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## PARTY NEWS

### NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fine Showing for April.

Omaha, Neb. May 1, 1903.

Received, national dues from State Committees:

California	\$45.50
Colorado	25.00
Connecticut	15.00
Florida	10.00
Idaho	20.10
Illinois	70.00
Indiana	60.00
Iowa	15.50
Kansas	19.50
Massachusetts	100.00
Michigan	5.00
Minnesota	20.00
Missouri	50.00
Montana	15.00
Nebraska	18.00
New York	100.00
Ohio	80.00
Oklahoma	8.45
Oregon	9.90
Pennsylvania	25.00
South Dakota	7.00
Washington	33.55
Locals, Unorganized States:	
Alabama	20.10
Arkansas	19.80
Arizona	10.95
Georgia	.90
Louisiana	2.35
Maryland	6.60
Rhode Island	10.00
Tennessee	14.40
Vermont	.55
Virginia	6.40
West Virginia	4.20
Wyoming	2.40
Washington, D. C.	3.00
Members at large	.60

Total receipts for dues	\$874.05
Received for supplies	45.16
Special Org. Fund	84.45
To bal. Old account	34.00
Eugene Dietzgen, donation	225.00
J. W. Slayton, proceeds from lectures	25.00
Total receipts	\$1,287.66

Exchanged	.25
Office expense (Sta., etc.)	29.79
Express	23.03
Office help	81.00
Postage	44.55
Printing (due cards, application, "Why Soc. Pay Dues," etc.)	199.50
Telegrams	29.38
Salaries	
William Mailly	\$83.00
W. E. Clark	60.00
Expenses of Nat'l Com. to annual meeting	151.90
On account Chicago N. E. E.	40.00
A. S. Edwards	40.00
Eugene Dietzgen (don.)	225.00
On acct. Springfield N. E. C.	40.00
Geo. J. Speyer	40.00
Chas. H. Vall	40.00
J. Mahlon Barnes	215.10
For Organizing	
M. W. Wilkins	50.00
John M. Ray	75.00
Office rent	15.00
Total expenses	\$1,197.91

Recapitulation	
Total receipts for month	\$1,287.66
April 1st. Bal. on hand	249.04
Total receipts	\$1,536.70
Total expenses	1,197.91
May 1st. Bal. on hand	\$338.79

**WILLIAM MAILLY,**  
National Secretary,  
Socialist Party.

**EXPENSE OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING.**  
May 7, 1903.  
Cost of National Committee meeting, Jan. Feb. 1903. Expenses Members National Committee: \$124.00. N. A. Richardson, California, \$124.00. Geo. A. Sweetland, Connecticut 46.75

### NEBRASKA CONDEMNS MILLS.

Whereas, Comrade Walter Thomas Mills, in entering into an agreement with a so-called Propaganda Club, has infringed upon Section 4, of Article 6, of the National Constitution, which gives a state with ten organized locals sole jurisdiction over the work of organization and propaganda in said state, and

Whereas, Comrade Mills being duly notified of his position by Local Omaha and asked to cancel his engagement, refused to do so, and

Whereas, Local Omaha passed a resolution condemning Comrade Mills as a violator of the duties of a comrade as well as an official of the party. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the State Committee of the Socialist Party of Nebraska, endorse the resolution passed by Local Omaha, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions, as well as resolutions passed by Local Omaha with communications, be sent to Locals of the State to be acted upon and sent back to us. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Comrade Mills, the National Committee, the Socialist Press and State Committee of Kansas.

**PARKER S. CONDIT,** Chair.  
**P. J. HYLAND,**  
**B. McLAFFERY,**  
**J. APLARD LA BILLE.**  
Adopted May 14th, 1903.

### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

National Headquarters,  
Socialist Party,  
Omaha, Neb., May 16, 1903.  
Special Organizing Fund.

