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## What Socialists Believe.

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Here is the tenth and eleventh commandment in a nutshell, and will prevent war and all quarrel amongst the people, and save the assessor's wages and all kinds of trouble.

Life, liberty and happiness are the equal rights of all.

Life is the foundation of all human achievement.

Human life depends upon food, clothing and shelter.

Food, clothing and shelter are produced by labor acting on land and raw materials by means of tools and machinery. With either factor lacking, no production is possible.

To be able to acquire these necessities of life with the least expenditure of time and labor consistent with the equal rights of all, is the ideal toward which all right thinking people strive.

Liberty of thought, speech, press and assemblage, liberty to be employed or to be at leisure, are equally necessary to human happiness. Where the right to choose or enjoy either of these is denied or abridged, there injustice exists.

Whenever the entire time of an individual must be expended in securing food, clothing and shelter, there is mere animal existence not life; slavery, not liberty; misery, not happiness.

The government which fails to secure these primal rights to all its citizens is a failure and a disgrace and its enforcement a crime.

Human development, physical, mental, moral and spiritual, demands the individual shall be able to supply the material means of existence by the expenditures of only such a part of his time as shall leave to him abundant leisure for such improvement and growth. All just government must be organized and administered with this end in view.

To be able to secure and provide for a home, the prime requisite is assured access to land, machinery and tools useful for supplying human needs.

The only government worthy of the respect and support of its citizens must guarantee and secure equality of opportunity to all.

First: In education, in order that every child shall be as perfectly equipped for the race of life as its physical and mental endowment will permit.

Second: In employment, in order that no human being shall be at any time denied the opportunity to supply his needs by honorable labor.

Third: In reward, that every worker, mental and physical, shall receive as exactly as is possible to determine, the full value of the service rendered by him.

Fourth: In disability, whether by sickness, accident or natural causes, every needed service shall be rendered at public expense, the income of the stricken person to continue till well or dead.

Fifth: In old age, that every person who reaches a certain determined age shall be entitled to honorable retirement, with a fixed income equal to his needs.

Sixth: In death, that burial shall be assured at public expense and that the average income earned by the deceased shall be assured to those depending on him for support until able to provide for themselves.

As a necessary condition leading to the fulfillment of the above requirements:

We demand, that land being the foundation of the home, the home of the prime necessity of the family, and the family the foundation of society, the state shall guarantee to each citizen the opportunity to earn and the right to own a home; the title to which can not be taken away by taxes or debt.

We demand that all unused land shall be collectively owned in order that free access to all natural opportunities may be enjoyed by all.

We demand that all machinery which must be collectively used, such as that of mines, railroads, telegraphs, telephones, mills, elevators, foundries, creameries, factories for the production of agricultural implements and other mechanically produced necessities, shall be collectively owned and operated, not for profit but for the purpose of supplying human needs in the most perfect manner possible, these products to be sold to the users at actual cost.

Our sole object in demanding the

collective ownership of natural opportunities and the collective ownership and use of all collectively used machinery is to secure to each and all the opportunity to earn and the right to own, use and enjoy any form of property which the individual or the family can use, and to enable each and every person to develop his or her individuality to the utmost limit of physical and mental endowment in every way consistent with the equal rights of others.

### The Socialist Aims.

In order that the above program may be carried out without danger through such graft and dishonesty as curse our present system, we demand:

The Initiative, or the right of the people to propose any law or change which they may desire.

The Referendum, or the power by the people to sanction or veto any law or enactment, thereby placing it beyond the power of any mayor, governor, president or court to veto or destroy.

The Recall, or the right of the people to remove from office or position any individual who fails to do their bidding.

We demand the extension of the postal savings banks to every post office and that the money deposited therein shall not be loaned to money-lenders or speculative institutions, but shall be made available for internal improvements such as water-storage, irrigation, dyking, straightening of streams, and other needed public improvements and enterprises.

By carrying into effect the foregoing demand and provisions, we propose to eliminate profit, interest and rent, the means by which the wealth of the workers has been absorbed in the past as now, by the idle and the vicious, by which uncounted wealth has been acquired by the few, and dire poverty has been suffered by the many, by means of which idlers have lived lives of uselessness, and millions have been driven to debauchery and crime.

### Immediate Demands.

And while working to bring into effect the foregoing conditions, we demand—

Free text-books shall be furnished in all public schools, the same to be printed by the state.

Equal suffrage for all adult men and women.

Equal pay for equal service for both men and women.

State insurance for life and property.

That states, counties and municipalities shall be empowered by constitutional enactment to acquire and conduct all such public utilities as shall be desired by a majority of their residents.

The non-resident landlords and all corporation shall be required to assess their own property, the state reserving the right to take over such property at its assessed value plus ten per cent, and that the entire earnings of the inmates of the state penitentiary shall be turned over to their families, the expense of maintaining the institution being borne by the taxpayers who vote to maintain a system which deprives millions of employment and thereby forces them into crime.

We demand a constitutional amendment to take away the veto power from executive officers and prohibiting the supreme court from annulling any act of congress.

We demand the repeal of that part of the state constitution which prohibits a municipality, county or state from issuing bonds, appropriating money or engaging in any business now permitted to individuals or corporations.

We demand that the government shall furnish money to municipalities, counties and states, for conducting public utilities and making public improvements on the same terms that money is now furnished to national banks for carrying on their business.

To the end that we may speedily carry into effect the above program, we invite the earnest co-operation and support of all who wish to reward industry, abolish graft, poverty and crime and promote the general welfare of all worthy citizens.

### Woe is His.

First.—My wife is my boss. I shah not deny.

Second.—She maketh me to lie down behind the bed when swell company comes, and she leadeh me behind her up Main street.

