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PROPOSED NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR THE SOCIALIST PARTY

Here follows the proposed Platform for the National Socialist Party to adopt at the Convention in Chicago, May 10, 1910, as suggested by J. B. Osborne of California, the blind Socialist lecturer. It has been considered carefully by a number of comrades on the Pacific Coast and a few changes have been suggested but we are giving here Osborne's original draft.

THE SOCIALIST PART OF THE UNITED STATES in national convention assembled submits for the consideration and support of the working class of America the following platform of political principles.

Standing just inside the threshold of the twentieth century and looking back through the ages of the past, we behold that the path of human progress has been through the struggles of economic classes against each other. Hitherto all class struggles have been between proprietary classes, one division or section contesting with the other.

The American Revolution was a struggle between American farmers and English capitalists. The war between the States was a class struggle between Northern capitalists and Southern farmers. The farmer lost, and lost forever, and the voice of the farmer is no longer heard nor his interests served in the legislative halls of the States or Nation.

Editorial Note—In place of this last paragraph, some Seattle comrades preferred this: "The American Revolution was the outgrowth of an economic struggle between American capitalists and English capitalists. The war between the States was a class struggle between northern capitalists and the southern slave holding oligarchy." Both declare the general truth that these events in American history commonly ascribed to "love of liberty" were controlled by economic laws, were, in fact, matters of bread and butter, conflicts between classes for the possession of property. Of the two, Osborne's statement is probably nearer the truth.

For the last half century the rule of the capitalist class has been unimpeded and complete; and the industrial revolution that has taken place has transformed our nation and its government from a nation of farmers and chattel slaves into a nation of capitalists and wage slaves.

The present class struggle is between the wage working class, who operate all industries and own nothing, and the capitalist class who own everything and do nothing. The capitalist struggle to retain possession of the government and use its power to exploit labor and to maintain their ownership and arbitrary control of all the instruments of social production. The working class struggles to secure possession of the government in order to abolish the wage system and transform the means of social production into the collective property of the majority of the people—the working class.

The working class alone can conquer the capitalist class. In this struggle the farmer must pool his interests with the wage workers, the wage workers cannot go with the farmers. The capitalist class is useful no longer and is now only an octopus feeding on the thrift, skill, muscle and brain and life of labor. It is a parasitical tax upon the energies of the only socially useful class, the working class. Henceforth all human progress can be made only by and through the working class.

The political revolution of the working class culminates in a social revolution that completely overthrows Capitalism, its institutions and ideals; and in this revolution the working class brings with it, created out of its own life and struggles, its own ideas and ideals, its own conception of law, liberty and morality, and giving birth to a new social order without classes, masters or slaves, an industrial democracy and associated humanity.

Editor's Note—Whether "the capitalist is useful no longer" or not, may be questioned. While the proletariat organizes to overthrow Capital and must necessarily occupy years in this training itself for effective succession to the present order, the Capitalist class goes on perfecting the vast industrial machine. For example the combination of railroad systems, now in progress in America, looking to a common control under one organization, be it Hill's or Harriman's, until the transportation industry is as well and economically administered as the Standard Oil system itself, is a capitalist consumption which will prove very "useful" for collective ownership. The premature demands of some Socialist platforms for Municipal ownership of street railways is undoubtedly reactionary, calculated to present the complete evolution of Capitalist concentration which is a very "useful" function yet remaining to the Capitalist class.

Old Party Platforms

The Republicans, Democrats and the Populists fought out the national campaign of 1896 on the financial question alone; the Populists standing for a national currency to be issued directly to the people, on farm products without the intervention of banks; the Democrats advocating the free coinage of silver as the only way for higher wages and higher prices for the products of the farm; and the Republicans espousing the single gold standard as the only safe and honest system of finance.

The Populists failed; first, because their system of finance was based on the interest of the farmer and could not easily lend itself to capitalistic promotion or the purposes and objects of capitalistic production; and second, because it represented the interest of the agricultural class whose power and influence is steadily on the decline.

Our experience in the rise of the price of labor and all other commodities in the last twelve years without the aid of free silver has completely exploded the quantitative theory of value idea about which the Democratic party made its free silver campaign, and our experience during the past six months with the financial panic, suspension of industrial activities, and ormes of unemployment amply demonstrate the unsoundness of the "sound" money policy of the Republicans.

It matters little what kind of money system we have under capitalism. So long as a few men own what all the people must have and use in order to live they can take whatever kind of money they please and paralyze industry at will.

Whatever financial or other reforms may be inaugurated by the Democrats or Republicans will be in the interest of the capitalist class and dictated by them.

The leaders of the Democracy and Republicanism are now engaged in a mad effort to curb the greed of corporate wealth and to limit the profit and dividends of the gigantic combinations of wealth. All of this is an attempt to keep down the rising flood of proletarian revolution and prolong the reign of capitalism. In this respect there is no difference between the Republicanism of Bryan and Taft and the Democracy of Hearst and Roosevelt.

Editor's Note—This section is rather loosely stated while containing some clear truth in the last three paragraphs. The superficial and ignorant discussions on money and the wild cat proposals of "statesmen" of all parties only twelve years ago are quite astonishing to us Socialists who have learned from Marx that money is primarily a commodity whose value depends on the amount of labor which must be crystallized in its production and that no legal "feat" can constitute value into anything.

Labor and Patriotism

Soon after the financial panic of twelve years ago when the captains of industry had begun to open the mills and mines and shops and factories to working men, women and children and as the wages of these workers were not large enough to buy back more than one-fifth of their product, a foreign market had to be secured for the goods we had produced but could not buy. These foreign markets had to be acquired through wars of commercial conquest. American workmen volunteered in sufficient numbers to take Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines and made these people buy the goods the American workers were unable to purchase.

Note—"One-fifth is much too small a proportion, often as it is quoted by Socialists. One-half is probably nearer the truth and is amply sufficient to argue from. It would seem from this paragraph that the remaining four-fifths were disposed of in "Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines," which is absurd.

These American volunteers who did not die of disease or wounds, now find themselves and classmates out of employment to the number of more than three millions, and the economic masters for whom they fought taking advantage of this industrial situation to beat down the wages and standard of life.

We believe in patriotism—the love for the country one owns, and if there are to be wars of commercial conquest in the future, we believe the army should be raised from that portion of the citizenry that own the country and in no case should any workingman fight, nor be allowed to fight, for the country of others and the homes of others while he owns neither home nor country.

This is the burning immediate question of the hour. In this country with its unparalleled material resources, colossal wealth and unlimited powers of production, millions of the working class find themselves without work and the means of life. In the large

cities their children go to school without breakfast and faint in their seats from the lack of mere nourishment.

Problem of the Unemployed

These unemployed citizens refusing to accept crumbs or the insults of institutional charities, peaceably assemble to present their grievances and are brutally beaten and clubbed by the orders of the officials of the Democratic and Republican parties alike.

In periods of industrial paralysis the unemployed can be given work only at the expense of the propertied classes and no party of this private ownership can possibly legislate for Labor at the expense of property. The employment of the unemployed results in a clash between property and manhood. The Socialist Party takes the side of the man against the dollar, and wherever entrusted with the political power either in city or state pledges to employ the involuntarily idle at prevailing union wages and conditions in the several occupations, at the expense of capitalist property.

Note—Well stated and might be much more developed. In our judgment the National Platform should be framed to fight the battles of the present hour, its statements grouped constructively around one live issue, if possible, like that of the unemployed and not made up of formal and abstract generalities, however logical and correct. The Problem of the Unemployed is central, practical and strategic and furnishes splendid educational opportunities as well.

Organized Labor

The Socialist party has in the past and will continue in the future to lend its moral and financial support to organized labor in its economic struggles against the masters irrespective of central paren body.

