

Socialist Labor Party.

Dover, N. H., Jan. 27, 1896.

Dear Sir and Comrade, Greeting:--

At a meeting of the Dover Section, S. L. P. held yesterday afternoon, a vote was taken in favor of a State organization, the location of the State Executive Committee to be fixed by a vote of the different sections, viz.:

2 at Manchester.

1 at Concord.

1 at Dover.

I have been directed by our Section to ascertain the disposition of your body. Should you think it feasible or desirable to make a move, you will please show us your plan of action, and by so doing greatly oblige

Your humble servant,

In behalf of the Co-operative Commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse, Organizer,

171 Central Avenue, Dover, N. H.

To the Secretary of the S. L. P. at

Socialist Labor Party.

Dover, N. H., Feb. 10, 1896.

Dear Sir and Comrade, Greeting:--

At a meeting of the Dover Section, S. L. P. held yesterday afternoon, a vote was taken in favor of Benjamin T. Whitehouse and Louis Arnstein as members of the State Executive Committee from Dover. It was thought best by our Section that the Committee organize itself.

Let Concord endorse your program, and all will be well.

Your humble servant,

In behalf of the Co-operative Commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse, Organizer,

171 Central Avenue, Dover, N. H.

To the Secretary of the S. L. P. at



Dover, N.H., Mar. 23, 1896.

Mr. Henry Kuhn:

Dear Comrade:-

I will send my quarterly report the last of April, as by that time I shall be able to give the number of members in good standing. I brought up your circular on "The People" at the meeting yesterday. It was received and placed on file. The Comrades as a rule spoke well of it. Comrade Arnstein criticized your course of assailing Trade Unions, from his stand-point. He is as you well know a woolen weaver. He thinks Mr. T. P. Cahill of Lawrence, Mass. a very much abused man. Selah.

I will guarantee a club of 10 new subscribers for "The People" in Dover, if placed at \$.50 a year. I shall do all I can for a "Daily People".

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,
Organizer.

Dover, N. H., April 6, 1896.

Rev. Herbert N. Casson:

Lynn, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I am informed that you have a system of Labor Exchange or perhaps a modification of the Roachdale system of doing business.

Will you be kind enough to inform me just what your system is and greatly oblige

Your humble servant

Benjamin T. Whitehouse

Organizer of Dover Section

Socialist Labor Party.

171 Central Avenue

Dover, N. H.

The lecture is spoken of in the highest terms by the people who were fortunate enough to hear it. The Comrades were more than pleased. Our next official Meeting as a Section will be held on the second Sunday in June. I will send you a semi-annual report.

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,
Organizer.

171 Central Avenue, Dover, N. H.

To Henry Kuhn,

64 East Fourth St.

New York City.

Dover, N. H., May 16, 1896.

Dear Comrade:-

Please find newspaper reports of Mrs. Martha Moore Avery's lecture in City Opera House, May 14. The following advertisement was inserted in the three local dailies, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with small locals calling attention to the same.

Dover, N. H., May 19, 1896.

Dear Comrade:-

Please find my receipt for \$5.00 enclosed. I gave it with no expectation of its being returned. I thank you for it. Unless I am taken sick, or something unforeseen happens to prevent, I shall be in New York in time for our National Convention as delegate from Dover Section, S. L. P. The more I see of the leaders of modern Socialism the better I like it.

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse

Dover, N. H.

171 Central Avenue.

To Henry Kuhn

64 East 4th St.

New York, N. Y.

Dover, N.H., Aug. 1. 1896.

Dear Comrade:-

To be unanimously chosen as the standard bearer of the Socialist Labor Party for the First Congressional District of New Hampshire was an honor greater than I ever expected to receive at the hands of my fellow comrades. Why we should thrust ourselves upon the body politic is as great a mystery to some people as is the origin of man. For the benefit of all such I will state that political manifestations are but the counterparts of our economic life. That Socialism is the product of a world-wide evolutionary movement. It demands the immediate abolition of wage slavery, and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth. It holds that all persons who are compelled to work for the wages offered by an employer of labor is a wage slave. It voices the cry of the outcast, of the disinherited of the earth, for justice. It teaches this fundamental truth, that, no man is entitled to the fruit of another man's labor. As for a division of property it demands that all such divisions shall cease. "If a man will not work neither shall he eat."

It holds that nothing short of a complete revolution in our system of doing business will bring that industrial peace promised by the Lord of Hosts. "Strong nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

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But they shall sit every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid."

In order that co-operation may succeed it must embrace all the means of production and distribution. The land, mines, mills, factories and work-shops, the canals, railroads, stores, etc., must be in the hands of the people. In other words we must have Government ownership of production and distribution. Knowledge has become so diffused, trade secrets so few, and the machine so perfect that I can see no reason why the people may not successfully run such an industrial government.

