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Does any one believe that Union workmen exploded an infernal machine under a railroad platform in Victor, Colorado, killing and mangling a score of their fellow workmen?

Why didn't they kill a few mine owners and soldiers, if it was the working men who did it? Why select the hour when the working men's train was due, and none but working men were likely to be hurt? Working men don't hate each other like that and take such pains to save the capitalist skins.

Who, then, did it? Here is an awful crime committed by some one. All the daily papers are full of indignation at the Union men in Colorado. They take it for granted the Union men wanted to kill of and terrify the "scabs."

Wait! Think! Notice what happened right away after the explosion. Sheriff Robertson, a workingman, was waited upon by members of the Mine Owners' Association and his resignation demanded. When he hesitated, they placed a noosed rope before him and gave him his choice, "Resign or Swing." He resigned and a mine owner was at once appointed sheriff, who swore in hundreds of thug deputies.

Not only this. The city marshal was also a working man, who was choosing his deputies from the working men. The mayor was compelled to remove him and appoint a Mine Owners' tool in his place.

The coroner also, who might impanel a jury who would render a true verdict on the explosion, was forced to resign, and a Mine Owners' coroner appointed in his stead.

Every Union man was then hunted like a rat. If a man had a Union card in his pocket, that was sufficient reason for his arrest and incarceration in the Bull Pen. Hundreds of Union men were packed into this pen. What had they done? Nothing but conduct a peaceable strike for an eight-hour day, voted into the state constitution by Forty Thousand Majority.

That was not all. Martial Law was proclaimed by the governor, the troops called in, and the Union Hall attacked. The dailies report the men in the hall fired back. Yet no soldier was hurt, only Union men.

Here is another incident. A great crowd was on the street being addressed by a Mine Owner, who finally said: "Let us hear from the miners, what do they think of this outrage?" A miner, named Hoskins, at once called out: "Let me speak!" immediately they hissed him and then shot him—dead!

NOW, WHO DID DO THIS INFERNO DEED?

## THE CRIMINAL UNMASKED



We believe every probability points to the Mine Owners themselves.

WHY? BECAUSE IT WAS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE TO HAVE SUCH A DEED OF VIOLENCE OCCUR AT THIS TIME. THE MINERS COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT, BECAUSE IT WAS TO THEIR DISADVANTAGE TO HAVE SUCH A DEED OCCUR AT THIS TIME.

The one thing the Miners have sought to avoid is the commission of violent deeds by their supporters.

The one thing the Capitalists wanted the Miners to do was deeds of violence.

It has always been the policy of the Capitalists to attribute deeds of violence to strikers. When every other method fails to defeat the strike, then get up an explosion and charge it to the strikers. Win public sympathy, awaken public indignation, have an excuse for Martial Law and for a wild orgy of brutality.

This is just what happened at Chicago in the A. R. U. strike. The fires at the R. R. yards were not set by working men, but by Pinkertons in the employ of Capital. That has been proved long since.

The same thing happened at the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mine in the Coeur d'Alenes six years ago. The old concentrator was not blown up by the strikers, but by men under the direction of Boss McDonald for the Standard Oil magnates.

The same thing happened again only a few months ago in the case of the Vindicator mine explosion in Colorado itself. Union men were arrested and confined in the Bull Pen for months charged with this crime, only to be discharged at last as "Not Guilty." Hundreds arrested, but not one found guilty.

It is the same old trick to cheat the public and to justify wholesale arrests, imprisonment, shooting, bull pens, martial law and all the catalogue of capitalist horrors.

Who is Guilty of the new explosion? Who but the Citizen's Alliance, alias the Mine Owners' Association, alias the Colorado Fuel & Oil Co., alias John D. Rockefeller, alias the Standard Oil Company, alias CAPITAL?

What do a few killed working men matter? They took good care not a single Capitalist was blown up. They blow working men up every month or two in some ill-ventilated mine. There are plenty more! They kill them by thousands in their wars for markets.

There is nothing improbable in such an explanation! Turn on the light! Let it be seen who is really Guilty of these unspeakable crimes!

## This Is OUR Bomb!



The Only Bomb

Workingmen Touch Off

Date--Colorado, November 8, 1904



# CURRENT COMMENT

By Marcedo.

Bradstreet's and Dunn's agencies "fear that the unreasonable demands of labor will greatly injure business this spring and summer." What a paradise this old world would be to our "business men" if labor was not so unreasonable. The master class have the same troubles with their unreasonable wage slaves that the old kings used to have with their rebellious subjects.

Admiral Togo will probably be awarded a million dollars prize money by the Japanese government, as his share for the destruction of the Russian battleships. The men who stood at the port holes and worked the guns may get as much as \$500 apiece. Even without an Admiral Togo the Japs might have destroyed the Russian fleet, but without the skilled and daring Jap gunners a thousand Togos could have done nothing. Under the capitalist system we have a Rockefeller. Without a Rockefeller the workers still would have produced oil in abundance, but without the workers not a gallon of oil would have been produced. In the army of destruction, as well as in the army of construction, the really necessary class is the poorest paid class.

The failure of the two Ohio senators to agree upon a man for collector of customs of Sandusky has brought out the fact that the office is not only useless, but is expensive to "the dear taxpayers." It costs \$1.85 to collect a dollar of customs of Sandusky. Half of our big offices are created merely to reward some tool of the grafters. The tools must be paid or the whole system of graft would go to pieces. Capitalism is built on graft, and is upheld by grafters and their paid tools, the politicians, the press, the clergy and certain self-appointed labor leaders.

The Pope protested against the recent visit of President Loubet, "the ruler of a Catholic country," to King Victor Emanuel, another ruler of a Catholic country; but, all the same, the visit was made. The time was, however, when no ruler of a Catholic country would have dared to displease the Pope in political matters: The world do move. The capitalists are setting the workers the example of refusing to take their politics from Rome.

The Business Men's Club of Covington, Ky., in setting forth the advantages of that town for manufacturing sites, mention among the special features, "cheap coal, cheap transportation, abundant labor." The capitalist who can't read "cheap labor" between the lines, is too dumb to become a member of the National Employers' Association.

What the average Democratic editor knows about the militarism of the Republican party as shown in the treatment of the poor Filipinos, and what he doesn't know about the military despotism of the capitalist class as shown in the treatment of the Union miners of Colorado, Utah, Idaho and other states, would fill a whole Carnegie library.