Today organized labor is confronted with the crisis in its existence. The employing class, not content with having a large army of the unemployed to batter down the wages and living standard of the unemployed, brings to its assistance, also, the soldiery of the United States army to force a reduction in wages and deny the workers the right to organize.

The Supreme Court of the United States hands down a decision which practically places every dollar in the treasuries of the organized labor at the complete mercy of the Manufacturers' Association.

Under these restrictions organized labor can be effectual only on the political field. The strike of the workers must now be transferred to the ballot box. The political supremacy of the class-conscious workers is the cardinal issue in the world today.

There is but one question to be settled at the next election in the various states and in the nation. Be not deceived; there can be no other question. The problem to be decided by our votes is: Shall the capitalist class maintain possession of the political power in the various states and the nation in order to throttle the voice of labor, to protect capitalist property, dividends and profits at the expense of the rights, liberties and lives of the working class, or shall the working class secure political power of the states and nation to use this power, legislative, judicial and executive in the direct interest of the working class alone, to ensure their lives, increase their liberties, and strengthen them in their struggle against their economic masters at the expense of capitalist property and dividends.

All other questions are side issues or mere details that can only be settled after working class conquest of the powers of government. In this great effort the Socialist Party invites into its ranks, upon equal terms, organized labor and the entire working class. "We disdain to conceal our views and aims," but boldly declare that we will neither compromise nor retreat. We demand first, last and always that the entire political power in the hands of the capitalist class shall be unconditionally surrendered to the working class and to this end we pledge the Socialist Party, our honor, lives and unflinching fealty to the entire working class.

Editorial Note—This section seems to underrate the value of the industrial organization of labor and thus becomes impractical. It may be intended as an antidote to the still more impractical and Utopian schemes of the "Direct Actionists." Yet Unionism is neither dead nor useless. While the Socialist party is concerned with the political organization of the wage class, it cannot be unconcerned about its industrial or so-called economic organization. We should not discourage industrial organization nor belittle its mission, but should teach what its limits are and that combined political action is the only way to secure what industrial action alone must always fail to get.

KARL MARX IN HISTORY

The 25th anniversary of the death of Karl Marx, which occurred on March 14th of this year, brings afresh to the Proletariat its everlasting obligation to that master mind.

These two pictures present Marx in different aspects. The bust view shows him as the lovable man, quite a marked contrast to the usual leonine face view.

We are printing herewith the touching letter of Engels to Liebknecht, written on the day of Marx's death in London. Also Liebknecht's testimony to Marx as a scientist.

We also wish to announce our purpose to give to our readers a translation of Karl Kautsky's latest pamphlet, "The Historical Achievement of Karl Marx."

Kautsky is the foremost scientific Socialist in Europe and as editor of "Die Neue Zeit," exercises a world-wide influence on the Working Class Movement.

This analysis of Marx's accomplishment in history was originally delivered as a lecture before Bremen comrades, but has been much amplified for publication.

It is divided into five parts, each dealing with a separate demonstration of the comprehensive contribution of Karl Marx to the Social Movement of the Modern Era. That chapter which deals with the fact that Marx combined in himself the results of German, French and English thought, is especially suggestive. Throughout, Kautsky proves very far from "obsolete" Marxism really is.

Engels' Letter

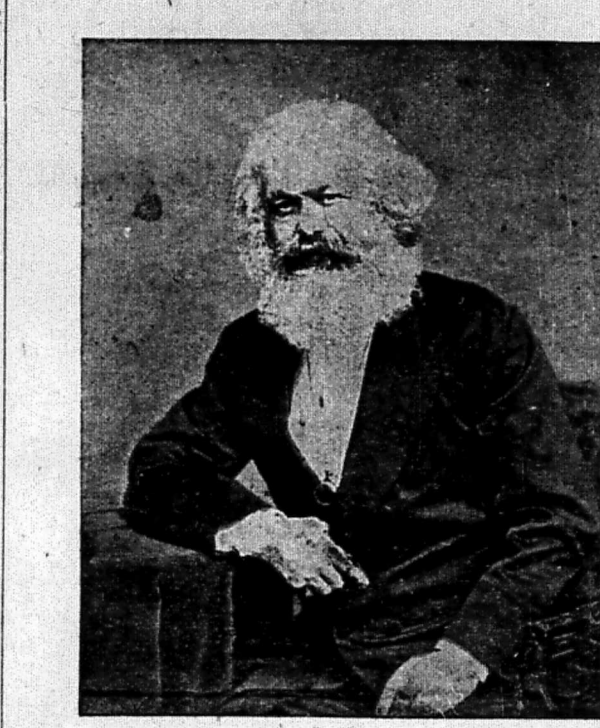
"London, March 14, 1883.

"Dear Liebknecht:
"My telegram to Mrs. B.—, the only address I have, will have informed you what a fearful loss the European Socialist revolutionary party has experienced. Only last Friday the physician—one of the most prominent in London—had told us that there was

Yet Osborne's platform is superior to the others we have printed in this, that it is positively and aggressively proletarian and does not cater to those farmers or the pretended friends of farmers, who would break down the proletarian character of the Socialist party organization for the sake of getting the votes of the farm owners. The supreme effort of the Socialist Party must be, if it is to last, to get and hold the Proletarian vote, including the Five Million farm laborers. The farm owners, especially the small ones, who are in a distressing condition, can never get relief from monopoly so long as the wage class delivers its annual tribute of billions to maintain Capital on its throne. It is not that Socialists do not recognize the small farmers' pitiable condition but they also recognize that the wage man holds the key to the whole situation. That is the hard, inexorable fact and the farmer must recognize it too. None of us can fight facts.

Berlyn on Platforms

Hillquit's Analysis is not agreed to by all Socialists. Panics at different times may have been caused by overproduction, but the Socialists would make a sad mistake if they were to affirm in a so-called platform that the present panic is the result of overproduction. It would take too much space here to argue this question at length, but we Socialists who are evolutionists must recognize that each and every panic that has occurred has not the same basis, and when the present crisis arose, and the industrial depression followed it, a new phase of development has presented itself. The organization of the trusts has nullified the statement made by the Socialists of the planlessness of capitalist production, through which markets were glutted with commodities, the supply exceeding the demand, and time for the destruction and consumption of the same had to elapse before a rebound could take place. The organization of the trusts has practically put an end to that phase of industrial crisis. We have developed from anarchy in production to despotism in production. To the worker who is out of work this may be all the same. He is without a job, but when the Socialist agitator tells him that there are too many of the commodities that he has produced in the market, and he notes the empty shelves and the empty yards and closed steel works, etc., etc., he will wonder what the agitator is talking about. It is our duty as Socialists to make this change which has occurred apparent to the workingman, and explain its significance, and show what Engels has prophesied long ago, that the capitalist system will come to an end when it becomes a hamper on production. I will say in conclusion that the platform made at the coming convention must be epigram-



a good chance to make him as healthy as he had ever been before, if we could only hold his strength by nourishment. And just from that time on he recommenced to eat with more appetite. Suddenly at two o'clock this afternoon I found the house in tears, because he was frightfully weak. Lenchen called me upstairs; he was half asleep, and when I came up he was wrapped wholly in sleep—but eternally. The greatest mind of the second half of our century had ceased to think. About the real cause of his death I do not permit myself to make any statement, without the advice of a physician, and the whole case was so

intricate that it would require whole sheets to have it described even by doctors. But this is really of no more consequence now. I have suffered a great deal of anxiety during the last six weeks, and I can only say that in my opinion, first, the death of his wife, and then, at a very critical point, that of Jenny have done their share to bring about the final crisis.

