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Be brief: for it is with words as with sunbeams-the more they are condensed the deeper they burn. - SOUTHEY.

Do you believe the people ought to

Monopolies need more denunciation, it helps them.

The Fog Horn of Lansing, Michigan, came down on us like a sheep on the fold, and to save trouble, we just put it on our X list.

Men who go to congress to steal by means of purchased law, look with contempt upon those who steal a little something to eat.

Had any of our readers ever observ ed that so soon as we have a voluntary raise in our wages there is a corresponding raise in rent and other ne- and then all your contributions are cessaries?

The Alger-Hanna-McKinley aggregation are cooperators, too, the Fillipinos help the United States to take Manilla and now Uncle Sam is paying them back.

Women working for wages so low that after paying board they have only 25cts. left, and yet our speculators and their sycophants are shouting: 'Prosperity".

We shall soon begin the publication of aserial story by Clinton Bancroft.

This story is a continuation of the A T A series and will be of interest to all cooperators and especially so to all Labor Exchangers.

If you have lived without labor you have wronged some one; If you labored and did not get the full product of your toil some one has wronged you and you are a fool to continue such conditions without protest.

the world has made many advances since their day.

Were socialism inaugurated life would be robbed of some of its gaieties, as, for instance, such tragedies as those witnessed at the burning of the Windsor Hotel, in New York, recently, would never occur, but you see socialism wont work as does competition.

Miss Helen J. Wescott has a lengthy and well written article on Equality Colony, in The Coming Age. A careful reading of this article would give the reader an excellent mental picture of our colony, and from this article much may be learned of our aims, objects, plans and purposes.

McKinley seems very desirous that the killing of the simple minded Phillipinos and the sequestration of their goods, lands and chattels shall proceed in accordance with the principles of truth, honor and fair dealing! "So mote it be," but how can an honest man juggle so with words?

The Class Struggle of San Francisco is one of the very best of our many exchanges, and it is with regret that we learn that it is not supported as it should be.

It seems to us that those who believe in the methods advocated by the Class Struggle should at once rally to its support. No true socialist paper should be allowed to suffer for lack of

A manufacturer wrote: "The people want masters. They think they are helpless and it is our duty to make them believe that they are so. Our emoty stomachs; naked backs are our argumenst. They think they are slaves; let them so believe—it helps us.

he will notes disturb our mastery.

He is too cowardly." Now, reader, is this not nearly a true picture? If you believe it to be true what remedy would you suggest?

If you are willing to sacrifice all you have and all your hopes of amassing wealth, and if you are willing to endure hardships and privations and to bear with the foibles and weaknesses of others, you might join some colony.

Colonies must and will flourish, they have a high mission, but very few persons are qualified for effective service in the colonies of today.

We do not have a picnic here and few of us expect one until after the lapse of many years.

Whatever you put into a movment of this kind, at this time, must be considered a freewill offering to the cause otherwise you will meet with disappointment. Many good people are useless here and some who are not considered of average ability or averintelligence are most useful.

Possibly no one can tell in advance whether he is suited to the demands of colony life and many whose experience in life would seem to fit them for usefulness here find that they cannot adapt themselves to the conditions of life made requisite by changed relations of persons and things. Experience is necessary to correct judgement and such judgment may reject you swallowed up in the great movement and you are left to struggle along as best you may.

This may seem hard and it is hard, but can you escape your fate in any other way? If so it were wise to do it, but do not fail to observe that the race always pays the cost of its redemption from exacting and enslaving conditions.

If your substance is not consecrated to the colony movement it will be absorbed by some of the other endeavors to solve the problem of the ages.

You may direct the course in which your efforts and your substance shall flow, but you cannot prevent the hopes, the sacrifices. They are inevitable.

> AGITATE. ORGANIZE. EDUCATE.

READ and THINK.

All intelligent workers realize that they are plundered. How are they plundered? By concerted action of The old nullifiers must turn uneasi- those who presume to rule and do rule death blows on the other, with the result that ly in their graves as they view the -by cooperation of the absorbers are competition is really dead, but awaits burial. ease and certainty with which Alger the toilers plundered and then the nullifies the acts of congress; but then plundered hope to correct their wrongs by humbly submitting to the robbers and meekly imploring them to ease up just a little.

> Harsh words are so offensive when used by the toilers, but bullets are just the thing when used by the ab-

> It seems that the white man and all men have other burdens than those catalogued by Kipling; and with some it is the lack of a burden in the ordinary sense of this disagreeable term.

