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Concerning Seidener.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 28, 1902.

To St. Louis Division No. 2, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Greeting:—Your communication requesting all organized workmen to vote for a certain candidate on a certain ticket has been received by our union, and upon motion the undersigned committee were authorized to enlighten you as regards the political opinions of the members of Commonwealth Federal Labor Union No. 6482, A. F. of L.

In the first place we wish to state that several members of our Local are candidates, and their names will be on the ballot on November 4. But we did not, nor will we now or ever, appeal to Union Telegraphers to vote for these certain candidates. Neither will we appeal to any other workmen, organized or unorganized, to vote for these certain candidates who happen to be members of Federal Labor Union 6482. When our members vote at the political ballot box, it will be a vote for certain principles and not a vote for certain men. Our members consider and study Labor's interest in politics just as carefully as they do their trade interests in their union. Our study of the labor problem revealed to us that certain fundamental principles must be established and applied to finally free labor from the straitjacket of the wage system. These fundamental principles are embodied in the platform of the Socialist Party. We look beyond the candidates and vote for the principle which they represent. We do not consider vote-getting our first duty; deception and fraud usually are the mainstays of the "vote getting" candidates. In this connection we do not wish to charge the telegraphers with wilful deception and fraud; they may have been used as ignorant tools by a slick politician whose union card exerts a spell lulling the mental faculties of a usually bright and quick-witted aggregation of men, to sleep. The telegraphers' resolution, endorsing the candidacy of a certain union man for the judgeship of the Court of Criminal Correction on the pretense that if elected, he will protect workingmen from "the many injustices heaped upon the laboring masses" by certain judges in promulgating what is commonly called Government by injunction, is not only a fraud and deception, but is an insult to the intelligence of all union men. The judge of the Court of Criminal Correction has no power to issue injunctions. This power is lodged in the Circuit and United States Courts. The Court of Criminal Correction tries criminal cases only, and at present its chief occupation is to try on criminal charges, a majority of the rascals who, with this same Seidener from the telegraphers' union, were elected because of their individual virtues. This man Seidener is not the only candidate posing and relying upon individual virtues—their parties and their platforms have long ago lost all virtue with thinking men—for election. The Hon. James Butler and every candidate upon every ticket except the Socialists, are trying to avoid the stretch connected with their respective parties by parading their individual virtues before the working class.

We deeply regret that any of our fellow workers lend themselves and their organizations to serve the base and selfish purposes of certain of their members who enter the political arena to serve their fellows—the working class—but for the sole purpose of enriching themselves through bribery and bribery in public office. Workingmen have no money to bribe lawmakers and judges who interpret the law. Capitalists have a monopoly of law-making and judges so long as the Republicans and Democrats are elected.

But an increasing number of workmen are concentrating their political strength in a party which they themselves control—the Socialist Party. The workmen who control the Socialist Party realize that the same line of division which keeps the capitalist interests out of their trade union must also be laid down as a guide for their political organization. In Socialist politics the workman commands—in capitalist politics he petitions and begs those whom he has placed in positions of power.

The workmen who are in the Socialist party extend the hand of comradeship to all workmen in whom they live that spark of free and independent manhood, which in the early days of our nation said, "They will petition no longer." Only by acting upon the political field as we act on the economic field can we escape the des-

ON WHICH SIDE WILL YOU VOTE?

To the Working Class:

Brothers—You have before you in this campaign the same issue that has always confronted you and when you cast your vote on next Tuesday you will register your approval on one side of that issue or the other, and in thus determining the officers of government you will determine either in favor of your employers' interests or your own. For upon that alignment rests the issue before you.

On one side of this question you will find all the influences and forces which live off the labor of others, on the other you will find the forces which are seeking to end such a condition; on one side you will find the capitalist, on the other the worker. And in this division there is no middle ground and your vote will be for either one class or the other.

The capitalist class, comfortable and happy, on the wealth it has been able to fleece from the laborer, seeks to continue its power and in order to do so endeavors to keep the workers in ignorance of their actual relation, for they realize that their safety lies alone in such a course. With an awakening knowledge, however, the workers are beginning to see through the sham and learning that the so-called rights of capital are merely the fruits of a tyrannical system which gives to the capitalist the control of the means of life through the ownership of the machines of production. They are beginning to understand that profit is unpaid labor, is the product of the laborer's energy and therefore rightfully his.

In order to prevent the workers learning the truth so-called "issues" are created and around these parties of capitalism divide the power of the workers, and continue themselves in office. The use which they make of this power does not need recital, the injunction, the militia and the massacre of working men speak too plainly for themselves and the worker who deliberate-

ly votes for either the Democratic or Republican party stands charged with his own murder.

These powers are used by the capitalists not for the pleasure of killing but for the protection of their profits, for the protection of that wealth which they have robbed from the workers and when the workers vote for such conditions they vote for their own robbery.