To bring about the Co-operative Commonwealth as outlined in this letter I shall use every right conferred upon me by the Constitution. Whenever two thirds of the States vote in favor of such a government the Industrial Republic will have been born, and Socialism put into practise. I remain,

Yours for the emancipation of labor,

Benjamin T. Whitenouse.

To A. B. Colby,
Secretary of State Committee.
Manchester, N. H.

Dover, N. H., Aug. 15, 1896.

Dear Comrade:-

Please find \$2.00 enclosed. Please find out my indebtedness to "The Dawn" and pay the same. "The American Fabian" has been sent to my address since "The Dawn" discontinued publication. Please pay my debt to said paper, and order it discontinued at once.

Its editorial on Page 9, No. 5, Vol. 11, is in my opinion a gross libel on The Socialist Labor Party, and one which I certainly resent, coming as it does from a pretended Socialist publication.

Ask for receipts. The change you may keep for your trouble. The missing number of "The Ballot Box" you will find enclosed. Hoping for a large increase in our vote in November, I remain,

True to Socialism,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse.

171 Central Ave.

Dover, N.H.

Dover, N.H., Nov. 9, 1896.

Dear Comrade:-

Please find the votes of Section Dover on Platform and Constitution enclosed, also subscription list Nos. 183 - 184. No. 183 contains a subscription amounting to \$2.50 which I gave to Comrade Matthew Maguire when in Dover, taking his receipt for the same. I hope our vote in the Nation has increased. Any increase would be very cheering to say the least.

Yours for the emancipation of the wage slave,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave.,

Dover, N.H.

To Henry Kuhn

184 William St.,

New York, N. Y.

Bracewell Building:
Room 14.

Dover, N.H., March 19, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in announcing to my friends and patrons the removal from my former office to more convenient quarters in the Bracewell Building.

I believe that this central location will be of great accommodation to our business men, and I shall try to put into practise the principles of business, - neatness, accuracy, promptness, kindness.

I am well equipped for all classes of work in which type-writing is so convenient and necessary. Much experience in legal work has served in preparing me to give perfect satisfaction in such copying. Letters will be written from dictation at such rates as will make it of great benefit in business men's correspondence, for a perfectly legible letter takes less time to read and gives great satisfaction to a busy man who must overlook heavy mails each day.

I am also prepared to do Mimeograph work, which is Edison's Copying Machine. By this means 100 or 1000 copies are made, every one of which is equal to a first copy type-written sheet. This is much used in making announcements, circular letters &c., this letter being a sample of the work done on the Mimeograph.

Any and every branch of type-writing will receive prompt attention. Your patronage and kind wishes are solicited.

Very truly yours,

Annie M. Bliss

Dover, N.H., March 26, 1897.

My old and esteemed friend:-

I am glad to know that you are in the land of the living. I hope you are doing well. Henry called at my house two weeks since. He informed me he expected to go to work at the Somersworth shop. I shall see him Sunday and will let you know how he is getting along. His wife is working in the shoe shop. They are boarding at present but Henry informs me that as soon as the house is vacant that he is looking at, they intend to occupy it. Please let me know how you are getting along.

Yours, hoping for the best,

B. T. Whitehouse.

171 Central Avenue.

To James O'Neil,
Disston City,
Florida.

Dover, N.H., April 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

You have been sending me your magazine a year last January unsolicited. You will please find a Post Office order for \$1.50 to pay for the same. You will please discontinue the publication. It does not in my estimation teach Socialism.

Yours truly,

B. T. Whitehouse.

171 Centrae Ave.

To

The Commonwealth.

Lafayette Place,

New York City.

Dover, N.H., April 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

Please find a Post Office order for \$2.00 enclosed. Send me Justice for a year. If there is any change left throw in a few back numbers of the paper, and oblige,

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse.

171 Central Ave.

Dover, N.H. U.S.A.

To

Justice.

London, Eng.

Dover, N.H., April 27, 1897 .

Dear Comrade:-

Please find a Post Office order for four dollars (\$4.00) enclosed . I am taking as you know two copies of the paper. Please renew me for a year. You may also send a copy for a year to

Rev. J. Mathieson Forson,

16 Newhall Terrace,

Greenhead, Glasgow, Scotland.

Please send receipts for the above subscriptions. If there is any change left, turn it over to the "Daily People" Fund.

I am in hopes to come in for a larger contribution before long.

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse.

171 Central Ave.

To

The People.

184 William Street,

New York City.

Dover, N.H. July 5th 1897.

Dear Comrade,

1.00

Received Payment
July 7... 1897
THE PEOPLE
Cashier

Find a P.O. order for one dollar
inclosed. It calls for a year
subscription to "The People"

Address,

C. W. W. / 14.8 / New / 4

Charles H. Mellen,
Somersworth,
N.H.

