

TO ORGANIZE SLAVES OF CAPITAL TO VOTE THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION

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For Presidential Elector.



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Equality, Skagit Co.

**HUNDREDS GATHER**

**At Ranke Hall, to Ratify Social Democratic Nominations.**

The Social Democrats gathered in force at Ranke Hall on Pike street last Sunday night to fire the first gun in their state campaign. Mr. Randolph, nominee for Governor, Mr. Hogan and Dr. Titus, nominees for Congress, delivered half-hour speeches. Mr. Phipps, nominee for Attorney General, and chairman of the State Committee, presided.

The meeting closed with prolonged applause and three ringing cheers for Debs and Harriman.

Many comrades were in attendance from neighboring towns and returned to their homes with fresh courage and hope.

The fact that the McKinleyites also are afraid of Social Democracy was shown by the P.-I.'s report. This chief Republican organ of the state had no reporter at our meeting, but requested one of our comrades to hand in a report of 300 words. He did so, reporting the exact facts, but was surprised to find the next morning most of them edited out.

For instance, here is what he wrote: "Mr. Hogan read from *The Seattle Socialist*."

And here is what they publish: "Mr. Hogan read extracts from a Socialist publication."

Actually afraid to let their readers learn that there is such a paper as *The Socialist*. Small, but dangerous, you see!

And the following was a part of the report handed in:

"He urged that any workingman who voted for a capitalist party was a traitor to his class and that the time would come soon when such a man would be branded as an infamous scab."

And this is how the great P.-I. made it read:

"He closed with an appeal to his hearers to back the Socialist leaders in their fight this fall."

Did you know, comrades, that the news was doctored like this?

O, no, you are not allowed to read what is not good for you to read.

Some Republican working man might possibly get his eyes opened, if he learned the Social Democratic party was a workingman's party pure and simple, and might refuse to be a scab any longer.

## SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

### Nothing To Do With Democrats

The Freeman's Labor Journal, of Spokane, has this strange thing to say: "Any laboring man in the state of Washington who fails to vote for Mr. Robertson for Congress is a traitor to his cause, and liberty."

We say instead, and give reasons: "Any laboring man who votes for Mr. Robertson for Congress is a traitor to his class."

The same statement will apply equally well to Mr. Nash, Bryan candidate from Spokane, though he is Vice-President of the Western Labor Union; and to Judge Winsor or Judge Hauser or Judge Richardson or Judge Reid, or any other professed Socialist who accepts a nomination from a capitalist party. That he accepts such a nomination is proof that he is no Socialist.

Why so? Because Socialism means opposition to Capitalism. It might as well be called Anti-Capitalism. Now, can an Anti-Capitalist stand for Capitalism? Can a white man be a black man?

No one denies that Bryanism, the Democratic party, is a capitalist party. Mr. Bryan's letter appears on this

grown so fast and strong during that same thirty years.

"Direct Legislation" first, is another cry.

But what good will Direct Legislation do you, unless your voters are Socialist voters? You will never get Socialism by Direct Legislation unless you have a Socialist majority. And if you have a Socialist majority, the first thing a Socialist legislature will enact will be Direct Legislation.

Why waste time, then, supporting your enemies to get what your friends will give you first of all?

Now, friends, let me tell you a secret. The real reason you are proposing to support Bryan and Bryan candidates is this: You are not Socialists. You do not even know what Socialism is. You have heard some glittering generalities about co-operation in place of competition, about injustice to workingmen, etc. You may remember the words of the Omaha platform: "The fruits of the toil of millions are boldly stolen to build up colossal fortunes for a few," and "Wealth belongs to him who creates it," and you think you are Socialists.

### BRYAN ON SOCIALISM.

Lincoln, Nebr., May 11, 1897.

Mr. F. G. R. Gordon, Manchester, N. H.

Dear Sir:—You ask me whether I am in favor of Socialism and define it to mean "the collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution," and desire an answer "Yes" or "No." I answer, No.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. J. BRYAN.

page, expressly denying that he is a Socialist.

Why, then, does any sane man, calling himself a Socialist, accept a nomination from such an anti-Socialist party?

