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Get into the Socialist party.

Although prosperity may go to smash, our exports still far exceed our imports, b'gosh.

Free coinage of silver isn't any good nohow—so long as it's the other fellow who's got the silver.

Who killed free silver? I did, said Bill Bryan, as he chuckled with glee; I did it with my snickersnee.

Has the advance agent of Depression and Panic scabbed on the advance agent of Prosperity and the Full Dinner Pail?

The National Civic Federation met in Chicago last week and adjourned. The most noteworthy thing accomplished was the throttling of a Socialist who got off the point under discussion and gave it to them straight.

The Chicago Tribune is authority for the statement that before the end of the year 1,000,000 men will have been laid off and added to the already large army of the unemployed. However, the consolation will remain to these men that the balance of trade is in our favor.

During good times the workingman is robbed of his surplus product—that is, the difference between what he produces and what is paid him in wages. And eventually the piling up of this surplus robs him of the opportunity of longer offering himself to be robbed. Poor fellow!

Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque passed another bad night last Saturday. He was even "seeing things" Sunday morning. He preached another one of his "powerful" sermons against Unionism, Socialism and Anarchy. The archbishop really ought to take a cascade—the kind that work while you sleep.

In the election held two weeks ago in British Columbia the Socialists elected two candidates to the provincial legislature, and a third was defeated by only eleven votes. The Socialist vote was increased from 684 three years ago to 3,770, a growth of 550 per cent. "Workingmen of all countries unite!"

This is the way Mr. Dooley puts it: "D'ye moind, byes, phwat the great Oirish patriot, Karl Marx, sez: 'Wur-rukingmen av all countries unoite! Yez hov nothin' ter lose but yer brains; an' yez never had any.'" There's just enough truth in that to make it first-class wit.—Los Angeles Socialist.

The article in our issue of last week entitled "A Case for Arbitration" appeared originally as an editorial in the Dubuque Times and should have been credited to that journal. The Times is an ardent advocate of arbitration in labor disputes. The article in question explains why it is in favor of arbitration.

The management of Coates Opera House in this city are also in the "repression of free speech" business. They refused to rent this house to the Socialists on the ground that it was not in condition to be occupied. It was, however, rented to the democrats for the meeting of the Honorable Jeremiah B. Sullivan. And there are others. The owner of a vacant store building on Main street wanted \$50.00 for its use for one evening. The latter is undoubtedly one of those who "don't believe (?) in dividing up."

Staid and conservative newspapers which could never be accused of having a "yellow streak" or charged with being calamity howlers, admit that prosperity is on the wane and that "hard times" are all but on us. The democratic party not being in a position to take the blame, it is laid at the door of organized labor. And it is true that labor is to blame—unorganized as well as organized. Not, however, because of its "unreasonable demands," but because it does not demand enough. For years labor has been filling the storerooms and warehouses with its products without taking

the precaution of demanding a sufficient wage to buy back the contents of those storerooms and warehouses. Hence we have a condition of over-production on the part of the manufacturers and under-consumption on the part of the laborers, who constitute the bulk of the consumers. Not until labor receives an equivalent for the full social value of its product will panics and business depressions be things of the past. These will not occur under Socialism.

"From Revolution to Revolution," George D. Herron's new pamphlet is a masterpiece of pamphlet literature, a perfect classic, and should be read by every Socialist. Taking the ill-fated Paris Commune for his theme the author deals with it in a manner that is as striking as it is new. With all the force of a latter day Carlyle he points out the lessons which we may learn from that tragic episode. The pamphlet is well printed by the Comrade Co-operative Co. (11 Cooper Square, N. Y.) and contains a striking portrait of the author. Price five cents.

The Task of Socialists

We have heard a great deal lately about electing a Socialist president in 1908, or maybe earlier, or a day or two later, it is immaterial which. Having had some connection with the members of the party, through correspondence and also personal contact in attending conventions, etc., it is my opinion that we have a herculean task before us in getting the members of our party ready to manage their own affairs. By the very nature of our movement, every member must know, not only the purpose of the party, but also how to accomplish that purpose.