The issue before the workers is not that of "good men," "home rule," nor "free bridge," not that of Republicanism or Democracy, for both these parties stand for the same thing, the protection of the capitalist and his interests. The issue lies between the capitalist and the laborer, the capitalist seeks to continue their profits and the workers seeking to do away with profits entirely for profits are but robbery. The Democratic and Republican parties represent the interest of the capitalist, the Socialist party represents the interest of the workers and between these parties must the worker decide.

The choice between these two poles is before you and you will support one or the other on next Tuesday. Which will it be?

How will you decide? Will you once again register yourself in favor of a system which compels the workers to create all the wealth which others enjoy? Will you vote to continue the present method of wealth production wherein you live from hand to mouth, and are not three weeks removed from starvation? Or will you not vote for yourself by voting for Socialism? Will you not vote for yourself by voting to control the powers of government in order that capitalism may come to an end? Will you not vote for yourself to the end that you will receive the full product of your labor instead as now—a bare existence?

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Amount reported to October 18 (corrected), \$6,718.46; Local Leighton, Pa., \$20; F. L. Elizabeth, N. J., \$3; Bakers & Confectioners' Union No. 84, Newark, N. J., \$15; Eugene Dietzgen, Locarno, Switzerland, \$50; Local Coyote, Ore., \$8.50; Local Macksburg, Ore., \$4; Local Idaho Falls, Idaho, \$3; Employees Greenstiner's Cigar Factory, Dayton, Ohio, \$2; "Robotnik," Chicago, Ill., \$2; Local Passaic Co., N. J., \$85; Local Wilmington, Del., \$25.65; W. E. White, Secy, New Haven, Conn., \$1.75; Hirma S. Carlson, Sacramento, Cal., 76c; "Worker and Volks Zeitung," New York, N. Y., \$309.75; Local St. Louis, Mo., \$2; Local Los Angeles, Cal., \$4.25; J. H. Fairbrook, Agent, San Francisco, Cal., \$3.92; C. Reichel, Bessemer City, N. C., \$3.00; "Worker and Volks Zeitung," New York, N. Y., \$416; W. E. White, Secy, New Haven, Conn., \$2; Local Clinton, Ia., \$7; Employees Greenstiner's Cigar Factory, Dayton, Ohio, \$2.05; Workingmen's Educational Club, Lanrum, Mich., \$31.40; Local Bridgeport, Conn., \$2; Employees Royal Weaving Co., Pawtucket, R. I., \$20; Two Children Jacket Makers' Union, Brownville, \$10; Workmen's Circle, Br. No. 4 (proceeds benefit), \$7.10; H. Levenson's Feast (collection), \$6.00. Total to October 26, \$7,768.35.

A LAST WORD FROM OUR CANDIDATES.

BY L. E. HILDEBRAND, Candidate for Sheriff.

Member of Boot and Shoe Workers' Union No. 25.

Being the candidate for sheriff on the Socialist Party ticket, I assume that my answer to your request for "expressions from the candidates" should properly confine itself to how a Socialist would administer affairs in the Sheriff's office. To answer this question in the briefest form I would say, a Socialist would conduct the Sheriff's office directly opposite to its past and present incumbents' methods. But to be plain, a Socialist sheriff would completely reverse the present order of things. He would consider holders of union cards more responsible and trustworthy than the riff-raff and thug elements of society. A recent sheriff of St. Louis used the riff-raff and irresponsible West End youths with terrible results during the great street railway men's strike in 1900. Citizens were terrorized by those deputies whose fingers were ever itching to commit legal murders. And at last their murderous desires turned a city street into a shambles and the innocent victims, unarmed and absolutely defenseless, as a searching inquiry proved, were workmen who had dared to demand better conditions from their masters. As is well known the strike of the street railway men was lost. Lost because the strikers were not fed. The writer frequently visited their meetings and knows that the relief ranged all the way from about \$5.00 to a few cents per week, and then for weeks nothing, until finally the men lost heart and were forced to humbly beg from their former task masters the opportunity to return to their service upon the absolute terms laid down by their industrial despots.

What would a Socialist Sheriff do under like conditions? A Socialist Sheriff would first of all not affect to represent all the people. It is customary for Democratic and Republican party politicians to affect the role of representatives of all the people, a serious crisis between labor and capital arrives. The alacrity with which they then obey the whip of the capitalists would be funny if not disastrous to labor. Bribery or other powerful influences wielded by the capitalist goad the Democratic and Republican officials on in the service of capitalism, even at the price of their political career, as the case of the late Republican Sheriff of St. Louis shows.

The Socialist Party platform in plain terms pledges its candidates to the service of the working class. Socialists point out the struggle going on unceasingly between Labor and the private owners of Capital. No one can serve on both sides in this struggle. Neither will it act to prolong the struggle but rather to end the struggle the quicker, working men and women accept the inexorable law of this struggle and shape all their deeds accordingly.

A Socialist sheriff will therefore, just as soon as given the powers of appointment, which that office conveys, appoint as members of his posse, in case of a strike, the striking workmen themselves. A Socialist

BY S. A. McINTURFF, Candidate for Congress, 11th District.

Member of Machine Moulders' Union No. 59.