It is probable the chief reason, though perhaps unrecognized, is the bee in the bonnet. To be nominated for office, perhaps to be elected, is a most attractive bait for most men. As one of these very nominees, pretended Socialists, said to me when the Fused Convention met here in Seattle "Do you know, the office pays a salary of \$1,500!" Poor fellow, he needs the money, but that does not excuse him to us.

We need Socialism, and no man who puts money or ambition ahead of Socialism is fit to be a Socialist standard-bearer, or even to claim the name of Socialist, far less the votes of Socialists.

Various pretexts are put forward to excuse themselves—excuses which may deceive the ignorant, but no others.

"Imperialism," for example. Really some people apprehend that McKinley's election means such a vast standing army that tyranny and force will render Socialism impossible forever. They forget Germany with the largest standing army in the world for thirty years past, and nowhere has Socialism

You even call yourselves Reformers at the same time.

Now one word. The Socialist is a Revolutionist. Learn what that means, and you will never vote for Bryan or McKinley or Rogers or Frink or Robertson or Reid or Hauser, or any other, nowever good or plausible, who does not lay the axe to the root of Capital as the exploiter of Labor.

### VOTES THROWN AWAY.

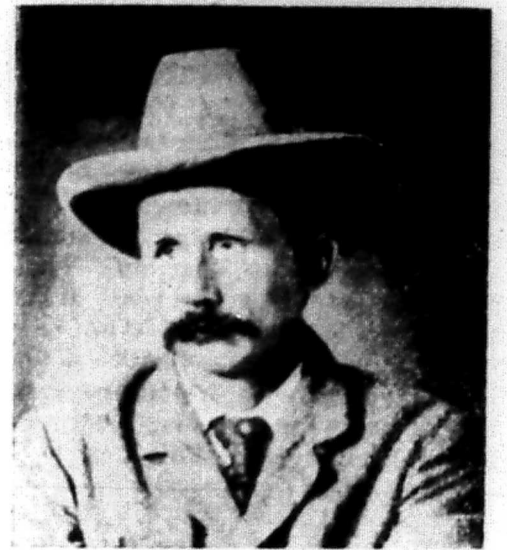
According to an official high in the State administration, "McKinley will be elected, two to one." This is pretty strong, even from the Rogers family. But everybody, with half an eye, knows in his heart, and head, too, that the Republicans will win this trip, hands down.

Now then, you half-hearted, self-styled Socialist, who say you don't want to throw away your vote by casting it for Debs and Harriman, won't you throw it further away by voting for Bryan, who is beaten already past saving?

Or, if you belong to that other class, who would vote the Social Democratic ticket if it had any show, but now proposes to vote the Republican Trust ticket as next best, can't you see you will throw away your vote in that case, for McKinley will be elected without you?

Really this is the best possible year

For Presidential Elector.



HENRY WIECK, Laborer,  
Spokane.

for those people who are neither Republicans nor Democrats nor Socialists, to vote independently for Socialism.

Now for the real reason for real people and real Socialists.

If you want to cast a vote which shall count for Socialism as it never will or can again, now is the time. One vote this fall for Debs and Harriman is worth a hundred four years from now. One vote now, in fact, will make a hundred four years from now.

Recall the history of the Anti-Slavery movement in America. In 1840, Jas. G. Birney polled only 7059 votes. Were these 7059 votes thrown away? If those 7,000 Liberty Lovers had not "thrown away" their votes in 1840 Birney would not have polled 62,000 in 1844, nor Van Buren 291,000 in '48, nor Fremont 1,300,000 in '56, nor Lincoln won his victory in 1860.

In 1860 it did not matter much whether a single vote was cast one way or another. One in two million is not noticed. But one in 7,000 is 300 times bigger than 1 in 2,000,000.

If Debs gets a million votes this fall, don't you suppose, don't you know, that Social Democracy will be talked about and studied as never before in American history?

Your Socialist-theories they can ignore, they hurt nobody. But your Socialist votes have to be reckoned with. Elections are won by votes. National policies are decided by votes. Slaves are emancipated by votes. Constitutions and courts are changed by votes. A vote is a force in modern societies, and accumulated votes form an accumulated social force which the whole social organism is obliged to deal with respectfully.

If you want to help build a fire in the icy woods, when does your help count most, when the little blaze will expire with a breath, or when it roars high and hot?

That great warming log fire around which freezing men renew their life, who built it, he who furnished the first match and gathered the first bits of kindling, or he who carelessly throws on an armful of brushwood now?