Does the majority of the members of the Socialist party know how to conduct the campaign against the capitalist class?

If not, why not? I am convinced that a majority of us do not act as though we thoroughly understood, to use the vernacular, "what we are up against."

Why not? In a word, there has been a great deal of agitation and a limited amount of education. In the press and on the platform, we have largely confined ourselves to the very necessary work of what we term "propaganda." We have endeavored to convince readers and hearers that Socialism is the hope of the world, that the capitalist system must be abolished and that we must vote the Socialist ticket.

So much is good; but it is not all. It is only the beginning, and the press and speakers have only broken the ground for the foundation when they stop with that.

Such propaganda has resulted in causing a great many people to become interested in Socialism. The work of helping them to understand how we are to accomplish the aims and declarations of the Socialist party platform has been to a great extent purposely avoided, and for two main reasons: The work of agitation is easy while that of education is hard; and we have been afraid of discussing party tactics on the ground of it hindering the work of agitation.

As to the first reason, agitation is easy. Most anyone can open his mouth and talk, take up his pen and write. "Hot air" is an inexhaustible product. But the work of education is slow and difficult. The child begins to develop its lungs before it does its brains. The majority of Socialists have to travel over the same road. Like the child that is being pricked by a pin, as soon as the agitator, press or speaker has aroused us to a knowledge of our condition and we begin to realize that we are being robbed, we let forth a yell. Again, we act like the child in trying to acquaint everyone else with our condition.

Now this is a very necessary process, but it has to be outlived. The period of milk diet must not be prolonged into years. Above all things, the Socialist must learn to dress himself and know

Socialist State Ticket

- For Governor, JOHN M. WORK, Des Moines.
 - For Lieutenant Governor, A. K. GIFFORD, Davenport.
 - For Judge of Supreme Court, I. S. McCRILLIS, Des Moines.
 - For Superintendent of Public Instruction, MRS. FLORENCE A. BROWN, Delta.
 - For Railroad Commissioner, OAKLEY WOOD, Lake City.
- DUBUQUE COUNTY TICKET
- Representative 69th Dist.—D. S. Cameron.
 - Representative 60th Dist.—C. H. Mason.
 - Treasurer—Thos. Buckingham.
 - Sheriff—Michael Milan.
 - Superintendent of Schools—A. A. Triller.
 - Croner—J. G. Enser.
 - Surveyor—C. Brandt.
 - Supervisor—H. T. Carpenter.
- JULIEN TOWNSHIP TICKET
- Trustee—C. Holmberg.
- DUBUQUE TOWNSHIP TICKET
- Trustee—E. Walter.
 - Justice of the Peace (to fill vacancy)—P. Hay.

when to vote and how, without being told to do so by any other member of the party.

Capitalist politics thrive best under the direction of a strong personality, for the people have been trained so that most anyone with a large vocabulary can lead them around by the nose. Not so with Socialist politics. We are not like sheep being led to slaughter. Every member of the party must know that he or she is the equal of every other member, so far as party management is concerned. And in this very fact, is found one of the most difficult problems the Socialist movement will have to solve, that of teaching every member the power and responsibility devolving upon whomsoever becomes a member of the Socialist party, and also how to accomplish our purpose as a party.

A leader in the Socialist movement would be as dangerous to it as leaders have been to all movements. Even in capitalist political parties, leaders work to their own ends and eventually disrupt the organization they are leading. From the time the Jews were foolish enough to let Moses lead them out of the Nile country until now, leadership has been a curse to those that followed. If the Jews had told Moses to go to Canaan by himself and had stayed in Egypt to fight out their own battles, their history might have been different. Be that as it may, they looked to a leader and got the worst of it; and so will it be with the Socialist movement, if the party membership ever entrusts to a leader the work that ought to be done by the party members themselves.