I, the undersigned, being the nominee of the Socialist Party of said district, feel it my duty to state my position to the end that the voters may know to what purpose he is casting his ballot. You know, Mr. Voter, at every campaign the old capitalist parties trot out some paramount issue. Said issues run about like this:

Tariff question, free silver or gold standard, expansion for foreign markets. The issue is at present, as in all the long drawn out centuries of the past the labor question. I want to ask, Mr. Voter, who might happen to be a working man, if I personally owned all the jobs, if he, Mr. Voter, was compelled to come to me for a job or starve, would he not virtually consider himself in the same position as the colored brother before the abolition of chattel slavery? That is the condition to-day of the working class. Irrespective of color or nationality, for the reason that the capitalist class own all the jobs, and the working class have nothing to sell but their labor power and must have jobs. Now, Mr. working man, I think you will admit in so far as you are concerned, that the labor question is the paramount issue; and there is but one solution, and that is the collective ownership of the jobs or in other words, the collective ownership of the land, tools of production and distribution. As there is a chemical law that forbids fire and water uniting, just as true is it that there is an economic law that forbids the two uniting their interest under capitalism, and for that reason I appeal to the voters of the working class, and those in sympathy with the working class, to cast their ballot for the Socialist party and capture the powers of government and forever put a stop to these industrial wars that have been fought from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf, and left hundreds of your brother workers on the field of battle. Which cries out to you in tones louder than the eruption of Mount Pelee: Brother, Voter, to what purpose are you casting your ballot? Study this question and you will come to the conclusion that just to the extent that you concentrate your power under the Socialist banner, demanding an unconditional surrender, will the

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BY JOHN S. LEWIS, Candidate for Circuit Judge.

Member of Federal Labor Union No. 6482.

As you are aware, there will be an election held in the state and city next Tuesday.

For several weeks past the representatives of the different political organizations have been appealing to the voters of the state, each trying to show why the voter should vote his special brand of politics. Especially have they been addressing themselves to the working men. Why do they appeal to the workers? Because the workers have a vast majority of the votes; because they know that no ticket can be elected unless it is elected by the votes of the workers. Hence their frantic appeals.

The Democratic, the Republican, the Public Ownership and the Allied Parties stand for nothing that could in any way benefit the man who must work for a living. They all propose to uphold present methods of production. True, some of them propose public ownership of "public utilities." They mean by this, street railroads, gas and electric light plants, etc. but there is not one of the so-called public ownership parties that proposes that the workers in those publicly owned industries shall have any voice in their management, as to officers, or wages, or the hours to be worked. Public ownership under such conditions would be of no benefit to the workers.

The Socialist Party demands the public or common ownership of all the means of production and distribution, managed by the workers themselves. The workers of any particular industry would elect their own officers, or "bosses." If you desire that term, and when a boss did not suit them they would retire him and elect somebody who did suit them.

Under present conditions, which are upheld by the two old parties and all the so-called public ownership parties, the best they can offer the working man is a right to ask some owner of the means of production or distribution for a job. If the owner can use the worker profitably he will give him a job; if he cannot, the worker will get no job. The worker has no right to demand a job. As long as he is in this condition he is a slave—not a free man.

Socialism will give all men a right.

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BY CHRIS ROCKER, Candidate for Congress, 12th District.

Member of Cigarmakers' Union No. 44.

The following reply was sent by Comrade Rocker to the Committee of the State Federation of Labor on their Direct Legislation agitation. It expresses the opinion of the Socialist: St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 26.

Mr. H. F. Sarman, Chairman, Missouri S. F. L.

Dear Sir—Your communication on direct legislation received. Allow me to state this is truly political action, and why not openly declare yourselves, either in or outside of your organization, for political action?

I am a Socialist and uphold the principles of international socialism, and I believe the Socialist Party is the only party that will emancipate the working class from wage slavery, and abolish the private ownership in the means of life and change it into collective ownership.

I can readily answer your questions, because we demand the same, and ask for more.

I believe in abolishing the house of "Lords" (Senate). It is patterned after the house of "Lords" in England. Also elect the Supreme Judges.

Will you please allow me one question? If all candidates of every political party will answer with "yes," for whom will you vote? And no doubt they will say "yes." Respectfully,

C. ROEKER, 803 Hickory street, St. Louis, Mo.

Duplicate Set of Questions.

That you may keep the foregoing Address intact for future reference, a duplicate set of Questions to Candidates for Congress is herewith given. After the answers are written, detach the leaf and transmit to H. F. Sarman, Chairman, Jefferson City, Mo.

Do you believe that the will of the Majority should prevail in the United States? "Majority" meaning a majority of those entitled to vote and who do vote, and consisting of a majority in a majority of the States and in a majority of the Congressional districts. (Ans.) Yes.