Bryan still proclaims that he is for the masses against the classes. However he has some very hazy ideas about who constitute the "masses" and who compose the "classes." Ancient Grecian and Roman demagogues, surrounded by hundreds of thousands of abject slaves (real chattel slaves), used to howl frantically about the rights of the masses without ever a thought of the slaves. Uncle Josh Renfro, Democrat, of Mullin's Cross Roads, Ky., gives this definition of the masses:

"All the people except Wall Street, Republican office holders, niggers and Anarchists." This is pretty near Bryan's idea of the "common people," and it would even suit the "Socialists" of Olathe, Kansas, who stand for all the people.

Any person who doesn't believe that economic conditions control all conditions should attend a Republican convention and see the "bread and butter brigade" unanimously endorse "that peerless statesman and patriot, Theodore Roosevelt."

Next to Billy Bryan William Randolph Hearst is the biggest asset the Republican party has. If the reorganized Democratic party, rendered sane by hunger for office and dangerous by desperation, should throw these two representatives of the rapidly exploding middle class overboard, the Republican party would be forced to make an assignment.

The Cincinnati Times-Star (up-to-date Republican organ), cautiously states that "Such methods for insuring the preservation of law and order by

the militia in Colorado during the past few months could not, with safety or profit, be adopted by the militia of any other great Central or Eastern manufacturing or mining states of the Union." The capitalist papers talked the same way about the Taft-Vale decision against the railroad employees of England two or three years ago. But now the labor unions are being sued and their treasures attached right and left. The capitalist class are as diplomatic as the Russians.

The daily papers announced in flaming headlines that an attempt was made on the life of the President of France on his recent visit to King Victor Emanuel at Rome. The papers stated that "the plot was discovered and frustrated, but that the Italian censorship had suppressed direct news of the attempt." The announcement was so worded, however, as to leave the impression that it was the work of those terrible Socialists. It has now leaked out, and the capitalist papers have been compelled to admit it, that the rumor was started by a half-crazed Catholic priest rushing to the office of Italia and excitedly exclaiming that he had come to kill President Loubet, the enemy of the Pope. If the fanatic had not been a priest, the papers would have announced in circus poster headlines: "Another plot of Socialists and Anarchists to assassinate a ruler." As it was, the authorities tried to hush up the affair to keep from scandalizing the Church. Circumstances alter cases, you know.

A news item says: "The National Employers' Association are taking active steps to create a strong sentiment against trades unionism and Socialism among small business men and non-employers generally, especially in the farming communities. They announce their intention of wiping out every vestige of these un-American institutions." Along about 1850 such notices as the following appeared in the newspapers: "The Southern Slaveholders' Association are taking active steps to create a strong sentiment in the North, and among non-slave owners generally, against the abolition of slavery, and especially against the rabid abolition societies. The Association intends to stamp out every vestige of this un-American opposition to one of our time-honored institutions." The wage worker who can't see the kinship between these two associations—the association of chattel slave masters and the association of slave masters—couldn't tell the difference between a fool dinner pail and a mule nosebag.

The Republican and Democratic parties are making their customary bid against each other for the exclusive privilege of being the paid agents of the capitalist class for the next four years. The highest court in Portland has decided that a woman's hair is her own and not the property of her husband, who cut it off, claiming he had a right to dispose of it. The capitalist system not only makes the wage workers the slaves of the capitalists, but it also forces the woman to be the slave of the husband. The wife of the wage worker is the slave of a slave, and the church is opposed to Socialism through fear that the elevation of the woman to a position of economic independence may destroy the home. What sort of a "home" is it that the capitalist system forces on four out of every five women because the woman is not usually independent enough to remain single until she meets the man she can truly love? There will be no real home until every woman and every man is economically free. The men who own the bread and meat of other men are their masters. The husbands who own the bread and meat of their wives are their masters. A master cannot truly love a slave and a slave cannot truly love a master.

A Kentucky editor who was one of Bryan's managers in 1896 and 1900, has "seen" Judge Parker, the Democratic candidate for President, whom Bryan strongly opposes, and he editorially announces that all his prejudice against Parker has been removed, and that "others who entertained something of a prejudice against Parker before meeting him have had all doubts removed after a frank talk with the distinguished jurist." This reminds one of a story that the late Congressman Boreing, of London, Ky., used to tell on his fellow townsman, Col. Dick Ewell, who, by the way, is a preacher as well as politician, and is equally at home in the pulpit or in a political mix-up. During a close election in Col. Ewell's county, word was brought to the Republican politicians that a certain Baptist preacher who had always stood loyally by the party and

controlled the votes of his congregation, was getting "shaky." They all went to see this preacher, but he was as close-mouthed as a sphinx. Finally they thought of sending Col. Ewell to him, thinking he might prevail on his brother in Christ to stand by the party in its hour of need. Col. Ewell went, and handling the political divine a "ten spot," remarked that he wanted him to accept it as a donation from the Republican committee to his church. The old fellow grasped his hand warmly and exclaimed: "Bro. Ewell, you have shed more light on this subject in five minutes than all the rest of them town politicians have in a month. All my doubts are now removed." Great is the power of graft, whether it comes in the shape of a sack of flour, a jug of whiskey, a ten-spot or the promise of a fat office.

**SPECIAL ARTICLES NEXT WEEK.**  
"Our Position Against the Chicago Platform," a historical review by a committee of Local Omaha, headed by B. McCaffrey.

"The Visit of the Striking Children to President Roosevelt," by Lena Morrow Lewis, of San Francisco; the first account authorized by Mother Jones herself.

**NOW FOR THE CAMPAIGN.**  
The time for action is now at hand. To reach the exploited and oppressed wage slave with the gospel of Socialism is the problem of the hour.

It is generally conceded that the most efficient agency in the conversion of the wage slave to the doctrines and philosophy of Socialism is the Socialist press.

"The Socialist," of Seattle, Wash., is, by common consent, one of the most valuable on the entire list of Socialist papers.

Our energies are exhausted in the production of this paper. We can do no more. If it is to get into the hands of the people, for whom it is designed, we must secure the aid and co-operation of all who desire the emancipation of our class.

If your shopmate or neighbor is to be reached, you must do the work. Do not cherish the delusion that any one else can or will do this, and remember, too, that delays may prove fatal to the best results.

**OPPORTUNIST OR IMPOSSIBILIST, WHICH OR NEITHER?**

Having been criticised for placing in nomination a capitalist for president, I am reminded that there are adverse views upon the advisability of placing capitalists in responsible positions, though they may be tried and true. If I committed an error in nominating comrade Lund, I am confident I committed no greater error in placing him in nomination than the convention did in confirming that nomination. But is it an error? It may have been indiscreet; but whether it be an error or not the future only can reveal.

