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W. P. Campbell, Historical Society.

Industrial Democrat Day November 8th

During the past forty-five weeks this paper has printed and distributed 400,000 copies and we feel that the work we have done for the party justifies us in asking for your aid and cooperation in maintaining this paper.

The stockholders of this company have made great personal sacrifices but if we can keep from suspension four weeks more we will have advertising enough to put the paper on a paying basis, having just closed an advertising contract with a large eastern firm.

If you want a paper that will protect the membership from ring rule, come to the rescue of The Democrat NOW.

Order four subscription Cards for ONE DOLLAR and sell them November 8th, election day.

We have made few calls upon you in the past and would not now if it was not a case of life and death.

If you don't want to see this paper die and the membership left without a weapon to fight for more liberty and democracy in the party, buy ONE DOLLARS worth of sub cards and do it now.

Tomorrow may be too late.

The privately owned paper is the only kind that will succeed.

Look at the Appeal, Rip Saw, Chicago Daily and others. Where did a party owned paper ever bring anything but disaster and ruin?

J. N. Gilmore a Sure Winner

The Fourth district is the banner district of Oklahoma, having cast the largest vote in 1908, when the Socialists cast nearly one third of the total vote.

There is not a district anywhere where they is a better outlook than in the Fourth, and J. N. Gilmore should represent the working class in congress.

The old parties are badly scared, so much so that Democrats and Republicans have been quietly lining up for Campbell of Ardmore realizing that Carter had no chace, as labor has been fooled so often that they can no longer be led to the slaughter.

And they prefer to elect a Republican to a Socialist, as capitalist interest are the same.

Fully sixty per cent of the voters in the Fourth district are Socialists of the working class, miners, renters and laboring men generally, and if they vote their convictions and don't throw away their vote, victory is certain.

Don't scab at the polls.

PAP DAVIS.

Pap Davis is now working in Pittsburg county under the direction of the county committee, where he will remain until after the election. Commencing November 15th, Pap will make a tour of the state delivering three lectures at each place.

Locals wishing dates should address the Industrial Democrat at once.

The Industrial Democrat is routing five speakers this week and putting out a big twenty-five thousand edition.

J. Luther Langston Endorse Stallard for Congress in the Fifth

On the afternoon of October 24th, a large rally was held in Lawton to hear H. H. Stallard, Stanley Clark, Miss Kate Gordon and J. Luther Langston.

All of the speakers were accorded an enthusiastic hearing, but it remained for J. Luther Langston, with wit, humor and facts, to put it to the voters from a union labor standpoint, declaring that it was to the interest of the working class that Scott Ferris be defeated, as he was against union labor and woman suffrage.

He further stated that if he lived in the Fifth district he would vote for H. H. Stallard, the farmer candidate on the Socialist ticket, because he had been closely associated with him for a number of years and knew that Stallard had the nerve to stand for what he believed to be right.

The sentiment in Comanche county is in Stallard's favor, and he is being ably supported by a paper of wide circulation, The Workingman, and his election is a certainty.

M. FRENCH,
Secretary Central Labor Union.

LOCAL OPTION LOGIC.

Little Items That Should Convince the Fair Man at Oonce.

Shawnee, Okla., Nov. 1.—One of the big men of this city a few days ago, said:

"If the preacher and the moralist and the prohibitionist are correct in their claims for prohibition, then also are the bootlegger and the bawdyhouse keeper and the roadhouse keeper equally correct, because all are working for prohibition and will vote for it on November 8."

"Instead of receiving $1,000 for every license issued in a county for the sale of liquor as provided under the proposed local option amendment, the people of any given county are compelled to dig up at least that much cash to prosecute every bootlegger in the said county. The entire state is being pauperized by the alleged prosecution of criminals who are created by so-called prohibition. But the people have learned much in the past year or so and they will swipe the prohibition blunder even more forcibly than they did the absurd dispensary."

Leonard Johnson In Pittsburg Co.

Comrade Leonard Johnson, the Farmer Lecturer, will tour Pittsburg county commencing Oct. 26th.

Don't fail to hear this plain spoken earnest farmer whose lectures have stirred the people of Oklahoma as they have never been stirred before.

Speaking dates:

Krebs, Okla., Wednesday, October 26th, 7 p. m.

Dow, Okla., Thursday, October 27th, 7 p. m.

Adamson, Okla., Friday, October 28, 7 p. m.

Craig, Okla., Saturday, October 29th, 7 p. m.

McAlester, Okla., Sunday, October 30th, 7 p. m.

Hartshorne, Okla., Monday, October 31, 7 p. m.

Halleyville, Okla., Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7 p. m.

Pittsburg, City, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7 p. m.

Brewer, Okla., Thursday, Nov. 3, 7 p. m.

Savannah, Friday, Nov. 4, 7 p. m.

Kiowa, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2 p. m.

Open Sunday, Nov. 6.

McAlester, Okla., Monday, Nov. 7, 7 p. m.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

When the congress of the United States meets, something new is almost sure to happen.

It is almost sure that here and there scattered about the hall will be men who are different from any that have ever been there. These men will be men who are different from any that have ever been there. These men will be Socialists.

They will not represent "the vested interests," but speak the voice of labor.

REMEMBER

That a vote for SOCIALISM is never lost.

Bishop Quayle A Reactionary

At the Auditorium in Oklahoma City, September 24th, 1910, in Bishop Quayle's address for prohibition, he said:

Milwaukee, made infamous by beer, the only Socialistic city in America, trying to make saloons keep the law, with little success. We must have prohibition.

"I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THIS INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM BUSINESS."

By these expressions Bishop Quayle puts himself on record with the reactionaries and the retrogressives—the people who are placing obstructions in the way of progress.

Bishop Quayle, in effect, says: "I am opposed to Socialistic doctrines and in favor of that despotism which has prevailed in the past."

Socialism is progressive and declares for both the social and economic freedom of the individual. It is opposed to every character of sumptuary law which prevents freedom of choice, freedom of speech and freedom of action and which Bishop Quayle declares his opposition to the initiative and referendum he strikes at the very basic principle of Socialism.

Prohibition is a form of despotism and an assumption of the right to control by law the freedom of individual. It assumes the right of the government to choose for the individual. And once it has gained a positive foothold it leads forward to the absolute destruction of those proclaimed heritages of man in this republic, Liberty and Independence. The Industrial Democrat believes that every Socialist in Oklahoma should vote for the Local Option and High License bill, depending upon legislative enactment to secure such additional safeguard as may seem necessary.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma has never declared its position on the prohibition question, leaving it to the individual member to vote as he believes.

The Socialist party in Milwaukee and St. Louis, however, has taken a very active part in the fight against prohibition. The Milwaukee comrades will be especially interested in the result of the vote upon the local option bill November 8th,

WORKERS OF POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, UNITE AT THE BALLOT BOX.

Socialist Ticket, Pottawatomie County, Election 1910.