If elected will you use the power of your office for the following purposes:

1. To incorporate in the Rules of Procedure of the House, provisions whereby the voters may instruct at will as to questions of national policy concerning (1) Interstate Commerce, (2) Subsidies, (3) Injunction and Trial by Jury, (4) Dependencies, (5) Hours and Conditions of Labor, (6) Postal Savings Banks, and (7) Direct Election of Senators? (Ans.) Yes.
- (The right to instruct is evidenced by the party platforms and the candidates' pledge to carry out the will of the majority as expressed at the polls.)
2. To endeavor to establish this system at the opening of the next session of Congress? (Ans.) Yes.
3. To vote for Rules of Procedure as set forth on pages 11-13? (Ans.) Yes.
4. To vote to embody into law the will of the majority (as above defined) when expressed by a direct ballot? (Ans.) Yes.
5. To help to embody the essential elements of the proposed system in a Constitutional Amendment—an amendment for the Optional Referendum and

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THE RELATION

Between the Socialist Movement and the Trades Union Movement.

The Socialist Party in convention assembled declares that the Trade Union movement and independent political action are the emancipating factors of the wage working class.

The trade union is the every day fighting machine of the wage workers used for defensive and offense purposes, in resisting the tyranny of employers on the one hand and forcing concessions from them on the other. That its possibilities as a war instrument are not limited is best evidenced by recent departures in San Francisco and other cities of this country; where the trade unions as such suddenly moved upon the political field and captured the powers of municipal government, with one fell swoop, without the loss of a man. In these instances the trade unions simply enlarged or extended their function, maintaining their economic organization intact, but adding "independent political action" to their other "emancipating factors"—strike, boycott, etc.

The Socialist Party being in existence at the time these moves were made and it being professedly a party of the wage working class, it may pertinently be asked "why was it not used by the trade unionists for the purposes designed?" The reason must be sought for in the respective attitude of the two organizations to each other, and this necessarily involves a study of their methods—assuming the class character of both to be beyond question.

In the first place, the Socialist party as such claims a function entirely political, and the trade union movement, so far as its programme is defined, claims a function entirely economic. The first is avowedly revolutionary, its cardinal plank being the abolition of capitalism and the wage system, with all other demands subordinate thereto. The second, on the contrary, is distinctly evolutionary, making its "immediate demands" of paramount importance and framing them in accordance with its needs and power at a given time. Only a member of both organizations can appreciate the corresponding difference in tactics springing from these fundamental positions, and the difficulty of maintaining a proper balance between the two. The "ultimate" and the "immediate" class "expediency" opposes "principle"; adherents lock horns as a result, and solidarity under the circumstances is impossible. "No compromise" has been the cry in the past by the two organizations with respect to their policies, and as a result they drifted further and further apart, ceasing to regard each other as having nothing in common.

What more natural, under these circumstances, than when the trade union decided to enter the political field, it would not enlist under the banner of the Socialist Party in those places where the bitterness of years had estranged them?

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Third Annual Festival OF THE

Socialist Women's Club, Saturday Night, Nov. 1,

DRUID'S HALL, 9th and Market Sts.

Concert, Speaking, Dancing

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A Last Word From Our Candidates.

L. E. Hildebrand.

Sheriff in Pohlman's place in 1900 would have appointed the 3,000 striking street railway men at \$2.00 or more per day. Capitalists in their press, from their rostrums and through their literature have a fondness for speaking of Socialists as visionaries. How long, my fellow workers, will it be till you jar your capitalist master by ignoring his political tools and electing your own servants to minister the affairs of government? It would not be very visionary if during a Socialist municipal government a strike occurred and at the urgent demand of the capitalists 3,000 deputies were sworn in for police duty. It would not be very visionary if all that 3,000 happened to belong to the strikers' union. It would not be very visionary if the Socialist mayor and council decided that hungry strikers are as much entitled to food as other human beings, and would do just what has been done before by municipalities for hungry people, namely, feed them. It won't be very visionary when the working class begins to count noses, finds it has a majority, realizes that majorities should determine the kind of government and that a Socialist Republic will be their choice. A vote for the Socialist Party is against the industrial despots of to-day and for economic freedom and equality.

BY WM. C. EGGEMANN.

Candidate for License Commissioner, Member of Beer Bottlers' Union No. 187.

As the nominee of the Socialist Party for the office of License Commissioner I feel it my duty to represent my class interests which I see expressed in the programme of the International Socialist movement, and reflected in the city and State platforms of the Socialist Party of St. Louis and Missouri.

The office for which I am a candidate not being a legislative office, my work, if elected, would necessarily be limited so far as the improvement of the conditions of the workers is concerned, but a Socialist administration could certainly do far more than the present capitalist administration, especially in view of the fact that the Socialist movement at all times controls the officers which it elects by requiring of that officer a written resignation, which would be presented in case he proved untrue to his trust.

In regard, however, to the decision which all workmen must make next Tuesday, I will say: Let us get together, fellow workers, and ask ourselves the issue:

Is it prosperity of the Republican brand which gives us poverty, misery and degradation for the working class on the one hand and wealth, plenty and enjoyment for the capitalist class on the other? Is it a World's Fair city or a new election law, or is it the issue of the Democratic Party which is, "A Democrat for New St. Louis?" I don't think any sensible working man can longer be fooled by such stuff as this and those who are have surely never studied the facts of every-day life which show the only issue to be in the conflict between capital and labor. As the Socialist puts it, it is the question of how the workers can receive the full product of their labor.