I do not wish to be found with the Kansas "Opportunist" on this question, and much less would I care to be classed with the Illinois "Impossibilist." In fact rather than to commit myself to either of these extremes I prefer to occupy a more agnostic position, a position avoiding the blasting effects of either of these extremes, allowing the widest discretion and breadth of judgment. I believe the Washington Socialists are occupying this position. The late state convention in a large measure confirmed this belief. I am of the opinion further that this interpretation of Socialist tactics will cause the party of this state to retain precedence and command a wholesome respect from other sections.

I would favor a careful discrimination in this matter of placing capitalists in responsible position. I believe a capitalist with proletarian tendencies is much less to be feared however than a proletarian with capitalist tendencies. All capitalists are I recognize, neither are all proletarians angels. My motto is, keep your eye on both when placed in responsible positions; keep both eyes on the capitalist.

It is asserted, and not without reason, that the capitalist, however honest, is more likely to be influenced by his immediate material interests. Granting the truth of this, shall we conclude that the proletarian is always free from this temptation? With hunger, privation and dearth of opportunity staring him in the face, can we be assured that he will not have a tendency to yield to the temptations ever lurking in the closets of men in responsible positions?

So the question would be reduced to the proletarian as to a rogue he will be brought down if he is honest, he will not object to being watched. Watch 'em all, is the injunction of yours who subscribes.

D. G. CROW.  
York Local Station H, Seattle.

Editorial Comment on above.

While this pertinent subject is before us, we may take occasion to emphasize another point or two.

First, it is not the immediate material interests of the individual that Socialists present as a motive. It is rather the material interests of the

class to which the individual belongs, that we urge. We try to develop in a man a class interest, to make him "class-conscious," thus impelling him to sacrifice his individual interests for the interests of his class. His immediate material interest will often conflict with the larger interest of his class, but if he is really class conscious, his class consciousness will rise above his self consciousness and control it. This identification of himself with his class is the strongest moral influence that a workingman can feel. He may be said to sacrifice his smaller self for his larger self.

Second, a capitalist though he join his fortunes to the working class cannot be subject to this control of class consciousness, simply because he does not belong to the working class. Neither his immediate nor his ultimate material interest lies with the working class. He has to sacrifice his individual interests and his class interests as well.

The capitalist's class consciousness, if he has any, has been developed as one of the capitalist class. He is capitalist class conscious and it is difficult for any man to act against the strong current of his own conscious union with a class. It is a social law that a man naturally acts with those whose interests are the same as his own.

Therefore, given two men, of equal personal integrity, one a wage worker and the other a capitalist, and it is far more likely that the wage worker will prove true to the wage class than the capitalist.

**AGAINST HIGHER SALARY.**  
331 Scott St., Covington, Ky., May 24, 1904.

To the Editor of The Socialist:  
At a regular meeting of Local Covington, Ky., May 23, 1904, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of Local Covington that it is not expedient at this time to pay the National Secretary more than \$1,000 per annum."

The Recording Secretary was directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Socialist press for publication. Fraternally,  
A. A. LEWIS, Rec. Sec.

**THE TRADES UNION RESOLUTION.**  
By John M. Work.

Most of us who voted against the trades union resolution in the national convention voted against it because we were opposed to a single paragraph in it. A parliamentary tangle prevented us from voting for any of the substitutes which we favored.

I refer to the last paragraph, wherein it says that "neither political nor other differences of opinion justify the division of the forces of labor in the industrial movement."

Translated into plain English, that sentence means precisely this: That we condemn the American Labor Union for not disbanding and joining the American Federation of Labor.

I am not a champion of the American Labor Union. I am a member of the American Federation of Labor. But I say that it is not the province of the Socialist Party to interfere with the internal disputes of the trades union movement. It is our province to recognize the necessity and advantages of the trades union movement, to extend to it our cordial aid and sympathy, and to point out its limitations, but not to take sides for or against any faction of it.

Again, the paragraph referred to justifies the trades unionists in voting the Republican and Democratic tickets, because it justifies political differences of opinion among the trades unionists. That paragraph ought by all means to be voted down. The latter end of the paragraph may well be sacrificed in order to get rid of the portion I have quoted.

If localities where there will request the national Secretary to submit the trades union resolution to a referendum vote of the party by paragraphs, we will then have an opportunity to vote down the objectionable paragraph and vote in favor of the balance of the resolution.

**THE ONLY WAY POSSIBLE.**

Resolutions Adopted by the Kentucky State Socialist Convention, May 29, 1904.

Whereas there is now, and has been for some time, an actual state of war in the state of Colorado waged by the capitalist class against the members of the working class employed in the mines, mills and smelters of that state for the purpose of crushing organized labor, in which the capitalist class are using all the powers of government to force the workers into submission; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our emphatic disapproval of the high-handed outrages perpetrated upon our fellow workers, and we also express our deep sympathy for them in their trying ordeal; and we furthermore urge all working men and those in sympathy with the working class to extend to them all financial, as well as moral, aid in their heroic struggles with their industrial masters. But, however much we may sympathize with our persecuted and outraged fellow workers in Colorado, as well as other members of organized labor elsewhere, who are struggling against the aggressions of the unscrupulous organized capitalist class, we declare most emphatically that the result of such struggles on the industrial field alone, can at best, amount to only a partial and temporary settlement of the conditions of labor; and that the only way possible by which the working class can ever emancipate themselves is through political action along class lines; and that the Socialist Party is the only political party which stands for the complete overthrow of the entire capitalist system and for the emancipation of the working class.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Socialist press for publication.

## The McSlarrow Band

Comrade McSlarrow, of Porter, Wash., has decided to send in one six-month's subscription to "The Socialist" each week from now to election day, next November.

Here is his list:  
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On the other hand, the Socialist paper comes every week and contains live matter and rousing pictures. It gives news that capitalist papers dare not give. It makes comments and interprets events as no capitalist daily will do.

See the pictures and comments in this issue of "The Socialist." A workingman who reads the daily papers would think the union miners blew up their fellow workers out of pure carelessness. He needs to read a Socialist paper to see the truth about all such matters.

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**BETTER THAN SOME UNION MEN.**

PORTER, Wash., May 27.  
The population of this little village has been temporarily increased by the arrival of a railroad "extra gang." This gang consists of twenty-five Italians. Their habitation is a string of cattle cars. Along the side of the track they have built rude fireplaces of stones, brickbats, ends of cross ties and the like. Over these they cook their food. They do their own laundry work; for this purpose they have made "rub boards" by nailing three-cornered strips of wood across a piece of twelve-inch board; their wash tub is the Chehalis river, their clothes line is the grassy bank; their salary—oh, well, I don't know what salary they receive, but it must be something great. But what does it matter, this question of salary? They live, they eat, they sleep, they work. What more is needful in the life of a workingman? Clearly nothing. They are not citizens of this country, and can't vote, but there is an advantage even in this for posterity cannot charge them with the crime of voting to keep their class in slavery, which is more than can be said of certain American slaves, who live in houses and have families and belong to trades unions, and curse the "Dagoes" because they work so cheap.