"Although I have seen him to-night stretched out on his bed, the face rigid in death, I cannot grasp the thought that this genius should have ceased to fertilize with his powerful thoughts the proletarian movement of both worlds. Whatever we all are,

red one. The red flag stands for peace, for order, for justice. The worshippers of the Stars and Stripes are trying to stir up hatred and disorder; if their flag stands for strife some people will not worship it. I will not.

Orchard

Orchard escapes the gallows. Of course. Did not the Socialist always predict he would never hang?

Gooding will pardon him. He cannot help himself. Judge Wood advises the governor to pardon him and argues that it was always Common Law practice to protect the accomplice who turns State's Evidence.

And now, Mrs. Steunenberg, widow of the murdered governor, and their son and their Caldwell neighbors, and many influential and interested people everywhere, especially the Christian people, will plead for mercy for the Arch Assassin.

He will serve a short term, till the world forgets, and then be discharged. He has earned his reward. He is the modern Judas and deserves his thirty pieces of silver.

Even if he told the truth, he is no less a Judas. If the Federation officials had been guilty as charged, their deeds would have been performed in their conduct of the Class War, and in behalf of their fellow workers, even though mistaken and criminal. Just as Bull Penn and military murders are committed by capitalist governors and in the interests of the ruling class they serve.

Orchard committed his crimes in the supposed interests of Labor, according to his own story. When caught at his work, he turned traitor to his class. For the sake of his coward neck he sold himself to the enemy if he credit his own confessions. If he lied in his confession, as two Idaho demurres have decided he did, Orchard was the most abject and contemptible traitor ever known.

And he is scarcely less contemptible even if he told the truth. A man would have died rather than turn upon his own class. But Orchard is a snake.

THE LOS ANGELES FIGHT.

The Los Angeles fight for free speech has progressed to the point where a trial has been had and the jury disagreed in two cases. The public prosecutor—more properly persecutor—violently attacked Socialism and attempted to create prejudice against the party but his attack was used as the occasion to make propaganda.

At present the comrades are not

we are through him; and whatever the movement of today is, it is through his theoretical and practical work; without him we should still be stuck in the mire of confusion. Yours,

"F. ENGELS."

Marx and Darwin

Marx was one of the first to comprehend the importance of Darwin's investigations. Even before 1859, the year of the publication of the "Origin of Species"—by a singular coincidence also the year of the publication of Marx's "Critique of Political Economy"—Marx had recognized the epochal importance of Darwin, who, far from the noise and stir of the great cities, in his peaceful country home, was preparing a revolution similar to the one Marx was initiating himself at the turbulent centre of the world—only that he inserted his lever at a different place.

Especially on the field of natural science—including physics and chemistry—and of history Marx closely followed every new appearance, verified every progress; and Moleschott, Liebig, Huxley—whose "Popular Lectures" we attended conscientiously—were names mentioned in our circle as often as Ricardo, Adam Smith, McCulloch and the Scotch and Irish economists. And when Darwin drew the consequences of his investigations and presented them to the public we spoke for months of nothing else but Darwin and the revolutionizing power of his scientific conquests. I emphasize this, because "radical" enemies have spread the idea that Marx, from a certain jealousy, acknowledged the merit of Darwin very reluctantly and in a very limited degree.

Marx was the most generous and just of men, when it came to acknowledging the merits of others. For envy and jealousy as well as for conceit, he was too great. Only the false greatness, the artificial fame inflated by incompetence and vulgarity, he regarded with a deadly hatred—as he did everything false and adulterated.

trying to speak, preferring to use the methods provided by the law, which in such a case are slow and unsatisfactory to say the least. In a fight of this kind the only work that really counts is going to jail regularly and promptly and so showing to the people night after night the extreme lengths of brutality to which the capitalist class will go in an effort to smother criticism.

ST. LOUIS BREWERS' STRIKE.

Taking advantage of the panic, the boss brewers of St. Louis are attempting to break up the strongest union in the city and open the way for an open-shop town. In this effort they will be backed up by the Manufacturers' Association and the Citizens' Alliance, both of which are strong in that city.

On the other hand the brewery workers have the unanimous support of the Central Trades and Labor Union and of the American Federation of Labor and a battle royal is in prospect. There are at the present time more than 3,500 men out and more are coming out every day.

PROGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM.

The metal trades have formed a similar federation recently launched by the building trades in Washington. Representatives of the machinists, molders, patternmakers, blacksmiths, boilermakers and shipbuilders, electrical workers, foundry laborers, metal polishers and brassworkers, stove mounters, engineers, firemen, and steamfitters, met in Cincinnati and organized the Metal Trades Department of the A. F. of L. Local metal trades councils will be chartered, but they must be subordinate to the general city central body. Efforts will be made to amicably adjust all trade jurisdictional disputes, and the policy will be to have all local agreements with employers terminate the same date. Another conference will be held in Cincinnati, June 15, for the purpose of perfecting the organization—"Cleveland Citizen."

We are informed through reading the local populist paper that Walter Thomas Mills has been publishing a populist paper in Seattle for several months, though under the guise of Socialism. We had guessed it but this statement from an expert makes us sure. There are now two avowed populists in the northwest. There are some of Walter Thomas' followers who should also join him in the populist party and give the Socialist Party a chance to do its work.

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Socialist Party News

CHICAGO WILL CARE FOR THE DELEGATES.

Chicago, March 16th, 1908. J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary, 269 Dearborn St.
Dear Comrade:
Your communication of March 2, inviting Local Cook County of the Socialist Party, to take charge of the arrangements for the coming National Convention, was received and the Executive Committee formally accepted the tender. The Central Committee, which met March 15, ratified the acceptance and I am instructed to convey to the National organization, the appreciation for the honor so conferred.
Local Cook County will leave nothing undone to make the proper arrangements for the event.
The Hall has been secured. It is the same Hall in which the Convention of 1904 was held, namely Brand's Hall. A committee of eleven (11) was elected to take complete charge of the arrangements, so that the delegates and comrades throughout the United States can rest assured that their stay in Chicago will be made as pleasant as possible and everything will be done, in the power of Local Cook County to make the Convention a grand success.

Yours for Socialism,
(Signed) G. FRAENCKEL,
County Secretary.

ONE WAY OUT.

HOLLAND, Mich., March 15, 1908.—Motion: "That it is the sense of the National Committee that the National Secretary be instructed to report to the National Convention the Platform adopted at the Convention of 1904 for re-adoption."
COMMENT:—To my mind the present Platform while an ideal can be re-adopted without any friction or loss of support either from us impossibilists or from the so-called practicalists. We can remember the fight that preceded the adoption of the present Platform. How many of the Comrades dropped out of the fight and a large number withdrew from the movement. The Work Platform to my mind is a pretty poor document. The Hillquist majority report much better but neither up to the standard of our present platform and neither can be adopted without a fight just at the wrong time when we should bend every energy to the Campaign. Put our shoulder to the wheel and push together. Frankly I don't believe this Motion will carry. There is not over 12 men on this Committee that would go two paces out of the way for the sake of any kind of unity of action. The greater share of the members on the National Committee have a chip on their shoulder and are looking to see who can knock it off. The National Office should have this Platform of its hands before the end of next month and it will save much time in the National Convention.

V. F. KING,
National Committeeman from Mich.

A NECESSARY MOTION.

GRAND SALINE, Texas, Mar. 15, 1908.
MOTION:—"I move that in addition to the thirty-five cents (per capita) assessment already levied that each State Secretary be instructed to call for a public collection to be taken by each local in their respective states, the same to be used to pay the mileage expenses of the Delegates to the National Convention."
COMMENT:—"I make this motion because it has been called to our attention by the National Secretary that the assessment of thirty-five cents per member would not be sufficient to meet the expenses of the delegates, unless we do something to relieve the condition we will be compelled to fund embarrasment for lack of funds."