P.O. Box 418.

I wish it might have been
larger. I will try a gain.

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,
Dover,
171 Central Ave. N.H.

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Dover, N. H. July 26, 1897.

Dear Comrade;

Please find Post Office order for \$18 enclosed. You will please give to comrade Marie Breuckmann, 440 East 85th Street, New York City credit for \$10 on your \$50,000 fund.

You will please send me the following books;

The Condition of the Working Class in England,

by Frederick Engels - - - - - \$1.25

Evolution of Property, " Lafarge - - - - - 1.00

Capital, " Carl Marx (paper) - - - - - 1.20

What's to be Done? " N. G. Thernychewsky - - - - - .50

Ancient Society, " Prof. Lewis Morgan - - - - - 4.00

Evolution or Revolution, " Daniel De Leon - - - - - .05

Total, People's fund and books - - - - - \$18.00

Yours fraternally,

Benjamine T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave. Dover, N. H.

To,

Henry Kuhn, 184 William Street,

New York City.

To H. H. Acton,
500 Pine St.,
Manchester, N. H.

Dover, N. H., August 23, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

I can truthfully vouch for the fact that you have been a most patient waiter. Selah!

The understanding among the Dover comrades is that when our open-air agitation is commenced that H. H. Acton of Manchester is to be the principal speaker. In other words you are the person on whom we shall lean.

If it be your will and pleasure to bring Comrade Joseph F. Mallony of Lynn, Mass. with you, well and good.

All expenses in the shape of R. R. fare will be paid by Section Dover. We will also see that you are properly housed. We can do no less when you so generously offer free services.

We shall have a business meeting Sept. 5th and choose a place for the holding of the meeting. As for the time we will call it Sept. 11th. What say you?

Comrade Mallony in coming from Lynn to Dover will have to come through Portsmouth, N. H. The 3-30 express from Boston makes it's first stop at Lynn, and comes through Portsmouth to Dover without changing cars. It leaves Portsmouth for Dover 5-20 P. M. and is the last train up for the day. He can verify these facts through the R. R. official at Lynn, also get cost of travel, as I said before, we pay all expenses.

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Avenue.

Dover, N. H., Sept. 13, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

Section Dover held its first open air meeting Saturday night, September 11th. In spite of the rain which fell just previous to the meeting we had a good attendance. Comrade Harry H. Acton of Manchester, N.H. was our speaker for the evening. He held the crowd remarkably well, talking for over an hour. Leaflets on the various phases of Socialism were distributed free. A few copies of The People and Appeals to Reason were also given away. We sold 20 copies of Merry England. I will not attempt to state the exact size of the crowd but it certainly run into the hundreds. The newspaper clippings enclosed were taken from our two dailies. We shall have another open air meeting Saturday evening Sept. 25. Comrade Joseph F. Mallony of Lynn, Mass. will be the speaker of the evening. We are in hopes that our open air meeting will be the means of building up the movement in Dover.

Yours fraternally,

Benj. T. Whitehouse, Organizer.

171 Central Ave.

To The People,
184 William Street,
New York City.

Dover, N. H., Sept. 20, 1897,

Dear Comrade:-

The enclosed postals throw a little light on our nomination papers of 1896. The postal of Sept. 26 shows that I sent a telegram to Gordon prior to that date as well as on Nov. 4. You will please return them with the newspaper. I had a letter last week from Comrade Mallo-ney. Unless something serious prevents he will speak here next Satur-day night.

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave.,

Dover, N. H.

To H. H. Acton,

500 Pine St.,

Manchester, N. H.

Dover, N. H., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

Your letter of September 21 at hand. I am glad things look so favorable. As you come over the Eastern by the way of Portsmouth you will please stop on your arrival in Dover at what we call the Sawyers Station, taking its name from the fact that the Sawyer Woolen Mills are situated in this locality. I will meet you on your arrival at the Sawyer Station. Please find a notice of your meeting Sept. 25 in Dover enclosed.

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave.

To Joseph F. Malloney,

Lynn, Mass.

316 Washington St.

Dover, N. H., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

Section Dover held an open air meeting Saturday evening
Sept. 25. Please find a notice of said meeting enclosed. Also clip-
pings from the two dailies.

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave.,

Dover, N. H.

To

The People,

184 William Street,

New York City.

Open Air Meeting of Socialist Labor Party.

Joseph F. Malloney of Lynn delivered an open air address on Franklin square Saturday evening to a large crowd of spectators. It was under the auspices of the Dover branch of the Socialist Labor party. He opened at 7.45 and for the next hour expounded the doctrine of his party with telling effect. During his remarks the applause was frequent and hearty. His remarks were the cause of much discussion long after he had closed his address.

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DOVER, N. H., Sept. 27, 1897.

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DOVER, N. H., SEPTEMBER 27, 1897.

SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY.

Held an Outdoor Meeting Saturday Evening on Franklin Square.

The elements Saturday evening were in perfect harmony with open air gatherings and in consequence the meeting held on Franklin square by the Dover District Socialist Labor Party, was largely attended by attentive listeners. At 7.45 o'clock Benjamin Whitehouse, the local organizer, called the meeting to order, and after a few remarks on the subject of Socialism, introduced as speaker of the evening, Joseph F. Maloney, of Lynn, Mass. The speaker was well received and frequently during the course of his remarks he was applauded. In an intelligent manner he presented and discussed the leading labor problems of the day from a social standpoint. He pointed out the dangers threatening the working-man if he continued to be governed by the teachings of the two great political parties. More than an hour was consumed by the speaker and his remarks were interesting throughout.

WORKING-MEN, INDEED!

BY J. BRUCE GLASIER.

TO earn one's livelihood is not necessarily a virtue; it is only a virtue when it is done by free choice. Most working-men would gladly cease to earn their livelihood to-morrow if they could compel anybody else to earn it for them. They are only working-men because they cannot help it; they would become gentlemen fleecers and loafers if they could. Most working-men are heartily ashamed of being working-men, and are ever so much more civil and obliging to their "betters" than to their own class.

Working-men as a rule are dunderheads and donkeys so far as their interests as a class are concerned. They don't want to fight for their rights, and they don't know how even supposing they did want. They are afraid to speak, lest their masters hear them; they are afraid to threaten or intimidate lest they break the law. Great heavens! if we Socialists had to lead Irish landlords into the Social Revolution instead of working-men, what a magnificent agitation we would have! How they would intimidate the authorities and defy the law! Of course, the Irish landlords will be defeated and utterly ruined—they are in the minority and on the wrong side. Working-men are in the majority and on the right side; they, however, won't run any chance of being defeated for a long time to come unless they look alive.

Working-men know little, and usually care less, about their own concerns. What they do know they learn from the capitalist press. They won't support labour or Socialist papers. Such papers are not sufficiently interesting or aristocratic for men earning from 15s. to 30s. per week. What the devil do they care about the condition of the Cradley Heath chain-makers, or the match-girls, or this strike or that? What interest have they in the condition or doings of common working folk like themselves? No, what they want to know about is, whether Mr. Gladstone prefers grain or lump sugar to his tea; what Miss Helen Terry thinks of the most recent religious novel; which horse will be the favourite for the next Derby; or what players will be selected for the next international football team.

Working-men don't consider their masters as robbers; they believe their masters entitled to all the profit they can get. They believe masters are as necessary in the world as sunshine and rain or the law of gravitation, and that industry would collapse without them. When they hear Socialists denouncing masters for their tyranny, and saying masters are not needed, they either grin and walk away, or get angry and threaten to duck the speaker in a horse-pond. They believe masters are intellectually and morally superior creatures to themselves, and they elect them to School Boards, Town Councils, and Parliament.

Working-men are as afraid of offending their employers as their forefathers were of offending the Almighty, and are as afraid of losing their jobs as their forefathers were of losing their lives.

Of course, all working-men are not so stupid as I have represented above; not by any means. But the great majority decidedly are. I have said these things not because I dislike or despise working-men—I am a working-man myself. I have spoken thus to shame them into braver and manlier behaviour, to rouse the truer and higher instincts which I know they possess. Working-men as fathers, brothers, sons, and friends are right enough. But in relation to their masters and one another in their workshops, and in relation to their own class interests, they are—or, at least the most of them are—sneaks, flunkeys, cowards, slaves, traitors, and nincompoops! and if they don't know it they ought to! It isn't my fault if they don't—heaven help them!

Independent Labour Party.

CENTRAL BRANCH,
4 BISHOP STREET, ANDERSTON CROSS.

LECTURES

EVERY * WEDNESDAY
AT 8 P.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 P.M.

27th NOVEMBER,

Rev. G. PEGLER, B.A.

Subject: "John Ball and the Peasant Revolt of 1381."

4th DECEMBER,

J. LEVENSON,

GLASGOW ANARCHIST-COMMUNIST GROUP.

Subject: "The Individual and Society."

11th DECEMBER,

F. BROCKLEHURST,

B.A., FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE I.L.P.

Subject: "Land Reform."

18th DECEMBER,

Rev. ALBT. LAZENBY.

Subject: "Social Problems in America."

QUESTIONS. DISCUSSION. LADIES INVITED.

Dover, N. H., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

Please find newspaper clippings of your meeting in Dover Sept. 25 enclosed. I am glad your Boston meeting was so successful. I have notified The People of the open air meeting held last Saturday night.

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,
171 Central Ave.,
Dover, N. H.

To

Joseph F. Malloney,
Lynn, Mass.
Washington St.

