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NOTES FROM THE SOCIALIST WORLD.

Is there a former member whose membership has lapsed? See him. Get him back. A great political struggle is approaching next year. It brings still greater opportunities. Prepare for them. Enlist under the red banner, the proud banner which we refused to lower when hate and vengeance and ignorance pursued us in our hour of trial.

A bigger, a more powerful and a more fruitful Socialist Party is in the process of building today. To your tasks, Comrades, and build a great organization for the great contest of 1924.

The Socialist Party is now, as it has been since its organization, the same constructive and revolutionary party of labor in the United States. It has a well defined program for the immediate betterment of the worker's condition, which embodies the demand for the abolition of private ownership of social necessities, to the end that we may produce wealth for use instead of profit.

It is opposed to the advocacy of violence as a means of social revolution.

It considers religion a private matter, and calls upon the workers to quit dividing along creed, race and national lines.

It is the only organization of labor which officially declared against the late war and whose members had the courage to stand by that declaration. It cannot be held responsible for those who quit the party because of their nationalism, or those others who forsook because of cowardice.

The socialist party embodies the principles of socialism and these principles are in line with economic development, and therefore invincible. "truth crushed to earth will rise again," "the pen is mightier than the sword," and that is why the socialist party is coming back and will go on to victory.

Eugene V. Debs, Chairman of the Socialist Party, recently spoke in seven northwest cities: Great Falls, Butte and Missoula, Montana; Seattle, Everest and Tacoma, Washing-

ton; and in Portland, Oregon. In spite of an admission charge of from 50c to \$1.50, all halls were filled to capacity, and in Everest and Tacoma and Portland, people were turned away. These lectures are being followed up by intensive organization work and locals have already been organized at all points where Debs spoke, except Butte, Montana, and requests have come from other places asking for an organizer.

During the month of October, Emil Herman will make an organization tour through Montana and George F. Hibner will make a like tour of Washington and Oregon.

The hysteric, chaotic, and confused psychology engendered by the war is gradually disappearing and with the returning sanity and stability of mind the Socialist Party is again coming into its own in the northwest as elsewhere.

We confidently expect to have full tickets in the field in all northwest-ern states for the 1924 election.

In Idaho the Socialists led by Local Boise who are showing splendid spirit and ability, are petitioning for a place on the state ballot next year and although it requires six thousand signatures, the indications are that the petition will succeed.

Alfred Baker Lewis says, that you do not throw away your vote when you vote for the Socialist candidates, even though they are not likely to be elected. You do throw it away your vote when you vote for Democrats or Republicans who claim to be friends of labor.

A few bankers in Wall Street have power over all the agriculture and commerce of the nation.

An Oklahoma City banker told ye editor a few days ago that people, meaning the workers, should not bother about politics. What the banker wants is for the people to be good slaves, look to the sky, while Mr. Banker runs his never-work fingers into your pocket and helps himself.

The bankers of today should be placed in the same class as the Captain Kidds of our forefathers.

The constitution of the Socialist Party of Oklahoma provides for the State Convention to be held between December 25th and January 1st, upon the call of the State Executive Committee, or on vote of the membership.

This leaves but few days for the Committee and membership to act, but no doubt the members of the Socialist Party of Oklahoma will convene perhaps Sunday, December 30th, and outline a program and ticket for 1924.

Many Comrades have written the Bugle that they want to vote the Socialist ticket in 1924. Someone should carry the Socialist banner for United States Senator. A Congressman should be named for each district.

Oklahoma must take her place with other states that are lining up their forces for a party desire in 1924.

Six thousand Socialists in Oklahoma voted for Socialism in 1922, make it 50,000 in 1924.

Look up your red card, write the State Secretary for stamps. If interested in being one that will be in the 1924 campaign and you are a member of the party at large send in your vote.

The Bugle is at your service for a good socialist campaign for this coming year. We refuse to surrender, we will fight on for the principles of socialism, the workers against the masters, the masses against the classes, for liberty against industrial and political slavery, for right against wrong, for co-operation against competition, for the "Brotherhood of Man" against Capitalism.

