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Foreign sent by members $\$ 1$ per year. EQUALITY, SATURDAY, APRIL 8 Be briel: for it is with words as with sun-
b ams- the more they are condensed the
deeper they burn. - SovTHEY.
 Monopolies need moredenunciation, The Fog Horn of Lansing, Michigan, came down on us like a sheep cn
the fold, and to save trotuble, we just put it on onr 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 reaclers ever obsery
ed that so soon as we have a voluned that so soon as we have a volun-
tary raise in our wages there is a corresponding $r$

## He is too cowardly." Now, reader, is this not narly a turu picture? beliceve it you believe it to be true wh would you suggest?

 If you are willing to sacrifice allyou have and all your hopes of a-
massing wealth, and if you are will-
ing to endure hardships and privations
and to bear with thefoibles and weak-
nesses of others, you might join some
colony.
Colonies must and wiil 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 becon-
sidered a freewill offering to the cause
otherwise you will meet with disap-
pointment. Many good people are
useless here and some who are not
considered of average ability or aver-
intelligence are most tuseful.
Possibly no one can tell in advance
whether he is suited to the demands
of colony life and many whose exper-
ience 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 rela-
tions of persons and things. Experi-
ence is necessary to correct judgement
and such judgment may reject you
and then all yonr contributions are
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 demption from exacting and enslav-
ing conditions.
If your substance is not consecrated sorbed by some of the other cndear-
ors to solve the problem of the ages.
You may direct the couse in which
your efforts and your substance shall how, but you cannot prevent the
hopes, the sacrifices. They are inevi-
table. Agrate.
ORGANIzE.
Enecate.
Read and THiNK.
All inteligent workers realize that
they are plundered. How are they
plundered? By concerted action of
those who presume to rule and do rule
-by cooperation of the absorbers are
the toilers plundered and then the
plundered hope to correct their wrongs
by humblv submitting to the robbers
and meekly imploring them to case up
just a little.
Harsh words are so offensive when
used by the toilers, hut bullets are
just the thing when used by the ab-
sorbers.
It seems that the white man and
ail men have other burdens than those
catalogued by Kipling; and withsome
it is the lack of a burden in the ordin-
ary sense of this disagreeable term.
New inventions and improved meth-
ods are divorcing thousands from all
opportunity to toil, but this fixes up-
on them the modern burden of inevit-
able poverty even though possessing
the srength aud the skill and the will
to create enough to supply every de-
sire.
Don't you know that this is true?
Is it right to deny people the privi-
lege to toil when they are willing able
and so desire? Some people make themselves ridic ulous by trying to discuss socialism
before they have made a study of it, before they can give the most rudi-
mentary definition of it.
They could avoid such humiliating

## LETTERS FROM OLR

IEIBERS AID FRIEXDS


The Issue of 1900 .
There is no socialist party in this state and
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 social-
ism; and thereas the people are not yet mightened enough to cut loose from party;
lighe per herefore we should inake the socialist party
means to an end, using it as a lever to raise the people up, edacatng them in direct leg-
ielation, and any and all means whereby they may be taught their collective power and
majesty through the agency of the bailot As orin legisiature has aiready taken steps
o 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" ta the part of the peo-
ple is the only thing that will ever male diple is the only thing that will ever make di-
rect legislation of any practical value to the
country. Orgaize.
Yours for progress,