Can we get this, brothers, by voting the tickets supported by capitalists, who seek at all times to prevent us from accomplishing it? It ought to be easy to reason that such a thing would be impossible.

Look at the Democratic and Republican Parties, there you will find the names of all the capitalists against whom we have organized our trades unions, set forth as members of the committees which guide and determine the policies of those parties. Free you occasionally find a union man nominated, but it is done only for the purpose of deceiving you, for no matter how much that union man may wish to serve the interests of his class, the party machine (capitalists throughout) holds him in check and demands that he serve the interests of the enemies of his class.

Read the platforms of these parties and see for yourself if they represent your interests. They claim to represent all the people, but if you will look up their record and see how many labor laws they have passed for your benefit, you would be surprised to find that in almost every instance, where such laws have not already been declared unconstitutional, they can be so declared by any capitalist judge, whenever those laws conflict with the interests of the capitalist class.

Read the platform of the Socialist Party, see if it does not represent your interest as a class. Socialists do not ask you to vote for them because of friendship, they ask you to study Socialism, to find out what it means and what it stands for. If then you believe in Socialism, if you as workers know that you are the producers of all wealth, then we urge it upon you as your duty to vote in your own interest, the interest of your wife and family, the interest of the whole human race. Cast your ballot on election day for that to which you are entitled, the full product of your labor. Vote into power the party which will abolish all classes, all class hatred and make the whole world a human brotherhood.

All those failing to receive their papers regularly will please notify this office by postal card in order that the cause can be found if possible and remedied.

S. A. McInture.

capitalist class grant concessions in the way of better wages, shorter hours better sanitary conditions to work under, abolition of child labor, stop issuing injunctions and would also put an end to judges declaring all laws beneficial to labor unconstitutional.

Inasmuch as the trust question is the all-talked-of question, I would like to say to the followers of the trust buster, Wm. Jennings Bryan, that you had as well legislate against the ebb and flow of the tide as to legislate against trusts, for the trust is the legitimate child of competition and at present is a hefty lad, and will develop to maturity at no distant future under the fostering care of the capitalist class. The trust, or the merger at present, will become absolute monopolies in all the different lines of industry, nationally, and the next step is international trust, and the next step will be a federation or universal trust, and at that stage the Socialist Republic will be born and the Socialist party will be the means of its ushering in and the working class will hold a universal jubilee. There will then be no millionaire or paper, no master or slave, and every man, woman and child will stand out in the glad sunshine of Freedom. Then and then only, in conclusion will say, that if elected, I will serve the interest of the working class first, last and all the time, and trust my case in the hands of my fellow workers.

BY PHIL H. MUELLER.

Candidate for Clerk of Criminal Court, Member of Cigar Makers' Union No. 44.

Collective ownership of the means of production and distribution will give to the toilers the full products of their labor. It will abolish the profit system, thereby destroying the root of the greatest existing evil of the present day, viz, private ownership of the tools of production, which places the vast majority of the people at the mercy of a small minority, who will eventually entrench themselves behind such formidable bulwarks that will forever enslave the great mass of the people in industrial serfdom.

Capitalism is responsible for all the misery and crime and illiteracy existing throughout the world. Children are deprived of the opportunity to attend even the lower grades of school to obtain a common education, but are forced to enter the factories, workshops and mines in order to supply body and soul with the very scantiest necessities of life, because modern production under private ownership demands the cheapest of cheap labor, viz, child labor, while the fathers are compelled to tramp the highways and ultimately enlist in the great army of hobos, while a few who have been successful in duping the workers by fake issues of free trade, high tariff, free silver and full dinner pails are reveling in riotous luxury, unmindful of the sufferings of the countless millions who have created this wealth.

Socialism will operate all industries in the interest of the whole people, and all who wish to eat must work; thus every able-bodied man will become a toiler, contributing his mite towards society as a whole; there will be no parasites to dictate terms upon which those willing to toil may earn a scanty existence, as the workers will then be masters of the situation. Socialism will give to every child an education, by which it may be fitted for the highest positions within the reach of mankind; it will insist upon every child receiving physical development necessary to promulgate a healthier people; it will free the women of their drudgery and factory slavery, afford them greater opportunity to devote more time to the rearing of children, thus giving to the world better men and women, imbued with pure and honest motives, and establish a commonwealth unknown in the history of human existence. Fellow workers, this is what you want. The way to get it to VOTE for it.

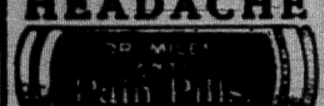
Charter Amendments.

We would advise all our comrades to vote "yes" on Charter amendments No. 3, 4 and 5.

Amendment No. 3 authorizes the city of St. Louis to alter, amend, or completely change its constitution upon 30 days' notice given of an election. Such a provision will some day be of use to a Socialist city government.

Amendment No. 4 authorizes the city of St. Louis to increase its tax rate. Through this means more improvements will be possible and more employment for labor.