Dover, N. H., Oct. 18, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

You will please find a Post Office order for Four Dollars (\$4.00) enclosed. Please send me ten (10) copies of the proceedings of the Ninth Convention S. L. P. The remaining Three Dollars (\$3.00) you will turn over to the general agitation fund. I see by The People that you have just granted a charter for a Section at Lewiston. The enclosed letter from A. L. Bangs may be of some use to you. I hope so at any rate. Hoping that Comrade Saniel will get a large vote I remain,

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave.

To
Henry Kuhn ,
184 William Street,
New York City.

Dover, N. H., Nov. 8, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

I send you the enclosed correspondence four letters including my own at the request of your wife. Gordon's letter to you dated Nov. 5, 1897 I should like to keep in case you do not care for it. The point at issue in relation to the Concord Section is this, not that the Section was never chartered but having been chartered no meetings were ever held and but three stamps were ever used. I help your wife tomorrow in the packing of your furniture. She will probably send you word when she moves. Be sure and read the article in The People of Nov. 7, 1897 entitled Social Democracy Colonization Scheme and let me know how it strikes you. I consider the whole movement a fake movement from the word go.

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth, as outlined by the S.L.P.

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave.

To Henry O'Neil,

95 India Street,

Portland, Maine.

Dover, N. H., Nov. 8, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

I hold in my hand a letter dated Manchester, N.H., Nov. 5, 1897, sent to Comrade Henry O'Neil, 37 Baker St., Dover, N.H. It appears to be an answer to a communication sent to Comrade F.G.R. Gordon, Oct. 28, 1897, by Henry O'Neil. In this letter of Nov. 5, Comrade F.G.R. Gordon says: among other things, "In 1900 the Social Democracy will poll 20 times as many votes as the S.L.P. I advise all Americans and all Socialists to join the Social Democracy. I intend to do so inside of one month. I wish you would I believe that most of the American Section here will go into the S.D. I hope so. I am pretty sure that both sections in Haverhill will also go in." When he says Haverhill he means Haverhill, Mass. Gordon and Cary have been very thick of late. I think Gordon means just what he says in this letter. Can this treason be stopped? That is to say can comrades, members of the above mentioned sections be shown that Gordon at least is a traitor to the S.L.P. I know of only one member of Section Dover that will be influenced by Gordon in any way. I am surprised to think that he has captured Comrade Henry O'Neil.

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,
171 Central Avenue.

To Mrs. Martha Moore Avery,
Boston, Mass.

Dover, N. H., Nov. 10, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

I enclose you a copy of a letter sent by Fréd G.R. Gordon to Comrade Henry O'Neil 37 Baker Street, Dover, N.H. Sais letter was in Gordon's handwriting, signature and all.

I thought it best to take a copy of it while in my possession. Gordon talks treason from start to finish. There can be no doubt as to what he is. I have a letter which Gordon sent me, through Comrade Henry O'Neil, dated October 20, 1897. I call him Comrade for I am in hopes he will be able to see Gordon's treason in its true light, and stick to the S.L.P. O'Neil is in my opinion honest, but appears to be much taken in by Gordon. This letter of Gordon's of Nov. 5, to Henry O'Neil may be the means of showing O'Neil the treason in the man Gordon. I know of no other member of "Section Dover" that will be influenced by Gordon in any way.

The letter that Gordon sent me through O'Neil dated Oct. 20, 1897, is in my possession. It starts with this line: "To be read by Henry O'Neil, and any other Socialists in Dover." Comrade H. Small of Manchester heard it read last Sunday at Arnsteins house. I will let them tell you what they think of it.

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

To H. H. Acton,
500 Pine Street,
Manchester, N. H.

171 Central Avenue.

Dover, N. H., December 1, 1897.

Dear Comrade:-

Your letter of Nov. 28th was as refreshing to me as a dip in the "fountain of youth". I, verily, believed that Gordon's sophistry had, at least for the time being, deceived you. Truth seekers in all ages have been the victims of the unscrupulous, and skilfully trained, fakir, but never more so than today.

"THE EVENING GAZETTE", Exeter, N. H. Nov. 3, 1897 informs me of a meeting held in Exeter, N. H. by E. V. Debs. F.G.R. Gordon of Manchester N. H. presided, etc. I mail said paper to you as proof of Gordon's duplicity, considering the fact that he was holding, and continued to hold for some little time, say two weeks, a commission as "ORGANIZER" in the S.L.P. Considering this fact, I must say that the letter written by Gordon to you Nov. 5, 1897, was most scandalous, to say the least. Why talk about joining in a month? Had not the "Social Democracy", that is to say, "Debs", already captured him, bag and baggage? It pleases me to think that you intend to preserve (it) the letter. I can imagine Miss. Social Democracy presenting the apple of discord to Gordon. His fall is plain enough. Thus does history repeat itself, and the weakness of human nature become apparent.