There is work for every Comrade, let the Socialists of this state put Oklahoma back on the map.

Debs is leading the nation, will you comrades of Oklahoma do your bit?

We feel sure that you will and that the Socialist vote in 1924 will be a staggering blow at Capitalism.

Two bourgeois gentlemen by the name of Wood and Stone were on the way to their factory one morning, but on arriving there they found that the workers had organized, and Wood turned to stone, and Stone turned to Wood.

BUGLE ARMY

Comrade Lavanier of Kentucky writes that he received a sample copy of the Bugle, likes its tone and enclosed one dollar for same.

Comrade Heitholt of Billings, Oklahoma, sends one dollar for the Bugle. Thanks Comrade, stand by your guns, socialism is the issue of the day.

Comrade Creamer of Chalk, Texas, says, "Am I guilty of being a socialist? Yes, guilty as h-l, and encloses a dollar for the Bugle. With such loyal comrades, the cause of Socialism will never perish from the earth. He says "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless millions mourn." But the future belongs to the workers.

Comrade Clark of Calumet helps the Bugle along with his yearly subscription for one dollar. Comrade Clark is a socialist that can give a reason why he is a socialist.

Comrade Jeffreys of Walker County, Texas, encloses one dollar for the Bugle for one year and says he hopes we will be able soon to make the Bugle a weekly. Just as soon as five thousand loyal Socialist wish a weekly socialist paper with one dollar each, we will give you the weekly.

Comrade Mary of Durant says he is a socialist and sends in two yearly subs to the Bugle.

Comrade Fisher, secretary of the Musicians Union at Beaumont, Texas, sends in a yearly sub to the Bugle.

Comrade Blackburn of Belleville, New Mexico sends in his sub, and wants to see what the "old war horse" Stanley J. Clark has to say, and wishes the Bugle unbounded success. Thanks Comrade, we know that we have a big job, but we never grow weary working for socialism and the "Brotherhood of Man."

Comrade Mathews sends in two subs from Austin, Texas, with good wishes for the Bugle. Thanks for your subs and good wishes, we want to assure you that the Bugle desires to serve the socialist movement in the southwest.

Dr. James Eads How, commonly known as the millionaire hobo sends in a donation to the Bugle with a list of names for the Bugle to be sent to. Dr. How is always trying to do something that will help spread the gospel of the "Brotherhood of Man," and the "Fatherhood of God."

Comrade W. H. Clark of Ft. Cobb, writes us a hot letter, and sends one dollar for the Bugle and his best wishes. We would print the entire letter if we were not afraid it would burn the mail sacks. W. H. knows how to apply the whip to the Leader crowd who betrayed many socialists in Oklahoma.

Comrade Castleberry of Hamlin, Texas, adds two more Texas names to the Bugle family.

Comrade J. D. McFadden, of Mont-

rose, Colo., sends the Bugle his best wishes. Comrade McFadden is one of the loyal socialists of Colorado.

Comrade O. E. Enfield, writing from Sanger, California, where he is working on a flume, informs us that he expects to be back in Oklahoma for the 1924 campaign. He says the "old fires of socialism still smolder." So long as they burn in honest and loyal hearts like Enfield's capitalism better take warning for their day is coming.

Comrade Rosa Rogers dropped in to see the Bugle family for a short visit. Says she likes Arizona, but she can't forget Oklahoma and the many loyal socialists who have been an inspiration to her work to better humanity. We need more loyal comrades like Comrade Rogers, who will push the socialist movement till capitalism, crime, and misery shall be overthrown.

Comrade J. N. (Herdlaw) Johnson, of Elk City, formerly of Doxey, writes us to give them as strong medicine as we can. He also states that he is ready to do organization work anywhere in the state.

Comrade Johnson is one of those socialists who wants to end the capitalist system.

Comrade Briggs, another good Texas Comrade sends in his subscription to the Bugle with his best wishes.

Comrade Almond from Texas writes a good letter and sends in his sub.