Amendment No. 5 authorizes the increase of the school tax, through which it is hoped that the free text-book system will be adopted in the St. Louis schools.

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not to beg for a job but to demand a job. Or, rather, under Socialism every man will own a job at all times, and no man or set of men can, by any means, deprive him of it.

I ask you then, as a worker, which would be to your material interest—the right to beg somebody for a job or the inalienable ownership of a job?

A vote for either of the old parties or for any of the public ownership parties, is a vote for the right to beg for a job. But a vote for the Socialist ticket is a vote for the right, not only to own a job, but to have a voice in the management of the industry to which that job is attached.

Which do you prefer? The election returns will answer for you.

BY G. A. HOEHN.

Candidate for State Representative, 1st District.

Member of Federal Labor Union 6482.
 "The emancipation of the working class must be achieved by the working people themselves." Every improvement in the conditions of the working people in the last twenty-five years has been the result of the efforts of organized labor.

Unlike the old party politicians, we Socialists have no promises to make. We consider ourselves the servants of the working class, whether in the economic or political movement.

Whatever the Trades union movement has accomplished in the way of bettering our conditions has not been the work of one man or any handful of leaders, but has been the result of the movement. It is the political candidate who will bring about the salvation of labor.

Consequently, I have no promises to make. If elected, I will serve the interests of the working class. Never shall I pretend to represent everybody's interest, because in our modern capitalist society class legislation is not only unavoidable, but it is necessary, absolutely necessary. If elected, I will make it my duty to secure legislation for the interest of the wage working class.

Now, a few words to the Trades Unionists of St. Louis:

Brothers, you have organized into unions 50,000 strong. You have your Central Trades and Labor Union, one of the most progressive and healthiest central labor bodies in this country.

Perhaps you are not aware of the fact that the St. Louis Central Labor body was organized by the Socialists. Such old-time Socialist pioneers as Wotter, Kassel, Stoehr, Rucker, Kreyling and others, assisted by less radical men like Owen Miller, of the M. B. A., were among those who laid the corner stone for our present Central Trades and Labor Union.

During the last fifteen years the Socialists were the guardians and protectors of your central body. They were the advance guard and as such the watch dogs in the trades union movement. Since many capitalist attempts were made to break into Labor's ranks and destroy the progressive trades union movement it is only natural that these old Socialist watch dogs would bite right and left, sometimes for the safety of the bona fide labor movement.

Under this influence the Socialist spirit in the St. Louis trades union movement has prospered and grown to its present powerful position.

Capitalist papers and political crooks may say all kinds of bad things against the "Socialist Central Body," the fact still remains that there is probably no better central labor union in this country.

The Socialists have done their duty in the trades union movement; they will continue to do their duty. Their honesty and sincerity in the labor movement cannot be questioned.

If the St. Louis union men will remain true to the cause of organized labor, it will be their duty to work and vote for the Socialist Party, which is their party. By doing so, they will kick the capitalist parties into the dark sea of oblivion.

Union men of St. Louis:
 Vote for your own class interests!
 Vote the Socialist Party ticket!
 Don't forget!

Splendid Meeting.

Comrade Walter Thomas Mills was in St. Louis on Sunday evening and spoke to a packed house at Social Turner Hall, several hundred persons being unable to get in. His speech was filled from end to end with stories which illustrated his points and brought them home to all his hearers. A number declared themselves Socialists after the meeting was over, and will cast their first votes for Socialism this fall.

Comrade Mills was expected to speak at Southwest Turner Hall, in the afternoon of the same date, but his train was late and he was unable to get in on time. Comrades James S. Roche, Wm. M. Brandt and Fred Dingo spoke in his stead.

At the meeting in the evening the greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the two hours and a half of his speech, and it marked an epoch in the history of the movement in North St. Louis.

Comrade Mills may come to St. Louis for a week in March, speaking every night at the Exposition.

Chris Roeker.

The Initiative as to Statute law; the percentage of voters who may secure a direct ballot not to exceed that set forth in the proposed rules? (Ans.) Yes.

The foregoing questions being for publication and intended to influence the action of the voters in your district, do you promise that, if elected, you will strictly follow during the two-year term the course of action you have laid down for yourself in the foregoing paragraphs? (Ans.) Yes.

Concerning Seidener.

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gar's role. In other words, like you strike! Politicians beg cringingly enough during the campaign, but after election is over they turn around like that male fowl of elegant plumage and act as tyrants instead of servants. In this view and being conscious of facts, Federal Labor Union No. 6482 refuses to endorse Geo. B. Seidener or any other capitalistic politician for any office as they represent that class which is profiting from our present conditions and can therefore never be expected to emancipate the working men and women of this country from wage slavery. Fraternally yours,
 L. E. HILDEBRAND, Secretary.
 A. W. MORRISON

The Relation.

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ers" of proletarian divisions. Through the fire of the class conflict we have arrived at a point where trade unionists and Socialists alike find common ground to fight the common enemy. Both have learned and still are learning much from each other. One moves closer to the economic; the other moves closer to the political field, thus making a perfect alignment of the two and sweeping forward resistlessly to the emancipation of the working class and the redemption of the world. Speed the day. JAMES S. ROCHE.

