

A Great Western Movement is Coming:  
Letter to the *Social Democratic Herald*  
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Dear *Herald*:—

The outlook over all this section is most encouraging. We are confident we shall have large and enthusiastic meetings at every point.<sup>1</sup> The only trouble is we have not dates enough to go round, having far more applications than we can fill.

I leave this evening at 7:00 for Spokane. This is the only train that will take me there in time and we concluded therefore to hold a meeting here last night. We had only six hours' time and got the notices in the evening papers and distributed handbills. The audience crowded the auditorium to overflowing and the enthusiasm was intense.

The socialist sentiment is spreading rapidly and I am confident the near future will develop a great movement that will embrace the entire Western territory.

***Eugene V. Debs.***

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<sup>1</sup> Debs was touring with Rev. Thomas J. Hagerty (1862-192X), a socialist priest who was subsequently suspended for his political activity.