Fraternally submitted,
STANLEY J. CLARK,
National Committeeman, Texas.

PRIN STORY OF NEBRASKA FIGHT

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 15, 1908.
MOTION:—"I move that the National Secretary is hereby instructed to have printed the entire history of the Nebraska Controversy and supply each member of the National Convention with a copy of the same."
COMMENT:—"This motion hardly requires comment, it speaks for itself. That some of the time of the Convention will be taken up with this matter, there can be no doubt and a printed history of the case in the hands of the Delegates will aid them in their deliberations."
Fraternally yours,
C. S. VANDER PORTEN,
National Committeeman of N. Y.

Charters were granted by the National Office to locals in unorganized States as follows: Tolar, N. Mex., 6 members; Roosevelt, N. Mex., 6 members; Sioux, Neb., 7 members; Litchfield, Neb., 8 members; Valdez, Alaska, 15 members; Arapahoe, N. C., 13 members.

The University of Wisconsin makes the announcement that it has secured a rare collection of Socialist and labor literature by acquiring the library of Comrade Herman Schluter, editor of "The New York Volks-Zeitung." The headquarters of the American Association for Labor Legislation has been transferred to Madison, Wis., and is in charge of Prof. John P. Commons of the University of Wisconsin.

The State committee of Pennsylvania reports that Wm. Manning has been expelled from Local Reading for misappropriation of funds, and G. E. Wantz was expelled from Local Harrisburg for violation of the rule against fusion, and compromise with Capitalist parties.

Stanley J. Clark on March the 11th was announced to speak in Clarke, La. This is a mill town, and everything is owned by the Company. He was refused a hall and denied the use of the streets, but finally succeeded in securing a good audience on the public road about a half mile from the town limits.

A movement is on foot in Holland, Mich., for the establishment of a Socialist paper published in the Holland language; to be entitled "The Volkstem." Correspondence is desired with Holland Comrades, address Arlo Van Doseburg, Holland, Mich.

The National Committee is now voting for the selection of a sub-committee of three to arrange the rules and order of business for the National

Convention. Vote will close April the 7th. The National Committee is voting on Motion 16, which provides that the National Secretary shall have prepared a leaflet showing injunctions and court decisions against organized labor during the past two years. The vote will close April 7th.

National Committee Motion No. 15, upon which vote closed March 17, was adopted by the following vote: Yes, 26; No, 11; not voting, 27.
MOTION No. 15.—I move that the action of the National Executive Committee on the Emigration Resolution of the Stuttgart Congress be endorsed so far as that Resolution applies to laborers coming from Oriental Countries, or others backward in economic development, where the workers of such countries have shown themselves, as a body, to be unapproachable with the philosophy of Socialism.

Comrade Wm. McDevitt, organizer of Local San Francisco, reports steady progress in membership, meetings and organization work. Four well organized and active branches exist. About \$400.00 worth of literature has been sold since the first of the year. Altogether, prospects were never better for successful propaganda and campaign work in the metropolises of the Pacific.

Washington

An error on ballot for delegates to the National Convention. Instead of "H. Hendrikson" it should be Emil Hendrikson.

The new Rotary in the state office has stood the test well and with a little more practice no doubt better work will be put out in the future. On last Sunday afternoon 1900 ballots were run off, put up in packages ready for mailing, and a printer's bill will not have to be paid for this work.

All local secretaries should now be possession of ballots, if for any reason ballots should not have reached them, they should notify the state secretary at once. The stencil is still on the Rotary, but must be removed on Monday.

The comrades in Aberdeen on March 19 gave a dance, 350 people attending. The whole cost of the dance was \$3.65. Refreshments and admission free. The Finnish comrades donated the hall and music. Comrade Clark Smith and a few of the older comrades attended the lemonade stand. Everyone was full of lemonade and joy. The capitalist papers gave them a good send off, and paid the Finnish band a high compliment.

Comrade J. C. Harkness of Northport reports that he sent out over 2,000 circular letters during the past three months, wrote 300 private letters and sent out 10,000 pieces of Socialist literature and footed the bill and did all the work himself.

Locals in the Grays Harbor country and Whatcom County are now engaged to do some necessary preparatory work for this pending campaign. All locals should do that and not repeat mistakes of former campaigns, wait up to the last minute and then depend upon some speakers to do the work.

All local secretaries will be furnish ed with a complete list of the locals in this state about the middle of next month; also a list of the members at large in their county, enabling them to determine who is entitled to take part in party proceedings.

From Bothel, Comrade Herman reports: "Things have changed here a little since 3 years ago, when Comrade Martin and I were mobbed. There were some Republican hoodlums who wanted to start a racket today but they met too much opposition and got cold feet. One of them got 3 punches in the face from a Socialist sympathizer, saying 'Socialism to some in this town is like waving a red flag before a ferocious bull.'"

In Malby today Herman will speak in a church. Comrade Smith, a new M. A. L. with his daughters will render some songs for the occasion. That we will have a good and strong organization in both these towns; one For Socialists, "The Socialist."

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EVERETT NEWS NOTES.

EVERETT, Wash., March 22, 1908.—Despite a heavy downpour of rain our hall was fairly full this afternoon to hear Comrade Titus lecture on Socialism vs. Anarchism. But through our failure to notify him of the hour of meeting, he did not arrive till the evening boat. However, we made the best of it. Comrade Graybill Tibbitts and I, occupying the platform about ten minutes each. This failure has shown us that we have a very attentive audience who come to our meetings from a special desire to learn of the message the Socialist Party has to deliver.

It was thought by many of the members, that the people would stampe, as soon as it was announced the speaker had failed to come. But only four left the hall up to the close of the evening. A business meeting followed after the propaganda meeting at which 3 new members were taken in and the local work quickly disposed of.

Comrade Titus spoke on the street at night to the largest crowd I have seen here at a street meeting but I fortunately after about 25 minutes it started to rain so hard he was forced to quit.

Comrade Emil Herman speaks for us next Sunday.
S. G. ROULEAU.

General Notes

Arthur Morrow Lewis, the western Socialist lecturer and book seller who has made such a hit with his lectures in the Garrick Theatre in Chicago, has been increasing his popularity by a swing around the circle of the larger cities of the central states, touching Cincinnati, Cleveland, Toledo, Buffalo, etc. At each place he has had immense crowds and close attention. There is no other speaker in the Socialist party in this country who can present the subject in its relation to modern science in quite the same manner nor with such effect as can Lewis.

The latest in the line of Socialist papers from Denver is "Commonwealth" with J. W. Martin as editor and Harry Calkins as business manager. It is a bright, interesting-looking paper, but the publishers have handicapped themselves with an insufficient subscription price—only 50 cents per year. Perhaps sometime Socialist publishers will learn that they cannot continue to keep a paper going on one-fourth what it costs to produce it, but they don't seem to learn much by the experience of others.

Gregory Gerschuni, the noted Russian revolutionist and Socialist, is dead. The revolution has lost one of its most ardent workers. It will be remembered that Gerschuni escaped from Siberia in a sauer-kraut barrel and came to America, where he raised money for the revolutionists, afterwards going back to Russia to meet his death.

Comrade Geo. R. Kirkpatrick debated the question, "Resolved, that the American Workingman Cannot Be a Socialist" with the Hon. J. M. E. O'Grady, ex-congressman of Rochester, N. Y., at that place. The opera house was packed and thousands of pieces of Socialist literature were distributed. No judges were selected and no decision reached but the crowd was with Kirkpatrick from the start and he did not lose anything as he went on to the end. Needless to say the Democrat was licked.