Judge Superior Court—W. M. Engart, Shawnee.
Clerk of District Court—E. Opdyke, Cotton Ginner, Romulus.
Clerk of Superior Court—Lamar McDaniel, farmer and clerk.
County Clerk—W. T. Derryberry, farmer, Tribbey.
Register of Deeds—W. J. Lowther, farmer, Asher.
Sheriff—J. C. Dotson, baggageman, Shawnee.
Treasurer—J. E. Jarman, farmer, Tribbey.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—John C. Huff, teacher, Marvin.
Coroner—U. S. Cordell, physician, Romulus.
County Weigher—G. W. Henry, farmer, Wanette.
Commissioners—
First District—J. A. McDaniel, farmer, Shawnee.
Second District—Geo. W. Finley, farmer, Tecumseh.
Third District—J. H. Hoover, farmer, Asher.
Representatives—
J. W. Houchin, farmer, Shawnee.
C. A. Penrose, fireman, Shawnee.
E. S. Smith, teacher, Tribbey.

—Shawnee Scimetar.

Will those "dam Cruce Convicts" that Haskell used to talk about, now if Cruce should be elected be appointed to positions of trust in the state—no, not state penitentiary, but the state house?—Shawnee Scimetar.

Chas. D. Carter, Scott Ferris and E. L. Fulton Get $5,000 Each in Salary Grab

Scott Ferris was elected to congress November 16, 1907, with statehood, but he drew pay for the full two years or for eight months service before statehood, amounting to $5,255. If he had a right to draw money for services eight months before statehood he would have a right to draw any amount. It was simply GRAFT. But how could you expect anything better from a fellow who robbed Claud Weaver of the Democratic nomination? No wonder he can ride around in his auto and disturb Socialist meetings as he did Comrade Freeling in his home town. He is being charged with using his position as a congressman in bringing in and having land allotted to Indians near Lawton, getting part of the proceeds, and these charges are being made by Wilson's Weekly Democrat, a paper that used to be loyal to Ferris, but on finding out his crooked deals refused to follow further.

The following was taken from Wilson's Democrat Workingman, published at Lawton, Okla., October 13:

"Why should the Democracy of the Fifth congressional district elect Scott Ferris when he does not think enough of their confidence to try to defend himself from the charge that he aided in the robbery of Comanche Jack and the negro union soldier of his homestead and then allowed to die a pauper?"

From the Workingman, Lawton, Okla.:

"After robbing Comanche Jack of his farm, and a negro ex-soldier of his estate, and negotiating in and for many other just as bad and distardly deeds, Scott Ferris thinks it the height of an insult to have a potato grower (H. H. Stallard) run against him for congress."

No, Pat Nagle and I did not leave the Democratic organization because we were disgruntled. We left that party because it did not represent anything that offered any relief to the working people. Why, the Democratic platform of 1908 is not as progressive as the Republican platform. The Republican platform favored government savings banks and the parcels post, what the farmers have been demanding a long time, but the Democratic platform did not go that far in the reform.

Will working people ever learn that it is detrimental to their interest to vote for lawyers and bankers? Yours for justice.

H. H. STALLARD,
Socialist Nominee, 5th District.

Will Socialism Destroy the Home?

(By Robert Hunter.)

It is sometimes said that Socialism will destroy the home and when I hear it said I wonder what kind of homes.

Will is destroy the homes of the merry widows of Reno, Nevada?

Will it destroy the homes of the young American girls who have married dissolute foreign noblemen?

Will it destroy the hovels and unsanitary, overcrowded tenements in which the poor are today herded like cattle?

Will it destroy the homes of the mothers who rise at dawn to leave for thef actory?

Will is destroy the homes of sick fathers and anxious wives and hungry, fretting babies?

Will it destroy the homes of that multitude of women who have married not for love but for support?

A few A few years ago I spent some months in France, where the Socialists control a hundred or more cities.

It is common knowledge that among the poor of France illegitimacy is very common.

To what extent that illegitimacy is due to inability on the part of the poorest workmen to pay fees for the marriage service is not known.

But we do know that the fees charged by the clergy for performing the marriage services are sometimes exhorbitant.

In any case, a multitude of young boys and girls refuse to pay fees to the clergy and limit the marriage service to an announcement of the fact to the factory?

Well, in the great city of Lille the Socialists took action on this question of illegitimacy.

And to overcome it they established a free marriage service, the fees to the clergy being paid directly by the municipality.

Since that time thousands of marriages have been sanctioned under this new act and a great number of children, who would otherwise have been classed as illegitimate, are now legalized.

Does that look like an effort to destroy the home?

Now consider a few other facts. Who does not know that for millions of the poor capitalism has destroyed the home.

Go through any great center of industry and see the mothers who are forced to give their children to the street and themselves to the factory.

Some of them had hardly time to give birth to their babies before they were called back to the mill.

And this problem weighed heavily upon the heart and conscience of the working people of France.

And when they came into power their first great work was to try to solve the problem of the home.

Among other things, they established public kitchens so that soups, meats and vegetables could be obtained warm when the people returned from work.

They established nurseries to care for the babies of working mothers.

They established school restaurants for those children whose parents were imprisoned all day in the factory.

And why? Because Capitalism has Destroyed those homes.

Socialists realize that so long as the present system lasts it is impossible for them to free from toil the mothers of their children, or to save the babies from neglect, or children from the streets, or all, from actual hunger.

And there are few workmen who would not, if they could, destroy all the public nurseries and school restaurants and maternal homes if at the same time they could re-establish the home and give back to their babies a mother's love and care.

But Capitalism has made this impossible!

And it may be a curious and interesting fact to the clergy, who now attack Socialism, that when the Socialists of France came into power they charged themselves first to effect some solution of these very problems of the family and of the home.

And this, gentlemen, is a fair answer to your foul charges; but I know you will not read it or believe it.

Because GOLD has made you blind.

What We Stand For

1. This paper stands for the total abolition of profit interest and rent.

2. As a means to accomplish that end, it advocates a Socialist party in control of government.

3 This paper stands for progress and the middle of the road policy. It is opposed to all deals and fusions with capitalist parties and refuses allegiance to any leadership that countances such deals. It believes that Socialists should put their time energy and money into building the Socialist .party, .and .not .into .wildcat schemes.

4. This paper stands for the policy of aggressive, clear-cut definite advance in party work, for real political organiation.

For compelte separation of our work frm non-partisan efforts; for placing in official positions in the party only such men as have shown their faith in and adherance to the idea of building the Socialist party.

5. This paper stands for honesty and the "Square Deal" in the management of party affairs.

NO FOUNDATION FOR ELECTION RIOT STORY.

McIntosh County Residents Resent Insult Offered by Haskell Administration—People Are Disgusted With Act.

Eufaula, Okla., Nov.—There is no thought of riot in this county. The fact is that there is no foundation for news stories which were spread over the county from Oklahoma City to the effect that such was the case. As a result local Democratic candidates are hopping mad at the state committee and the Daily Oklahoman. The truth is that there has been no rioting, nor are the residents of the county, white or black, arming for the purpose of creating riot and disorder. Residents of this county know that there was no foundation for the story.

The anti-saloon league, sitting in secret session in some back room in Oklahoma City, boasts that it controls the politics of Oklahoma. It used all its power to disfranchise the whole people of the state for twenty-one years. What must be thought of this so-called league when it tells the farmers that they are disfranchised simply because they can't leave their legal precincts and vote in the cities and towns?

Debate at Ardmore Nov. 7th

Ardmore, Okla., Oct. 25, 1910.
Editor Industrial Democrat:

Comrade.—A debate between Congressman Chas. D. Carter, Democratic nominee, and J. N. Gilmore, Socialist candidate for congress, both of the Fourth congressional district, will be held in Ardmore, Okla., at 1:30 p. m. on November 7, the day before election.

