

## Socialist Column

### Who is a Socialist?

(By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.)

Who is a Socialist? He is a man  
Who strives to formulate or aid a plan  
To better earth's conditions. It is he  
Who, having ears to hear and eyes to see,  
Is neither deaf nor blind when might,  
Rough shod,  
Treads down the rights or privileges  
Which God  
Means for all men; the privilege to toil,  
To breathe pure air, to till the  
fertile soil—  
The right to live, to love, to woo, to wed,  
To earn for hungry mouths their meed  
of bread.

The Socialist is he who claims no more  
Than his own share from generous  
nature's store,  
But that he asks, and asks too, that  
no other  
Shall claim the share of any weaker  
brother,  
And brand him beggar in his own domain  
To glut a mad, inordinate lust for gain.

The Socialist is one who holds the best  
Of all God's gifts is toil—the second, rest;  
He asks that all men learn the sweets  
of labor,  
And that no idler fatten on his neighbor.  
That all men be allowed their share  
of leisure,  
Nor thousands slave that one may seek  
his pleasure.

Who on the golden rule shall dare insist—  
Behold in him the modern Socialist.

(PLATFORM CONTINUED.)

### Political Demands.

1. The absolute freedom of press, speech and assemblage.
2. The adoption of a graduated income tax, the increase of the rates of the present corporation tax and the extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the value of the estate and to nearness of kin—the proceeds of these taxes to be employed in the socialization of industry.
3. Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women.
4. The adoption of the initiative, referendum and recall and of proportional representation, nationally as well as locally.
5. The abolition of the senate and of the veto power of the president.
6. The election of the president and the vice president by direct vote of the people.
7. The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by congress. National laws to be repealed only by act of congress or by a referendum vote of the whole people.
8. The abolition of the present restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that the instrument may be made amendable by a majority of the states.
9. The granting of the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia with representation in congress and a democratic form of municipal government for purely local affairs.
10. The extension of democratic government to all United States territory.
11. The enactment of further measures for general education and particularly for vocational education in useful pursuits. The bureau of education to be made a department.
12. The enactment of further measures for the conservation of health. The creation of an independent bureau of health, with such restrictions as will secure the full liberty of all schools of practice.
13. The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor and its elevation to the rank of a department.
14. Abolition of all Federal District Courts and the United States Circuit Courts of Appeals. State Courts to Have Jurisdiction in all Cases Arising Between Cit-

izens of the Several States and Foreign Corporations. The Election of all Judges for Short Terms.

15. The immediate curbing of the power of the courts to issue injunctions.
  16. The free administration of justice.
  17. The calling of a convention for the revision of the constitution of the United States.
- Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of socialized industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

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### "Women's Rights."

There are over 100,000 women in Oregon. The majority of them do not want to vote. A small proportion in any given community is asking for the ballot. Is that not true in your town? What do the rest want?

Many of them are actively opposed. To put upon these women a responsibility from which they have hitherto been exempted and which they do not wish to assume, is not "Woman's Rights."

Many of them are indifferent. The indifferent male voter is one of the serious problems of the present electorate. Would you add to it a large body of votes avowedly indifferent?

The demand for woman suffrage is the demand that woman shall assume an equal share with men in the responsibility of carrying the government of the City, the State, the Nation. It means she shall enter the political arena with him. For it is an arena. Politics is not a conflict of opinions, it is a conflict of wills. It carries with it public meetings, public debates, public marchings and counter-marchings, public discussions of public questions, and of the character of public candidates, and all the other incidents of a campaign.

It is not democratic, nor just, nor fair to draft this large body of women into this campaign against their wills.

This is the sixth time the voters of Oregon have been asked to vote upon this question in spite of the fact that every two years the opposition to it has increased so that in 1910 suffrage carried in only one county in Oregon, and in that one by five votes, the total vote being 35,270 for suffrage, the smallest vote for it since 1900, and 59,065 against, a majority of 23,795.

The Oregon State Association Opposed to the Extension of the suffrage to Women asks that you give this amendment your earnest consideration, and that you defeat it this time by so great a majority that the suffragists, local and imported, must bow before the will of the people of Oregon, and acknowledge that the majority rules in America.

The Oregon State Association Opposed to the Extension of the Suffrage to Women.

Mrs. Francis J. Bailey, Pres.  
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### Report of Public Schools

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending Oct. 4, 1912.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	85
Number of pupils remaining at last report	1934
Number of pupils registered new during month	1934
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	4
Number of pupils readmitted during month	1934
Total number pupils on register during month	30
Number of pupils dropped during month	1908
Number of pupils remaining at time of report	6.8
Number of days taught during month	

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Whole number of days absence	291.5
Whole number of times late	70
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	1969
Average number of pupils belonging	1938.7
Average daily attendance	1936.8
Per cent of attendance	97.7
Number of visits by parents	36
Number of visits by members of school boards	25

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Dallas, Red Prairie (100), Bridgeport (100), Ballston, Salt Creek, Parker, Monmouth, Airlie, Ward (100), Perrydale, Fairview, Gooseneck (100), Cochran (100), Rickreall, Elkins, Independence, West Salem (100), Buena Vista (100), Buell (100), Montgomery, Enterprise, Suver, Oakdale, Lone Star, McCoy, Falls City, Black Rock, Hopville, Highland (100), Rogue River, Valley Junction (100), Fern (100).

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month.

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