The "Labor Advocate" of Reading, Pa., publishes a foul screed against Socialism copied from "Organized Labor" of San Francisco, being the funeral oration of Father Wm. O'Ryan over the grave of the Denver priest who was shot down by a poor demented dago who had been out of work for a long time and considered the church his bitter enemy. The "oration" lays the crime at the door of the "Socialists who preach and the anarchists who translate the preaching into action." After all the work the Socialist party has done to show the difference between Socialism and anarchy and the fact that the editor of the "Labor Advocate" knows better, this article has a tendency to make us believe some "labor" editors are as cheap as capitalist editors—they are not bought, they give themselves away.

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 quarters Tuesday, 8 p. m.

Women's Educational Club meets
 every Wednesday evening at room 405
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 ond and Madison. Scandinavian
 Propaganda Club meets every Friday
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The regular monthly social enter-
 tainment and dance will take place
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 this Saturday night. A charming
 comedy, "The Merry Makers," will be
 presented and there will be several
 songs. The admission for men will
 be fifty cents, women free.

THE S. L. P. CHALLENGE

Local Seattle has declined an in-
 vitation to discuss party tactics from
 the Socialist Labor Party. The cor-
 respondents follow:
 To Local Seattle S. P.—
 Owing to the confusion arising in
 many workingmen's minds on account
 of there being several Socialist par-
 ties in the field, and believing that
 these differences should be plainly
 set before them, I, having been duly
 authorized by Section Seattle of the
 Socialist Labor Party, do challenge
 you to debate the following question:
RESOLVED: That the Socialist La-
 bor party, not the Socialist Party, is
 entitled to the support of the Work-
 ing Class.

If this question is not satisfactory
 to you, meet us upon in Debate. We
 are willing to meet a committee from
 your organization to arrange and
 agree upon a Subject. This subject,
 however, to bear upon the Tactics of
 the two organizations.
 Division of time, place of meeting,
 share of expenses, etc., to be settled
 by joint committees. Hoping to re-
 ceive an early reply, I remain yours
 for the Cause.

D. G. O'HANRAHAN,
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D. G. O'Hanrahan, Organizer, S. L.
 P., Comrade:

In reply to your challenge to dis-
 cuss the merits of the tactics of the
 Socialist Labor Party and the Social-
 ist Party, it is our judgment that the
 very small number of your member-
 ship in the United States, together
 with the fact that your party has been
 before the public many years longer
 than ours, makes argument on the
 question entirely superfluous.

And what makes it worse than su-
 perfluous is the fact that the great
 body of the working class still re-
 mains unaware of its class interest.
 If a few individuals throughout the
 United States still prefer to main-
 tain a separate organization as the
 Socialist Labor Party, we urge, in a
 spirit of truest camaraderie, that they
 should turn their attention to the
 common enemy, instead of harassing
 the flank of what is, unquestionably,
 the Socialist movement in America.

Much could be learned, doubtless,
 by the members of our local and your
 section, in the proposed debate, as to
 the application of these tactics in
 other places, but we feel that this
 would be purely cumulative and that
 your tactics have been sufficiently
 demonstrated in the course you have
 pursued at our street meetings and in-
 vading our propaganda meetings with
 sales of your literature, with insinua-
 tion and invective, instead of hir-
 ing your own halls and endeavoring
 to reach the working class in some
 better way.

In conclusion, we desire to renew
 the invitation extended to the mem-
 bers of the Socialist Labor Party by
 the National Executive Committee,
 and to invite the members of your
 section to join the great body of
 American Socialists, become members
 of the Socialist Party of America, and
 abandon that egotism which insists
 that 3,000 Socialists should be al-
 lowed to dictate to 37,000 Socialists
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 Fraternally, ARTHUR B. CALLA-
 HAN, Secretary.

**SOCIALIST FREE LITERATURE
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A club is being organized to under-
 take the work of the distribution of
 free literature in Seattle. It is hoped
 to include in this organization all per-
 sons interested in the propaganda of
 Socialism, without regard to other par-
 ty differences. It is believed that an
 organization can be effected by which
 it will be possible to distribute 20,
 000 pieces of literature each month
 in those wards which are populated by
 workingmen. The club will elect its
 own officers. Persons willing to join

such an organization are requested to
 notify Arthur B. Callahan (Box 1673)
 who is serving as secretary until per-
 manent officers are elected.

WARD ORGANIZATION.

The Organization Committee of Lo-
 cal Seattle has called a meeting of
 Socialist voters residing in the First
 Ward for the purpose of putting that
 territory on a political footing. The
 ward books will be brought down to
 date, and an attempt will be made to
 arrange for a systematic canvass of
 the ward. The meeting will be held
 at headquarters at three o'clock Sun-
 day afternoon, March 29th. On the
 following Sunday at the same hour, a
 second ward meeting will be held.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY CELEBRATION.

Local Seattle has decided to hold a
 big celebration on May 1. Comrades
 Downie, Mrs. Titus, Kingery, Gherke,
 and Ault have been selected to act
 with a committee of five from the
 Finns and committees of three each
 from the Polish Propaganda Club and
 the Scandinavian Propaganda Club.
 The proceeds are to be divided be-
 tween the Finnish local, the English
 speaking local, the Finnish paper and
 "The Socialist." All labor organiza-
 tions in the city will be invited to
 participate.

DISCUSSION MEETINGS.

On account of the regular social be-
 ing held at Egan Hall Saturday March
 28, the first discussion meeting will
 be held Saturday evening April 4.

Several very interesting papers have
 been received from nominees for de-
 legate to the National Convention. Re-
 freshments will be served.

CHANGES IN COMMITTEES.

Comrade Arthur Jensen has been
 elected to succeed Comrade G. M. Haw-
 kins as a member of the executive
 committee.

Comrades U. G. Moore, A. M. Val-
 quist and H. M. Wells have been elected
 members of the finance committee.

Comrades Titus and Brown have
 been added to the committee on In-
 itiative and Referendum.

Comrade McCracken has been made
 the Committee on Elections, Ward
 Organization, Naturalization and Reg-
 istration, with power to appoint such
 assistants as may be necessary.

Comrade McCracken desires the as-
 sistance of all the members of the
 party in securing the names and ad-
 dresses of sympathizers anywhere in
 King County.

APPROVES OF DISTRIBUTION CLUB.

Local Seattle at its meeting last
 Thursday night, commended the plans
 of the Socialist Free Distribution of
 Literature Club. This organization is
 for the purpose of interesting the
 working class in the support of the
 Socialist movement as a working class
 party, by the distribution of free lit-
 erature. The motives tend to prac-
 tical politics rather than to scholarly
 erudition. No literature is to be han-
 dled which will arouse any factional
 differences, and offers an opportunity
 for activity for all Socialists without
 regard to disagreements on other mat-
 ters.

TO PREPARE FOR FALL CAMPAIGN.

M. McCracken has been elected a
 committee of one to gather the names
 and addresses of Socialist voters and
 sympathizers in King County. Other
 Locals and Socialists are requested to
 assist. Communicate with M. Mc-
 Cracken, 526 Thirtieth Avenue North,
 Seattle.

WOMEN'S COLUMN

WOMAN'S SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL CLUB.

The Woman's Socialist Educational
 Club was organized March 19th and
 held its first meeting March 25th at
 7:30 p. m. at 405 American Bank
 Building, with eleven women present.
 The aim of the club is to educate
 women along Socialist lines, taking
 up all phases of the woman question
 from the economic standpoint. May
 Waldorf Kerr's "Socialism and the
 Home" is to be discussed at the next
 meeting. Mrs. Anna Burgess and Mrs.
 Minnie Parks having charge of the
 program.

It has been decided to devote fif-
 teen minutes of each meeting to
 short speechmaking, each member
 taking her turn in order to accustom
 the women to making talks on Social-
 ist subjects, so they may be better
 fitted for active propaganda work
 among women. Mrs. Lampe, who has
 charge of organization work, is to
 present a circular letter for approval
 at the next meeting; this letter to be
 sent to women who would be apt to be
 interested, the names of several such
 women having already been brought
 to the notice of the club.