Fraternally,
A. A. BAGWELL.

Ardmore, Okla., 10-25.
Editor Industrial Democrat:

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A. A. BAGWELL.

CONSTITUTION SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS

Adopted January 4, 1910.

ARTICLE I.
Purpose.

Section 1. This party is organized for the purpose of establishing industrial Democracy; to that end it is affiliated with the International Socialist movement, through affiliation with the Socialist party of America.

ARTICLE II.
Membership.

Section 1. Every person eighteen years or more of age, residing in Texas, who severs all connection or affiliation with all other political parties and agrees to abide by the State and National Constitutions and By-Laws of the Socialist party, shall be eligible to membership when endorsed by majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the local, and a card of membership shall be issued to him upon payment of the first month's dues.

ARTICLE III.
Funds.

Section 1. Every member shall be required to pay fifteen cents per month dues, payable before the end of the month, together with such local and branch dues as may be levied by majority vote, and shall be paid through the Financial Secretary by the due samp system.

Sec. 2. Members who are sick, out of work or disabled, may have their dues paid by the party organization with which they are directly affiliated.

No member who is in arrears shall be allowed to vote in the party councils unless out of work or unable to work.

Sec. 3. Members who fail to pay dues for three months in succession shall be dropped from the rolls.

Sec. 4. Special assessments may be levied by vote of the membership in the state, or in party sub-divisions, affecting their prescribed territory. All donations to party funds shall be without conditions or reservations annexed or implied.

Sec. 5. The apportionment of dues, aside from local and branch dues, shall be 5 cents for the county, 10 cents for the state.

ARTICLE IV.
Organization.

Section 1. Persons living in precincts or towns where there is no local may become members-at-large by application to the proper secretary, subject to such tests as can be made, but there shall not be more than four such memberships issued to any one precinct or incorporated town, and when a local is organized therein all members-at-large shall join the local.

Sec. 2. Two or more members-at-large in a precinct or town may elect one of the number as secretary, and such organization shall be known as a "Socialist Community," with all the privileges and functions of a local.

Sec. 3. The unit of organization shall be the local, consisting of not less than five members. Not more than one local charter shall be issued to the members in one voting precinct or incorporated town.

Sec. 4. Locals may be divided into branches of not less than five members each, for convenience in meetings where such is desired.

Sec. 5. Each local or branch shall meet not less than once each month for propaganda purposes.

Sec. 6. Persons applying for charter for a local or branch must, where it is possible without extra expense to the party, be tested as to eligibility and purpose by a party member of one year's standing before charter shall issue.

Sec. 7. A fee of fifty cents shall be collected from each local or branch when application is made for charter, in payment for charter and supplies to that amount. Supplies shall be paid for by organization at cost.

Sec. 8. When the first branch is chartered, charter shall issue from the parent local, and it shall be known as branch No. 2, the parent local becoming branch No. 1, and receiving charter as such from the new local secretary, the local charter passing to the local secretary.

Sec. 9. A local shall receive its charter from the secretary to whom it remits dues.

Sec. 10. Any local in an unorganized county may conduct an election of county recretary. When a county secretary is elected the state secretary shall issue a charter for such county organization.

ARTICLE V.
Financial Reports.

Section 1. Each branch shall render to its local secretary on the first of each month a financial report, remitting therewith the proper share of the dues collected, and giving the names of the members in good standing, withdrawn or admitted since last report.

Sec. 2. Each local shall render to the county secretary by the 7th of each month a financial report of the preceding month, remitting therewith the county, district and state dues collected, and giving the names of all members in good standing, admitted or withdrawn since last report.

If the county is unorganized he shall report and remit to the state secretary. A duplicate of report shall be sent to each branch.

Sec. 3. Each county secretary shall render to the state secretary by the 15th of each month a financial report of the preceding month, remitting therewith the state dues collected and reporting the financial standing of each local and member-at-large in the county.

Sec. 5. The state Seceretary shall render a monthly financial report of the preceding month to each county secretary and to locals and members-at-large in unoragnized counties. His salary shall be $75 per month. He shall be provided with all necessary office help and equipment at the expense of the party.

No member shall be eligible for nomination as state secretary-treasurer unless he has been a member of the party in Texas in consecutive good standing for two years immediately prior to nomination.

Sec. 6. When a local or branch falls as much as three months in arrears the members thereof shall each be notified that its charter is forfeited.

When a county organization falls as much as two months in arrears, the locals in such county shall be notified that the county charter is forfeited.

ARTICLE VI.
Party Officers.

Section 1. Members of the party elect all party officers by rank and file vote.

Sec. 2. Officers of branches and locals shall be a recording secretary, financial secretary, organizer and literature agent; of a county, a secretary-treasurer and organizer; of a senatorial district, a secretary-treasurer, and of the state, a secretary-treasurer.

Sec. 3. County and state secretaries shall be regularly bonded to secure the proper handling of such party funds as they are likely to have in charge. Such bonding shall be at the expense of the party.

NO MEMBER SHALL SERVE AS STATE SECETARY FOR MORE THAN TWO TERMS.

Sec. 4. The state and each county and political district in the state shall, in each election year, as prescribed by law, elect a chairman, whose duties shall cease with the exercise of legal requirements.

Sec. 5. No member shall serve as a party official while his local is in arrears for sixty days. All officials and representatives of the party in any capacity are its agents and servants, and subject, as such, to instruction or removal, and their acts to change or annuliment, on majority vote of membership represented.

Sec. 6. Each organized county and local shall have exclusive direction of the business, agitation and organization in its territory and in unorganized localities within their territory.

ARTICLE VII.
Poltical Committees.

Section 1. Municipal, Precinct, County, District and State Political Committees shall be elected within their prescribed territory, on a basis and in a manner prescribed by law. Their duties shall cease with the exercise of legal requirements. All party committees and sub-committees shall be elective and not appointive.

Sec. 2. Each permanent committee shall meet on call of its chairman when the party's political business demands. Each meeting shall reports its proceedings to the secretary of its territory.

ARTICLE VIII.
Political Candidates.

Section 1. Prior to the days set by law for primaries or nominating conventions, a preferential referendum shall be taken, as provided in Section 2 of Article VI of this instrument, for the naming of candidates for all nominations to be made and all party members receiving nominations thereby shall be declared nominated by the convention or meeting.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of all party members to take active part in every political campaign by nominating and voting for candidates of the Socialist party. Under no circumstances shall the Socialist party of Texas, or any of its divisions, members or political candidates, fuse with act with, combine, compromise or trade with, or endorse any other party or political faction or the candidates thereof; neither shall any nominee or candidate of the Socialist party accept nomination or endorsement from any other party or political faction.

Sec. 3. No member of the party shall announce himself a candidate for nomination to any office, either party or public, or solict support for his candidacy. No member of the party shall be nominated for political office unless he shall have been a member in good standing for one year.

Sec. 4. Any member violating the party constitution shall be ineligible as a candidate of the party or as a party official and may be recalled. No official of the party who is elected to political office shall continue to hold party office, but shall resign the latter forthwith.

ARTICLE IX.
Political Meetings.