With your letter came 10 copies of "HARD TIMES". What do you know about them? As for the antecedents of the paper mentioned in your letter I know absolutely nothing. Did the "Commissioners" announce the purchase to sound the public? Such cases are common.

I am glad to know that you have got settled, at last. I hope your

job will prove to be a good one, and last a long time. As for any recompense in helping thy wife to move don't mention it. To charge for a little friendly lift would be, if anything, far worse than simony.

Fraternity does not consist in the skinning of a comrade.

I take the liberty of sending you four (4) stamps. Said stamps will settle your account with "Section Dover" up to January 1, 1898. Let me know whether you wish to retain your membership after the above mentioned date, or to do as you did in 1896, pay headquarters and become as before, a member at large.

The "Socialist Labor Party" increased its vote wonderfully in the recent state elections. Our membership in Dover is true to the S.L.P. (Hutchens and all).

I hardly think you care to read a lengthy disquisition on Socialist parties in general, consequently what I wish to say I will make as brief as possible. Two parties holding the same principles cannot occupy the same field any great length of time. One of them must perish. Such is the law of evolution. What is about to take place in America is but a repetition of what has taken place in Germany. In Germany and France also in England we behold in retrospect many shades of socialists. In Germany today we have but one socialist organization. Next May, in France you will see but one socialist party. The same thing will shortly take place in England. And the economics of Karl Marx for a third time come on top. The parent organization in every case absorbing all kindred parties, and forming one grand brotherhood. Whenever the crash comes in America Karl Marx socialism will again get the victory. That is to say the Socialist Labor Party being the parent party, and the

upholder of scientific socialism, will win. Now there is nothing miraculous about this turmoil. The economics of Karl Marx socialism is the class struggle, and the purchase of "labor power" by the capitalist. Dives will not change places with Lazarus, neither will he fraternize until the Co-operative Commonwealth is a fixed fact.

Yours for the uplifting of mankind, through international socialism and the S.L.P. in particular. Hoping your wife is well, and trusting in the God of Battles for final victory, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Avenue,

Dover, N. H.

To Henry O'Neil,

22 Turner Street,

Portland, Maine.

Dover, N. H., Jan. 22, 1898.

Dear Comrade:-

Your letter of January 20 at hand. As regards the address that you propose to issue leave the space for Hall's in this vicinity vacant. If you will send the addresses in season I will see that they are properly filled in. We have engaged Lowell's Hall for the Dover lecture. You had better leave it discretionary with us whether Comrade Carless speaks in Somersworth or Portsmouth. If in both places well and good. Portsmouth I consider preferable to either Somersworth or Newmarket for prop~~a~~ganda work. We have made arrangements as I have said for the Dover address, let me know at once whether he is to deliver one or two addresses, besides the one in Dover, in Southern New Hampshire. With a few lines enclosed on pelf, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave., Dover, N. H.

To H. H. Acton,

500 Pine St.,

Manchester, N. H.

Dover, N. H., Jan. 25, 1898.

Dear Comrade:-

Your letter of Jan. 23 received yesterday noon. I immediately went to Somersworth to see what could be done about securing a hall. I found a number of small halls that might possibly have been suitable for a lecture, nothing however under \$5.00. The halls were without seats of any kind and the only thing left for me to do was to secure the City Hall. The Knights of Pythias had it engaged on the date fixed by you for a ball. They intended to use the hall the night previous for a drill and had it engaged for that purpose. I saw Mr. Watson a member of the Knights Committee on entertainment and at my solicitation he consented to give us the use of the hall the evening Feb. 2. I at once returned to Dover and changed our date of holding a meeting to Feb. 3. Let me know what time Carless intends to get into Dover and I will try and make arrangements to meet him. If instead of stopping at Dover on his way to Somersworth he is obliged to continue his journey let me know when he intends to arrive at Somersworth and I will try to make arrangements for meeting him there. Comrade Arnstein or myself will put him up if he so wishes. Give me all the time possible so that there shall be no slip-up of any kind. The rent of the hall at Somersworth will be \$10.00. As for the poetry it is at your disposal. I have just sent a couple of telegrams, one directed to you at the factory the other 500 Pine St. Hoping that they will reach you in season I remain

Yours fraternally,

To H.H. Acton,
500 Pine St.,
Manchester, N.H.

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,
171 Central Ave., Dover, N.H.

Dover, N. H., January 28, 1898.