> New inventions and improved methods are divorcing thousands from all opportunity to toil, but this fixes upon them the modern burden of inevitable poverty even though possessing the srength and the skill and the will to create enough to supply every de-

Don't you know that this is true? Is it right to deny people the privilege to toil when they are willing able and so desire?

Socialism!

Socialism!

What is Socialism? Some people make themselves ridiculous by trying to discuss socialism before they have made a study of it, before they can give the most rudimentary definition of it.

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Voting, merely voting, without an intelligent comprehension of what you are voting for, and why, is a most disastrous mirage as all the past attempts at such voting prove.

What we lack is intelligence and un-Have no fear of the workingman; til we get that neither voting, nor shooting will avail us anything.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Old Age Comes on But-

Mr. Editor:-I see my subscription has expired. Enclosed find 26c. for six months extension, beginning with No. 46. I wish you every success. Old age, poor health and poverty prevents me from being with you, but I shall sing the song of Equity, Right, Justice, Socialism during my declining Yours fraternally,

W. A. Marsh, Wash.

A Tonic.

Enclosed find money order for \$1 for the renewal of my own subscription, and also that of Bro. R. J. Brickman, of Olympia. We find it (Industrial Freedom) quite necessary to our mental digestion, and relish its crispness. We take it for the same reason that we eat gooseberry pie. It's fine, and we

E. E. Martin. Oregon.

Fear Competition.

Enclosed find 20c for two months dues ending April 30th. If I could have worked steady this winter I would have done better. I hope to do better next time unless competition fails again. which of course wouldn't be anything

Those colony notes of the different colonies is an excellent feature of I. F.

Yours as ever, Arnold J. C. Zander, Wis.

The Issue of 1900.

There is no socialist party in this state and I think there should be; not only this, but in every state where there is none.

I reason thus: Whereas direct legislation is one of the fundamental principles of socialism; and, whereas the people are not yet enlightened enough to cut loose from party; therefore we should make the socialist party a means to an end, using it as a lever to raise the people up, educating them in direct legislation, and any and all means whereby they may be taught their collective power and majesty through the agency of the bailot when properly used.

As our legislature has already taken steps to bring about this much needed reform, now appears to be the nick of time to agitate thoroughly on direct legislation; and we dare not leave this most important duty to the management of the old parties.

"Eternal vigitance" on the part of the people is the only thing that will ever make direct legislation of any practical value to the country. Organize.

Yours for progress, Isaac H. Keyes, Oregon.

A New View of Issues for 1900.

Being a reader of our paper, I of course, read Comrade Pelton's article on "The Proper Issue for 1900," and take this opportunity of expressing my views on the subject. Socialists have been hammering away at poor old Competition on one side, while Monopoly or combined capitalist have been dealing Now the socialists and combined capitalis were not fighting competition from similar motives, but from contrary ones, hence they are consequently antagonistic. With competition buried, there will come the final struggle between these two remaining economic systems, viz: Associated production for industrial distribution, or associated production (for the benefit of all), a collective distribution on an equal basis.

This conflict will be at first a ballot one, followed, no doubt, by bullets; but as the first is near at hand, we will confine ourself to it. These are the principles on which the lines of battle are drawn:

1st-Monopoly under the banner of repub-

2d-Competition trying to be restored under democracy.

3d-Equality under the banner of socialism

and direct legislation. There, is but one duty of the socialists, which is, do not compromise wish the enemies, but stand firm for our principles, for to cater to their caprice only invites our own

Owen H. Philbrick, Cal.

Read the Past-Live in the Future.

In our last number of I. F. we find a letter from G. E. Pelton, and in closing the array of his views he says: "Comrades, let us hear from you." Though my sex condemns me to stand in rank with criminals and idiots-like them denied the ballot-yet there is not a socialist of you all that can be more anxious for the success of socialistic principles, or more distressed to see the highest official in the B C C advocating fusion. Call my sentiments "blackest treason" if you will, but have a care lest "the last national campaign of the nineteenth century becomes memorable in future history as the turning point"-where socialism was entrapped, betrayed and slain, and with the assistance of its friends.

Why can we not profit by the light of past experience? Fusion slipped in and betrayed and killed the Union Labor party, and again fusion did the same dastardly deed for the Greenback party; and last but not least it has offered the same Judas kiss to populism; and where is the young giant of yesterday?