Section 1. When the party is compelled by law to nominate candidates by conventions, the party shall hold conventions for the purpose of nominating candidates previously chosen by referendum and performing other legal and political duties as required by law. Pending such time, mass meetings shall nominate and perform these duties. No other power shall accrue to conventions or mass meetings. Their proceedings shall be reported to the secretaries of and to the locals and members-at-large in the territory affected. Conventions and meetings shall adopt their own rules, except on such points as are covered by this constitution and wherein said rules provide for other than majority vote.

ARTICLE X.
Initiative and Referendum.

Section 1. Any measure of importance may be initiated through the various secretaries by ten per cent of the members in their prescribed territory affected by the measure.

When the party machinery fails to work, the members initiating may proceed to poll the motion, through the originator of same, notifying the secretary and sub-divisions shall abide by the decisions of a majority.

ARTICLE XI.

Section 1. The platform as adopted by party referendum shall be the declaration of the party as to principles. All platforms by party subdivisions shall conform thereto.

ARTICLE XII.
Chautauqua Bureau.

Section 1. Under the direction of the state secretary a bureau for negotiation, arrangement and perfecting the holding of Chautauqua or Encampments throughout the state during such seasons as will permit shall be conducted, including the routing of speakers to and engagement of attractions and sale of privileges for them, subject to acceptance of committees in charge.

ARTICLE XIII.

Section 1. All points and questions of party interest not covered by this constitution, shall be decided by state referendum. Sub-divisions of the party may adopt constitutions not in conflict with this instrument.

Sec. 2. This constitution may be amended, altered or abolished by state referendum. Party officials shall retain their offices until an election can be held.

TO CREDIT SUBSCRIBERS!

For several months this paper has carried a large number of subscribers on credit on their promise to pay when their crops were marketed this fall.

Although we had to get out under the most harrassing difficulties and make great personal sacrifices we realized that the Comrades could ill afford to spare the money, and so during the long summer months we have borne the burden without complaint, feeling sure that when the crops were marketed that every pledge would be redeemed and we could free ourselves from debt.

Comrades, the harvest time has arrived and we are expecting you to redeem your pledge, and so strong is our faith in you that we have already promised our creditors that they shall have the money.

This is a small matter to each individual, but to us it amounts to several hundred dollars. So we ask each one who owes for his subscription, to send it in at once, and those whose subscriptions will expire in the near future are asked to renew, that we may be able to fight your battles during the coming campaign.

THE LAW.

"There is no limitation of the time for commencing a prosecution for murder. In all other cases an indictment of crime must be found within three years after its commission."—Setcion 1873, Snyder's Statute of Oklahoma.

Four years from Jan. 9, 1911, will be too late.

SOCIALIST DIRECTORY

Ada—Local meets every Sunday night at 7:30 at court house.

Syre—Local meets every second and fourth Saturday night in each month. J. W. Bagnon, Secretary.

Boswell—Local meets every first and third Saturday. P. M. Clark, Secretary.

Belleview—Local meets every first and third Monday night in each month at Belleview school house, two miles west of Vanoss. T. L. Cook, Secretary.

Caney—Local meets every first and third Sunday at 2:00 P. M., at Nix school house two miles south-east of Caney. M. Edwards, Secretary.

Comanche—Local meets every first and third Saturday in each month at 2:30 P. M. Mose Branch, Secretary.

Cumberland—Local meets every second and fourth Saturday at 2:00 P. M. J. D. Allen, Secretary.

Coalgate—Local meets every Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock at the city hall. Dwight Spencer, Secretary.

Cordell—Local meets every Sunday at 3:00 p. m. at Woodman Hall. Chas. Quigley, Secretary.

Durant—Meets every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. J. Rowland, Secretary.

Eldorado—Local Lincoln meets the first Saturday night in each month at 8:00 P. M. H. G. Brooks, Secretary.

Elk City—Local meets every Sunday at 3:00 P. M. T. H. McLemore, Secretary.

El Reno—Local meets every first and third Monday at court house. M. B. Hadshall, Secretary.

Fort Sill—Local meets every Saturday night at 7:30 at Franklin school house, 1 1-2 miles west of Rohter. E. S. Maple, Secretary.

Friendship—Local meets Tuesday night before each full moon at Friendship school house six miles east of Stratford. W. W. Etharidge, Secretary.

Hobart.—Local meets every Sunday at court house at 4:00 P. M. Chas. Davidson, Secretary.

Lowe.—Local meets every two weeks at Union School House. Mrs Chas. Hann, Secretary.

Linn—Local meets every second and fourth Wednesday night in each month. M. L. Coats, Secretary.

Lookeba—Local meets every first and third Saturday in each month at 1:00 P. M. at Lookeba Hotel. D. M. Thomas, Secretary.

Mt. View—Local of Scott, Okla., meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Mt. View school house 1 1-2 miles south of Scott. B. E. Wright Secretary.

McMillan—Local meets every first and third Saturday. J. E. Jackson Secretary.

Meritt—Local meets every first and third Sunday at Sand Ridge school house at 2:00 P. M. L. N. Johnson, Secretary.

Nashoha—Local meets every second and fourth Sunday in each month at Gee school house at 2 p. m. J. S Turner, Secretary.

Norman—Local meets every Friday evening at 7:30, corner Main and W. Santa Fe streets. W. W. Moore, Secretary.

Oklahoma City—Local meets every Sunday nigt at 7:30, at Court House. Good speakers. Everybody welcome. A. C. Lewis, Secretary.

Purcell—Local meets every Friday night at city council rooms. J. J Frank, Secretary.

River View—Local meets at school house 4½ miles northwest of Erick once each month. Mrs. Lula Wilhelm, Secretary.

Sayre—Local meets every fist and third Saturday in Dr. J. E. Hedgepeth's office.

Sulphur—Local meets at Sulphur school house the second and fourth Saturday night of each month. Austin Darling, Secretary.

Surprise—Local meets at the office of G. W. Buckmaster the second and fourth Saturday night of each month G. W. Buckmaster, Secretary.

South Greer—Local meets every second and fourth Saturday night in each month. P. R. Fry, Secretary.

Shay—Local meets every first and third Friday night in each month. Otis Wood, Secretary.

Snyder—Local meets every other Sunday afternoon at Burnett hall. E S. Coen, Secretary.

Vinita.—Local meets every Friday night at 8:00 P. M. at Andrew Bishop's on north First St. J. S. Proudlove, Secretary.

Witcher—Local meets at school house Friday night on or before full moon in each month. Leo Joy, Secretary.

Wagoner—Local meets first and third Sunday in each month in E. L. Moore's law office at 3:00 P. M. S. C. Branum, Secretary.

Yuba—Local meets every Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. R. G. Lyles, Secretary.

SOCIALIST PARTY STATE PLATFORM

The Socialist party of Oklahoma reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism as enunciated in the national platfrom of the Socialist party.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma declares its object to be the political organization of the working class and those in sympathy with it for the purpose of capturing the powers of government of the state of Oklahoma, and using this power for the betterment of the conditions of the workers.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma demands the state ownership and control of such industries and means of transportation as are collectively used by the people of Oklahoma; such as the coal and mining industries, the oil industry, the cotton ginning and compressing and cotton-spinning industries; the stock yards, packing and cold storage industries, the telephone lines, the interurban electric lines, etc.; such industries, to be under the democratic management of the workers in such industries, and be operated not for the purpose of making profits for the state, but to give to the workers in such industries the full social value of their labor.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma stands for universal suffrage, and advocates the extension of the franchise to women upon the same terms as men; and will fight every move having for its object the disfranchisement of the working class, or any part of it, through so-called poll tax laws, grandfather clauses, educational, property and residence qualifications that have no object other than the gradual taking away from the workers the right of franchise; and thus prevent the workers from securing control of the powers of government.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma demands the enactment of laws, that will effectively give into the hands of the people the use of the initiative and referendum. The Socialist party charges that the Democratic administration and the interests it represents, has and is using every effort to prevent the people from using the initiative and referendum on any measure, unless such measure is advocated by the capitalist class. The Democratic administration has further circumvented and evaded the demands of the people, even after the people had voted and determined upon such measures

As such measures we cite:

As such measures at the polls.