Well, if you want Socialism by and by to make the world warm and life worth living, don't talk any longer of throwing away your vote here at the outset, when every vote counts as kindling to the starting fire.



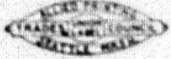
# The Socialist

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Did you hear from Vermont? 500 Socialist votes in a state where men still think they are voting for Abraham Lincoln when they vote the Republican ticket. Almost no manufacturing interests in Vermont. The old farmers have been replaced by Boston summer residents. And one in every hundred votes cast is a Social Democratic vote. First time we have had a ticket in Vermont. Men must be thinking, even in Vermont.

Maine next!

"The representatives of the Labor organizations would have been appeased if Judge Moore had been nominated" in the Fusion convention Tuesday morning. So says the P.I. report.

Had the Labor organizations any "representatives" in the Democratic county convention—or any who posed as such?

How can there be any representatives of Labor in a party which is opposed to Labor's interests?

**Scene**—Lobby, Democratic State convention, last day, midnight, 5th roll call, Rogers plainly a winner, Judge Stallcup: "The next convention I attend will be that of the Social Democracy." W. C. P. Adams, of Whatcom: "Well, Judge, I think I'll beat you there." Judge: "I don't know about that."

From Garfield County comes this word, because the organizer wrote it would be impossible to pay for speakers: "If we can't get speakers, let us push with vigor the silent speaker into the field," meaning this paper.

We propose to keep standing the offer, 10 weeks for 10 cents. Most of us are poor, and 50 cents is considerable at one time. But 10 cents every 10 weeks will not be so hard.

Push with vigor this silent speaker, you too. No one makes a cent out of this enterprise. It is all for the cause of the Social Democracy.

Extracts from the Constitution of the Social Democratic Party:

"Under no circumstances shall any Local or State organization co-operate with a capitalist political party."

"No person shall be nominated as a candidate for any political office unless he is an active member of the party."

"No candidate of this party for any office shall be permitted to accept any nomination or endorsement from any other political party."

Saintly Old Gentleman to Neighbor—Dr. Titus is a Republican, is he not? Neighbor (an unrecognized Socialist)—Not much.

S. O. G.—Why, he is not a Democrat, is he?

Neighbor—Nit. He's a rank Socialist.

S. O. G.—You don't say. Why, I always thought Dr. Titus was a good man.

Here are the horrible accounts from Galveston of what happened after the storm: "A soldier ordered a man to desist from looting. The fellow drew a weapon and the soldier shot him dead. The soldier was attacked by three other men and he killed all of

them." All in defense of property. What makes these men "loot"? Just love of looting? No, but poverty and need.

Listen again: "Ears and fingers bearing diamonds were hacked off with pocket knives and the members placed in the pockets of the vandals. Residences have been broken into and jewelry and silver plate stolen."

Do you suppose these deeds were done by rich people? No; the "vandals" came from the "slums," of course.

Up in Nome in the early days when every one could go on the beach and wash out all the gold he wanted, the news dispatches told us crime was unknown. Hold-ups and thefts never occurred. No officers were needed. You could leave your "dust" and valuables lying around loose. Why? Because all had plenty.

At whose door lie the crimes and horrors of Galveston and Akron? At yours, ye capitalists, who hold up every man you employ, stripping him of half he earns, that you may make dividends. Don't blame the poor little devils at the bottom, but the big rich devils at the top, who have church and law and respectability to sanction as "moral" their "private property" wrung from the blood and sweat of millions of wage-slaves.

Comrade Wm. Hogan, S. D. P. nominee for Congressman, has been appointed deputy organizer for the eastern part of the State. He started last Wednesday, along the N. P., and will visit Ellensburg, North Yakima, Pasco, Walla Walla, Dayton, Pomeroy, Colfax and Spokane. The State committee is only able to pay his traveling expenses, and he will have to "live off the country."

Socialists along this line should communicate with Dr. Titus, State organizer, Seattle, at once. Comrade Hogan has a "bike," and is a hustler, and good speaker. Arrange Street Meetings for him. Save Hall rent.