The following contributions have been made to the Special Organizing Fund since last report: E. C. Parks, Lyons, Kas., 50c; Local Albuquerque, New Mexico, \$2.00; Local Lee, Ark., 25c; Algernon Lee, New York City, \$1.00; Local Chico, Mont., \$1.25; L. E. Hanna, Ala., \$1.00; Dr. P. E. Gold, Palestine, Tex., 50c; E. J. Cook, Tex., \$1.00; Josephine DeBerry, Highland, Cal., \$2.00; Local Orlando, Fla., \$10.00; Local Humboldt, Neb., \$10.00; Local Morrison, Colo., \$2.50; Jos. B. Reine, Reno, Ark., 25c; E. Redstone, Daunt, Cal., \$1.00; Ed. Elder, Porterburg, Cal., \$2.10; Henry Smith, Fairbury, Neb., \$1.00; Branch 1, Local Cleveland, Ohio, \$10.00; Local Brownsville, Pa., \$1.00; Joe A. Thomas, Medford, Ore., 25c; Local North Adams, Mass., \$2.00; Local Malden, Mass., \$3.00; 22nd Assembly District, New York \$2.00; Tom Fitzmaurice, Cleveland, Ohio, \$1.00; G. W. Blonecker, and J. H. Praver, Gardner, Ore., each 50c; Ninth Ward Socialist Club, Boston, \$14.30; R. K. Swope, Santa Clara, Cal., \$2.50; Local Barre, Vt., \$1.00; Otto Kunath, Evansville, Ind., \$5.00; Local Oakland, Cal., 75c. Total to noon May 16th, \$82.16. Previously reported, \$145.40. Total received to date, \$227.56.

Local Chico, Mont., is a regular contributor to the Special Organizing Fund.

Secretary Mable writes: "Organization is the key note now. Local Chico was organized Oct. 1, 1899, with five

### KRESS-T-FALLEN IN SANDUSKY.

Father Kress has been lecturing in Sandusky, Ohio, against Socialism. A question box was placed in the vestibule of the church and the Socialist comrades were quick to take advantage of the opportunity offered and filled it with questions pertaining to our movement. They write that it was indeed a sight to see Father Kress attempt to answer them. They got him so badly tangled that he stopped and scratched his head and then made one of the weakest defenses ever heard. They think that our cause has received an impetus by his lectures. Father McGrady lectured there in February and Father Kress tried to refute all his arguments. The comrades secured a return engagement for Father McGrady and he lectured there on May 15th, and Father Kress was invited to discuss the Socialist program with him before a Sandusky audience—Ohio State Secretary.

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### THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH THE SOCIALIST CO-OPERATIVE PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK CITY, TO APPLY ON THE OLD PARTY DEBT (CONTRACTED PRIOR TO THE UNIFICATION):

Local Toledo, per Chas. R. Martin	\$10.00
Branch 1, Cleveland, Ohio, per R. Bandlow	5.00
A. L. Rieth, Patchogue, L. I., N. Y.	1.00
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Total	\$17.00

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### RESULT OF STATE REFERENDUMS IN WASHINGTON.

Local Spokane's Charter Revoked; Also Local Northport's—Thomas Neill Expelled.

Seattle, April 18, 1903.

The Local Quorum met on the 15th and canvassed the vote on the four State Referendums. The result was as follows:

On revoking charter of Local Spokane account of refusal to accept the resignation of Judge Richardson and M. M. Haines:

Referendum No. 1.  
Whereas, Local Spokane has refused to accept the resignation of Judge Richardson and M. M. Haines, and

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TURN ON THE LIGHT.  
Says Local Toledo—Let Other Locals Endorse.

Whereas, We believe that the greatest danger to the future of the Socialist Party will be from within,—from unscrupulous tools of the capitalist class, and over-ambitious officials and members; or those seeking to advance personal enterprises, and

Whereas, We believe the only protection from the above noted dangers is to be found in keeping the greatest possible number of the rank and file of the party membership interested and fully informed on the internal affairs of the organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Branches of Local Toledo, Ohio, in regular joint session, that we most heartily approve of the policy of the National Secretary in furnishing to the party press copies of all correspondence on controverted subjects, and that we commend the papers that have printed same, such action posting the men and women who pay the dues, as well as furnishing practical propaganda to show how our party is not "just the same as the others." Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the National Secretary and party press, and that the National Secretary be requested to prepare and furnish to the party press a statement showing the cost of holding the national committee meeting in January, with amount paid or allowed to each member of committee.