THE REASON

Why Workingmen Should Be Socialists.

(Written for issuance by National Committee)

(By Charles Ufert.)

The object of this article is to show to the working class voters that they must have a political party of their own if they hope to be benefited in any way through their political action.

The Social Party claims that the old political parties, by whatever name they may be called—Republican, Democratic, Prohibition or People's party—are parties that represent the capitalist class. This may seem to you a bold statement, but it is nevertheless a true one.

Society is divided to-day into two distinct classes, the working class and the capitalist class. The interests of these two classes are diametrically opposed to each other. There can be no harmony between them. The members of the Socialist Party, the vast majority of which are workmen, have recognized this fact, and they have come to the conclusion that the working class must organize a political party that will represent the interests of the working class.

That there does exist such a class division is amply demonstrated through the bitter fight that is being continually waged between the two classes, as shown by the numerous strikes that have taken place during the last few years. We have seen in most instances how the power of government has been used by the class that controls the same—the capitalist class—to break the strikes, by sending the police, the militia, or federal troops to the scene of conflict, for the purpose of intimidating the workers.

We have seen further how the judges have abused their power by handing down all kinds of injunctions against the workers. They have enjoined the workers from almost everything except the right to breathe, and they would probably do that if they had the power. These outrageous actions have been committed by both the Republican and Democratic parties. There is small choice between them for the workers. This ought to be enough to show to the workers that the ought to secure the control of the government for themselves. The working class is in the majority; they need only recognize that their interests are identical, and that they must cease dividing their strength between parties which are hostile to their interests!

Some people accuse the Socialists of creating class divisions. We do nothing of the kind; we only point out that they do exist. Our opponents say nothing about class divisions; they seek to hide them, or to ignore them entirely. We Socialists think this a foolhardy procedure. Some time since a terrible catastrophe occurred in the West Indian Islands—the destruction of St. Pierre through the eruption of Mont Pelee. Those people had also ignored the presence of

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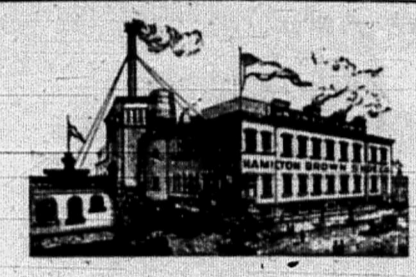
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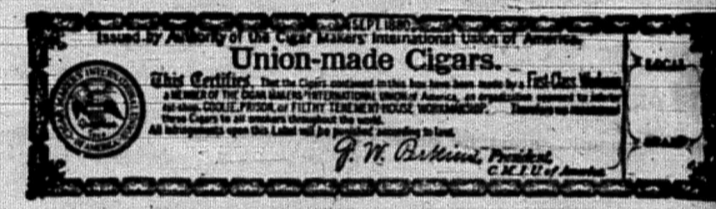
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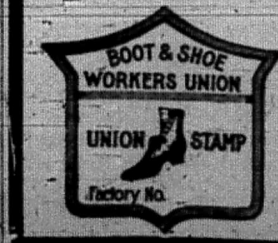
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WORKINGMEN, HOW CAN YOU EXPECT ANY IMPROVEMENT IN your condition when a small class of men called capitalists own all the jobs, and make you work at them on their terms?

THE INTERNATIONAL TRUST IS FAST ASSUMING SHAPE AND IT Will only be a few years until all is completed. When that time comes who is the man who will argue that Socialism is a dream?

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WE URGE UPON ALL OUR READERS THIS WEEK TO LOOK CARE- fully over the articles contributed by the candidates on the Socialist ticket as they represent the spirit of the movement and show better than anything else the true meaning of Socialism.

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LORD GOD BAER HAS RAISED THE PRICE OF COAL \$5 A TON IN order to make up what he lost during the strike. Through the raise he will receive \$600,000 a week extra which will clear him in a short while. Possibly God ordained that he should do it, but thousands of workingmen are beginning to look at his divine right in the same light as the revolutionary fathers looked at the divine right of King George III.

PROFIT IS JUST SO MUCH WEALTH CREATED BY LABOR WHICH capital has taken from them. If we believe the old story that every man is entitled to the product of his labor, then we must disagree with the present profit system which gives the most of what the laborer creates, to those who create nothing at all. Through the Socialist Party this profit system will be destroyed, the date of its destruction depends upon your vote.

THE REPUBLIC OF SUNDAY COMMENTED ON THE REMARKABLE growth of Socialism in the East; especially New York and Pennsylvania. It is significant as showing the prestige the Socialist movement is attaining. It will only be a few years until that notice will be given to the Socialist Party generally. And it will be but a few years after that until the Socialist Party wins.

THE COMRADES ARE URGED AS A FINAL REMINDER NOT TO FOR- get the general meeting at Druid's Hall, Sunday, November 2, if that meeting is neglected much of the work done during the campaign will have come to naught and no comrade can excuse himself for not attending.