For this very reason, the work of educating the party members in organization, in the detail work of party management, from the local to the national, from that of acting on a local committee distributing literature to watching every vote and act of the national committee-man from his state—that work is a necessary part of all Socialist propaganda. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." And if every member of the Socialist party does not study the work of party management and demand an accounting from every officer of the party where he is a member, he will only help to pave the way for politicians to creep in and delay the emancipation of the working class.

We have spent a great deal of time and energy in telling how the people will live "under Socialism," what we will do with the capitalist system, etc. On the other hand we have, to a large extent, neglected the very necessary work of drilling ourselves in party management. Every member of the party should be familiar with the duties of every official in the party, and every officer should be required to make regular reports of work performed by his office.

These are matters that can be learned in only one way—by practical experience, and by constant re-iteration by press and speaker. Our party papers and speakers have failed to teach Socialism until they teach the members of the party how to carry on the work of working class emancipation.

W. E. CLARK, Assistant National Secretary.



Hear JOHN M. WORK, Socialist Candidate for GOVERNOR of IOWA, —AT— TEMPLE HALL, Ninth and Locust Sts. (First Floor) DUBUQUE, IOWA, Wednesday Eve., Oct. 28

Jotted Down

By Observer

Gov. Cummins says the standard of living is higher in the United States than in any other country in the world. That is undoubtedly true. With the better grades of meat practically out of reach so far as the workingman is concerned, flour \$2.55 per 100 pounds, butter 25 cents per pound (you can't even get two pounds for 45 cents), and eggs 30 cents per dozen, we agree with Gov. Cummins—the "standard of living" is high, d—— high. For that reason many of us have been compelled to live on liver, corned beef and potatoes the past few years, and glad to get even that. There was a time when we could afford to buy sirloin and porterhouse, but that time has passed, we fear never to return—at least not as long as the competitive system lasts. All the earnings of the laborer nowadays are paid out for food, clothing, fuel and rent.

The strangest part of it is that in the United States, the country to which all other nations turn for food when there is a scarcity in their own land, the necessities of life are higher than in any other country in the world. Who gets the benefit of the high prices? Certainly not the farmer or the laborer. The packers and the millers are the chief beneficiaries.

The tariff, we are told, is intended solely for the benefit of the laborer. Yet it costs the trades unionists of this country about \$12,000,000 a year to get a share of the benefits of the tariff—it costs about that amount to support the labor unions. Doesn't it seem strange that if the tariff is solely for the benefit of the laborer, the laborer should be compelled to organize unions in order to get fair wages? Isn't it strange also that the average wage in the protected industries is less than the average wage in the industries that are not protected? In America the laborer organizes to get the benefit of protection; in England he organizes to get the benefit of free trade. In both countries the unorganized workingman "gets it in the neck." Wonder what the average wage in both countries would be if there were no labor unions? My fellow-workman, do you know the meaning of the word "competition"? If not, get out your dictionary, and you will find it defined as "rivalry; mutual strife for the same object." You know that the tendency of competition is to reduce prices. When an article of use is plentiful, it is cheap; when it is scarce it is dear. This is true of all commodities, and there has never been a time in the history of the world when labor was not treated as a commodity. In the United States the number of the unemployed ranges from 500,000 to 1,500,000 according to the season of the year. It is the competition of these men that regulates your wages and my wages. Under competition there has always been an "army of the unemployed;" under competition there will always be an "army of the unemployed." Such being the case, and the tendency of competition being to reduce prices, it naturally follows that you and I cannot expect to receive more than a bare subsistence so long as the

competitive system remains in operation.

This is the season of the year when the politician becomes exceedingly solicitous for the welfare of the laborer. How nice it would be if he were as solicitous the whole year round! How easy it would be to pass eight hour laws and anti-injunction bills! This is also the time of year when he gets the ear of the so-called "labor leader" and warns him to be careful not "to let politics in the union." And unfortunately he succeeds only too well.