JOHN McSLARROW.

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY SOCIALIST CONVENTION.**  
Official Call.

The Annual Convention of the Socialist Party of Snohomish County will be held at County Headquarters Everett, Sunday July 3rd at ten o'clock a. m. Place to be announced later. All members in good standing in the County shall be entitled to take part. All members attending will please bring membership cards as credentials.

ELEANORA A. MAURER,  
County Secretary.

**PIERCE COUNTY, WASH.**  
A mass convention of the Socialist Party of Pierce County has been called, to meet at Puyallup, Sycamore Hall, Sunday June 19th, 1904, at 10 a. m.

A county ticket will be placed in nomination. All members of the Party, living in Pierce County, are requested to be present.  
G. A. PURDY.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF KING**  
County, State of Washington.  
James McGregor, Plaintiff, vs. Ella McGreagor, Defendant. Summons for Publication. No. —  
The State of Washington to said Ella McGreagor, defendant:  
You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within sixty days from the 8th day of May, 1904, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer the complaint of the plaintiff therein and serve a copy of your answer upon the attorneys for plaintiff at their office below stated; and in case of your failure to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the complaint which has been filed with the clerk of this Court.

This action is brought by the plaintiff for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from the defendant upon the ground that the defendant has abandoned and deserted the plaintiff for more than one year without the commencement of this action without any cause or reason therefor.  
RICHARD WINSOR and EDGAR S. HADLEY  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
Office and P. O. Address, Room 78 Sullivan Building, Seattle, King County, Washington.  
First publication May 8, 1904.

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# News and Correspondence

## LOCAL SEATTLE NOTES.

Next Sunday, June 12, Comrade J. G. Robbins of Ballard will speak in Carpenter's Hall on Fourth avenue, near Pike Street.

Central Branch meets every Wednesday evening at 609 Third avenue.

A street meeting followed by a hall meeting is held under the auspices of Pike Street Branch every Sunday at 3 p. m. at Labor hall, corner Second and Pike street. Business meetings are held every Sunday after propaganda meetings.

Woman's Branch meets every Tuesday evening at 609 Third avenue.

German Branch meets the first and third Thursday evening of every month. This branch recently reorganized with 15 members. At their last meeting Comrade H. N. Bauman was elected secretary and Comrade Aug. Schechert delegate to the C. U. C.

All comrades are requested to call the attention of their German friends to the existence of this branch. Tell them to attend the meetings and take part in the discussions, to be held by these German comrades.

Don't forget the street meetings at Washington street and Occidental avenue, and Union street and Second avenue. EMIL HERMAN, Organizer, Local Seattle S. P.

## NOTICE.

The Federal Labor Union has opened a free reading room in the basement corner of Third and Washington. Books, pamphlets, magazines and leaflets on all phases of the labor question will be acceptable. If you have any thing of this kind that is not in use, leave at the office of "The Socialist," or at the above address.

## THE WASHINGTON STATE REFERENDUM.

On the acts of the recent State Convention, notably the Platform, Local Quorum and State Committee, National Committee, Amended State Constitution and a new draft by Comrade Cline, will be forwarded to Local cells at once, and is returnable July 13th. Local secretaries will accept no returns later than July 10th, so that every thing can surely reach this office by the 13th in time to be counted with the National Referendum which will be sent out with it.

The comrades can rest assured that it will take time and thought to deal with these two referendums and it is hoped that thinking caps and workaday clothes will be donned and worn till these questions of so much import to us as a party are settled and settled right.

## Another Coin Card Stolen.

A postal comes from Comrade Frank Callahan, erstwhile at Tacoma, that he had mailed a coin card at that point, which never saw the light outside of the postoffice. A kind friend get money orders for the amounts he collects in the cards, comrades, as it costs but a single cent more than to send the card fully "loaded" with silver and then it is absolutely safe.

Crowd the cards in comrades. Let us lift the debts and get some workers afield.

The National office has a new method of securing campaign funds for Local, State and National funds, that will also go out from this office together with the Referendums, National and State. Do your best for a campaign fund that will make our capitalist tyrants tremble.

## E. E. MARTIN.

## S. P. OF WASH: FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MAY, 1904.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from April	\$5 41
DUES—	
Local Orchards	1 80
Local Renton	50
Local South Bay	90
Local Walla Walla	1 00
Local Puget Island	2 80
Local Garfield	3 00
Local Anacortes	1 50
Local Port Townsend	1 00
Local Snohomish County	3 00
Local Catlin	40
Local Salmon Creek	1 00
Local Issaquah	2 00
Local Sedro Wolley	2 00
Local Seattle	12 00
Local Edmonds	1 30
Local Yelm	1 80
Local St. John	5 40
Local Hamilton	90
Local Grand Mound	60
Local Arlington	1 20
Local Granite Falls	1 80
Local Lake	40
Local Buckley	2 20
Local Outlook	70
Local Burlington	90
Local Tacoma	4 50
Local Lopez Island	2 50
Local La Conner	3 00
Local North Yakima	2 10
Local Thornton	80
Local Hoquiam	3 80
Local Snohomish County	3 80
Local Long Lake	1 10
Local Sunnyside	3 20
Local Paulsbo	2 00
Local Puyallup	2 10
Local Spokane County	18 00
Local Washougal	3 00
Local Ballard	10 00
Local Olympia	9 80
Local Whatcom County	10 90
Local Catlin	1 40
Local Pullman	5 00
Local South Bend	3 00
Local Stevenson	30
W. T. Hellesland, M. A. L.	1 00
Chas. Bramer, M. A. L.	1 00
Appl. Chas. Bramer	10
APPL. FOR CHARTER—	
Local Walla Walla	1 10
Local York	1 10
Local Bruce Creek	60
CAMP FUND COIN CARD—	
No. 91, E. M. Bozarth	1 10
No. 92, B. F. Wood	1 00
No. 71, Emil Herman	1 30
No. 202, Local Chenoweth	1 10
No. 85, W. H. Cook	1 50
No. 65, C. A. Olson	70
No. 114, E. P. Black	1 50
No. 127, J. G. Elliott	1 50
No. 220, Thos. Neill	1 50
No. 76, A. Wagenknecht	1 25

