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"BUSINESS" ADMINISTRATION HAS DEPLETED TREASURY

\$31,077,109.23 is City's Debt to June 30th, 1913—Bad Leaks in Management Proves Inefficiency of Capitalist Politicians as Managers of People's Funds.

The financial condition of a city reveals with great clearness the efficiency of its administration. Seven years with "business men" at the helm has brought this city to the brink of bankruptcy. The total city debt June 30th, 1906, was \$19,252,855.34, and June 30th, 1913, it was \$31,077,109.23. Some business!

WOMAN'S CLUB ATTEMPT TO RECEIVE PUBLIC

Propositions Under Way for Great Event Which Promises to Be the Afair of the Season.

One of the established institutions in the Socialist and union movements of this city is the annual fair of the Socialist Women's Club. Hundred of people wait for this event to make their Christmas purchases. Thousands of people are donated and sold or raffled below the price you would pay elsewhere.

THE CORRECT CITY VOTE

Following is the vote by election districts for Henry F. Slobodin, Socialist candidate for Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, who headed the Socialist ticket, and for Stephen J. Mahoney, Socialist candidate for Mayor. The total vote for Slobodin in Buffalo was 4962 and for Mahoney 4863.

Table showing election results by district for Slobodin and Mahoney. Columns include District, Slob. Mah., Dist. Slob., and Dist. Mah. Total votes are 4962 for Slobodin and 4863 for Mahoney.

GREAT GAINS FOR SOCIALISM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

Socialists Win Everything in Haledon, N. J.—Four Cities Carried for Socialism in Ohio—Big Increase in New York Vote.

The Socialist Party has stood the test and is moving towards victory. Progressive radical platforms and desperate policies under which many of the old party politicians campaigned in the various municipal and state elections held November 4th, the Socialists not only held their vote, but in many instances were victorious. Locally the Socialist Party conducted a great campaign, and while the increase in vote was not as large as many expected, the opinion prevails that the seed has been sown and we will yet reap the harvest. Some local Socialists are of the opinion that we should make a close study of municipal affairs and campaign for the standpoint. Whether this position will meet the approval of the majority of the party membership is problematical and the entire matter will come up before a party convention to be held the latter part of this month.

BUTCHERS ORGANIZE!

A monster mass meeting for butcher workmen will be held Thursday evening, November 20th, 1913, at Carpenters' Hall, 1214 E. Eagle St.

Are You One of Them?

Many subscriptions to the Buffalo Socialist will be taken off the list with this week's issue. LOOK AT THE YELLOW LABEL ON THIS PAPER.

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Home Cars Would Be Rapid Transit Compared to Present Cabs. Since the policy of retrenchment adopted by the International Railway with the decreased number of cars on all the lines, any fairly good walker can get down town at the rush hours at least half as fast as by trolley.

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SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY POLLS BIG VOTE

Failure to properly equip the polls with watchers on election day cost Governor W. Bollit Socialist candidate of New Jersey, fully 1,000 votes in Passaic County, N. J., is the estimate of the Socialists of that section. As it was, he beat the Bull Moose, Collyer, and got 1446 more votes than were cast for Gene Debs last fall.

SOCIALISTS SWEEP HAMILTON, OHIO

Final Returns Give Red Card Holders All Important Offices in Ohio City. Hamilton, O., Nov. 1.—Late returns show that the Socialists have captured every important office in the city, and in the face of the combined opposition of all the dailies and vicious attacks, in which no charge was too gross and their opponents to use, have increased their vote of two years ago in fine style.

SOCIALISTS ELECT ALDERMAN IN NEW YORK CITY

New York.—The Socialist vote of Greater New York will exceed 25,000. With Tammany the target for all kinds of exposures, with Sulzer, the deposed Governor, actively at work for the defeat of the Socialist vote was comparatively larger than that cast last year. The percentage of voters who favored the constructive program offered by the Socialist party was larger than ever before.

MAHOINISTS TO GIVE GRAND BALL

District No. 12, Int. Association of Machinists will have a grand ball at Elmwood Music Hall, Thursday evening, Nov. 20th, 1913. Twenty-five cents admission. Free will charge and a good program of music has been arranged. Everybody welcome.