He wanted to know what Jack's religion was, and that was hard for us to answer. Before election Jack was a member of the Christian church, on being elected governor, he joined the Methodist church, and after he considers the matter, we don't know just what he will prefer next. But the thing is sure, he will have to plant his knees somewhere, confess his sins and do a lot of praying. Our sympathy is with the Methodist church.

Comrade Ballantine from the Lone Star state, sends in his and Comrade Henry's sub. Texas has many loyal comrades that we welcome to the Bugle army.

Comrade P. J. Harder of Texas enrolls in the Bugle army for one year.

Comrade J. N. Yarbrough and A. J. Castleberry of Texas added their names to the Bugle army.

Solving the unemployment question. A fellow told me that a guy told him that he saw a bird whose cousin knew a gink who knew a bloke that said he knew a geezer whose brother-in-law knew about a gazabo who told him that a hick knew of a simp who quit his job and that there is a job open for anyone who wants to take it.

Some men wear shell rim glasses and are intellectuals—and some men just wear shell rim glasses.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

Stanley J. Clark

During July and August I made a tour of several counties in behalf of the Socialist Party, and for that reason feel justified in asking: What have you done? The old time Socialists are still wanting to see what Jtek is going to do before they take action to help build for others to destroy. Why wait? "Evil trees do not bring forth good fruit." The masters will never bring the co-operative commonwealth. Thousands are willing to listen, but few are willing to act, many are so disgusted that it is doubtful if they will ever be of service to the cause again.

There is much to cheer one, however, when we consider such spots as Elk City. These Comrades still have the candle in the window; and our meeting there was made by the activity of a good crowd of Comrades who kept the faith because they knew the class struggle.

Through Coal, Atoka, Bryan and Choctaw counties we found attentive listeners, but inaction so far as organization work is concerned, and organization is what counts. We may have the interest but without crystallizing that interest into organization, we are helpless.

In Marshall county, we found Walton forces and the league so completely dominating the Farm Labor Union that we were denied the right to speak. James Matthews and Judge Hurt appeared to be the dominant heads of the Farm Labor Picnic in that county and yours truly went to the court house lawn and delivered a message for Socialism.

The fight gives one the kick that was ours in an early day.

It is up to you as a socialist to get to the bat if you want the cause to grow, we at this end of the line are willing, but we can't pull the entire load. Jack will soon be out of the way, the Reconstruction League has just been discredited, so you who have been expecting salvation from Jack, Ameringer, Langston and George Wilson had better look up your red cards, pay your dues and call for a meeting of the local.

Old Ezry Eggins, who is trucking down at the warehouse, still complains about the high cost of living, but he has some hopes for the near future, he says labor has got down to where its purty reasonable.

We don't want "pie in the sky"—we want the earth and everything that's in and on it. They say we've got a lot of crust—well, maybe we have, and maybe we got that way from eating pie that was made for profit. Sometimes this is called "affection pie," because the upper and lower crusts are in constant embrace and there is no animosity between them.

IN OKLAHOMA

Oscar Ameringer started out to give the Oklahoma Socialists a Daily Socialist paper.

Got the money, became independent. Next the Oklahoma Leader said they had no politics or other ticks having had a dollar bath.

The wheel of fortune turned, and the Leader was a Labor Daily. Bourgeois farmers with labor leaders shook hands and secured the Leader as a modern Delilah to rock the Proletariat worker and tenant farmers to sleep while they elected to office the friends of labor on the Democratic ticket.

The Leader won a victory, the Governor was elected with the Democratic ticket. There was not enough pie to go around, and the Leader was not close enough to the throne, they with a few other pie-counter socialists were kicked out. Ameringer threw up his hands and shouted "betrayed." The betrayer was himself betrayed. The Daily Leader fired its last shot and ceased to be. Oscar, would your condition have been worse if you had been honest and loyal to the socialists who made the Oklahoma Leader possible.