**NOTICE: One Dollar will get 20 copies a week of THE SOCIALIST for free distribution from now to election.**

**Or One Dollar will get 200 copies of No. 1, containing platforms, biographical sketches of all candidates, full directions for organizing, etc.**

## CONDENSED REPORT OF STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Sept. 2, 1900.

This meeting, as previously agreed upon, was held at Tacoma, Wash.

Present, H. F. Titus, Mrs. Ida W. Mudgett and J. D. Curtis.

Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer reported sending in the application of Clear Lake for a charter. Application of Orchards for a charter was presented and acted upon favorably.

Bills allowed: Organizer, \$1.50 for 500 envelopes and postage. Traveling expenses of Wm. Hogan amounting to \$1.65 were allowed, as he came expressly to consult with State Committee regarding his going to eastern Washington and speaking there.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Comrade Hogan was then called before the Committee and plans for the campaign were discussed at length. Adjourned.

J. D. CURTIS, Secretary.

Our candidates are not asked to "put up" for campaign expenses because we are all equally interested with them in the success of our cause. Comrade Hogan, however, is putting up his services on the road organizing in Eastern Washington. And in every county some good organizer ought to be found who will put up the same kind of free service.

## 1,002 Subscriptions to Date

### Second Month Second Thousand.

August 5 *The Socialist* was first decided upon. August 12 the first number was in the hands of the comrades with 200 subscriptions pledged. Aug. 26 we reported subscriptions coming in at the rate of 20 a day. Sept. 2, 33 a day, and Sept. 9, 327 in one week.

With this issue we pass the thousand mark as we enter on the second month. The first edition was limited to 500. We now print 2,000 a week.

Really, it is quite wonderful—for only a "little paper," you know. But somehow *The Socialist* so far has had the luck to make friends easily. Witness the following:

Buckley, Sept. 8, 1900.

*The Socialist*, Seattle, Wash.:

Your bright face appeared at my desk this morning. I was glad to see you and welcome you as the forerunner of workmen united at the ballot-box in the state of Washington.

Come and see until election (here follows a list of eight subscribers).

Yours in the harness until victory or death.

E. L. ROBINSON.

Isn't that the kind to make any paper succeed?

And this same Comrade Robinson, an entire stranger to us all here at Headquarters, encloses in his letter an alphabetically arranged list of forty-six names and addresses, headed, "Socialists and good subjects for Socialist propaganda work," marking nineteen of them "Socialist."

That is the sort of work that makes a new party. And note the ring of that "till victory or death." As another comrade writes: "Became a class-conscious Socialist shortly after the election of '96 and will fight along these lines until the Co-operative Commonwealth is attained, or I am dead."

The phenomenal growth of this paper in a single month to a circulation of 2,000 in a single state—with no money invested in it but freewill contributions, with no special newspaper experience behind it, published by an association of workmen for workmen, is a fact to be explained.

The only explanation is this, that Socialism is in favor in the state of Washington and in growing favor. We socialists are finding one another out, and are glad to find there are so many of us.

Now, comrades, a practical word with each one of you thousand and two. Will you make it 2,004? If you will to-day, not to-morrow, get just one man or one woman to give you Ten Cents for Ten Weeks of *The Socialist*, it will be 2,004. See?

We can not offer prizes nor afford commissions. We are working day and night without a cent's compensation, solely for the great cause we represent. Will you who get the paper we are trying so hard to publish, just do your part also, and we shall grow and our beloved cause will grow—even without "Capital."

It is reported that J. D. Rockefeller is a victim of indigestion and cannot eat. That's not so bad as having a good appetite and being unable to get anything to eat.—Haverhill Social Democrat.

Hanna says Socialists are supporting Bryan. The Bryanites say Hanna is assisting Socialists. The Socialists must be giving the liars on both sides lots of trouble.—Haverhill Social Dem.