Dear Comrade:-

We have advertised you to speak in City Hall, Somersworth Feb. 2, Lowell's Hall, Dover, Feb. 3, and Philbrick's Hall, Portsmouth Feb. 4. If you are obliged to pass through Dover on your way to Somersworth and you can tell me the time of your arrival in Dover, I will meet you at the depot. The electric cars go from Dover to Somersworth every half hour. I will go with you to Somersworth if you so wish. On the other hand if you are obliged to go to Somersworth direct please let me know when you intend to arrive at Somersworth, and I will meet you in Somersworth at the depot. As for hotel expenses Comrade Arnstein or myself will put you up if you so desire and it is convenient. Make it a point to come as early as possible so that we shall have plenty of time and not be hurried in any way; then again, when you are here we know that everything will pass off all right. Please answer this letter by mail or a ten word telegram as you may think best.

Yours for the co-operative common-wealth,

Organizer, "Section Dover."

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave., Dover, N.H.

To Harry Carless,

Burlington, Vt.

Dover, N. H., January 28, 1898.

To the POSTMASTER at
BURLINGTON, VT.

Dear Sir:-

Please find a special delivery letter enclosed and addressed to Harry Carless, Burlington, Vt. He speaks in your city the 29th. In what hall I am unable to state. You will evidently however have no difficulty in finding him on the above mentioned date. Please deliver the letter without fail, and oblige,

Your humble servant,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave.,

Dover, N. H.

Dover, N. H., February 5, 1898.

Dear Comrade:-

Owing to the great snow-storm and the fact that all rail road communications in Dover Feb. ¹ had ceased, I telegraphed the City Messenger of Somersworth to cancel my date for City Hall Feb. ². I did not consider it possible for Comrade Carless to make connections. He was however, on hand and might have held his lecture if we had held the City Hall. I am very sorry under the circumstances that the date was cancelled. The meeting in Dover was held as advertised. Please find newspaper reports of the same enclosed. Ten persons gave us their names for membership in Section Dover. Time will tell how many of them are really Socialists. The lecture illuminated as it was with stereopticon pictures beats all lectures I ever heard. I think ~~a~~ ^{the} movement in Dover will take on new life. I went to Portsmouth yesterday and assisted Comrade Carless in getting ready for ~~their~~ ^{his} lecture. We had a very nice attendance. I believe that the prospect is good for a Section in Portsmouth in the near future. If two of the three Haverhill Socialists that were present last night had given Comrade Carless their names a Section would have been organized then and there. Trusting the lectures will build up Socialism in New Hampshire, it becomes us to co-operate in every way possible. Now then, as for the financial part of the lectures I beg leave to make the following report: No contributions were taken at the Dover or Portsmouth lectures. The time will come however when I believe such collections may with propriety be taken. I ordered as you know three dollars worth of lecture printing, also \$3.00 worth of Constitutions. The Constitutions for the meeting I have never received. Letting everything stand as it is the account will stand thus:

(2)

Section Dover Dr. To State Committee.

For lecture notices \$3.00

Section Dover will take care of all expenses incurred here.

Rent of Lowell's Hall \$7.00

Rent of Philbrick's Hall, Ports. 10.00

Miscellaneous: car fare and correspondence we reckon nothing.

Now then the account stands as follows: allowing us credit for \$3.00 to the N.H. State Committee, we will call the account settled, all bills have been paid by us in Dover, Somersworth and Portsmouth. Hoping this contribution will answer all the purposes of a collection I remain,

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave., Dover, N.H.

To H. H. Acton,

Manchester, N.H.

500 Pine Street.

P. S. You may file this with Sec. Minard if you think ^{it is} necessary. If you wish Sec. Arnstein to make out a report please state in what form you would like to have it. Please let me know what success you meet with in the coming lectures.

B.T.W.

Dover, N. H., February 9, 1898.

Dear Comrade:-

I am glad to know that your meeting in Manchester was such a success. I hope it may be the means of strengthening the movement in New Hampshire. I was in Portsmouth yesterday; the prospect of starting a Section is good. I am to attend the preliminary meeting when it takes place, and shall receive due notice of the same. Your registered letter was received this morning all O.K. You will notice that the Dover newspapers make no mention of any addition to Section Dover; they were however informed of the fact that ten new members had been added. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

17½ Central Ave., Dover, N.H.

To H. H. Acton,
500 Pine St.
Manchester, N.H.

Dover, N. H., June 4, 1898.

Dear Comrade:-

The second State Convention of the Socialist Labor Party was held in Manchester (Sunday) May 22, 1898. The finishing of its work was left to the State Committee of the S.L.P. of N.H. Has anything been done? We must make all possible haste in order to get our candidates names on the official ballot in November. The person that signs one petition will probably sign no more. Whether it would be legal for him to do so is a subject for discussion. At any rate, the proper thing is to be first in the field with our petition. It will require much more labor this year, than it did two years ago, to place ourselves on the official ballot. We can get there again only by the most persistent work. The Convention nominated a splendid candidate for the First Congressional District. The fact that he has just come of age is all the more to his credit. It is the young men of his generation that will carry socialism to victory. God speed the day, and help us all to do our duty. If it be the desire of the comrades that I write a short letter of acceptance I will do so.