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.	
Chicago, Ill., June 4, 1904.	
National Organizing Fund.	
The following contribution has been made to the National Organizing fund since last report:	
Albert Malac, Vanderbilt, Pa.	\$1 00
Previously reported	\$3,261 96
Total	\$3,262 96
National Campaign Fund.	
The following contributions have been made to the campaign fund since last report:	
Mrs. J. W. Likens, Pulaski City, Va.	25
C. P. Foster, Buffalo, N. Y.	1 00
H. Amelewski, Ill.	1 20
N. Baillet, Tullahoma, Tenn.	1 00
L. H. Watson, Dallas, Tex.	10 00
N. H. Karr, Bed Oak, Mo.	50
F. D. Booth, North Branch, Minn.	1 00
J. H. B. St. Louis, Mo.	1 00
J. C. Gibson, Rock Id., Ill.	5 00
C. Knecht, Poplar Bluff, Mo.	1 50
Mrs. H. R. Kearns, Arlington, N. J.	1 50
Down Town People's S. D. Club, N. Y. City	5 00
O. L. Dahl, Geddes, N. D.	1 50
Campello Socialist Club, Campello, Mass.	1 50
Previously acknowledged	\$31 95
Total to date	\$86 98
The interest displayed in the half-day's pay donation during the third week in June to the National Campaign Fund is prophetic of good returns. Notwithstanding that the National Secretary sent what he believed would be more than sufficient contribution lists to all the State Secretaries yet more lists have had to be supplied. The good thing about this scheme is that the local and state organizations have an equal share in the proceeds and it is to their interest to push the distribution of lists to the utmost.	
Comrade Gibson, Secretary of Local Rock Island County, Ill., sends in five dollars as a contribution from the County Central Committee and says he has asked the state secretary for thirty more of the lists and "We are going to see every Socialist and workman in the county during this month." It will pay every local to work in this systematic manner. A committee should be appointed charged with the special duty of getting every Socialist and sympathizer to contribute a half-day's pay.	
Here is an extract from a letter received by the National Secretary from a comrade 83 years old, living in Red Oak, Mo., which should be an inspiration to all Socialists to do their duty this year:	
"I wish to do something for the National Campaign Fund, although I have no means beyond my support while I live. I therefore send you fifty cents to apply thereon. While I am an old man I never voted the old party tickets but two or three times in my life. I was a reformer for over fifty years—then a Socialist.	
"My first vote was Democratic, my second vote was for Henry Clay, Whig. My third was for the Old Liberty Party in 1846, voting for John Van Buren. I was a charter member of the Republican Party and voted for Fremont, for Lincoln twice, and for Grant twice and have been kicking myself ever since for voting for him the second time. Then I voted for Weaver, and so on down to Bryan, in 1896, under protest, but voted the Socialist ticket for state officers and have voted the Socialist ticket ever since. So my political life has been an evolution of votes. I am now at the top of the ladder, so to speak."	
The Minnesota Situation.	
The State Committee of Minnesota has submitted to a referendum of the party in that state the following list of names from which the membership are called upon to choose one to be known as the Socialist party designation in that state: Public Ownership Party; Working Party; Revolutionary Party; Working Class Party; Co-operative Commonwealth Party. This has become necessary through a supreme court decision, which prohibited the Socialist Party in Minnesota from the use of that name.	
State conventions of the Socialist Party are scheduled as follows: June 12, Rhode Island, at Providence; June 18, Wyoming, at Laramie; July 4, Colorado, at Denver; Indiana, at Indianapolis; Iowa, at Marshall town; Maryland, at Hagerstown.	
Local Cheyenne, Wyo., reports the expulsion of Peter Anderson and Chas. A. Strickland from membership in the local.	
The National Secretary has prepared a new leaflet for general distribution entitled "How to Arrange for Socialist Meetings." It will be furnished to State and Local Secretaries at \$1 a thousand. This is the very thing needed in many quarters. Orders can be filled to any quantity at once.	
The report of the national convention bound in paper and cloth covers will be ready for delivery June 15, and orders will be filled promptly.	

EXPENDITURES:	
State Comm. Exp. Wm. DeLilly (2 trips)	\$7 00
State Comm. Exp. Ada Gatchell	9 70
Postage	14 20
Stationary	2 41
3 tubes Mimeograph ink	3 00
Telegram to Natl. Sec.	1 30
Wm. Mailly (on Wilkins' deficit)	10 00
Wm. Mailly, 500 Coin Cards	3 50
Wm. Mailly, Natl. dues for May	69 10
Toward Del's Exp. to Natl. Con.	28 50
Help in Secy's office, 4 1/2 weeks at \$5	22 50
E. E. Martin, salary for May	40 00
Hall rent for State Convention	5 00
Total	\$216 41
Total Receipts	\$271 96
Total Expenditures	216 41
Balance on hand	\$55 55
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS—	
Dues	\$138 20
Applications for charter	2 90
Campaign funds	103 95
Delegate Expense Fund	18 50
Supplies	3 00
	\$266 55
April balance	5 41
Total	\$271 96
E. E. MARTIN, Secy-Treas.	
Bravo Comrades—Three overflow columns of receipts instead of one a few months ago. The State Committee has cause to be more than proud of the Loyal Legion of Self-Sacrificing Socialists that shall soon sweep from "The Evergreen State" the last vestige of our abominable system of Wage Slavery. Speed the dawn of that delightful day!	
Over \$50 of extraordinary expenses—State Committee and Convention, National Delegate, on Wilkins' deficit, etc. have kept been paid, or balance to the good would have exceeded the \$100 mark. \$9.00 inclosed in six coin cards was also extracted from the mail either at the mailing point, en route, or at this P. O. It is possible that many others have gone the same route to enrich the "PROS"-POVERTY howling Republican postal employees or officials—who not satisfied with the vast bulk of boodle from billionares to swell "corruption funds," but must steal our nickels and dimes.	
All true Socialists will give as much assistance to the Socialist press as they possibly can, even if it puts them out a little.	

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98 Geo. W. Scott, Seattle	\$1 00
311 J. M. Eberline, Centralia	1 00
139 Local Alma	1 50
348 John Eck, Cederhome	2 25
399 South Tacoma Branch	1 60
207 H. W. Halladay, Bow	80
64 C. D. Bowker, Irondale	2 50

## DONATIONS—

Frank Bostrom, Lawrence	5 00
Member Central Branch, Seattle	10 00
Oscar Voigtlander (Literature credit card)	5 00

Coming in \$5.00 and \$10.00 chunks, Comrades. That's what makes the work a deal more cheerful and bearable at this end of the line.

New organizations are coming in quite regularly. Two have been organized in King County, York and Hillman. Bothell is ready, and there are some other places on the anxious seat in more than one neighboring county.