The business of the club will be
 conducted at each meeting between
 7:30 and 8 p. m., giving those unable
 to come early plenty of time to get
 there before the study work commences
 at eight o'clock. It was decided
 to begin the meetings with revolution-
 ary singing, making our songs a fea-
 ture of every meeting. Until further
 notice meetings will be held at 405
 American Bank Building, corner Sec-
 ond Ave. and Madison St.

The Socialist Women of Chicago
 have organized a Socialist Women's
 League which is to be a national or-
 ganization, with clubs or branches af-
 filiated with it in all parts of the
 United States. The league to be part
 of the International Socialist move-
 ment. They are preparing a program
 of study for women's use and the first
 lesson will be published in the April
 number of the "Socialist Woman."
 The Woman's Socialist Educational
 Club of Seattle will take up the study
 of these lessons each month along
 with the other work, and there is
 some talk of their applying for mem-
 bership in the National League.

The Woman's Committee of Local
 Seattle announces that the Children's
 Club will hold its first meeting Sun-
 day, April 5, the place and hour to be
 announced next week. The Com-
 mittee has the names of at least
 twenty children who are available,
 and will be glad if anyone will let
 them know of any others likely to be
 interested. It is intended to have
 children between the ages of five and
 fifteen years, and organize them into
 classes according to their ages, for

lessons in Socialism on "Solidarity,"
 "The Class Struggle," etc., and to
 drill them in singing Socialist songs.
 Children too young to go out alone
 and having parents unable to accom-
 pany them will be called for and taken
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 woman of the organization.
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 work can receive more definite in-
 formation by communicating with Bessy
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 tation to all women interested in the
 club work.

TO MOTHERS.

There comes to my mind a woman,
 her thin face distorted by many nervous
 wrinkles and her shrill voice con-
 tinually upbraiding a band of healthy
 bolsterous children, who ignore it as
 something of no consequence.
 Woman, Mother, why are you there?
 Why do the voices of those little ones
 wear so upon you? You will answer,
 "because I am worked down and sick."
 Yes, dear soul, it is because you
 are worked down and sick. Is there
 no way out of it? Must those rosy-
 faced children too, some day be the
 same nervous wreck their mother is?
 No, you will say, you who find life
 the hardest—you who are constantly
 grumbling about your lot, and to whom
 I cannot reach: Do you know what
 that means to me? I cannot reach you,
 and until I do reach you I must
 struggle beneath the yoke of a life-
 poisoning system and watch my
 pretty, happy girls grow up to be sac-
 rificed in the same endless grind.
 Why cannot I reach you?
 Because, if I tried to talk to you,
 you would call me "something horrid,"
 and turn away. If I try to write it
 you call it, "some of my rights," and
 throw up your hands in holy horror
 that woman should wish any other
 right beyond slaying in her home.
 Home is just as dear to me as it is
 to you. Home is so dear to me that
 I would like to find time and strength
 to fondle my babies and give my hus-
 band a pleasant greeting when he
 comes home from work.
 But I cannot find the time now and
 I want to tell you in a few simple
 words why I cannot find time and how
 I come to be the slave of a slave. I
 cannot tell it all this time, so I must
 come again and do have patience
 with me till I have drawn a picture of
 woman from her first freedom up to
 the time we hope to see her free
 again. To draw this picture I may
 sometimes have to leave woman in her
 sphere to show how surrounding
 events influenced her standing in the
 community.

Evolution teaches us that man is the
 product of his environment, nature,
 and that society is the product of man
 and nature.
 When the first savage man wrenched
 from a tree a club to beat out the
 brains of an enemy or hurled at him
 a rock, he had reached the limit of
 physical development.
 From that moment he developed in
 shrewdness and ingenuity, or, in other
 words, physical development. Here
 he commenced the enslavement of na-
 ture, that is, he used his law over na-
 ture to force her to supply his wants.
 Now in the study of science we find
 that the function of society is the way
 in which we get our living, in short,
 the mode of wealth production. It
 teaches that when the mode of pro-
 duction changes, the existing institu-
 tions, political and judicial, change to
 fit with the new mode of production.
 And from these different modes of
 production woman's status can alone
 be determined in past history.

Before the beginning of private
 property woman was the controlling
 factor for it was she who controlled
 the family and she stood on equality
 with the man in the wealth produc-
 tion and was therefore free.
 From here on I will try to show
 how the fetters of slavery were forged
 upon her.

MRS. BEULAH HYDE.

A PLAIN TALK TO READERS OF "THE SOCIALIST."

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Portland, Ore., March 26, 1908.
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 sion. He is in the apartment house
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 of Eastern capital behind him with
 steel million dollars. They are to
 build apartment houses in the rhu-
 bars of the big cities. They buy a
 piece of property somewhere near
 where the sky hangs on the fence.
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 and build an apartment house for 100
 families. These are to be rented with
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 etc. (latest improved) attachment.
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 the buyers to stop exploitation for
 these favored few. No one is to be
 admitted within the sacred precincts
 of the aforementioned apartment
 houses except married couples (with
 licenses) and children enough to sat-
 isfy the Roosevelt ideal of family
 morality. Each family is to be provided
 with a small plot of land fenced in,
 with sand heaps, tin pails and toy
 shovels and a beautiful reproduction
 of a sea shore scene painted on the
 fence. Each family is to be provided
 with a copy of "The Struggle for
 Existence" for each husband and wife,
 one for each child and sufficient to be
 kept in reserve at all times to be used
 for the prospective candidates (yet
 unborn) for co-operative honors.

In the main hall is to be hung a life-
 sized photograph of the founder of the
 institution done in oil. Securely hid
 beneath the cornerstone of the
 building, which is to be constructed
 of Portland cement, dried by hot air,
 will be placed a valuable bunch of hair
 combed from the left lace curtain of
 the versatile Thomas by a Kansas cy-
 clone. Among the documents to be
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A WORKINGMAN'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT

By R. A. Huebner

His First Attempt at Writing.

Someone says, "Why didn't you save," when the out-of-work began to cry for help.

I respectfully submit an account of my own income and expenditures. The year 1907 was the most prosperous for me in all my life so far as financial income is concerned. I worked 2,867 1/2 hours, at 20 cents per hour, and 15 hours overtime at 25 cents, a total for the year of 2,823 1/2 hours or 288 3/4 days of 10 hours, each for \$577.25. Counting 365 days to the year and subtracting 288 3/4 days leaves 77 days not worked.

Allowing 57 days for Sundays and holidays, leaves 20 days off for no work and sickness; about half for each. I have an account of my income and expenditures since January, 1902, except 1903. My accounts come within 10 cents of balancing in any one year, having figured 10 cents less for 1907 than actual cash on hand.

I have grouped my expenditures as closely as possible to be brief. They are as follows: Board (room, washing, mending, and a few household helps not required of me) \$236.60; charity (persons in need, and flowers for funerals) \$7.50; piano, \$156.13; watch repair, \$1; car fare 50 cents; pleasure, (confectionary, picture show and trinkets) \$1.70; insurance, \$42.76; labor organizations, \$8.83; education (books, periodicals and lectures) \$32.26; dress (clothes, shoes and barber) \$12.31; sickness (doctor, dentist, optician and accessories) \$44.73; grand total of \$544.42 expended. I saved \$22.73.

What Saving Means

Now, "Old Farmer," take a look at these figures. Twelve dollars a week is comparatively no bad wage. Of course I got extravagant (?) in 1906 and bought a piano which I had to finish paying for in 1907. But really, you people who cry "save," is it not the man who spends his money that really keeps things moving? If I had not bought my piano, there would have been one plate less made in Springfield. Now suppose all working men refused to buy pianos. Don't you see there would be many people employed in producing raw materials, manufacturing, shipping, selling, etc., of pianos who would be looking for jobs in other fields?