The people voted AGAINST the sale of the school lands.

The legislature IMMEDIATELY after sold part of the school lands.

The people INITIATED a referendum on the TAYLOR RIBBON BALLOT election law. The legislature evaded this referendum by passing an election law equally as obnoxious as the Taylor law, which repealed the Taylor law; and thus took away from the people the right to vote on the Taylor law.

The capitalist interests of the state initiated an amendment to the constitution to be known as article 49 of section 9; and further initiated a law to determine the location of the state capital. On these measures the Democratic governor called a special election so as to make these measures easily passed, as it requires but a majority vote of the people voting at such election.

On the other hand, the initiative peition signed by more than 38,000 voters demanding the right to vote for women upon the same terms as men is held up in the courts on the word of ONE man, one of the henchmen of the Democratic administration. No special election is called on this measure. It must wait for the General Election, when it requires a majority of all the people voting at such election for the state officer receiving the highest number of votes, to pass this measure.

The Socialist party further demands the enactment of laws providing for the Right of Recall, and such election laws that recognize the rights of all political parties taking part in such elections, to representation on the election boards, and to a counter at each precinct. Such election boards to be elective, and not appointive.

The Socialist party demands the repeal of senate bill No. 126, which has for its aim and obpect the taking out of the hands of the people the use of the initiative and referendum, by limiting the time for the securing of petitions to 60 days, in violation of a constitutional provision of 90 days; and which law further gives into the hands of the legislature such powers, as to make any measure suggested for initiation by them, EASY of passage through an unfair and nefarious arrangement of the ballot.

The Socialist party demands the enactment of a law abolishing "professional" guardianship, for the purpose of cutting out court expenses and lawyer fees, which are now gobbling up practically all the income from small estates, especially that of Indians in the eastern half of the state.

The Socialist party demands the free administration of justice, and the maintenance by the state of families dependent on state and county convicts.

The Socialist party demands the enactment of laws providing for state insurance of workers against sickness, accident, and death; so as to give to an injured or sick worker, or those dependent upon him, compulsory compensation, and relieve him from the necessity of going into the courts and sue for compensation, which delays action indefinitely, or to such a time as to be of little benefit to the worker.

The Socialist party demands the establishment of sanitariums for the free treatment of tuberculosis and other social diseases.

The Socialist party stands for every measure that will add to the material, intellectual or moral welfare of the working class; and as the working class of Oklahoma is largely made up of agricultural workers, we stand for the following:

Farmers' Program:

As measures calculated to bring into collective property the land, and enable every farmer to have the use and occupancy of the land sufficient for a home and the support of his family, we hereby advocate and pledge our elected officers to the following program:

Art. 1.

The retention and constant enlargement of the public domain:

By retaining school and other public lands.

By purchasing of arid and overflow lands and the state reclamation of all such lands now held by the state or that may be acquired by the state.

By the purchase of all lands sold for the non-payment of taxes.

By the purchase of segregated and unallotted Indian lands.

By the retention of leased lands after the expiration of leases and the payment of the improvements theron at an appraised valuation.

Art. 2.

Separation of the department of agriculture from the political government by means of—

Election of all members and officers of the Board of Agriculture by the direct vote of the actual farmers.

Introduction of the merit system among the employees.

Art. 3.

Erection by the state of grain elevators and warehouses for the storage of farm products; these elevators and warehouses to be managed by the Board of Agriculture.

Art 4.

Organization by the Board of Agriculture of free agricultural education and the establishment of model farms.

Art. 5.

Encouragement by the Board of Agriculture of co-operative societies of farmers—

For the buying of seed and fertilizer.

For the purchase and common use of implements and machinery.

For the preparing and sale of produce.

Art. 6.

Organization by the state for loans on mortgages and warehouses certificates, the interest charges to cover cost only.

Art. 7.

State insurance against diseases of animals, diseases of plants, insect pests, hail, flood, storm and fire.

Art. 8.

Aid and encouragement to be given the actual workers of the farms in the formation of district co-operative associations which shall be given the power to issue bonds for the purchase of suitable farming lands—bonds to be redeemable in forty years. Individuals purchasing such lands shall pay the purchase price of land in share or cash annual or semi-annual rentals extending over a period of forty years, or may at their option pay in full in any given number of years.

Art. 9.

Exemption from taxation and execution of dwellings, tools, farm animals, implements and improvements to the amount of one thousand dollars.

Art. 10.

A graduated tax on the value of rented land and land held for speculation.

Art 11.

Absentee landlords to assess their own lands, the state reserving the right to purchase such lands at their assessed value plus 10 per cent.

Art. 12.

Land now in the possession of the state or hereafter acquired through purchase, reclamation or tax sales to be rented to landless farmers under the supervision of the Board of Agriculture at the prevailing rate of share rent or its equivalent. The payment of such rent to cease as soon as the total amount of rent paid is equal to the value of the land and the tenant thereby acquires for himself and his children the right of occupancy. The title to all such lands remaining with the commonwealth.

WHY THE UNION MAN SHOULD BE A SOCIALIST

By FRANK J. HAYES, Vice-President United Mine Workers of America. Written Especially for Political Action

As a member of the largest trade union in America, I want to voice my belief in the doctrine that every trade unionist ought to be a Socialist.

And the fact that a number of trade unionists are not Socialists is, I believe, because they do not properly understand the relation between the two movements. It shall be my purpose in this brief article to explain in as plain a way as possible, why a trade unionist should be a Socialist.

In the first place, there is no identity of interest between the capitalist and the worker, or to put it plainer, between the fleecer and the fleeced. If there was an identity of interest, or if our interests were mutual, there would be no necessity for the trades union movement or a working class political party.

If our interests were common, there would be no strikes, no lock-outs, no blacklists, no bull pens and no injunctions.

If our interests were the same, to follow this capitalist sophistry to its logical conclusion, we would be spending our summers at Newport or Atlantic City and our winters amid the balmy climate of California or Florida, or we would be spinning over the boulevards in our auto or playing golf or bridge, with pink tea on the side, in some fashionable home.

If our interests were the same, our children would go to high school or college instead of to the workshop or factory, and, moreover, our girls would have an opportunity to go to some conservatory instead of to somebody's kitchen or sweatshop, and possibly later, owing to starvation wages and overwork, to the bad lands and premature death.

Therefore, it is because the interests of the capitalist and the worker are diametrically opposed to each other that the trades union movement is in evidence—a natural product of the class struggle. In other words we have organized on the industrial field to defend our class, as best we can, against the attacks of organized greed.

Now then, if it is necessary for us to organize on the industrial field, why is it not equally necessary, or more so, for us to organize as workers on the political field? If we organize against the capitalist on the industrial field, can we consistently and intelligently join with him and vote with him on the political field?