Ferndale, Whatcom county, sends in an application for charter during the week. Others are expected this week.

## ONE CANDIDATE WILL STATE HIS POSITION.

Seattle, June 8, 1904.

To the Editor of The Socialist, Seattle, Washington.

Dear Comrade:

I shall be glad to avail myself of your offer to make a statement in your paper of my position on matters that may come up for action by any member of the party who may be National Committeeman for the State of Washington. Owing to my being too busy to prepare an adequate statement immediately, I shall not be able to submit my remarks in time for this week's number of the paper, but I shall have if ready for you by next week. Permit me to say that I believe the fairest method would be for Comrade Boomer's statement and mine to appear in the same number, if possible, and I assume that it is not likely that his statement will be ready for publication this week—unless it should have been prepared in advance of the publication of your proposal. (We have heard nothing from Comrade Boomer.—Ed.)

Yours for the one completely true and truly complete Cause, the Cause of Working-Class Socialism.

P. S.—I presume W. McDEVITT should know that in all probability our state will be entitled to two or perhaps three National Committeemen, as there seems to be no opposition at all to that section in the new constitution that provides for such Committeemen.

## A STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The first strawberry festival given by the Socialists of Seattle will be given by the Pike Street Branch at Labor Hall on Saturday night, June 18. A short and spicy entertainment will start the program, followed by a feast of native strawberries and real cow's cream. Some prize cakes will be auctioned off, which will contain a cash prize in every six cakes. Each cake will include two dishes of strawberries and cream, besides a chance at the cash prize.

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## KENTUCKY TICKET.

Kentucky Presidential Electors nominated at state convention of Socialist Party, Sunday, May 29, 1904:

At Large—

Lucian Rule, Goshen, Ky.

Wm. H. Lanfersick, Newport.

1st District, F. L. Robinson, Louisville.

2d District, Jas. Arnold, Louisville.

3d District, W. W. Piercey, Princeton.

4th District, J. A. Lee, McLean Co.

5th District, August Schults, Louisville.

6th District, Chas. Schriver, Newport.

7th District, J. H. Dold, Covington.

8th District, J. C. McNally, Nicholasville.

9th District, H. B. Asbury, Augusta.

10th District, Daniel McMath, Lexington.

11th District, Henry Pardee, Kenesee.

WALTER S. HICKEY,  
Secretary of Convention.

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## COIN CARDS—

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# The Worker's Children

## WHAT CAN THEY DO?



# Present Slaves in West Virginia

By National Organizer, M. W. Wilkins.

McMechen, W. Va., May 30, 1904.

Here I am, way down in the edge of Dixie. Because of union sympathies, West Virginia, in war time was cut off from the Old Dominion. But in customs, conditions and traditions, it is still distinctly a Southern State.

Taking Toll at Parkersburg.

My first point in West Virginia was Parkersburg, on the Ohio river. Parkersburg is an industrial town of about 15,000 inhabitants. Idle and hungry looking working men are numerous on its streets. Holdups are of frequent occurrence. Local papers speak of the highwaymen as "hucky working men." Shall we wonder, when the "hucky working man," over hungry, loses his patience and takes toll? In the presence of the law of self-preservation all other laws stand repealed. Then, too, let us not forget that the worker, fasting or feasting, has constantly before him, an example of toll-taking, by people who are not hungry, but "who dress in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day." This toll is paid by the workers, themselves. It is not called "toll" by the collectors thereof. The commercial name is PROFIT. It is that part of labor's product for which the laborer gets no wage. To work at all he must pay this toll. Because of that the worker lives always close neighbor to Want. The worker loses his job. The new job dallies long on the way. When WANT, the urgent fellow, whispers in the worker's ear. A new toll-taker appears, and the army of vagabondage or crime gains a new recruit.

A New Kind of Beggar.

In Parkersburg, with its 15,000 people, I found street begging as common as in the big cities of the North. The beggars were not professionals; none of the whining kind, with mock deformity, but typical workmen, whose faces bespoke the empty stomach. Two of these were in sharp altercation with three well-dressed citizens as I approached and stopped to listen. Finally, they turned to me as the citizens passed on. In a flash one of the men took in my Socialist button.

"Ah, you are a Socialist," said he. "Yes," I replied, and told them who I was.

"You're all right, old man. I am a Socialist, too, and read 'The Worker' when I get a chance. We're hungry, but we want nothing from you. We'll get some of these other fellows to put up. Wish you lots of success in your work. Socialism is the only thing that will help us workers out." Then they shook hands with me and seemed heartily glad to meet some one who was working for Socialism.

"Big Wages" in West Virginia!

I was looking for Comrade Julius Kanolz, and made inquiries from a factory hand returning home from work. He noticed the button and went considerably out of his way to aid my search. "I am a Socialist, too," he said. I came from Newcastle, Penn., where the Socialists are strong. But I haven't found a Socialist here yet. You can't talk it to the workers in this city. They all vote the old party tickets. These Southern workmen seem to be all asleep and I don't know how to wake 'em up."

"Do they get big wages?" I asked.

"Big wages! Well I should say not. We skilled workers get \$2.50 per day, for ten hours' work, and haven't steady work either; but the common laborer gets but \$1.40 in our factory; and here in the city \$1.30 and \$1.30 for the hardest kind of work. But they seem to think they're getting all they have a right to expect."

"Well, I quit my job," I overheard a strong and intelligent looking young colored man say to another. "I worked twelve hours a day and it wore me out. I wouldn't take that job back for twelve dollars a week."

"What did you get?" asked the other.

"Four dollars a week," was the answer.

The last night I was in Parkersburg a Republican caucus was going on. The street was blocked with knots of excited darkies. "What's dar in it, will he put up de stuff?" was the eager inquiry. A ragged, bow-legged, white bearded old darky, talking to a well-dressed and younger member of the race said: "Is dar anyting comin'?"

"Maybe two dollars," was the reply.

"Show me de two dollahs and I'll be dar," said the old darky with a cunning leer. It is evident that votes are a commodity in West Virginia.

The Lords of West Virginia.

I have done my traveling in this state in the daytime. At every turn in West Virginia an observing man is reminded that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." The "Lord" in possession here is the land and corporation brand. He literally owns the earth, and the masses exist only to serve his interests. In probably no other state in the Union do the big profit mongers so completely dominate the affairs of the people. The lords of West Virginia are not over nice as to methods of cinching their control. This is the land of the injunction. An election in this state is simply a roundup of political sheep. In the strictly industrial field the worker's political choice is: Vote for your master's interests or go on the bum. A Socialist movement that will flourish in West Virginia must be of a distinctly Spartan type.