Third.—She restoreh my pocketbook after she has spent all of its contents for stylish skirts and theater tickets, and she leadeh me up the main aisle at church for her new hat's sake.

Fourth.—Yea, though I walk more than half the night through dark rooms with a crying baby I will get no rest, for she is behind me; her broomstick and her hatpin they do everything else but comfort me.

Fifth.—She prepareth a cold snack for me, then maketh a bee line for an aid society supper. She anointeth my head with the rolling pin occasionally. My arms runneth over with the bundles before she is half done with her shopping.

Sixth.—Surely her dressmaker's and milliner's bills shall follow me all the days of her life, and I will dwell in the house of my wife forever.—Ulrich (Mo.) Herald.

### Signaling at Sea.

The custom of signaling at sea by means of various colored flags is very ancient, and the method seems to have been brought to a degree of development bordering very closely on perfection. Many people have been astonished at the length of messages conveyed in a few moments and with the use of but half a dozen flags in various combinations, and when the extent of the language and the complexity of many necessary messages are considered the eighteen flags in the signal flag locker seem very inadequate. However, it must be remembered that the signal code utilizes a sort of shorthand, and many long messages, known to be of frequent occurrence, have been contracted to a single showing of flags in a given combination. The number of flags hoisted when a signal is made never exceeds four. With the eighteen flags of various colors, using four for each signal, no fewer than 78,642 combinations can be made.

### An English Ghost.

A Westmoreland ghost used to haunt the shores of Windermere, where the Lowthers from time immemorial have been lords of the lake—the "crier of Claife." One tempestuous night in pre-reformation times a cry was heard across the water by the ferryman at the Nab Inn—"A boat!" The ferryman, against all his cronies' persuasions at the inn, set out. After many hours he reached the Nab again, his boat dragged down by some unseen weight and himself with hair on end, a raving lunatic. Soon he died, and every stormy night his wraith was heard in agonized shrieks across from Claife till at last the resident monk of Furness was sought in his retreat on Lady Holm and persuaded to "lay" the unhappy spirit, which he duly did. Harriet Martineau and others tell the tale.—London Chronicle.

### The Weaker Sex.

The young woman had spent a busy day.

She had browbeaten fourteen sales people, bullyragged a floorwalker, argued victoriously with a milliner, laid down the law to a modiste, nipped in the bud a taxi chauffeur's attempt to overcharge her, made a street car conductor stop the car in the middle of a block for her, discharged her maid and engaged another and otherwise refused to allow herself to be imposed upon.

Yet she did not smile that evening when a young man begged: "Let me be your protector through life!"—Life.

### New Angle on Help.

"Why did you inquire so particularly into the wardrobe of that girl you just kissed?" asked one of two women who were leaving an employment agency.

"To find out how carefully she will guard against burglars," said the other. "My experience has been that a girl who has nice things of her own will lock up more securely at night and keep a sharper eye out for sneak thieves in the daytime than one who has nothing of value to lose."—New York Press.

### She Was Right.

"How effusively sweet that Mrs. Monday is to you, Jonesey," said Withers. "What's up? Any tender little romance there?"

"No, indeed. Why, that woman hates me," said Jonesey.

"She doesn't show it," said Withers. "No, but she knows that I know how she is. We were both born on the same day," said Jonesey, "and she's afraid I'll tell somebody."—Harper's Weekly.

### The First Lighthouse.

The first lighthouse was erected at Pharos, near Alexandria, in Egypt. It was finished in 285 B. C. Its height was 350 feet, and the light, which was kept burning on top at night, was visible forty-one miles away. This tower was destroyed for some 1,500 years, when it was destroyed by an earthquake.

### The Idea.

"A married man acquire happy."

"No! You don't think that hach are the only ones that die, do you?"—Toledo Blade.

### Generally.

"No," said Freddy, "what is a social

"Generally speaking," replied pa,

"is an oblique way of reproof

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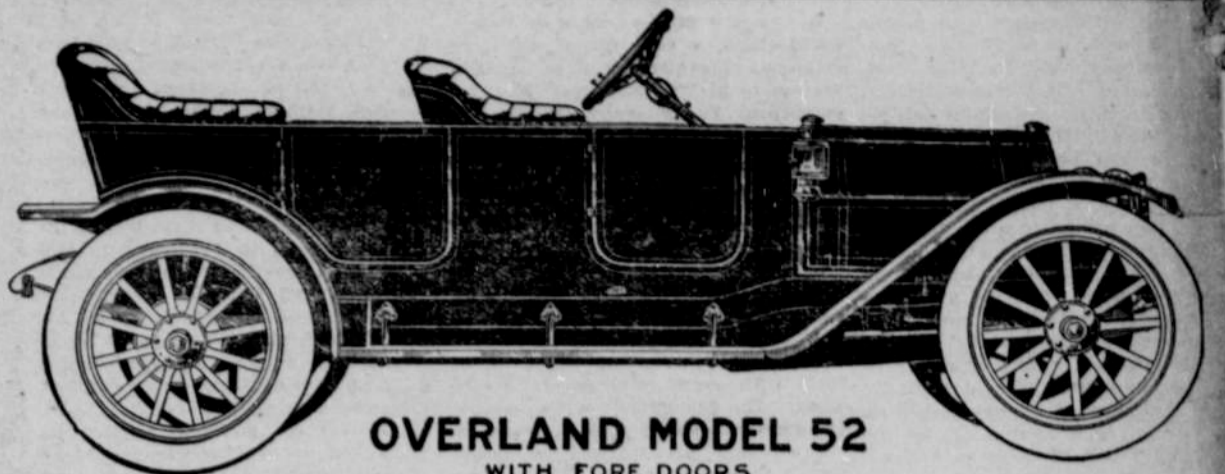
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