I say no, a thousand times no! As we strike, so must we vote.

This being true, it naturally follows that we must have a working class political party, expressing, and carrying into effect the hopes and aspirations of labor.

This party must be a party of the workers, having for its ultimate aim the emancipation of the workers from the thralldom of industrial slavery. In the meantime it must initiate and advcate legislation tending to the betterment of the conditions of labor. This party must be so organized that the wish of the rank and file, as expressed by referendum vote, will be supreme.

The Socialist party is the one political party that complies with these requirements and as a loyal trade unionist, it is the only party you can consistently and loyally support. If you support either of the twin capitalist parties—Democrat or Republican—you aid your master to keep you in bondage and want, to destroy your union by injunction or policeman's club, to kill all remedial legislation and drive you back farther and farther into the mud and mire of industrial slavery.

Which shall it be, fellow unionists—unionism and socialism or unionism and capitalism?

Are you going to be a loyal union man 364 days in the year and then fall by the wayside on the 365th day—election day—and vote a capitalist ticket?

Think it over. Don't wait, as other trade unionists have done, till you engage in a strike and get it hammered into your head by a policeman's club or militiaman's rifle.

Your wise capitalist uses this very political power, that you so magnanimously vote into his hands, to club you into submission and destroy your every effort to improve your condition.

Be as intelligent as the capitalist. Vote the ticket of your class—the straight Socialist ticket.

Don't compromise your unionism.

Put the union label on your ballot in the shape of a cross in the circle at the top of the socialist column.

A union man politically—a union man industrially—that should be the policy of every trade unionist.

W. R. Reynolds, Socialist Nominee for Congress, First District

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items that Every Voter Should Know in Advance of Election.

McAlester, Okla., Oct. 26.—It seems rather silly to a grown-up man to see the anti-saloon league appealing to the prejudices of the farmers by saying they are disfranchised by the proposed local option and high license amendment to the constitution. This is especially true since that self-same league attempted to disfranchise every voter in the state for a period of twenty-one years on the question of dealing with the liquor traffic in Oklahoma.

Farmers and others living in rural districts cannot go to the incorporated towns and vote for or against paved streets, electric lights, costly water system, parks and other things that go to make cities. Does the anti-saloon league tell these people that they are disfranchised? Not a bit of it! Simply because it does not suit their deceitful purpose. On November 8th every farmer in Oklahoma will have the first chance to say whether liquor shall be legally sold in the state, and after that election every locality in the state will have the right to decide for itself its future desires in the matter.

The government records show that censes in this state for the sale of liquor, but they do not produce one penny of revenue to the people of Oklahoma, although the sale of liquor is steadily on the increase. Under local option and high license there would be about 1,500 regulated saloons. And they would give to the various counties $1,500,000 annually for roads and bridges; and in ten years they would give to the counties fifteen millions of dollars. And this high sum, that now goes to other states, would build many miles of fine roads and bridges.

The people of Oklahoma have spent over a million dollars for enforcement of prohibition. The tax payers pay the freight.

The small boy has easy access to the bootlegger when he wants to buy whiskey. There is absolutely no protection for anybody under the present regime.—Editorial in the Vinita Chieftain.

As long as it is as easy to get liquor in Oklahoma in violation of the law as it is in a licensed state the need of legislation is too apparent to need argument.—Vinita Chieftain.

'Tis said that a victim of the administration brand of bug juice, on recovering from a long drawn out jag, sees double unless he shuts one eye. That this was the condition of the Herald-Democrat editor when he read the account of the crucifixion, the hay market execution and the record of the democrat party in Oklahoma can hardly be doubted.

The gentleman's statement that "every representative of labor should be found in the democratic ranks this fall" will probably be verified if he has reference to the "leaders." The "leaders" of labor are most always in the band wagon with the capitalists and make their living by licking the feet of their masters and playing the role of Judas in the camp of their friends. As far as we are concerned Mr. Dungan and the donkey brigade which he so ably typifies are welcome to all the "leaders" of labor extant in this state as the present time.

That he should rejoice to see Socialists and Socialist agitators get a black eye is not strange in the least. Every corporation, every slave driver and every big thief that fattens off the sweat and blood of wage workers, helpless women and innocent childern rejoice in the same thing, and that their thugs and henchmen who do the dirty work should rejoice with them creates no wonder in the mind of a Socialist.

To say that Socialists composed "the rabble that polluted the fair face of Calvary" is as silly as to assert that the followers of the meek and lowly one were democrats. As a matter of fact the Saviour never encountered any trouble until he overturned the tables of the money changers and chased them from the temple with a bull hide, and for the enlightenment of McAlester's editorial miscarriage we might remind him that the money changers of Christ's day belonged to the same class which he is paid to defend, while we, the Socialists, claim allegiance to the class that joined in the chase.

That this looney lobster should mention the "Hay Market Martyrs" is strange to say the least, yet it is refreshing that he should denounce their executioners for sending them to an "untimely death," especially when it is known that the act was done by an infuriated mob of democrats and republicans of the capitalist class who had not advanced far enough under a republic to allow the freedom of speech and the propagation of revolutionary doctrines.

A better Socialist editorial than the above could hardly have been penned by the most radical revolutionist in the land, and until the man from McAlester gets his wires uncrossed and learns the difference between the demcrat party and the twelve disciples the Scialists in Pittsburg county have little to fear.

"WHY I AM A SOCIALIST."

The above is the title of a new pamphlet by Marion Hughes, of Stillwater, Okla., author of "Three Years in Arkansaw," "Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden," "The Dam Family," etc., and a comic writer of national note.

The book is written in Mr. Hughes' characteristic style and is most interesting throughout. While Mr. Hughes is more or less of a comic writer, his latest production, "Why I Am a Socialist," is written in a more earnest vein than his former publications and is the first one in which he has ever asserted his politics. The facts and figures concerning the national banking system, the robber tariff, etc., are interesting to the statistician and the book is sufficiently enlivened with wit to make it interesting from start to finish. It is nicely illustrated and is larger than the average propaganda pamphlet.

We have a supply of these books on hand and can furnish them for ten cents each delivered. Address the Industrial Democrat, Box 13, Oklahoma City, Okla.

"THE DISCONTENTED RABBLE."

By Marvin Brown.

Every representative of labor in Oklahoma should be found in the Democratic ranks this fall. No body of men ever received as much consideration from any body as has labor from Democracy in Oklahoma. The editor of this paper rejoices that Socialism and Socialist agitators received a very black eye in the recent primaries. There never was any call in this land of the Fair Gd for a single socialist to raise his head. Their pleas are the plea of the discontented rabble that polluted the fair face of Calvary with the foulest murder in history, that consigned hundreds of thousands in the French Revolution to the gallows and that in our own country and times sent the Hay Market martyrs to an untimely death. No reason exists for their existence and the sooner the great common people of Oklahoma smites them from off the list of ballot solicitors, the sooner she will come into her own.—McAlester Herald-Democrat.

The foregoing bit of humor was clipped from the Herald-Democrat, organ of Pittsburg county democracy and southwestern representative of the Sunny Brook Distilling Co., of Kentucky.

Hon. H. H. Stallard Potato Grower

(By H. H. Stallard.)