## REPORT OF STATE TREASURER, S. D. P. TO SEPT. 2, 1900.

### Receipts.

Amount received from former Treasurer ..... \$2.25

### Contributions:

Prosser .....	2.00
Spokane .....	2.00
Tacoma .....	3.00
Bay View .....	1.25
Mrs. Vail .....	3.50
Port Angeles .....	2.75
C. S. Wallace .....	5.50
Clear Lake .....	5.00
A. L. Blodgett .....	1.00

### Dues From Locals.

Clear Lake .....	.80
Equality .....	1.40
Fairhaven .....	6.50
Geneva .....	2.05
Lyman .....	1.00
Port Angeles .....	2.25
Puyallup .....	1.00
Prosser .....	2.60
Spokane .....	3.00
Tacoma .....	5.20
Whatcom .....	2.20

Total Receipts ..... \$56.25

### Expenditures.

Subscriptions to S. D. P. papers	\$8.90
Dues sent to Natl. Sec'y .....	7.75
Stationery .....	.85
Notice in Appeal to Reason .....	.75
E. E. Vail for 500 copies of "New Light" .....	5.00
Stamps .....	1.15
Traveling expenses to state meetings .....	2.50
Money orders .....	.54
1,000 copies <i>The Socialist</i> No. 1, .....	7.50
Convention supplies and postage of Secretary .....	3.48

Total Expenditures ..... \$38.42

Balance on hand ..... 17.83

\$56.25

IDA W. MUDGETT,  
State Treasurer S. D. P.

## Treasurer's Report of the Socialist.

### Receipts.

Sept. 5, Previously reported...	\$145.00
7th—H. H. House 4- (10 subs.)...	1.00
7th—H. G. Wright 3-4 (20 subs.)...	2.00
7th—E. F. Rotscheck 3- (5 subs.)...	.50
7th—Subscriptions .....	12.67
8th—Dr. S. J. Stewart (10 subs)...	1.00
8th—H. F. Titus 5- (5 subs)....	.50
8th—Mrs H F Titus 5- (5 subs.)...	.50
8th—H. Holtkamp 5- (5 subs)...	.50
8th—N. N. Thorup 5-6 (10 subs)...	1.00
8th—H. Sweeney 3-4 (10 subs.)...	1.00

\$165.67

### Expenditures.

Sept. 5—Previously reported...	\$95.30
5th—Postage .....	.22
5th—Book, and wrapping paper, for mailing .....	.75
7th—Seattle Eng. Co. (1 picture)...	1.50
7th—Pigott & French Co., 2,000 copies No. 4 .....	14.40
7th—2 Rubber Stamps .....	.40

\$112.57

To Balance ..... 53.10

\$165.67

## SOCIALIST NOTICES.

The Socialist Publishing Association meets for permanent organization next Sunday at noon, at Socialist Headquarters, Seattle. Important that all members be present.

Seattle Local. Second Grand Entertainment and Ball Saturday night, Sept. 29, Germania Hall.

Children's Prize Cake Walk, \$5 prize. Club swinging by H. O. Fuhrberg. Lueben's orchestra.



Socialism in our time? Yes, why not? Begins to look that way? The spread of these ideas within the last few years has been phenomenal.

"The seers of old have dreamed this dream and in

its most exalted moods the soul of man Has thrilled a deep response—It must be so."

The "tendency" of the capitalistic system, Mr. Bryan, is, and always has been, to "put the dollar above the man." Socialists all over the world have been pointing this out for many years. Even while you are tearing a passion to tatters over it in sham denunciation you know if you are an intelligent man that this vicious "tendency" is absolutely inherent in the system itself, and that Socialism alone offers the remedy.

"Still achieving, still pursuing, learn to labor and to wait." Yes, we must. The work is educational and seemingly slow, but Socialism appeals to all who are not afraid of an honest analysis of actual facts. The appeal to the basic principles of equity in the human mind is bound to succeed in time. All shams, humbugs, half way reforms and hypocrisies are being shown up in their true light by our literature all the time. Lend a hand to help get it into circulation. Help us to dig the grave of economic error and infamy.

Yes, my son, that is a picture of Atlas bearing the burden of the world upon his back. Atlas is Labor. That's what it means. Yes, indeed, he looks tired, but not as tired as it makes us feel to see him keep it up. No, wicked men do not compel him to carry it all. They don't make use of force. It is an easier way to induce Atlas to make a fool of himself at the polls. They do it that way. Atlas is a gullible fellow. Yes, but don't say it out loud. They tell Atlas that a Socialist is his enemy and the good, kind capitalist is his friend. If you were Atlas—well, yes, so would I—

Don't throw your vote away this time. There is a workers' party now. A party that really stands for the toiler. Remember that we do not make a practice of showing up and harping upon the awful infamies and horrors that are caused by this system. We make the main appeal to reason, common sense, justice, but remember what the ballot means and that it is the instrument by which you can bring about a peaceful revolution. Vote the system out. Give a thought to the widow slaving in the sweat shop for her fatherless children, to the outcast, the despairing, the enslaved and oppressed everywhere. For the love of right and humanity, vote it out!