The above resolutions were adopted by the Branches of Local Toledo, Ohio, in regular monthly joint session, on Sunday, May 3, 1903.

W. A. STANTON,  
Acting Secretary,  
P. O. Box 297,  
THOS. A. BRAGG,  
Chairman of Session.

## FACTS FROM THE FIELD.

Chase's Work in Texas—A Most Interesting Account.

National Headquarters,  
Socialist Party,  
Omaha, Neb., May 4, 1903.

National Lecturer and Organizer John C. Chase, under date of April 27th, reports his work in Texas during April as follows:

"Began at Bonham, on the 7th, small meeting; people being scattered through crop failure and having to go elsewhere for livelihood. Big meeting at Dennison next day and found movement in good hands. Addressed good meeting, composed of students and citizens, in college at Commerce, April 9th. Next day, had small meeting at Greenville, owing to bad weather, but organized a local afterwards. Went to Houston, April 12th, but meeting was postponed by request until May 2nd, when a big picnic of brewers' union is held.

Spoke twice at Galveston, 14th and 15th, once for Central Labor Council, and also for Longshoremen's union. Filled deferred engagement at Lake Charles, La., on the 16th for Socialists who are enthusiastic and have good movement. At Beaumont on the 27th I spoke for the Trades Assembly to a good meeting. One year ago a Socialist was jailed and later taken out and bogged almost to death in Beaumont, but no such reception greeted

me, however, and there are many Socialists to be found there now. On April 19th, at San Antonio, I had the best meeting of the trip, speaking outdoors. The best movement in the state is here. On the 20th, had a fair crowd in small town of Uvalde, and had the same experience in Del Rio, on 21st. These two places are farming towns and Socialism is somewhat backward, although there are some good Socialists doing all they can.

"On the 23d and 24th, I spoke in Fort Worth for the Trades Assembly, had two very good meetings and after the second one, organized a local with 31 members with the most active union workers enrolled. Fort Worth is an excellent field for Socialists. On the 25th, at Henrietta, another farming community, the meeting was held in the courthouse in the afternoon, with a fair audience, and in the evening spoke again from a box on the street.

"Texas has had crop failures for two seasons and with prospects for another one this year and everyone is discouraged and poor. Many of our people have been compelled to leave for other parts so that all in our cause has suffered. Again, too, Texas is a great empire in itself and the distances between points are so great that it is almost impossible for the Socialists to keep in touch with each other, or to do any work of organization. Texas ought to have a half dozen organizers. I was somewhat disappointed in the people of Texas. I thought them more like the westerners than they are. They are very conservative and slow, accepting things as they come along without much kicking. Many thousands of voters are completely disgusted with politics and do not bother to vote at all.

"This state had something like 160,000 Populist votes at one time, but they have either crawled into their holes, politically, or have gone back to the Democratic fold. The legislature has done two things, however, that are causing the people to do some thinking. They have passed an anti-trust law which affects, and was intended to affect, no one but labor organizations. There has been much speech-making and passing of resolutions by the labor organizations to get it repealed, but it is still there.

"After a few of the trade unionists are put in jail they will see where they belong politically. The other law is a poll tax, which has disfranchised thousands of working men, who are considerably agitated about it, and it will eventually result in good for our cause.

"The task of converting the Texans to Socialism is a big one and seems almost appalling to the comrades here. It is growing fast, however, and with organization she will fall in line. The crying need is organizers, and speakers, and to have them in sufficient numbers to make any impression, help must be had from other states. It is nearly as far across the state of Texas as Chicago is from Boston. When we think of this we can realize what a task the local Socialists have to reach the people.

Fraternally yours,  
JOHN CHASE."