Yours for the "co-operative commonwealth"

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave., Dover, N.H.

To August Minard,
140 3rd. St.,
Manchester, N.H.

Dover, N. H., June 14, 1898.

Dear Comrade:-

The committee to whom the unfinished business of our convention was referred were on the completion of their labors to report their proceedings and those of the convention to the press. This will not be necessary if, as you suggest, another convention be held about "July 9th." The comrades that I have seen think the idea a good one and so do I. I told Comrade Minard that I should send you S. F. Claflin's letter. You will please find the same enclosed. Place it on file. I am sorry to know that Comrade Payne is ineligible; he should be given a place on the ticket. Comrade Arnstein has received your communication. You have probably got his reply ere this. If the State Committee calls another convention please let me know at once, and oblige,

Yours for the co-operative common-wealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave., Dover, N.H.

To H. H. Acton

500 Pine St.,

Manchester, N. H.

Sec. N. H. State Committee.

Dover, N. H. Sept. 4, 1899.

Mr. Earle Payne
313 Concord St.,
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Comrade:

In reply to your letter of Aug. 25. 1899 I will say that section
Dover did ~~on~~ the 27th day of August 1899 vote as follows, for the hold-
ing of the National Convention of the Solcialist Labor Party on a date
not later than Nov.1, 1899. said convention to be held at Chicago.

I can see no other way of settling the present trouble but by
the holding of the convention, I hope this ^{will} meet your approval.

Yours Fraternaly,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse
171 Central Ave,
Dover, N. H.

Dover, N. H., Oct. 31, 1898.

Dear Sir:-

I have just mailed you 20 copies of our official organ The People. I am a Socialist and a member of the Socialist Labor Party. A party that for twenty years in America has battled honestly and fearlessly for the cause of labor. We are trying to establish what we Socialists term the co-operative commonwealth. I cannot understand the motives a person can have for starting another Socialist organization unless it be personal aggrandizement. I think we have had in our organization people who thought more of themselves than of the movement and being unable to control the movement have either sent in their resignation or been expelled. We have no bosses in the movement. The Sections through the initiative and referendum principles retain complete control of the party machinery and legislation. A year last June we had an organizer in this state, F.G.R. Gordon by name, while receiving pay as Organizer he was trying to undermine the party organization. I received a letter from him in the fall advising me to leave the Socialist Labor Party and connect myself with the Debs Movement. He informed me that Carey of Haverhill, Mass. intended to leave our organization and take his Section with him. Holding these intentions he, Carey, staid with our party accepted a nomination for Councilman in Haverhill and was elected, after which he went over to the Debs Social Democracy and tried to take a Section with him. Whether you think such proceedings are honest or not is for you to decide. Our organization believes in hewing to the line and let the chips fall where they will.

Dover, N. H. Sept, 14, 1899.

Dear Comrade:

On the following questions section Dover, voted Aug 27, 1899
as follows:

1. Shall a National Convention of the Socialist Labor Party be
called at a date not later than March 15, 1900?

Ans. Number of votes cast for the calling of a National Convention
of the S. L. P. 6

Against 0

2. What month do you prefer for the meeting of the Convention?

Ans. Not later than Nov. 1, 1899.

Number of votes cast for said time 6
Against 0

3. Name the place you prefer for the meeting of the convention.

Ans. Chicago.

Votes for 6
Against 0

Yours fraternally

Benjamin T. Whitehouse
Organizer

Louis Bernstein
Secretary.



To Henry Kuhn

New York City

I trust that you understand ~~the~~ enough of Socialism to connect yourself withn our organization. I hope there are enough others in your town to pull with you and establish a Section of the Socialist Labor Party. Only by supporting the Socialist Labor Ticket can the working man hope to escape from wage slavery. Our movement is an educational one; the change from competition to co-operation if it ever comes, must be brought about through the ballot-box.

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse,

171 Central Ave., Dover, N.H.

To

Mr. John Schlesinger,

Franklin Falls, N.H.

Box 364.

But they shall sit every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid."

In order that co-operation may succeed it must embrace all the means of production and distribution. The land, mines, mills, factories and work-shops, the canals, railroads, stores, etc., must be in the hands of the people. In other words we must have Government ownership of production and distribution. Knowledge has become so diffused, trade secrets so few, and the machine so perfect that I can see no reason why the people may not successfully run such an industrial government.

To bring about the Co-operative Commonwealth as outlined in this letter I shall use every right conferred upon me by the Constitution. Whenever two thirds of the States vote in favor of such a government the Industrial Republic will have been born, and Socialism put into practise. I remain,

Yours for the emancipation of labor,

Benjamin T. Whitehouse.

To A. B. Colby,
Secretary of State Committee.
Manchester, N. H.