ELEANOR SHELL.

TO THE WORKERS.

Shall you complain who feed the world?  
Who clothe the world?  
Who house the world?  
Shall you complain who are the world,  
Of what the world may do?  
As from this hour  
You use your power  
The world must follow you!

The world's life hangs on your right hand!  
Your strong right hand!  
Your skilled right hand!  
You hold the whole world in your hand.  
See to it what you do!  
Or dark or light,  
Or wrong or right,  
The world is made by you!

Then rise as you never rose before!  
Nor hoped before!  
Nor dared before!  
And show as was never shown before,  
The power that lies in you!  
Stand all as one!  
See justice done!  
Believe, and Dare and Do!

—Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

WAGES UNDER PROSPERITY

Carroll D. Wright's Latest Bulletin on Wage Question.

Congress directs the commissioner of labor to investigate "what articles are controlled by trusts or other combinations of capital, business operations or labor," and what effect such combinations have on production and prices.

Accordingly the commissioner, Carroll D. Wright, has been investigating, and gives the results in Bulletin No. 29, July, 1900.

As the department had to depend upon the "courtesy" of the combinations for his information, the bulletin in many points is most conspicuous for what is invisible.

For example, in investigating the rates of wages on steam railroads, he has reports from only seven roads. What roads they are he does not inform the public; only that they are in the northern and eastern sections of the United States. Some questions they answer and some they do not.

Only one of the seven told how many telegraphers and train dispatchers they employed and what wages they paid them. That one reported 792 telegraphers in 1898 at an average wage of \$1.76 per day.

Presumably this was a comparatively small corporation, for we find in a press dispatch of August 13 that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad employs 2,000 or more operators.

Carpenters' wages on these roads were averaged at from \$1.57½ to \$2.23. They did not answer the question: What was the lowest wages of carpenters?

One road reported the lowest wages of conductors in 1900 as \$2 per day, the highest \$4. The latter is a rise of 16 cents over the wages of 1893.

Firemen's wages varied from \$1.40 to \$2.25 per day.

Machinists' wages were averaged at from \$1.77½ to \$2.42 per day.

Switchmen received from 76½ cents to \$2.25 per day.

They fight shy of the question: How many hours per week the employe was required to work? Although 60 hours per week was acknowledged for section men and 84 hours per week for switchmen.

In the coal mining business, down in Alabama, miners received from 28 to 47½ cents per ton. Car loaders received from \$1.15 to \$1.37½ per day.

In the pig iron business in Alabama bricklayers received \$4.50 in 1890 for a ten-hour day and \$4.05 in 1900 for a nine-hour day's work.

Ore fillers received \$1.10 in 1893, for 12 hours' work and \$1.25 in 1900 for the same time.

On the whole the working man does not appear to be any more prosperous in the south, in the Democratic states, than he is in the Republican states.

DAVID W. PHIPPS.

There are more than 40 rock-ribbed Socialists in the Central Trades Council of Dayton, O., and the number is increasing every day. Dayton may be an exception in the matter of numbers, but only in this.—

THE fact that several millionaire republicans, chiefly owners of mines of various kinds, have come out for Bryan, is further proof that anything that Bryan may do or may intend doing can be of no benefit to the workers as a class. Millionaires, as a rule, are at least intelligent, which is more than can be said of many workingmen, and if Bryan really stood for anything that would render the exploitation of labor harder of accomplishment it is safe to assume that no millionaires would be flocking to his standard.

The best insurance for your children is to insure a Socialist commonwealth. Every subscription you send in brings it so much nearer.

THE SOCIALIST POSITION

Well Defined by Chicago Workers' Call—Read It Carefully.

The one thing which will never do to forget in any Socialist agitation is the fact of the class struggle. The fundamental position of Socialism is that society has advanced through a continuous series of struggles of economic classes with divergent interests. At any given period the class that is dominant economically is the ruling class politically, socially and every other way. Each ruling class continues in its position so long as its interests are in accord with social progress. While this is true any attempt to thwart their power or work in the interest of any other class is practically hopeless. Whatever changes or reforms may be made must be made in the interest of the ruling class. But when the time comes that the interest of that ruling class does not accord with social progress then it must give way to some other class whose interests do so agree.