## FARMERS INTERESTED.

Como, Mont., May 15, 1903.  
Comrade—I did not receive the Socialist for the 10th of May, and as I am deeply interested in Untermyer's side of the farmer question, I can't afford to miss getting your paper. In

the last Arena I noticed for the first time an article defining the status of the farmer during the first phases of Socialism and such an article or one more elaborate, from our side of the question, published in the Socialist after you have closed your discussion will bring a host of us bread-makers into closer connection with your class-conscious crackerjacks.

You can't keep us out of the movement and once in we are as liable to say our mind and have you mind our say, as that prevailing ideas will find their own level.

You can thresh your crop and clean the product, but you will find more nincompoops among the wage-working class than among the yeomen. Draw your lines, fight to a finish and then turn your guns on our common enemy and let us, your friends, share a surer victory.  
HIRAM PLATT.

## SO EVERYWHERE.

Dear Comrade:—As my subscription expires with No. 144, please renew immediately with the following number, as I would feel a void without The Socialist each week. Some people remark that it is not like other Socialist papers. Well, I'm glad it isn't. If it was, why should I subscribe for it when there are three others coming to my house?

Why should you change the name? Don't give up the field to anyone. I was one of the early subscribers of the Coming Nation and a hard worker and enthusiast for Ruskin Colony, and have taken the Appeal to Reason ever since the first copy was issued. I have to thank J. A. Wayland for a great deal of the knowledge early obtained in regard to Socialism. But let me say as a rule the converts made by the Appeal are not to be depended on at a critical time; they can always be stamped into the ranks of a public ownership or reform humping party and can not meet the arguments of opponents as a student of The Socialist or Worker can.

Of the dozens and dozens of readers I secured for the Appeal in the last few years not more than one or two are now doing anything. You deserve praise and credit rather than censure for the manner in which you hammer at such unscientific people.

Enclosed find postoffice money order for 50 cents and send me The Socialist for another year.

Yours fraternally,  
JOHN H. FAGAN,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

## TACOMA NOMINATED.

Tacoma, Wn., May 17, 1903.  
Editor Socialist.

Dear Sir:—At the regular business meeting of Tacoma Local, S. P., on May 13, 1903, it was unanimously decided to place Tacoma in nomination for the next annual state convention of the S. P., the date to be July 4, 1903, at 10 a. m.

J. V. MUDGETT, Sec.

## FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL ELECTION.

Editor Socialist:

The school election of the 9th inst. has gone into history. For short work, and notice, we did excellent work, and had the pleasure of driving from cover, one who has been held to be a friend to our movement. The Union Labor candidate, Moyer, failed to furnish tickets, so was not voted for. That move was made to force the teachers into a dues-paying organization, but yesterday's demonstration convinced the teachers that they could expect nothing from the rank and file of the Labor Union Party, but for true and staunch friends must turn to the

Socialist Party, which cast 30 per cent of the total vote, with only three days' notice to nominate and work, while those on the inside were quietly working for two weeks or more.

Prof. Hughes had the teachers and their friends hustling to keep the Plutes in office. The teachers must vote for their jobs, just the same as employees upon municipal-owned street railroads, water works, etc.

It is sad indeed to see our leading educators brought down to the level of ward politicians for fear of losing their jobs. Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews is a sample, kicked out of Brown University by John D. he is now pressed for language to express his repentance for ever daring to exercise his right of free judgment upon certain matters relating to government. The following is the local resolution:

"Resolved, That in nominations for the school board, now and hereafter, we, the Socialists of Fairhaven, in convention assembled, pledge ourselves to work for the abolition or change of text books, containing economic and social teachings, out of date and at odds with the advanced scientific results of research and discovery. To be specific, we cite, as an instance, a text book, now in use in our local schools, entitled 'The American Citizen,' which teachers, page 227, the anarchistic doctrine of resistance to majority rule. Also, on page 222 gives definitions of public movements that are at variance with all the Standard dictionary and Encyclopedic authorities.

"JOHN CLOAK."

## SOLID SOUTH BROKEN.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 28, 1903.  
Seattle Socialist, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Comrades:—Enclosed you will find money order No. 15008 good for \$2.50, for which you will please send me ten yearly subscription cards of the Seattle Socialist.