The wheel of fortune again turns, the Weekly Leader is at sea, without policy, principle or honor. They are just a commercial printing plant. With no rent to pay, they can under bid other union shops, print union papers and have them hauled to the Post office by unfair transfer companies, and still they claim to be free from any form of scabbing.

When a man scabs at the ballot box, he is apt to scab in the shop.

Oklahoma might have a great socialist daily serving the southwest, whose editors and workers would have been ever honored in the circles of the working class, but that day is past history.

Nevertheless the workers will rise from the ashes of the past and build anew a revolutionary press with more care that will be a press true to the working class, that will help batter down the walls of capitalism.

The American Legion is doing everything in its power to prevent Debs from speaking in the cities of his lecture tour. Still when they want a soldier bonus bill passed, they come to the socialists for their votes.

When the American Legion working stiff goes out job hunting, seeking a master to whom he can sell his labor power, he learns that there is a master and a slave, and that there are classes in the good old U. S. A., and in the end this Legion slave will learn that he must line up with the socialists in order to wipe out the class line.

The bankers are still monarch of all they survey.

APPEAL TO READERS AND BOOK OWNERS

The Gardner Circle of the Young People's Socialist League of the United States which is a youthful organization of approximately eighty members is interested in having a library of its own. Our aim is to establish a library that we will be proud to use and display. In our city we have a library but many of the books desired are not obtainable. There are many people who have books that they have read and for which they have no use. These books would be a great help to us in our library.

We appeal to you friends and comrades, to help us. Look over your books, sort them out and send us those you do not need. Please send all books to the address of Viola Asunmaa, Secretary, 12 Ash Street, Gardner, Mass.

The Library Committee

It is said that exponents of the Einstein theory are capable of explaining what would happen if an irresistible force were to meet an immovable body. Will they please tell us what effect the approaching revolution will have on the man who still thinks that this country is governed according to the wishes of the people?

The yellow socialists are agreed that all the red propeganda is quite unnecessary. The proletariat should partake liberally of jad salts and trust in the process of evolution.

Lenin continues to keep the newspapers alive with his occasional death.

King and queen break bread with Labor members. Good, they may be earning it next.

When a socialist reads the names of those desiring the so-called "Fair Election Law" he knows that what they want a socialist does not want, nuff said.

The Oklahoma Leader makes a labourous attempt to place the name of Earnest Chamberlain, the ex-socialist on the honor roll.

Those who betray the workers receive their just reward.

Internationalism without a dollar mark is unknown to American capitalists, they are one hundred per centers.

Every Socialist must be allowed to vote for his candidate in 1924. He will not be able to do so unless he maintains his State organization.

The Italian Socialist Federation is adding many new members to its ranks, and is becoming a strong arm of the American Socialist movement.

THE BUGLE

With this issue of the Bugle, we are compelled to go to a bulletin size to conform to our pocket-book, and meet the demand of the comrades that we get out an issue each month.

In giving you a bulletin, we are cutting the price to 50c per year. Tell your friends that the Bugle will not miss an issue, but will be out on time each month in the future.

We will not be able to send out as many free copies as we have in the past, but each subscriber will get his paper and will get it on time.

As soon as we secure a subscription list large enough, we will enlarge the paper. And we want to give the Comrades of the Southwestern States a weekly just as soon as you will help us secure a subscription list.

The Bugle is here to serve the Socialist movement, and though we are cussed and discussed, we will sink or swim with the banner of socialism flying at the ship's mast. With your help, we will meet the enemy and they shall be ours.

Fanny, the little daughter of a clergyman, pranced into her fathers study one evening while the reverend gentleman was preparing a lengthy sermon for the following Sunday. She looked curiously at the manuscript for a moment, and then turned to her father. "Papa" she began seriously, "does God tell you what to write?"

"Certainly, dearie," replied the clergyman.

"Then why do you scratch so much of it out?" asked Fanny.

Helen Keller, the woman who has won fame in spite of her physical defects, was asked which mortal affliction is the worst—blindness, deafness or dumbness. She replied, "Neither, it's bon-headedness."