To-day that ruling class is the capitalist class. The Socialist declares that production has reached such a point where it is retarded by the interests of the capitalist class. He says that the next class to come into power is the present laboring class, the workers with hand and with brain. He says that until this class does come into power, all efforts to better its condition which do not agree with the interests of the capitalist class will be hopeless. Hence he has no faith in so-called reforms and panaceas within existing society.

This is the Socialist position in a nutshell. It is the central point in the philosophy around which the almost countless multitudes that follow the flag of international Socialism are gathering. It is the only essential portion of the Socialist doctrine. We may know and say that the future society will be a more beautiful one than the present, but that does not make us Socialists. We may cry out about the abuses and sufferings in our present society, but that has no relation to Socialism. We may seek to make all kinds of minor changes and reforms, but this is not Socialism.

Once that a person understands the above position there is no danger of his running off after strange gods. He will not be caught advocating "state capitalism" and calling it "state socialism." He will not be bamboozled by a little capitalist flim-flam in New Zealand. He will not go into ecstasies because gas and water have been transferred from a capitalist individual to a capitalist municipality. He will not join in any idiotic hue and cry about the beauties of "direct legislation" for a lot of people that are using their present legislative power to continually approve of their own slavery. In view of these facts is it any wonder that one who is at all familiar with the Socialist philosophy looks somewhat askance at those would-be reformers of Socialism who sneer at the fundamental principles of the science they propose to teach, or still sillier, deny it the right to bear the name of science at all?—Workers' Call.

Western Labor Union Progressive RESOLUTION NO. 10.

DENVER, COLO., May 14, 1900.

Resolved, That this, the third annual convention of the Western Labor Union, in convention assembled, establish a standing committee to be known as the Educational Board of the Western Labor Union; the object of said board is to disseminate the writings of Carl Marx, as defined by such economic writers as Prof. Richard T. Ely, Edward Bellamy, August Bebel, Edward Aveling, Robert Blatchford, Laurence Gronlund, James Connelly, Prince Kropotkin, H. M. Hyndman, George Howells, William Scholl, McClure, William Morris, Belford Bax, Karl Kautsky, Lasalle, John Ruskin, Sidney Webb, Wilhelm Liebknecht.

The board shall consist of not less than twelve members.



# THE PLATFORM AND TICKET

## THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic Party of the United States, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of International Socialism and declares the supreme political issue in America today to be the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the powers of government. The party affirms steadfast purpose to use those powers, once achieved, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of private property in the means of production, and establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

In the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation and communication), and the large and ever increasing class of wage-workers possessing no means of production. This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class the full control of the government, the pulpit, the schools and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is reducing it to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and suppressed, intellectually and physically crippled and degraded and its political equality rendered a bitter mockery; and the contest between these two classes grows ever sharper. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies goes the annihilation of small industries, and the middle class depending upon them; ever larger grows the multitude of destitute wage workers and of the unemployed, and ever fiercer the struggle between the class of the exploiter and the exploited, the capitalists and the wage workers.

The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises continually rendering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of production have outgrown the existing social order based on production for profit.

Human energy and natural resources are wasted for individual gain.

Ignorance is fostered that wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women and children.

The lives and liberty of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are fomented between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes despite their apparent or actual conflicts are interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the means of production. We therefore charge that in this country the Democratic, Republican and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike the tools of the capitalist class.

The working class, cannot, however, act as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied class.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, without distinction of race, color or sex, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class to organize under the banner of the Social Democratic party, as a party truly representing the interests of the toiling masses and uncompromisingly waging war upon the exploiting class, until the system of wage slavery shall be abol-

ished and the Co-operative Commonwealth shall be established.

Pending the accomplishment of this our ultimate purpose, we pledge the effort of the Social Democratic party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor, and also for the securing of its progressive demands.

"Workingmen of all countries, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain!"

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:

First—Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to complete control of government by the people irrespective of sex.

Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

## Social Democratic Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT,

EUGENE V. DEBS, ..... of Indiana.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

JOB HARRIMAN, ..... of California.