Comrade Chase addressed us on the evening of the 14th inst., with good effect. The opera house was full to overflowing. The solid Democratic South is broken in this immediate section. Many of my neighbors will vote the Socialist ticket at the next election or none at all.

With best wishes for the Socialist, Yours truly,

S. W. BAKER.  
Comrade Baker was till recently in Lynden, Wash., and a worker. Florida is so much richer.—Ed.

## OLYMPIA LIVENING UP AGAIN.

The comrades of Local Olympia are throwing on more "juice" and the campaign of 1904 has been opened up. Thanks to the good hustling qualities of that prime ruster, Comrade E. E. Martin, and to the opportune injection of some Seattle ginger by Comrade Benway into the local situation down there on Budd's Inlet, Olympia now has a Socialist headquarters that, for size, location and accommodations, is pretty hard to equal. Their new hall is located on the principal business street, right opposite the Opera House, and if there is any workingman in Olympia that doesn't know where it is yet, he'll soon find out.

Now that the boys have a good hall, they are wanting to know why that state convention can't be pulled off in the capital city. Olympia is a most accessible place for the larger portion of the comrades of the state, it has some of the best men in Washington to look after all the local details of the convention, it is the capital of the state, and any Socialist foregatherer that takes place there will be more widely advertised in the press than would be a convention anywhere else in the state. The local papers there are abnormally liberal in noticing and writing up Socialist meetings. The Recorder published last week the best "jolly" for the Sunday meetings at headquarters that Comrade Martin could write; and if that paper will

stand for that much, it is unlike the average capitalist organ. So it seems to me that Olympia is the very best place in Washington for our Fourth of July convention, if the members vote to have a convention at that time.

The two meetings on Sunday in the new headquarters, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, were very well attended, despite the fact that in the afternoon 1,500 of Olympia's residents went to the ball game. We couldn't distract many from the ball grounds, but we put the Sunday school at South Bay completely out of business. South Bay preferred Socialism to Sunday school on that particular afternoon. Comrade Millette presided at both meetings, and he made two very fine introductory talks. The Olympia comrades have started off well, and I'd like to predict here and now that when the Socialists and the Democrats come down the line in the grand rush for Thurston County votes in November, 1904, there will be one of the finest finishes on record, with the Socialists crowding the old Democratic nag neck and neck all the way home. And after that will come the deciding race with only two starters in it—and the Democrats won't be one of them.

WM. McDEVITT.

"AS NEAR NOTHING AS POSSIBLE."

Butte, Mont., May 18, 1903.

"The Socialist."

Again I have found occasion to write you and send two more subscriptions. I have been attending the Socialist local meetings here and never enjoyed myself more than at their last meeting on Thursday night. They adopted their new constitution and it is revolutionary from Alpha to Omega. Do they admit any and everybody? Well, I don't think so. They are first assured that he is a laborer and then a committee assures themselves that the applicant is a Jesurable member, that he knows what is meant by the class struggle. But that kind of law will kill the club? Will it? Butte local has over 350 members and are receiving from 10 to 30 applications every meeting.

The opportunists in Utah have the control at present. They think they are on the way to do big things by getting cheap car fares, electric light, etc. Their paper that was to do so much for the party is gone. I endeavored to introduce the plan of having "The Socialist" as the state organ, but they sneered at me when I argued that they were too weak to carry on a paper as they proposed. But one of the good loyal comrades wrote me the other day that their paper had gone under.

The last convention allowed anyone to vote who had a dime and who would sign an application. Yes, worse than that. If any county had cast say 500 votes for the Socialist ticket last election and that county was represented by one person, that representative was given power to cast 500 votes in the convention. Anyone becomes a member just by signing the application. No investigation. No nothing. "About as near nothing as possible." It is the Walter T. Mills idea. Good sentimentalism, but too good to live in this capitalist system. Soon I hope to see the true red-blooded members take up the standard and carry Utah to the front.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. TAWNEY.

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