The Little Brown Shacks.

Pitiful are the living conditions of both the wage workers and small farmers in West Virginia. In no state of the thirty through which I have traveled are the masses of the people so wretchedly housed. Miserable little wood colored shacks seem to be the rule on the farms and in the small villages, at least from Parkersburg via Huntington to the line of Old Virginia, and again along the northern border of the state. I am reliably informed that the rule holds good all over the state, except in the little industrial strip around Wheeling, where somewhat better conditions prevail. In the larger towns of the state I saw a few good buildings and business houses.

Not a Sign of Beauty Anywhere.

There are many coal camps in West Virginia. Now there is nothing inviting about the average camp anywhere. But for pitiful desolation, dreariness, the coal camps of West Virginia take the blue ribbon. Not a sign of beauty anywhere; no

on the Pacific Coast or in the Northwest.

The gospel of despair as a means of making Socialists gets a black eye in Dixie. With the workers generally unorganized, with low wages, wretched housing, poor fare, illiteracy, etc., etc., Socialism crawls at a snail's pace. It will take strenuous work indeed, to bring these Southern workers to the belief that better things are possible.

What a "Jim Crow Car" is Like.

At Roanoke, in Old Virginia, I caught my first glimpse of a so-called "Jim Crow Car"—a car for colored people only. In the end of these cars is posted the word "colored," and in the white folk's car is posted the word "white." An amusing thing happened at Roanoke. Three bright looking, colored girls, in their teens, started to enter the white car, when suddenly one of them cried out: "Heah, come out dar; that cyar is fo' de white trash;" and she laughed a merry and sarcastic laugh. That was a delicious touch of humor that should make an appreciative Southern white person squirm. Be funny, wouldn't it, if it should become a tradition with the colored people that there came a time when the colored folks wouldn't ride with "the white trash" and forced the railroads to furnish separate cars?

One thing I noticed, down here in the land of the "Jim Crow Car," where race prejudice seems to be so strong, an old "mammy," black as the ace of spades, can go where the white folks go if she is only caring for a white child. The humble can always come close to the high if they come to serve. The worker has always the privilege of blacking the master's boots and bearing the master's burden.

M. W. WILKINS.

### CALIFORNIA ITEMS.

Lena Morrow Lewis.

The opening meeting at the Carment's Hall last Sunday evening, May 29, was a grand success. Members of the Citizens' Alliance, who had been invited to occupy the platform failed to appear and Comrade Whitney and the writer addressed the meeting. The collection was \$19.55 and we trust that no succeeding meeting will fall below this precedent.

Miss Gail Laughlin addressed a fine audience in Turk Street Temple, June 2. Miss Laughlin maintained that economic power comes as the result of political power, which was of course strongly opposed by the Socialists.

Miss Fairbrother will address the meeting in Carment's Hall, 310 O'Farrell Street, Sunday, June 19, on Rev. Dixon's book, "The One Woman."

Emil Leiss has been invited to speak at the Turk Street Temple Thursday, June 16.

Mrs. Lena Morrow Lewis will speak at Turk Street Temple June 23. Subject, Child Labor—Its Cause, Consequence and Cure.

The Alameda Co. Socialist picnic will be held in Sutro Park July 23. San Francisco people take the Broad Gauge boat and go to Fruitvale Station. Admission to the grounds, 25 cents. Profits to be used to carry on the campaign.

Names added to our list now are likely to be found recorded for our candidates this fall.

# OUR FREEDOM

By State Secretary  
J. E. Nash, Minneapolis.

Why longer boast that our country's free,  
When all around us we plainly see,  
Two classes here, be it right or not,  
That one has made what the other's got:  
The class that toils for its daily bread  
Is poorly clad, and is poorly fed;  
It mines the coal and collects the oil,  
Invents machines and tills the soil;  
Produces all of our grain and meat,  
The clothes we wear and the food we eat;  
Yet all its products are made to pass,  
As legal prey to an idle class.  
It builds the homes where the drones reside,  
It builds its own and pays rent beside:  
A hut or hovel for the men who work,  
A mansion or two for the idle shirk;  
And a hundred servants with well-trained skill,  
Bow down to the drone and obey his will.  
He feasts, carouses, he drinks, he dines,  
Gives monkey dinners, cuts monkey shins:  
Robes useless pugs by a fashion plate,  
Gives wedding feasts when the puppies mate;  
While a maid or two, very often three,  
Give their whole attention to dead puppae;  
And the richest food and the sweetest meat,  
Are saved for the drone and the pug to eat.

A block away from this rich nabob,  
Is a working man who has lost his job:  
He's hunted high, he's hunted low,  
But everywhere he's answered, no.  
His fuel's gone, and he's hungry, too,  
No job in sight and his rent is due;  
So, with feeble wife and his children sweet,  
He's hustled out on the muddy street.  
His lovely daughter were better dead;  
She sold her honor to purchase bread.  
The mills are idle, no wages paid;  
The workmen hungry, too much was made:  
Strong workmen gather, demanding bread:  
The Soldiers answer with fire and lead:  
So the workmen fast and the preachers pray,  
And a few are fed upon Christmas day.

At the ballot box there's a chance to tell,  
Are you working, are you suited well,  
And the working class have a dozen votes,  
Where the drones have one, which, of course votes,  
If the workmen think, they may gain control,  
Of labor's product by masters stole;  
The shipping, factory, shop and mill,  
The railroad, built by their toil and skill;  
The food and clothing, the coal and oil,  
Which schemers corner to rob and spill:  
All nature's gifts, be it mines or lands,  
Or forests, claimed by the robber bands.  
May all be free when the workmen note  
Their own class interests when they vote:  
Then nature's bounties we all may share;  
And be God's partners, like brother Baer.

The crafty drone understands the game,  
Proclaims our interests all the same;  
And the eager eyes of his dupes regale  
With a yellow rag and a dinner pail;  
Agrees to fill it if they consent  
To vote his ticket and be content.  
The press, the priest and the preachers say:  
Be content and take what boss will pay;  
For crafty drones had endowed a college,  
To warp the mind in its search for knowledge.  
The working man hasn't time to think;  
The worthless sot gets an extra drink.  
So the working man, the drone, the sot,  
The preacher, priest, and the whole job lot,  
March up to the polls, 'tis a burning shame,  
For saints and sinners all vote the same;  
Admit, in fact, they are suited well;  
For they vote to live in the same old hell;  
And cry aloud, and they all insist:  
BEWARE, BEWARE OF THE SOCIALIST!

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

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### LOCAL SAN FRANCISCO.