Industrial Pioneer.

Our capitalist's patriotism leads him to what ever foreign country that will permit him to exploit and rob the workers. On the high seas, in the mines and shops, on farms and in the forests, he teaches the workers what "Americanism" stands for.

Workingmen are barred from the Ku Klux Klan because they can't afford clean sheets.

A priest buttons his collar in the back because it is symbolic of his mode of reasoning.

The reason budding artists paint in the nude is because they haven't money enough to buy clothes with.

Dont boast that you use your head instead of your hands. Woodpeckers do that right along.

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WALTON

Jack Walton Governor of Oklahoma has been impeached. Thus ends the drama of Oklahoma's Farm Labor victory of last fall when a few Farm Labor leaders were given seats at the pie counter and the war for soft cushions and easy jobs began.

It is a merry old game at the expense of the Farmer and Laborer but it does not take the robbers from off his back.

\$260.00?

Doc. Bynum, testifying before the House investigating committee, says he gave a Socialist leader \$260 to get rid of him.

Der Leader says they did not get the money (?) That they are not a Socialist organ and of course, therefore could have no Socialist editors. They want Doc. to tell the truth as to who got the money. The Bugle would like to know, for if it is that easy to

get \$260 we would like to have a knockdown to the gentleman. The Bugle needs the money to pay print bills and postage.

But Doc., if you ever pass 260 bucks our way just remember we have nothing to peddle, and that we are printing a Socialist paper. We feel pretty mean at times, but never mean enough to sell out and betray our friends.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REMEMBER

Send all money for dues, applications for charter, and communications regarding the Socialist Party to Myrtle Blackwell, State Secretary, 414 W. Frisco St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION NOTES

Debs recently spoke to more than 10,000 people in Los Angeles. In every city his organization meetings are a great success in spite of the efforts of the American Legion to stop Debs from speaking.

New locals have been organized at Tacoma, Everett, Portland, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Cheyenne, Denver, Omaha and many other cities.

Our old friend George F. Hibner is touring Idaho and Washington. Hibner is a loyal comrade and a fine organizer.

In the eastern states new locals are being organized and old ones are receiving new members.

Charles H. Kerr & Company, 341-349 Ohio Street, Chicago, Ill., the old reliable Socialist publishers can supply your needs for Socialist books.

'OUR KATE' O'HARE

Under the above caption Freda Hogan, first lady of the Oklahoma Leader, and ex-Socialist writes a sentimental little ditty about Kate O'Hare.

Kate has lost the vision she once had of the Socialist movement. She now seeks a more popular party or place to display her wares. This true the Socialist party can not offer Kate an easy berth on a platform at twenty-five or fifty dollars a night.

The Farm Labor movement in Oklahoma has been milked by 'Our Jack' and Der Leader pie artists will there is but little left upon which Kate may feast.

No Kate, the Socialist party in Oklahoma is not dead, it is coming back in Oklahoma as well as in every state in the good old United States of America, and we here will take our place with the clear thinking workers of the world and will do our bit for the emancipation of the workers.

PARTY DUES

The Oklahoma Socialist Party dues are now twenty-five cents per month, or three dollar per year.

Send all money for party dues to the State Secretary, Myrtle Blackwell, 414 W. Frisco Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Write to the Bugle, 414 W. Frisco St., Oklahoma City, Okla., for a lecturer or organizer.

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FIVE THOUSAND BUGLES.

Five thousand copies of this issue of the Bugle have been printed and we want you to help us mail them. Don't delay, but send in a list of subs at once.

The Bugle has said so much about Walton, still we have nothing to take back, and but little to add. It is the same old story, rewarding your friends and punishing your enemies. This little game has caused Jack no end of trouble. He is trying to lay his troubles to the door of the Ku Klux Klan. From our observation of Jack while Mayor, the Bugle is led to believe that "where there is so much smoke there must be some fire."

We will write you a little ditty about Jack in our next issue.

Russia is anxious for peace, declares Trotsky to Senator King of Utah, but is ready for war.

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