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**Horrible Working Conditions Exposed.**

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—In view of the serious nature of, and the conflicting reports concerning, the origin and outcome of the labor troubles that occurred in Wheatland, California, during the first week of August, 1913, the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party deemed it necessary to make official investigation of this matter to the end that they might more intelligently advise action on the part of our membership in relation thereto. Accordingly, N. A. Richardson was appointed a sub-committee to go to the vicinity of said troubles and to learn all possible pertaining to them. The sub-committee reports as follows:

Report of the Sub-Committee of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of California, the Wheatland Labor Troubles at Wheatland. The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of California. Comrades: Pursuant to your instructions, I spent the time between the 20th and 28th days of October, 1913, in the vicinity of the Wheatland labor troubles. I interviewed many persons possessed of knowledge of this affair—persons of all shades of political creed and of labor affiliation. I also consulted at some length a transcript of the evidence taken before the coroner's inquest on the victims of that strike and also of the preliminary hearing of some who are charged with crimes committed during these troubles. All the essential points of this report are gleaned from non-Socialist and non-I. W. W. sources.

In the vicinity of Wheatland are many fields given to the growing of hops. One of these immediately adjoining the town of Wheatland is the property and district of the late of the trouble there, this was under the personal supervision of one of the brothers, Ralph Durst.

This property is of several hundred acres, and as the crop of hops must be gathered within a period of no more than three weeks, the demand for a tremendous influx of laborers for a short time becomes imperative.

**Slavery Never More Than This.** Alluring advertisements of an opportunity for an outing, a good time, a chance to combine pleasure with money-making, were responded to, in this instance, by more than two thousand men, women and children, and these were set to work upon the field of the ranch.

It is but well to here remark, though parenthetically, that the fact that such swarms of labor respond so readily to a call for so brief a term, and to such opportunity to earn a few dollars, under the best, hard conditions, is in itself a sad commentary upon the status of the laborers of the West. This status the employers well understand and they seem generally in no wise happy to take advantage of it.

This mass of men, women and children, variously estimated at from eighteen hundred to twenty thousand, and (and doubtless near the latter figure) were set to work under conditions as unendurable as could well be devised or imagined—conditions to which no chattered social reformer could afford to subject his properties.

None or little water was furnished the workers, but there was opportunity for them to buy coffee and bread for five cents per glass from a vendor to whom the proprietors had sold the concession for its sale upon the premises. As most of the laborers came there penniless and could average to so, but 75 cents at \$1.50 per day by their toil, the "lemonaide" proposition did not appeal to them as in any sense philanthropic.

**Sanitary Conditions Horrible.** The sanitary conditions were unacceptably horrible. Instead of having many movable toilets so placed from time to time as to accommodate this human horde, there were, some say six and more or eight, placed permanently along a trench outside the great field of labor and in the immediate vicinity of the living and cooking quarters. These were beyond description and the millions of flies that they bred swarmed over everything. The inadequacy of these accommodations, wretched as they were, is at once apparent; and before one or more of them women would long stand in line as one of charity's bread distributions. In this matter we witness on the part of the proprietors such a lack of decency and of law as would land any laborer in prison for an indefinite period at hard work.

The wages paid was 90 cents per 1000 pounds of hops and a bonus was offered of an extra 15 cents per hundred to each worker who stayed with the job from beginning to end of the season. In the conditions that there obtained, there was little probability of the bonus increasing the total outlay of the employer. After the trouble occurred the price paid for the new lot of workers was \$1 per hundred.

It must be here observed that the original price paid or even the 81 is less than that which prevailed in that part of the country, if for no other reason, because of the extra care required by the

Dursts of the pickers that they deliver each his quota free from all leaves or stems. In consequence of this extra work the Durst boys bring the highest market price. No ordinary picking could pass their inspection.

**"We Can't Stand This,"** Workmen Cry. Although the conditions were so intolerable and revolt was at once in the wind. At every gathering, at meal or eventide it was constantly whispered or proclaimed that "We can't stand this. What shall we do?" They told of the hardships they had endured and the sacrifices made to get there; and of their awful disappointment and often of their awful peril.