Local San Francisco. Headquarters 1504 Market street. Rooms 29-30. Business meetings every Monday night at 117 Turk street. Public propaganda meetings Thursday night, 117 Turk street. Organizer, Arthur Morrow Lewis. Secretary, Mary Fairbrother. Financial Secretary, Oliver Everett, 126 Kearney street.

### GRANT AVENUE (CONTINUED).

Arthur Morrow Lewis.

Grant Avenue is sui generis, there is nothing else exactly like it in the world. Hyde Park, London and Boston Common alike outstrip it in the mere point of size, but in almost every other respect they are decidedly inferior to this people's Forum at the Golden Gate.

In this one block, men of all creeds and nations mix and mingle as did the Athenians in their market place to hear or sell some new thing. How many plots have been hatched on this sacred spot, for the emancipation of the human race? Saviours with ringlets; prophets with red beards; professors who produce at will fits of contortion; men who converse with the planets as freely and familiarly as ordinary men talk to the waiter in a restaurant; discoverers who have found out what became of the ten lost tribes of Israel; convicts from San Quentin, telling honest citizens how to become christians; the salvation army, offered by a silly little brainless woman, producing a medley of hideous sounds, to the suspension of every other meeting on the avenue.

Commencing at the bottom of the avenue the inquisitive stranger finds himself listening to a quiet unassuming exposition of Solar Biology. For the edification of the uninitiated, a human figure is portrayed on a black cloth, stretched upon an easel. The curious looks on and

"As they look the wonder grows  
How one small head  
Can carry all he knows."

One Saturday night as I stood in front of this ghastly portrait illumined by the mysterious signs of the Zodiac, in response to the smiling request of the bareheaded, pointed bearded interlocutor, I was cajoled into giving my birthday. According to the information that drops in some mysterious way from the planets, I was told that my sign being virgo and therefore in the belly, if I ate too much highly seasoned food I should be liable to indigestion. How we unfortunate dyspeptics, born when the accursed sign was in the belly, ought to envy those people born under other auspices, who eat nails and tamales with impunity. Another unfortunate wretch had a birthday which showed that he was born under Pisces, when the sign was in the feet. He was presented with the information that if he used his feet he would be likely to travel and that tight shoes had a tendency to produce corns. Then the business end of the proposition showed itself in an offer of three books for seven dollars and the sale of a few ten cent pamphlets.

Then we move up the avenue a few paces to where a short man in a tall hat holds forth against religion. We have noticed this mild mannered grayhaired old gentleman and we are sure that he would not under any circumstances hurt a fly. But he has no compunction about informing

the crowd that in his opinion, God is a vagabond and a scoundrel, unfit to mix in decent society and that the story of Jesus born without a father is a monstrosity, contrary to all human reason and experience.

The next crowd surrounds a gentlemanly looking man with a closely cropped red beard who speaks as a gasoline automobile runs—by explosion. His speech is made up of a long string of metaphysical epigrammatic sentences which are released like bounds from a leash or bursts of steam from an exhaust pipe. He is a typical representative of the New Thought, and while we have little use for his mystical views we have much respect for the man himself.

The next meeting is usually as large as all the rest combined. It is held in the centre of the avenue opposite the electric light. This is the Socialist meeting. How many men have been convinced of the truth of the Socialist philosophy opposite that light will probably never be known.

Opposite that light during the last winter Mrs. Lewis and I alone have sold over a thousand copies of the Communist Manifesto besides thousands of other books and papers.

An idea of the propaganda done on this spot may be gathered from the literature sold at the meeting held there last night, May 28.

38 sets of papers (The Socialist Worker and A. L. U. Journal making a set) 5 cents per set.	\$ 1.90
14 Economic Discontent, by Haggerty, 10 cents	1.70
4 Socialist Politics and Labor Politics, 5 cents	.30
16 Socialism and the Home, May W. Kerr, 5 cents	.80
3 Hanfords Reply to Havemyer, 5 cents	.15
4 Altgelds Oration, 50 cents	2.00
5 Marx biography, 50 cents	2.50
5 18th Brumaire, 25 cents	1.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10.50</b>

In addition to this \$2 was collected for dues and one application taken for membership. While this of course was a good meeting it was not within a third of the record. No wonder that Socialists feel that Grant Avenue is holy ground, and entertain bitter feelings toward any one who would start fights or rows, and give the police an excuse for driving us off. Comrades, every act of misbehavior perpetrated or encouraged on Grant Avenue is an act of bastardly treason to the cause of Socialism.

How often have we noticed comrades take insults here, that elsewhere they would have resented with their fists, and this because they loved Socialism more than the gratification of their passions. There are exceptions to this rule, but they are few and come invariably from men of inferior moral calibre. Grant Avenue! Long may thy pavement resound with the echoes of that gospel that radiates to the farthest confines of the city and out into the state carrying on its bosom the only hope of the emancipation of the proletariat.

On election day, the capitalist will give you a short ride in a carriage on condition that he shall ride you the rest of the year, and generally you agree to these humiliating terms.

The Socialist who fails to patronize our advertisers certainly does much to cripple our power for good.

# TO SOCIALISTS IN UNORGANIZED STATES AND TERRITORIES

An extensive agitation must be carried on during the presidential campaign and as many speakers as possible should be placed in the field. Under the constitution the National Secretary is empowered to deal direct with unorganized states and territories and in order that they may have all the advantages that the National Headquarters can provide, it is necessary that arrangements for this work should begin at the earliest possible date.

If this educational propaganda is to bring the results that all Socialists desire, it will depend on the degree of assistance and cooperation that the Comrades will give the National office and we urge all to contribute their efforts toward making our work a real "campaign of education."

The attack of the capitalist politicians will be directed against Socialism to a great extent in this campaign and every Socialist in Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming, who desires to assist in an effective and continuous campaign until the polls close in November, is asked to correspond with the National Secretary giving all the information possible as to what assistance can be given in arranging for speakers, and covering the following points:

1. How often can you take a speaker during the campaign?
  2. What would be the earliest date on which you could accept the first speaker?
  3. How many days for each speaker do you wish to arrange for?
  4. How much can you guarantee towards the expenses of each meeting or each day?
  5. Give names and addresses of Socialists in other cities and towns with whom the National Secretary can correspond.
- It will prove economical if regular routes can be arranged over which speakers can be sent as often as comrades may desire or circumstances will warrant.
- By clearly answering the above questions, stating just what you feel sure you will be able to do, the National Secretary will be in a position to arrange and make known plans for the campaign.
- To prevent disappointment and misunderstanding, enthusiasm should not be permitted to disregard facts as to finances or other limitations of your local movement. Address,
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Rooms 300-302, Boylston Bldg., 269 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.