FOR GOVERNOR,

W. C. B. RANDOLPH, .. Carpenter, Seattle.

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,

E. S. REINERT, Section Laborer, .....  
..... Loon Lake, Stevens County.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,

JAMES H. ROSS, Blacksmith, Tacoma, Wn.

FOR TREASURER,

J. J. FRASER, ..... Machinist, Tacoma.

FOR AUDITOR,

CHAS. S. WALLACE, Purchasing Agent,  
..... Fairhaven, Wash.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL,

DAVID W. PHIPPS, Lawyer, ..... Seattle.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

JOHN A. KINGSBURY, Teacher .....  
..... Prosser, Yakima County.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

JEROME S. AUSTIN, Carpenter .....  
..... Lynden, Whatcom County.

FOR CONGRESSMAN,

WILLIAM HOGAN, Laborer .....  
..... Equality, Skagit County.

FOR CONGRESSMAN,

HERMON F. TITUS, Physician ..... Seattle.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,

HENRY WIECK, Laborer ..... Spokane.

LEWIS THOMPSON, Laborer .....  
..... Geneva, Whatcom County.

WALTER GRIGGS, Teacher ..... Equality.

ALONZO G. SEIBERT, Bricklayer, Seattle.

Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation, and communication; all water works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

Fourth—The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, coal and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

Fifth—The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities for production.

Sixth—The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose.

Seventh—Useful inventions to be free, the inventor to be remunerated by the public.

Eighth—Labor legislation to be national, instead of local, and international when possible.

Ninth—National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

Tenth—Equal civic and political rights for men and women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women.

Eleventh—The adoption of the initiative

and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall of representatives by the voters.

Twelfth—Abolition of war and the introduction of international arbitration.

## THE STATE PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic party of the state of Washington in convention assembled, lays down the following platform:

First—We reaffirm our belief in the principles of International Socialism, endorse the nomination of Debs and Harriman, and the platform as adopted by the Unity Committee of the S. D. P. and S. L. P.

Second—The principles of International Socialism, based on the irrepressible struggle of wage-labor against modern capitalism, are fundamental to our existence as a party. We arraign capitalism as a system incompatible with freedom and justice. We assert that capitalism and wage-slavery are inseparable twins. We demand the abolition of human slavery, the emancipation of the wage-working class, the destruction of capitalism.

Third—We affirm this irrepressible class-struggle to be a historic fact, a process of social evolution. Our demands are therefore in the line of progress. We are as sure to succeed as the laws of nature are inevitable.

Private property based on personal labor is honorable and just. But that has been superseded by private capitalistic property, based on the exploitation of labor by others—which is robbery.

The Social Democratic party aims to unite the exploited and robbed laborers into a political unit, fully instructed and conscious of its historic mission and power.

We, therefore, call upon all wage workers to vote for their own class interests, to forsake all parties and measures that do not recognize and advocate the supreme issue of modern times, namely, wage-slaves against capitalist tyrants.

We are fighting for no half-way measures. We will not be content till every workingman understands how he is exploited and robbed by the capitalist and understands also that he has an immediate weapon in the ballot whereby to achieve his own emancipation.

We propose to show every worker with hand or head that he is being expropriated by his capitalist masters, and that the time has come when the expropriators must be expropriated.

Ours is no sentimental fight for human brotherhood though we believe that also will ensue upon our victory. We demand justice. We fight for justice. We will obtain justice.

Fourth—While aiming at the ultimate collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution, we demand as intermediate steps direct legislation, public ownership of public utilities, abolition of the contract system in all public improvements, use of the taxing power to establish a system of public improvements, upon which the unemployed shall be employed.

Fifth—While we recognize the Labor Union movement is a necessity under the capitalist system, we wish to point out the fact that it is impotent to bring any permanent relief to the working class. We feel it our duty to stand by the unions in all their struggles and in turn call upon them to complete their emancipation by united political action.

Sixth—We denounce all wars of aggression and we call upon all workers everywhere to cease to bear arms in the interest of capitalists who seek to make cannon-food out of those who create all wealth in order to perpetuate their mastery over the workers.

Resolved, That we chose a State Executive Committee of five members who shall also act as a State Campaign Committee and instruct it to abide by the result of the referendum now being taken by the Unity Committee.