The meeting at the same hall on Saturday night should also be fully at- tended as preparations will be made there for the meeting on the following day. Comrade Roche will speak on Saturday evening.

ASA FINAL REMINDER WE WISH TO IMPRESS UPON THE WORK- ers their duty to themselves. We wish to make them understand if we can their interests as opposed to the interests of their employers, knowing that if we can succeed in this the rest will be easy.

First, we wish to show them, and a mere mention of it ought to suffice, that the whole time to-day of both capitalists and laborers is spent in fighting for possession of the wealth created by the laborers. Any working man knows who it is that has the best of the fight. He knows that his lot is not much to brag about. But merely knowing this is not enough. We must know why we have been beaten in the struggle for when we know why we will be able to take the proper steps to insure our enjoyment of all we create and thus put a stop to our further robbery.

What is it then that has enabled the capitalist to get most of the wealth we create? Simply stated it has been his ownership of the machines with which we created it. He would have refused us a job if we had not given it to him.

When we know this much it becomes clear to us that in order to free our- selves, we must own those machines, and it is for this ownership that the Socialist party stands, and as it alone stands for the freedom of the wage worker from the robbery of the machine owning capitalist it is for this party alone for which the wage worker should vote. The fight between the capitalist and the wage workers of the trades unions, is just as real on election day as on any other day and consistent trades unionists will never let down the bars of their working class organization, regardless of the smooth flattery of the capitalist politician. The election then is a contest between classes, the capitalist class seeking to continue the "good thing," which it pos-



Workingmen! This is What You Get!

esses, and the working class seeking to break it down. If the workers were to all vote their interests, were to all cast their ballots alike, the "good thing" would vanish. Will you, fellow workingmen, be with your class this election, or against it?

The "Issues" Reviewed.

they will divide and once more put the capitalists into power. All these so-called issues are in reality of no interest to the wage workers, and they should so regard them. The first, "A Democrat for New St. Louis," is in keeping with that organization; it is merely an attempt to hide from the effects of its own acts, which are showing the Democratic Party to be the willing tool of the corrupt capitalists behind it.

The Anti-Nesbit Law issue has nothing to do with labor, the law was passed by one capitalist party, to keep out the other, and insure the "emoluments" thereof to themselves. When the workers vote together and determine that they shall be counted, they will be counted in spite of all the Nesbit laws in the country.

Home rule is on the same order and means nothing but a change of mas- ters, the workers want to do away with all masters.

A Free Bridge is like talking free railroads to the working class, how much coal do the workers ship over the bridge, in fact, how much material of any sort? The free bridge would only benefit the small capitalist class, which seeks through that means to continue their existence and give him an opportunity to grow, and further skin labor.

The issue before the workers is none of these; it is the trades union fight at the ballot box. The trades unionists of St. Louis have not organized for fun, but for the purpose of fighting their employers, the capitalists, and the fight is on at the polls, same as at any other point, and, if organized labor is true, it will stand squarely on the issue thus raised and put their trades union fight into the ballot box.

The Important Question.

In the article by Comrade Roche in this week's issue is sounded the key- note of the question which is soon to be solved by the Socialist movement if it is to continue as a Socialist Party. Its attitude toward the trades unions.

The working class is preparing to move on the ballot box, and that move- ment will come spontaneous and without much warning, and unless the ground has already been prepared, it will be prepared at that time. It is the organized workers who will make this move, for the unorganized workers never move, they are buffeted around by the movements of either organized labor or organized capital, and in the consideration of the problem before us we have only to reckon with organized labor. The Socialist movement must meet the problem, and the manner in which it meets it will de- termine what phase the worker's awakening assumes.

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PLATFORM.

The Socialists of St. Louis in convention assembled, reaffirm their adherence to the principles of international socialism and declare the aim of the Socialist Party to be the organization of the working class, and their sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Development of Industry. Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and leave the workers dependent upon them.

Effects of Private Ownership. Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

Domination of Capitalist Class. The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, war are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial domination abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

The Working Class and Socialism. But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

Means to the End. The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

Duty of the Socialist Party. While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist Party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

Municipal Measures. As municipal measures we, therefore, advocate:
1. The public ownership and operation of all public utilities, such as street railways, gas and electric plants, telephone systems and all other industries which the powers of the municipality permit it to acquire; the revenues to be applied to the increase of wages and shortening of hours of labor of the employes and to improve generally the condition of the working class of this city, but under no circumstances shall any part of said revenues be applied to the reduction of taxes in favor of the capitalist class.
2. The abolition of the contract system on all public work, such work to be done under direct supervision of the city and under union conditions, with a minimum wage of two dollars per day of not exceeding eight hours.
3. Inauguration of public works for the employment of the unemployed.
4. The enactment and strict enforcement of laws protecting all workers in stores, shops and factories.
5. Compulsory education of all boys and girls up to the age of sixteen years; the city to provide all books and school supplies free and food and clothing where necessary.
6. Application of the principles of direct legislation (the initiative and referendum) and the imperative mandate to the conduct of all public affairs.
7. Amendment of the city charter enlarging the powers of the municipality in the interest of the working class.