and women for being in debt; but where is there such punishment today?

You can't change human nature. Our ancestors kept chattel slaves and argued that it was right and scriptural, but there are no chattel slaves today.

Human nature may be trained and civilized, so that it will end the robbery of the masters, make all people free and give all opportunity. And that will mean Socialism.

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