When this last deed was done, just as it seemed as if a victory must come to populistic banners in 1900, I cried out in despair, "Where is there anything secure against fusion," and my husband bastened to comfort me with the assurance that "socialism will never fuse," but here we have a suggestion from the highest official, and our hearts grow faint within us.

I have no ambition to rotate all the old shop

worn platitudes, but do most vehemently scout the a lroit coinage of the phrase, "a union of reform forces" Stripped of all verbiage it is fusion. Fusion involves compromise; compromise involves a surrender of principles. Is our comrade ready to surrender socialistic. in his effort to cement a fusion deal? Bear it ia mind that a new party when once it drops a principle can never again take it up; and so soon as such party drops any part of its principles it is doomed.

But even when all principles are retained fusion is disastrous. Look at the last populist platform laid down at Ellensburg. There they laid down a good platform in which direct legislation was the main plank, and to this platform their democratic allies promised a most hearty support; but in the campaign that followed, their speakers were silent as the grave on this principal point, and the speakers who came to Klickitat jingled the little tin rattle of "free silver-only this, and nothing more."

On our county fusion ticket were candidates from the three parties to the fusion, and among those nominated as populists were two socialists. Though both were of the best, both fell far behind in the fusion vote.

If Comrade Pelton himself were given a place on the fusion ticket he might be surprised at the support that he did not receive.

I fully agree with Bige Eddy (who is a socialist after my own heart) that a union of reform forces is desirable, but we must be sure that these forces are educated, in reform Did it never occur to you that if anyone is thoroughly permeated with reform they will no longer drill with either of the old corrupt

Do not, I beg of you, hug to your heart the "purified democracy;" they are the same who voted and hurrahed for Grover Cleveland, and would be quite ready to do it again, did not party policy suggest a more popular plan of action.

The gentleman speaks of parties being in a disorganized condition. Does he not fail to notice that is one of the results of fusion? Scientific socialism has never fused and is not at all disorganized. In Europe, where all phases of socialism turn a cold shoulder to fusion, the cause is forging ahead most won-

Our comrade says in substance that he firmly believes in socialism, "and not so very many years ahead either," and a little farther on talks of "the fallacy of attempting the establishing of full all around socialism in the present or near future.

A fusion or union of the various branches of socialism is greatly to be desired, but here would be no surrender of principles, as they hold to like principles, and differ only in methods.

My husband voted the state socialist ticket, voted for the two socialists on the fusion ticket, because they were socialists; and voted for equal suffrage. Our son lost his first vote for the same, and I am proud to have reared a son to choose so wise and well. They did not expect to get anything they voted for. but voted for principle: believing with Wayland that "it is better to vote for what you want if you don't get it, than to vote for what you don't want and get it."

My husband has been a socialist for sixteen years, was an old time abolitionist, and still believes in the Garrisonian dectrine of "No agreement with death, no covenant with

Owing to the pressure on our space we are compelled to leave out many, very many, excellent letters. We hope our friends can appreciate our needs sufficiently to excuse us.

He Remembers Us.

Friends at Equality: Not having forgotten my promise to many to let them know how I fared in the world, I take this opportunity to write, seeing also that I have some tomato seed to send you in the hope that you can make use of them. These seeds were grown in Humbolt county, Cal., from seed sown in May; the fruit ripened in September. I thought this doing well for such a large to-

I forgot to tell your gardener that root pruning is a good thing for tomato plants up to the time they begin to blossom. Should the plants be inclined to spindle up just make them think you are going to dig them up, and they will grow strong and stalky and throw out lateral branches. There is where the 'ruit grows. Try the plan and be con-

Well, there hasn't been any anxious looking capitalist around asking me to accept a fat salary for looking after a light job, and if the mountains do not come to Mohammed, before long, Mohammed must start for the mountains. I am quite well; my cold has almost left me.

Give my regards to Bro. Yokey, as I forgot to bid him adieu, although we were quite chums. Best wishes and kind regards to all, M. M. Cope.

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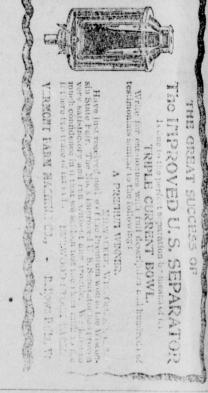
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