When I accepted the Socialist nomination for congress I did not intend to try to inject any personalities into the campaign, but I have stood abuse from the Hon. Scott Ferris till silence ceases to be a virtue. He and his friends have dubbed me as an expert potato grower, stating that I only had potato sense and Ferris has stated he thought I was a bad potato and he has used some of the most vile and indecent language about Socialists I ever heard any man use about opponents. Well, let's look at Scott's record a little and see if a potato grower could do much worse. He charges me and Pat Nagle with leaving the Democratic organization because we could not get what we wanted. We left the Democratic party when such men as Roger Sullivan, whom Bryan said was worse than a train robber. Pat McCraven, Murphy, Tagart and many others of the like kind controlled the party. There was nothing for a real Democrat to do but join the Socialists, the only real Democratic party that was ever organized.

Ferris claims to be a Jackson and Jefferson Democrat. He don't know the first principles of Jackson and Jefferson democracy. Both of those old Democrats fought the national banking system. Jefferson said "that congress had power to coin money and regulate the value thereof, and it was the duty of congress to issue the people a sufficiency of the circulating medium to do the business of the country on a cash basis without the intervention of banks." That don't sound much like bank guarantee does it? Jackson vetoed the rechartering of the national bank and said, "that the government had no more right to give a corporation the power to issue money to the people than it had to turn the standing army over to a corporation."

Mr. Ferris wrote me a letter asking how he should vote on the Vreeland-Aldrich currency bill. A man claiming to be a follower of Jackson and Jefferson and who did not know how to vote on such a monstrosity as that bill should not ask the people to endorse his record. I stand where Jackson and Jefferson did that money should be issued to the people and not to banks. All other countries help the farmers but the United States.

Is Ferris opposed to the railroad amendment? Ask him. Did he raise his voice in behalf of the constitution on the 11th of June?

Let's look into his record a little, which is public property. When the sundry civil appropriation bill, which contained an appropriation of $200,000 for the prosecution of the criminal trusts, Hughes of New Jersey offered an amendment to the effect that none of the $200,000 should be used to prosecute labor organizations and the Farmers' Union Society of Equity, and it would come under the amendment, and they are now prosecuting the tobacco growers of Kentucky for being a trust. Ferris did not have manhood enough to vote for or against, but simply answered present.

The Socialist Party

COUNTY ORGANIZATION.

The Industrial Democrat has touched briefly on the question of county organization in the Socialist party in this state in previous issues, but since the next state convention is near at hand we are again anxious to impress upon the membership the absolute necessity of taking some definite action along this line.

Long range government is never desirable in any organization, and the Socialist party, which should be the last on earth to foster an autocracy in party management and party control.

That this danger is entirely obviated by the county organization plan is being demonstrated in other states and there is not one that would return to the old method of one man management at the state office, or seat of organization. Every county should be organized, have a county secretary-treasurer and county executive committee. The county constitution should of course be in accord with the state constitution and the county organization be subject to the state organization. The state organization would be subject to the national, as it is at present, and would be the connecting link in the chain of organization from the rank and file to the national headquarters.

By this method the money raised for campaign purposes and for party expenses could be spent at home and spent judiciously, instead of being squandered in the maintenance of an unwieldy and expensive state organization that is not always competent to judge as to what locality should receive the preference of expenditure. By a well regulated dues system, where the dues could be divided between county, state and nation, a systemmatic organization could always be maintained in order for active duty. This plan wolud reduce the state secretary to the rank of a clerical and will be opposed by any incumbent who happens to hold the position when agitation for the plan becomes popular. Notwithstanding this opposition, however, the rank and file of the party in this state have long since been convinced that the management of the party must sooner or later gravitate to the membership and the organization rid itself of bosses, dictators, leeches and parasites.

Another thing that should be provided is that no one man should be eligible to hold the position of state secretary more than two terms, and this provision should as well extend to the executive committee, since it is customary for party office holders to engraft themselves onto the party as perpetual bosses and self ordained leaders and dictators. This measure should be included in the constitution at the next state convention and should be so worded as to render ineligible for party office all persons who have served the party for as long as two terms in any official capacity.

This measure will of course be strenuously opposed by the official pap suckers who at the present time rule with an iron hand and hold the destiny of the membership in the palm of their hands, but if we are to have democracy of organization and management, and maintain the party above the suspicion of graft and dishonesty these methods, rigid as they may appear to the self styled leaders, must be employed.

The time has arrived when the membership must lay aside the fear of being persecuted for less majesty to his highness, the state secretary, and speak out in open meeting and demand a square deal in no uncertain terms. Let us hope that men of nerve will be sent from the various locals to the next state convention of the party.

RAILWAY BONDS.

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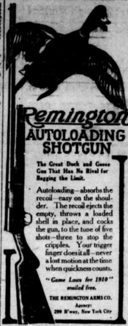

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HONEST ELECTIONS IN MILWAUKEE.

(By Carl D. Thompson.)

Last week, after a conference with the chief of police and the administration, it was decided to put the police department of the city at work revising the poll lists.

It is well known that in former years hundreds, and perhaps thousands, have been voting fraudulently. On the registration lists have been found names of men who had moved from the city three, four and five years ago. Some names are there of those who have died years ago. And a quite common fraud is for names to be registered from lots that are absolutely vacant.

The only way to clean up these lists is for each name to be taken and a canvas of the district made by some one who will stand ready to give affidavits. The Social-Democratic party spent $800 in doing this kind of work in the previous election. Now that they are in power the police department is undertaking the work. And they are doing it thoroughly.

In addition to this the election officials are being warned that unless they make correct returns and do their duty in securing an honest election, their pay will be held up pending an investigation.

And finally, the council has appointed a committee that is already at work redistricting the wards of the city. This latter move will correct another very serious injustice in the official life of the city. In some cases some of the wards have representatives four and five times as great in proportion to their population as others. The Fourteenth ward, for example, has almost five times the population of the third. Yet both have the same representation. Other wards are nearly as bad. The redistricting will correct this wrong.

Thus in every direction the present administration is acting vigorously in the direction of a clean, honest election, and a fair political representation for the city.

Keystone, Okla., 10-29.

Editor Industrial Democrat:

Pap Davis was with us commencing on the 12th, until about the 26th, and made a number of speeches. L. B. Irvin was also on hand and made good at a number of places, together with Comrade Kigins.

All three of these comrades made good and we hope they may live to enjoy the results of the sacrifices they are making for the cause.

God grant that the day is drawing near when we will have a true government of the people, by the people and for the people.

JAS. L. PATRICK.

Judge C. B. Stuart

Gives His Opinion On the Binding Force of the Enabling Act Relating to Prohibition on the East Side of the State.

McAlester, Okla., Sept. 20, 1910.

Dr. John Threadgill,

Oklahoma City, Okla.:

My Dear Sir.—I have received your printed inclosure which purports to be an analysis of the local option high license amendment to the constitution, which is to be submitted to the people for vote in November. I have examined this statement and believe it to be a simple, correct, straightforward statement in detail of the provisions of the initiated bill. There can be no doubt that any one who reads this statement can understand fully the proposition upon which he will exercise his right of franchise in November. It occurs to me, however, that it might have been well for you to have appended to your analysis a statement that if this amendment is adopted it will establish high license and local option in every portion of this state, because in my judgment, and in the judgment of a great many lawyers of high repute, the provision of the constitution binding the eastern portion of the state to prohibition for a period of twenty-one years does not prohibit the people from amending the same in a manner provided by law; in other words, I think it ought to be made to appear that the people, notwithstanding the provision of the Enabling Act with reference to the eastern portion of the state, which was carried into the constitution, are not bound by said provision for a period of twenty-one years, but may, in their sovereign capacity, repeal the same whenever the see fit. This would make it clear to the people of the eastern portion of the state that if the initiated bill proposed is adopted the entire state would be put upon an equal footing, and high license and local option will prevail throughout the entire limits of the state.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. B. STUART.