Now let's see by a little crude illustration how the above would work out. To make it easy to comprehend, we will use assumed figures. There are 20,000,000 workers in the country; 12,000,000 produce things necessary; 8,000,000 things unnecessary. Each works 300 days a year to produce the yearly output. Now the useful worker saves all unnecessary expenses. The result? The useless worker is competing for the useful worker's job and wages come down. Now these men had \$3, but through competition, wages come down 20 per cent, which leaves \$2.40. All finally get jobs, but mind, they save all except for necessities and markets do not increase so only the same amount of goods produced formerly by 12,000,000 will now be produced by 20,000,000.

Result: Each man works 180 days a year for a total yearly wage of \$432, where he formerly got \$900 for 300 days. We will say each spent 25 per cent of his income uselessly before all began to save. That means \$225 he should have saved leaving him \$675 for necessities, which amount he must now also spend, since prices have not come down.
 Thus, by all of them saving they find themselves each \$243 in the hole at the end of the year. Don't you see, you saving people, that it is only by the many spending their income that the few who live niggardly can save at all? Don't you think "Old Farmer," that you have pretty much the same idea of the city worker's prosperity (?) that he has of most farmers?

Young Woman Wanted

Look at my accounts again, you "good people." Do you know of any good young woman who wants to live miserably with me just to be my partner and bear my name? Do you see why many of us young people prefer to live single and why many who thoughtlessly walk into married life run apart again?

Again, you brute of a "reformer," (religious or otherwise), who think our young women fall because they dance. Most female wage-earners get less than half my wage. I am not mistaken, government statistics place the average female's wage at \$5 per week, expenses \$6. Where is that extra dollar coming from, if left to her own resources? Do you mean to tell me that thousands such women ply their trade in the cities because they want to or because they danced?

Liquor Traffic

Where do you see my booze, gambling and tobacco money in my accounts?

Just a word to those who wish to cure all by abolishing the liquor traffic. Can't you see it would have the same effect that abolishing the piano as explained above? "But," you say, "the piano didn't brutalize like liquor." Did it ever strike you that drunkenness is the result of ignorance caused by economic conditions? The liquor man is nothing more nor less than any other business man. He is in the business for profit and is on a par with any of the "good" business people who offer adulterated, disease-breeding, poisoning and worthless goods for sale.

While an apprentice in Chicago, I many times went in a saloon to get a beer because the free lunch which was offered me, was better than what my measly wage would afford at a restaurant. Wasn't that a fine chance for a boy of eighteen to become discouraged and start down hill to a

drunkard's grave? Who would you have blamed, the saloonkeeper or the firm that paid the measly wage? I blame neither except in so far as they were upholders of the present "dog eat dog" system. So long as people

HODGE-PODGE ORGANIZATION

BY GEO. E. BOOMER.
 Editor "Prosser Record."
 Prosser, Wash., March 25, 1908.
 Comrades:

A. Hutcherson was here last week and will be followed tomorrow (Thursday) by Kennedy. At North Yakima they have succeeded in getting over half of the local to secede from the party and it is understood that both Sunnyside and Outlook locals (neither of which have ever proven much use to the working class movement) have gone over to them.

At Prosser Hutcherson held a little meeting at the home of one of the members. None were won over but I believe one or two are teetering on one foot about it.

So far as I have been able to investigate I do not think that the "Socialists" the Hutcherson-Mills faction are able to get will be any serious loss to the working class. While here Hutcherson told me among other things that he did not want a state organization wherein the state committee could be a little bunch of dictators. Further conversation elucidated the fact that his faction desires a state organization so loosely conducted that a local cannot be forced out of the party if its charter revoked even if a local "endorses democratic or republican ticket." These are Hutcherson's exact words to me. We can imagine what kind of an organization that would be, and where it would land when the first campaign comes round.

At North Yakima Saturday I talked with several who have deserted the party and joined Hutcherson et al. Without exception they are the worst kind of opportunists from whom the wage workers need expect no help of any kind. They, and Boyd in particular, objected to class lines being drawn. He said that Socialism was for the benefit of all humanity and therefore the farmer, business man and merchants would make just as good Socialists as the wage worker. We all know where the Outlook Socialists stand as to objection to the class lines and the class struggle.

It has been made very plain to me that the expelled faction which is now seeking to disrupt the Socialist party are using the facts of the Titus scrap and the Mills fight as a mask behind which to really work for an organization that will be opportunist in ideals and middle class in character and control. Altogether, it may be a very good thing that this struggle is coming at this time. Wherever Hutcherson and Kennedy go, the comrades who can see through a millstone and who remain loyal to the Socialist party are making a defense upon the lines of class interests and fundamentals

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL DELEGATES.

The ballots for voting for eight delegates to National Convention at Chicago, May 10, 1908, are out and contain the following names:
 D. Burgess, Everett,
 Emil Herman, Tacoma,
 Alf Wagenknecht, Seattle,
 Herman F. Titus, Seattle,
 R. K. Kroenke, Tacoma,
 J. E. Sinclair, Fall City,
 G. E. Boomer, Prosser,
 Ernest Stephens, Spokane
 John Downie, Seattle,
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 H. Hendriksen, Seattle,
 L. E. Aller, Tacoma,
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 O. A. Linstant, South Bend,
 E. E. Martin, Bangor,
 S. Salo, Seattle,
 L. W. Longmire, Yelm,
 J. C. Norcross, Liberty,
 J. McSharrow, Porter,
 V. Westerholm, Aberdeen,
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 S. R. Weaver, Lo Conner
 Bigge Eddy, Olympia,
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 H. Meyer, Olympia,
 C. V. Boone, Olympia,
 J. P. Flick, Hamilton,
 M. Erickson, Hall P. O.,
 E. S. Reinert, Oroville,
 Clark Smith, Aberdeen,
 E. J. Brown, Seattle.

In addition, the following were nominated and declined:
 George Croston, Hoquiam,
 A. H. Barth, Tacoma,
 R. Rigby, Olympia,
 C. V. Boone, Olympia,
 Carl Swantje, Bangor,
 David Bowdin, Tacoma,
 J. P. Flick, Hamilton,
 George Sinnes, Tacoma,
 J. A. McCorkle, Seattle,
 M. Erickson, Hall,
 Grace Lewis, Tacoma,
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 Harry Eldridge, Liberty,
 H. D. Harkness, Liberty,
 T. F. Burns, Tacoma,
 F. M. Hettrich, Yelm,
 J. W. Morris, Arlington,
 Ada Gatchell, North Yakima,
 Mason Couch, Porter,
 L. P. Bendixen, Elma,
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EXAMPLES IN POLITICAL ARITHMETIC.

If it takes three regiments of United States infantry to keep open the mines in Nevada, how many regiments will it take to keep the mines in West Virginia from exploding?
 If the length of the bread line is will happen again.

can be made to believe that they need liquor, there will be a market for it and some one will profit by it. If not done openly according to law, then secretly and more criminals will be made and law and order becomes a farce.

HODGE-PODGE ORGANIZATION

that can but be of great benefit in the end.

Hutcherson also said that he believed in taking into his organization everyone who would sign the application blank. They are also telling the weak comrades that they are not leaving the party to the Socialist party, and that the regular and recognized state organization is illegal and therefore will soon not be recognized by the national organization, but that the disruptionists will be recognized. From the fact that Hutcherson strongly praises the present national executive committee, it arouses suspicion that perhaps he has inside information as to what they will do. It would not surprise me particularly, as the majority of the national executive committee are to my mind tinged with the same poison of opportunism as Hutcherson. To illustrate, the latter bemoaned the slow growth in North Yakima and recited that there was a banker there who stood ready to help the movement liberally with money whenever it showed that it was in a position to do something. What that "do something" was supposed to be Hutcherson did not state, but the proletariat can imagine how liberally a banker is liable to aid in financing a real working class movement.