There was no semblance of organization among them. So far as I could learn they were but a heterogeneous mass containing but one known member of the I. W. W. and one who had formerly been a member of that organization. One is known to be a member of a Socialist local. They were a mass of unskilled laborers from everywhere.

But there existed such conditions as compel human beings to cooperative activities; and a suggestion of a general meeting of their common grievances must be a ready response.

At such a meeting about three days after the opening of work, a committee was appointed to interview Mr. Durst and present to him a list of their grievances. They did so and he told them to put their grievances and demands into writing and call upon him at 10 o'clock every day, Friday. Another meeting was held and the required statement formulated.

**Brutal Slay in the Face is Durst's Reply** The case was a simple one—the day that the trouble occurred. The chief demands included, very naturally, 1, that drinking water should be furnished in the field twice each day. (Why so little water under such circumstances is difficult to conceive); 2, better sanitary conditions—more toilets and separate ones for men and women (as yet this institution did not exist);—and an improvement in the condition of those already in use; 3, \$1.25 per hundred for short picking as the employer demanded.

Durst read them over, and after some evasive answers and discussion, slapped one of the committee, Richard Ford, in the face with his automobile glove. This Ford did not resent and later begged his companions not to report the occurrence to the laborers for fear of consequence to the employer that might follow. The conference ended and Durst was notified that if he did not yield to the demands within a couple of hours, he would be short of help.

Instead he summoned a constable for the arrest of Ford.

The officer appeared without a warrant and for the purpose of arresting a man who had committed no crime. The crowd sensed the wrong of the thing and refused to permit Ford to be taken. The constable departed without his "prisoner."

Durst, then, to the relief of Ford, whom he conceived to be the leading spirit of those thousands, called upon the constable for help with warrants and make all necessary arrests.

**"Inciting to Strike,"** New Kind of Crime. The District Attorney filed out a warrant for "John Durst" charging such person with a "crime" not enumerated in the statutes of the commonwealth, "inciting to strike." The Sheriff and one or two constables and the District Attorney then autored to the scene of activities.

On arriving there they found the workers assembled in a vast mass meeting. This was held at the dance platform—a place assigned for the gatherings of the employees. It consisted of some short speeches and a good deal of song singing. This was on Sunday afternoon. The meeting was perfectly legal and perfectly orderly as the Sheriff has since admitted to the attorneys for the defense.

The crowd stopped near the platform. The Sheriff stepped from his machine, walked into this orderly and legal gathering, and according to the unfilled evidence of Durst himself, fired his pistol into the air. The workers were not hurt. The Sheriff denied that he fired the shot. Some witnesses say that they did not see him shoot. Durst under oath says: "I saw the pistol and heard the shot. I don't see how it is possible for me to be mistaken, for my eyes were upon the Sheriff, because I expected him to arrest this man Ford."

**Workers Are Within Their Rights as Men.** Others swear that the Sheriff brought an "bully" or possibly his revolver as a club. However this may be, the crowd did not disperse as he evidently expected it to. Thus they were workers, but they knew something of their rights and did not propose to be driven like a lot of cattle under the lash. They were on ground assigned them for such pur-

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IMPORTANT NOTICE. In accordance with Article 22 of the by-laws of the Local Buffalo Socialist Party...

The basis of representation at such a convention shall be one delegate from every branch and an additional delegate for every ten members in good standing.

Branches will elect delegates as soon as possible and branch secretaries will forward names and addresses of delegates to the secretary of Local Buffalo without delay.

In view of the fact that this will be a most important convention you are urged to elect delegates who can and will attend the sessions.

The business to come before the convention includes: Reports of officers. Report of Committee on local Bylaws. Work of the past year.

Plans for the coming year. Report of Building Committee. Branches take notice.

By order of the Executive Committee. JOSEPH PELTON, Organizer.

NOTICE TO PARTY MEMBERS. All members of the party having campaign lists or tickets for their possession are requested to make returns at once.

WOMEN'S SOCIALIST CLUB. An important meeting of the Women's Club will be held Friday evening, November 21st, at the Protestant Club, 49 Cottage Street.