The arbitrary attempt of Dubuque Typographical Union to unseat three of its delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress because they are Socialists is a case in point. There was nothing against these men from the standpoint of trades unionism. The only objection to them was that they are Socialists. One in particular is an old and honored member of the union. A year ago the typographical union made a demand for increased wages and shorter hours. The demand was refused. A strike was imminent. A committee was appointed to confer with the employers. Service upon a committee of that kind is never eagerly sought. On the contrary it is avoided. The gentleman in question was appointed a member of the committee. He served the union well and faithfully—so well indeed, that when the matter was settled by a compromise he had rendered himself obnoxious to the employers. It is not to the credit of Typographical Union No. 22 that it permits such men to be ruthlessly turned down and needlessly insulted for exercising the right of an American citizen—the right to affiliate with the party of one's choice.

Socialists Attention!

There are undoubtedly many Socialists living in places where there are no local organizations who would like to have a speaker visit their localities but are unable to assume the financial responsibility attached to the undertaking. If every such Socialist reading these lines will send his name and address to the National Secretary, Socialist Party, Omaha, Neb., and state what he or she can do in the way of entertainment, arranging and advertising a meeting, guarantee toward the expenses of a speaker, how much notice of speaker's coming would be needed, etc., the names will be filed and attention given to the application as soon as possible. Of course it is understood that the national office does not guarantee a speaker immediately for every locality, but the best efforts will be made to satisfy the demand. We want to see every militant Socialist a member of the party. Address the National Secretary, Socialist Party, Omaha, Nebraska.

Four-page "Campaign Leaflet," containing state platform, state ticket, half-tone cut of Comrade John M. Work, our candidate for governor, and other propaganda matter, may be secured from The Iowa Socialist at the following prices, express prepaid: 250 for 75c; 500 for \$1.00; 1000 for \$1.50. For an additional 50c to any of the above prices we will print your county ticket on these leaflets in place of some of the other matter. Order a bunch at once!

EQUALITY OF SEX

BY ADA K. SCHELL

You all no doubt recognize the present age as an age of mergers, of big combinations, of co-operation. In work, in art, in commerce and in religion, men are combining and by co-operating are doing greater and more lasting work than ever before.

This is also a great time of spiritual awakening. More men and women are giving expression to that which is of a higher nature than ever before in the civilized world. Natural results of past conditions are confronting us and claim our attention. Present conditions are only pushing us into something better. And yet this is also a time of confusion, discontent and breaking up of false customs and beliefs, and seeds are sown here and there which are sure to bring a harvest of intelligence, peace, prosperity and equal advantages to all.

Birth into higher conditions comes by travail, which state the nation is now passing through and will give birth to a new nation, which will be superior to this. True, strenuous measures have been used from time to time to abort the result, ever since the conception of this new nation has been known to the world. The faster people come together in unity, and agree with that which is inevitable and according to the laws of progression, the sooner the birth will take place.

We are living in the dawn of a great and grand era. We are to know the fullest and highest meaning of the word freedom. Our realization of the word will be greater than the realization of our forefathers of revolutionary times.

The coming nation will call him free who can penetrate beneath the body, and recognize his own reality and greatness, who does not need to spend all his time in seeking what he shall eat and wear, but in seeking good for himself and all mankind. It will call that mind free which does not stop at the material universe but passes on to its Author, Infinite Spirit, and finds help for its own spiritual enlargement.

We are yet to know and realize what a Christian nation is. We call ourselves a Christian nation, but are we? Take the judiciary department alone, that which is supposed to grant justice to applicants. I have with me quite an extensive list of cases from all parts of the United States and not one case where justice was given, and all were decided in favor of the capitalistic class.

This is only one instance, and goes to show that the courts are only a farce, and the law is only used to protect the ruling class interests.

And then this profit, rent and interest system is all wrong according to the Bible, and if that is not proof enough look at the different kinds of trickery and exploitation this system has led to.

Where is the Golden Rule practiced? The churches are hanging to the letter and letting go the spirit, thereby losing their hold upon the people. They are petrified by creeds and demoralized by lucre. Christ is crucified again and again. Those who are the least fit are elected to rule, and the standing army increased to keep them in power, and the churches are upholding these things without seeming to see any danger.