All through the talk of Hutcherson and his supporters runs the sentiment that the Socialist party is growing too slowly; everybody should be taken in, and that everybody will make as good Socialists as the working class. It is not hard to predict what will happen to such a hodge-podge organization whenever the few wage workers that may happen to be in such a befuddled movement try to insist on the locals everywhere going into a campaign on platforms declaring for the only thing that will free that class—abolition of the wage system—with-out trying to hold the membership of votes of the merchants, farmers and sentimentalists by advocating reform measures that mean nothing to the wage workers.

More strength to Hutcherson et al. May they always thus aid in emphasizing the necessity of the Socialist movement being dominated by the propertyless if the movement is ever to do anything for the propertyless.
 If they do succeed the Socialist party will go the way of the Populist party, but out of its ruins will be born a true party of the proletariat.
 The world is full of lessons where in the workers have been betrayed by pretended friends and by emissaries from the other classes. How many more lessons will they need?

GEO. E. BOOMER

twice the length of a line of depositors unable to get their money, what are the relative pugilistic merits of two prominent Democratic Congressmen?

If Socialism means dividing up with one class, and Capitalism means dividing up with another class, how long will it take a bank to pay out four million dollars with thirty cents, provided no help comes from the Government?

If the number of causes of the panic equal the number of the inhabitants of the nation, not including college professors and editors, who do not yet know that anything has happened, to say nothing of the reason, on what can a man live longest, confidence, gold or peanuts?

If fifty killed in a railroad accident is a one-day's wonder, and one thousand killed in a mine explosion is a two-days' wonder, and the murder of an ex-Governor of a Western State is a three-days' wonder, and the suicide of a bank president is a four days' wonder, and five million men out of jobs is not worth mentioning, what proportion of the average newspaper should be devoted to the approaching Republican convention?—Ellis O. Jones in "Life."

If you're a workingman, get "The Socialist."

John C. Chase, for some years past State Secretary of New York and the man who has the distinction of being the first Socialist mayor elected in any American city—Haverhill—is speaking in Montana. Comrade Chase is likely to come farther west before he returns east. We will welcome him on the coast.

An interesting development in the "Nebraska Situation" is the "Socialist" faction in Omaha. The peculiar thing about "The Socialist Herald" is the fact that the first and last pages are printed in Milwaukee on the press of the Social-Democratic Publishing Co. This would tend to indicate a pretty complete understanding with the Milwaukee contingent in the National Party and shows where the Wells-Porter bunch gets its inspiration. A line-up of the opportunists makes necessary a line-up of the revolutionists. To your tents, O Israel!

May Beals, the little Southern girl who is making a valiant effort to reach her fellow-workers in the South land, is turning out a good piece of work in "The Red Flag." The magazine has reached its fifth number—monthly—and has already had a tilt with the postoffice department. The March number, just at hand, has several articles and stories of interest. Address Abbeville, La.

Michael J. Kennedy has returned from North Yakima where the hoodlums pelted him with stale hen-frut. This was unkind of the hoodlums as Mr. Kennedy is a "good" Socialist and does not believe in "waving the red flag," or "barking on the street corners." We trust nothing of the kind

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ANOTHER LABOR PARTY?

The Central Federated union of New York has requested Samuel Gompers by resolution to call a convention of labor union representatives from all over the country. They ask this for the purpose of dominating national candidates and to adopt a plan for a national labor party. The recent supreme court decisions are given as the reasons why the labor men throughout the country must combine. Little by little the great working class is coming to a knowledge of its mission. Political action in the interest of the class is absolutely necessary. If this party is organized it will at first be a mongrel affair. It will tear organized labor wide open, but the eruption will have as an end a great educational power. Labor has yet to learn that its two wings are not labor and capital, but industrial and political organization, by itself and for itself. The trades union organization represents one wing and the Socialist party the other. The battle array is being formed. The hosts of labor have about reached the limit of their endurance of oppression. They are getting ready for action.—"The Laborer," Dallas, Texas.

STARVE OF THE LIGHTLY PAID.

Half a loaf, half a loaf,
 Half a loaf inward,
 All in the valley of Death,
 Starved the sick hungered.
 "Forward the Lightly Paid!
 Charge for the funds!" he said,
 Into the Valley of Death,
 Starved the sick hungered.

"Forward, the Lightly Paid!"
 Was there a bill displayed?
 Not tho' the worker knew
 There was to take "Old Rye,"
 Theirs not to season high,
 Theirs not to do and die,
 Into the Valley of Death,
 Starved the sick hungered.

Mammon to right of them,
 Mammon to left of them,
 Mammon in front of them,
 Swallowed and slumbered,
 Sneered at by snob and swell,
 Grimly they starved and fell;
 Into the jaws of wealth,
 Into the mouth of hell,
 Starved the sick hungered.
 Flashed all their shuttles there,
 Flashed as they whirled in air,
 Robing the funded fair,
 Earning a morsel, while
 All the world quivered,
 Plunged in the factory smoke,
 Right in the heart they broke,
 Sweetheart, and woman
 Reeled at the spindle spoke,
 Stuffed and plundered,
 Then they sank back, but not,
 Not the sick hungered.

Mammon to right of them,
 Mammon to left of them,
 Mammon behind them,
 Swallowed and slumbered,
 Sneered at by snob and swell,
 While hand and heart-beat fell,
 They that had starved so well,
 Slipped thro' the claws of wealth,
 Back from the mouth of hell,
 All that was dead of them,
 Dead, the sick hungered.

How unto God they prayed!
 O the long starve they made!
 All the world plunged,
 Ponder the starve they made!
 Ponder the Lightly Paid!
 Hopeless sick hungered.
 —Lillian James Crockett in "Life."

PROBABLY A SOCIALIST EDITOR.

One day the office boy went to the editor of the "Soaring Eagle" and said: "There's a tramp at the door and he says he has had nothing to eat for six days."
 "Fetch him in," said the editor; "if we can find out how he does it we can run the paper for another week."

Since the advent of civilization, the outgrowth of property has been so immense * * * that it has become, on the part of the people an unmanageable power * The time will come, nevertheless, when human intelligence will rise to the mastery over property and define the relations of the State to the property it protects as well as the obligations and the limits of the rights of its owners.—Morgan.

If getting subs interferes with your job—give up your job.
 Organized Labor in a number of the large cities of the country have held mass meetings to protest against the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States against labor. Mass meetings and eloquent speeches are effective in arousing the working people, but unless the laboring people deposit a class conscious protest at the ballot box, mass meetings and oratory are worthless—"Miner's Magazine."

A new one is to hand in the "Socialist Review" published by the Independent Labor Party of Great Britain. This review is intended to usurp the place of the "Social-Democrat" published by the Social Democrats. The new magazine is well-edited from the opportunist standpoint, and several letters are given from Marx and Engels with the idea of showing that the I. L. P. and not the S. D. F. is the real Socialist party in England

Property is the creature of society, and society is entitled to the last farthing whenever society needs it—Benj. Franklin.

We are glad to see that the Social Democratic Federation of England has at last changed its name to the Social Democratic Party. This is a change, which if it had been made sooner would perhaps have tended to increase the hold of the Socialists on the working class of England and made impossible the establishment of a bogus Socialist party which is afraid of its Socialist.

For Scientific Socialism get "The Socialist."
 The emancipation of the working class must be class conscious work of the working class.—Marx.

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