The Women's Club of Local Buffalo will hold a card party at the home of Comrade Perry, 92 Alexander Place, on Wednesday, November 19th, at 2 o'clock.

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ATTENTION! MEMBERS OF BRANCH FIVE. A very enthusiastic meeting of Branch Five was held Sunday, November 9th, at the Protestant Club.

THE FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE NEW MEETING PLACE WILL BE ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, when election of delegates to the city convention will be held.

A study class, which will take up the Hand School Study Course, has been organized and it is hoped that every member of the Branch will avail himself of the opportunity.

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BRANCH ONE. All party members are requested to attend the meeting next Sunday afternoon, delegates to the annual city convention will be elected.

BRANCH THREE. Branch Three completed the organization of a class in their power to study the social science by correspondence from the Hand School.

BRANCH SIX. Branch will hold a card party at Headquarters, 1179 Lloyds Street, Thursday evening, November 13th.

SECOND GRAND BALL OF BRANCH 6 AT ORIENT HALL, LLOYDS AND ST. OGDEN STREET, Monday, November 17th.

Refreshments will be served. Regular meeting every Tuesday.

SOCIALIST NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

LOCAL SPRINGVILLE. Town of Concord.

In bitter local fight between Democratic and Progressive parties in assembly 9th district, we held our usual vote on head of ticket, polling 33 votes in the township.

WHAT SOCIALISTS DID IN SOBENBOTOADY. Schenectady, N. Y. - Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away the Socialists are overjoyed with the results.

Other parties to defeat Geo. R. Lunn, Socialist candidate for Mayor, Herbert M. Merrill with two opponents was defeated for member of assembly by a small majority.

Dr. Lunn received 866 votes over the vote he received for Mayor in 1911; and 2,608 more than were cast for him in the congressional campaign of 1912.

JOHNSTOWN, N. Y. The Johnstown Socialists made a splendid showing in the municipal contest just passed.

The 'vote for mayor was as follows: Progressive, 588; Republican, 677; Democratic, 569; Socialist, 592.

The Socialist Party vote for mayor in 1911 was 381, thus showing that the party increased its vote 121 or nearly 32 per cent.

TOWN OF ROTTERDAM. The Socialist Party of the town of Rotterdam made a most remarkable showing at Tuesday's election.

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The vote for the principal candidates was as follows: Supervisor - Socialist, 426; Democratic, 461; Republican and Progressive, 420.

Sheriff - Socialist, 453; Democratic, 478; Republican, 264; Progressive, 103.

Member of Assembly - Socialist, 444; Democratic and Progressive, 598; Republican, 264.

County Clerk - Socialist, 413; Democratic, Republican and Progressive, 865.

District Attorney - Socialist (blank check), 462; Democratic, 496; Republican, 282; Progressive, 129.

OLEAN, N. Y. Owing to the very bitter election in Olean between two old parties, the Socialists fell off in every ward but one, the sixth.

Total vote for mayor, 1913, 106. Total vote for mayor, 1912, 106. JAMES HARDING.

EDWARD WARD WILL GIVE LECTURE. Mr. Edward Ward, formerly organizer of the social centers of Rochester will give a lecture at Calvary Presbyterian church, on Sunday, November 16.

"We are the people!" is the slogan of the politician, and will ever be, as long as the real people show themselves incapable of shaking off the gangsters that thrive at their expense.

DONATIONS FOR THE FAIR. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Fair Committee acknowledged the receipt of the following donations for the third annual fair to be held December 1st to 5th, at Park Hall, South Elmwood and Johnson Park.

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Outfit No. 3. Walnut finished coffin, polished and lined, six silver burials suit in black or brown habit, black hearse, three coaches, embalm, burial permit. Complete cars and attendance. Total cost \$55.00

Outfit No. 4. Plain oak casket, covered with black cloth or imitation oak crosswood, lined with white or cream lining, pillow, six handles, engraved name plate, outside case of pine, burial suit in brown habit, embalm, black hearse, three coaches, chairs, burial permit, complete cars and attendance. Total cost \$60.00

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