

THE AGITATOR

FROM THE MAIL BAG.

Editor The Agitator:

Dear Comrade—It is a great misfortune that we seem to have no organization for the distribution of literature and the carrying on of systematic propaganda. I always hoped that "Mother Earth" might prove such a center, but I take it that Emma Goldman always has her hands full with lecturing all over the country and that the other New Yorkers are too busy. If it should be that you are in a position to create such a center at Home it would be invaluable to the movement, both on this coast and elsewhere.

WM. C. OWEN.

Los Angeles.

[The Agitator was started with the object of gathering the scattered forces of revolutionary workers together; and the outlook is encouraging. Five months of patient, uphill work has demonstrated that the creation of such a center is possible. We have the facilities, and a group of live workers keenly awake to the necessity of united effort. Let the comrades rally to the call for agitation.—Editor.]

Editor The Agitator:

My Dear Comrade—For the last month I have been receiving copies of The Agitator at the various cities en route and have disposed of them at our meetings. I have forgotten just what price you made on them, but I am enclosing \$2.00 to go on account. If you will send me a bill I will be glad to remit in full.

Personally I am enjoying The Agitator and think you are giving out a very good paper. I am sure that if you will be patient, you will build up a good circulation. It takes some time to get a publication known throughout the country.

Sincerely yours,

BEN L. REITMAN, M. D.

Editor The Agitator:—

Fellow-worker:—

I note that the benefit held for the Agitator in Seattle was a success. I am certainly glad to hear the news. The Agitator, in my opinion, deserves all the success that it can possibly obtain. The boys that have read it are more than pleased with the attitude of The Agitator. Its program is plain and simple. * * * Send us a bundle of 25 copies of each issue. Wishing you the best of success in your efforts to destroy "the old superstition" (prayers) and "the new superstition" (balloting), I am, yours for the education of the workers,

A. BENSON,

Secretary Joint Locals I. W. W.

Spokane, Wash.

Dear Comrade:

I am spreading The Agitator everywhere. I never walk a step without having a few "Agitators" in my pocket. You can see The Agitator in the Library, Post Office, City Hall, at all teachers' houses, hotels and depots; I can't name all the places. It will probably take a little longer, but it will break the ice.

S. YAFFEE.

Lynn, Mass.

Editor The Agitator:

Dear Comrade—Enclosed find \$1.00 for bundle of 25 copies for two months. It is the best paper I ever read and I am very much pleased with it.

Yours for the Revolution,
OTTO WEIK.

Colville, Wash.

Fred W. Heslewood, editor "Industrial Worker," Spokane, writes: "I like The Agitator and look for it with more eagerness than any other paper in America."

Agents for THE AGITATOR.

Seattle: Lavroff's stand, 604 3rd Ave.; Raymer's old book store, 1522 First Ave.

Lynn, Mass.: S. Yaffee, 233 Union Street.

New York City: B. Vacelevsky, 212 Henry Street; M.

Maisel, 422 Grand Street.

Winnipeg, Manitoba: Elkin's news stand, 796 Main St.

RECEIPTS FOR MARCH

Arbeiter Freund Group, \$10; Wassilefsky, \$2 50; Branch 160, A. R., \$2; L. \$1.75; I.W.W., \$1.30; Kasin, 1.50; Jerome, \$1.25; Osis, Weik, Lawry, Gunn, Dobson, Frank, Bergman, Piccirillo, Rubenstein, each \$1; Pollock, 50c; Lavroff, Stark, Penhollow, each 25c.

SEATTLE FOR THE AGITATOR

Dear Comrade—A meeting of the supporters of The Agitator took place at the Italian club rooms, 10th and Weller Sts., Sunday, March 26. The meeting, though small in size, made up tenfold in spirit, as you can see by the donations, which amount to \$45.00. The names you will find below.

If only the comrades everywhere would do a little we could easily not only enlarge this paper and assure its foundation, but could even send out a half dozen Agitators throughout the country.

