
Sunday Night Lectures by H.M. Wicks, Socialist Candidate for Congress, Third District of Oregon [August 1918]

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*At Arion Hall,
Second and Oak Streets
at 8:15 pm Sharp.*

While there is a political campaign on this year the educational work at Arion Hall will be continued the same as last season. This is the second season of the lecture courses with H.M. Wicks as permanent lecturer.

Arion Hall is the only place in the city of Portland where the great truths of Modern Science are fearlessly expounded. One who attends a course of these lectures will receive the fundamentals of a liberal education.

CHALLENGE:— We challenge any candidate for Congress in this district to meet our candidate in public debate. We will prove that the Socialist Party is the only one that can truly represent the interests of the working class, and also prove that all candidates on other tickets, such as the Republican, Democratic, Prohibitionist, Nationalist, Non-Partisan, etc., represent some phase of the sordid and mercenary interests of the capitalist class. Our candidate stands ready, willing, and anxious to meet any opponent at any time and place.

**Opening Lecture, Sunday Evening,
Sept. 1 [1918] at 8:15.**

“**The Dignity of Labor.**” — Every politician and preacher in the city will be delivering “Labor Day”

addresses and discussing that peculiar characteristic of labor. An analysis of the amount of dignity possessed by labor under capitalism.

Sunday, September 8.

“**Socialism and Labor Union Politics.**” — The labor skates in this part of the country endorse certain candidates on old party tickets, thereby betraying the working class. A complete exposé. Note:— Any labor official is invited to discuss his position from the platform on this evening.

Sunday, September 15.

“**Socialism and Proportional Representation.**” — An “ex-socialism” is working in this section and organizing a thing called the “Proportional Representation League.” Should the Socialist Party endorse Proportional Representation?

Sunday, September 22.

“**Socialism and the Nationalist Party.**” — This is a freak organization composed of every variety of muddlehead, principally organized by renegade “Socialists” of the Spargo type. Bourgeois (capitalist) university professors are prominent in the movement in Portland and are candidates for legislative offices. Note:— Any one of the prominent members of this party is invited to defend his principles against the

Socialist analysis.

Sunday, September 29.

“**The Social Democratic League.**” — Another abortion that arose as the result of the activity of those who have been kicked out of the party. Principally the renegades of the Appeal to Reason outfit. How this organization is serving the interests of the exploiters of labor.

Sunday, October 6.

“**Why We Stand Alone.**” — Many of the so-called radicals frequently ask why the organized Socialist movement never affiliates temporarily with other organizations for the purpose of accomplishing some immediate “reform.” An explanation of our position.

Sunday, October 13.

“**The Two Old Parties.**” — The rise of the Republican and Democrat Parties and the particular branch of capitalism that called them into existence, with an explanation of their function today.

Sunday, October 20.

“**How Capitalism Can Be Destroyed.**” — Will the breakdown of the money system mean the collapse of capitalism? A review of the present trend of capitalist development and its significance for the working class.

Sunday, October 27.

“**Working Class Education.**” — What constitutes a real education, and explanation of the impossibility of the worker securing a thoroughgoing education in any capitalist institution.

Sunday, November 3.

“**What the Ballot Means to the Workers.**” — Certain so-called revolutionary organizations contend that the worker should not vote. Such organizations are utopian and many times absolutely vicious. What constitutes intelligent political action.

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