Change the System

By J. A. McDaniel, Socialist Candidate for County Commissioner Pott County

(J. A. McDaniel, Shawnee, Okla.)

We propose to discuss Socialism or a change of condition and system and not exchange from one party to the other.

Well we know we have been alternating between the old parties; with nothing but disappointment for our compensation for the past fifty years.

To result is, we gain nothing but doubts for the two old parties. We should give ourselves the benefit of the doubt and change the system. In order to do so we must begin to think for ourselves instead of letting politicians think for us.

The people everywhere are clamoring for a change. A new light is breaking upon them, they see their liberty and power is fast slipping away from them. They will not be fooled any longer with smiles, promises, and handshakes. For a politician can smile again and yet be a demon. Get your ear to the ground, hear the subterranean confusion, the internal fires are almost ready to burst the crumbling crust, and let the deceiving, grafting tyrants into oblivion.

The people wish once more to assert their manhood and rights instead of being under the thumbscrew of oppressive masters, robbed, deceived and driven. They will take the whipstock and do the driving.

Well do the people know that if they vote for the ones selected by the two old parties who made the present corrupt condition, that they are voting for the ones selected for their fitness, readiness and willingness to carry out all plans of graft and confiscation laid by their predecessors.

Vote for them and the books are closed to you.

Direct taxation is easy for any one to understand, so it is put on as long as you will stand under it. Graft begins here, but does not end. They give you a greater burden by indirect taxation, which the majority of the common people fail to notice, because it is in the form of imports, export and internal revenues.

It will be so until you laborers cease your careless way of not thinking of your own interests and vote for a change of the system.

The Democrats and Republicans are no more under any obligations to you after you put them in office for you cannot recall them.

Wake up and carry them no longer.

The women should vote.

For we believe that she would vote for the interest of her home and family, and that is more than the majority of the men has ever done.

I dare say that if she had the right to vote, she would never vote for the little ones to go poorly clad and hungry; nor for the home to be sold for ta without her consent, in order to carry on a diabolical lot of rotton graft called government, which she has no part in making but must obey and comply with.

Let her do the voting and see.

Would your wife vote to tax the last cow from the family? Would she vote to bend her back in the cotton field to gather tax money for the grafting parasite and the spoils system? No, no, never!

New times demand new measures. We have too much law and government, and it costs too much.

All the people should make all law and be conversant with it, or else not subject to it. Then all law would be constitutional and very limited, and instead of a strong government and a weak people we would have a strong people and a government that the people could control in the interest of all the governed.

The Democrats claim the people rule. Let the people rule. A fake, a frost, a lie.

The Republican motto—We give you a government of the people, for the people, and by the people.

Another lie.

Instead it is a government of the people, by the undesirable injunction, plutocratic tyrants for the heartless rich vampires.

Our burdens grow heavier, more grievous to be borne, and those drones never touch them with the tips of their fingers.

A few own millions of money and millions of people own nothing, yet the moneyless poor make everything.

Labor was prior to capital. It made all capital and should own and control all capital.

Now we should change the system and not thieves. Yes, we have a stars and tripes government, the convict and laborer gets the stripes on his back, and the rich get the stars.

This is truly the land of the rich and home of the slave.

Our stripes we get in tax rents profits, and interests.

Laborer get busy.

Give to labor all it produces and the parasites will have to live by a law he does not like, by the sweat of their face.

Read between the lines.

There is no darkness like ignorance.

Ignorance can be enslaved, but never intelligence.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Watch as well as pray.

These are true sayings to keep in mind, when the politician comes around, and while reading the subsidized and associate press papers, for these are both corrupt. They get up issues to confuse and mislead the people, and to hide the real causes that now confound and curse the world.

They use prohibition, gold standard, free silver, big navy, good roads, and railroad rates, best constitution in the world, grandfather clause, let the people rule, less politics and more business.

The people are getting wise to all these fake and fraud issues. That is, they do not swallow them any more.

Socialists have the initiative and referendum and recall. We delegate to no man the power to make a law, for he might make it according to his bias or mental bent or money bent, law or no law, just as all representative government. The representatives can and do sell out, and still hang to the public teat.

These politicians are all very nice and wise while trading for votes. They shake hands with the laborer and drink with the bloats, but meet them after the election and it is the reverse. Then you are only a laborer, poor, miserable curse.

Read Socialist papers and literature. They are the windows through which the light reaches our minds and disperse the darkness that overshadows our home.

J. A. McDANIEL,

Candidate for Co. Commissioner of Pot. Co., Okla., on the Socialis ticket.

Pap Davis, Socialist Lecturer

ARE DISGUSTED— WAGONER COUNTY IS QUIET.

State Committee of Haskell Has But One Desire, to Deceive People of State—Will Be No Rioting.

Wagoner, Okla., Oct. 28.—When information was received here that Governor Haskell and the Democratic state committee had been sending out reports to the effect that election riots were expected in this county and that citizens had asked that they be guarded there was a general sentiment of disgust. Democrats as well as Republicans denounced such reports as being ridiculous and only put out for the purpose of deceiving the people of other counties, as to the real conditions here. Wagoner county has many negroes, but these people have no thought of rioting election day. Those who, under the law, have a right to vote, will go to the polls and those who have not will not make an endeavor to do so. They realize, as every white does, that the Democratic administration only desires an excuse upon which to base an action which would throw the vote of the county out. The Democratic administration will not be given a chance to do so. November 8, in Wagoner county, will be as quiet as on any other election day. The only thing which will be demanded is a fair count of the honest and legal voters of the county.

DEBATE AT ARDMORE.

The debate between Congressman Carter and J. N. Gilmore, Socialist nominee, will be full of interest and the result should be made known as much as possible.

Comrade Gilmore is an able speaker and debater and can take care of himself.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

The Socialist party was born in 1847, in Brussels, where it issued its first appeal to the workers of the world, in that epoch making "Manifesto," of Marx and Engels. Its principles are deduced from a methodical and scientific observation of economic facts and it gives an intelligent expression and explanation to the industrial development which is going on about us and the deplorable conditions which necessarily and inevitably spring from it.

It demands, throughout the world, that the production of wealth and its distribution shall be social in its nature and shall be directed by society FOUR— INDUS DEM ..6 ..6 GUY as a whole. It inaugurates the social age in which the individual finds his highest expression in social service and not in individual strife and class antagonism.

The Socialist party has elected, all over the world, members to various law-making bodies and has assumed control of many municipalities. In the United States the most significant is Milwaukee.

The working class organizing the Socialist party point to New York, Chicago and Milwaukee and say to the American voter, compare!!!

It is up to the voters to say whether they will be bound by the traditions of the dead past through the two old party organizations, or whether they will turn their faces to the light and vote with a party that is pledged to re-organize society upon scientific, just and humane principles.

*Socialism is the expression of the Modern Spirit of Progress against the Reaction of Class Rule and Privilege. It will abolish wage slavery and make man economically free.

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