We could distribute thousands of these papers as well as leaflets that could spread the Gospel of Emancipation and Freedom among those who are smarting under the iron rod of Capitalism. It would give strength and inspiration to those who have not as yet become thoroughly saturated with the spirit of commercialism and who knows but what it might even have a strengthening effect upon those weak-split souls who, by their example of selfishness and indifference only help to perpetuate this damnable system of prostitution and graft.

But it is up to you. You must not tire of waking those souls born in slavery, and remind them of their natural birthright. It is up to those who can see the future in a brighter light and have love to work for the ideals they preach, to lead the way, to awaken in those countless disinherited the spirit of rebellion, to try and get in line those who make themselves contented in their misery; those who, for lack of endurance, are getting away from the ranks of the idealistic workers and are gradually drifting into the cesspool of commercial individualism and speculation.

It is up to those who possess love for the future and hatred for this poisonous system, that breeds indifference and degradation, and kills every noble effort to elevate humanity for a higher idealistic future.

Keep up this work. We are with you.

THE AGITATOR GROUP OF SEATTLE.

List of Donations.

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SOCIAL AND LECTURE IN SEATTLE

THE AGITATOR group will give a social and dance, Saturday evening, April 8th at 10th and Weller St's. Refreshments served. Jay Fox will deliver a short address on: "The story of THE AGITATOR."

Admission 10 cents.

Lecture

On the following day, at 2 30, Comrade Fox will deliver a lecture on the subject: "Whither are we drifting?" Admission free. Public discussion invited.

THE FOUNDATION OF BUSINESS

Deception may almost be called the foundation of business. It is true that if all business men would altogether discard it matters would probably be far better even for them than they are, but taking the human character, as it is, it is frankly avowed by business men themselves that no business could succeed for a single year if it were to attempt single handed and alone to adopt such an innovation. The particular form of deception characteristic of business is called shrewdness, and is universally considered proper and upright. There is a sort of code that fixes the limit beyond which this form of deception must be carried, and those who exceed that limit are looked upon somewhat as is a pugilist who 'hits below the belt.' But within those limits every one expects every other to suggest the false and suppress the true.—Lester F. Ward.

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A STORY OF GRAFT.

The late Thomas C. Platt, for many years United States Senator from New York, was also for many years president of the United States Express Company, which, since April 21, 1889, has had the exclusive contract for transporting government currency. Platt was long one of the leading bosses of the Republican party, and his success in wrenching the government business away from the Adams Company, which had previously held it, was conceivably facilitated by his political connections. However that may be, Platt showed sufficient business sagacity in enforcing every term of the contract after once it was signed. It provides that all currency shipped by the government shall be handled by the United States Express Company. Some years ago a Treasury official of economical bent who desired to send \$10,000,000 gold certificates from Washington to New York simply packed them in carpet bags and gave them to three or four trusted clerks to take to New York. The only cost was their carfare, a sum less than \$100. But by the most accident an acquaintance of Senator Platt's ran across the little party and so informed the Senator. The latter promptly presented to the Treasury Department the very next day a bill for \$2,000, the regular contract rate for carrying \$10,000,000 of currency. The best part of the story is that the bill was paid.—From "The Great Express Monopoly," by Albert W. Atwood in the April American Magazine.

Chris Oleson worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad as flagman for twenty-seven years. His pay was reduced from sixty to thirty dollars a month, and he committed suicide. This is one of the things Capitalism does for the man who consecrates his life to its service. Some of you cheap reformers might find food for thought in this incident.—The Pessimist.

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<p>"FREEDOM" A Monthly Journal of Anarchist Communism. 36c per year. 127 Ossulton Street, London, N. W., England</p>	<p>"INDUSTRIAL WORKER" A Weekly Agitator For Revolutionary Industrial Union. Published by I. W. W., 236 Main st. Spokane, Wn \$1 a year, Foreign, \$1.50</p>

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