It seems to me that women more than any other class are victims to the evil of this so-called, Christian nation where "man's inhumanity to man makes countless millions mourn." Woman is largely to blame that she did not declare her own emancipation before this, and stepped out into the arena with man, not to combat, but to assist him in deciding all great and momentous questions. That she has not studied economic independence and taught it to her sons and daughters, that they might be better fitted to fill their places in the world, is now to be regretted. If women asserted their independence and stood in a body and demanded that child labor cease, would it not cease? If women demanded that society be pure and rid of all sham and falsity would it not be so? If women demanded that the father of her children be noble, true and intellectual, would not men meet the demand? It is time woman took her place beside man in political affairs, and all other questions of interest to a nation?

Anything that a woman does that is out of the ordinary, is an unnatural rivalry in the eyes of men and open to criticism which is perhaps one of the greatest hindrances to women's independence.

Should not all the industries, the arts and all the ambitions of life be as natural to women as men?

Such an upliftment is what humanity is seeking, some consciously and some unconsciously. Will not Socialism open the door to the masses and bid them welcome to the heavenly feast? Sister Comrades! let us remember that the new nation demands that the mothers as well as the fathers share in the responsibility of its early training and development lest it be only half equipped for the needs of its times. This new nation is to see that justice is given in all walks of life. Love and brotherhood is to be more widely cultivated, and man placed above money or material things. Women shall stand on an equality with men, and the burden of child bearing shall not be allowed to weigh so heavily upon her that she shall not have an incentive to develop and cultivate herself and preserve her own individuality; that she may be able to give the right help to the children in her care.

This world-wide transformation will affect our domestic relations as much, if not more, than our political relations, because the home life must be the environment of all that is pure and good before the nation can become entirely so.

The home life should touch the hearts and sympathies of men and women alike and reflect their magnificent benefits out into the world, whereas now the methods of the present government and system of competition reflect on the home and greatly mar its beauty. Marriageable women and girls are spoken of as the matrimonial market, a term manufactured to correspond to the present capitalistic government.

Women! the mothers of men, the inspirers of courage, the other half of the unity which is "created in the likeness and image of God," allowing themselves to be degraded by lust, bound by the chains of slavery, swayed by whims of fashion, and custom, and public opinion. Think of the indifference of and the opposition women themselves are exerting against anything that would bring a better condition.

More than half the marriages today are legalized prostitution. Love is sold in the market to the highest bidder. Law pretends to govern the ungovernable wanderings of passion, and put fetters on our natural affections. Love to grow must not be under restraint, for it is the essence of liberty, freedom and happiness. Love is divinity in man and should be guided by wisdom, and would be, but for this pretense of submitting to man made laws which at present only degrades the souls of men and women.

Do not understand me to say that the Socialist party advocates this. The platform does not touch on the domestic and private relation of the people, neither does it touch on the marriage relation, but its object and purpose is to secure to all men and women alike the ownership of the earth and its resources in the hands of all of the people instead of a few, therefore causing the strife for the necessities of life to cease, and giving man and woman an equal chance to rise to the heights of their desires and aspirations. Society produces prostitutes and then casts them from herself as she would a vile snake, that virtuous society, robed in gorgeous hypocrisy, may not be contaminated with her own offspring, and thus these unfortunates are left to their fate, which is usually the penitentiaries, jails and alms-houses.

I say women have something to do with these questions and there are already some beautiful solutions for them to work out and I ask you to think along these lines and form higher standards with Socialism for their key. And again, if we are to stand by our brother comrades as free individuals, with ready sympathy and equal purpose, are we ready to do this in casting our vote. Broad-minded and liberal thinking men have ever been willing to assist woman in this respect, but she has not prepared herself to take the step. Any nation is

only less than half a nation which makes a sex distinction, in its citizenship. Women are half of mankind. Progress and civilization have hitherto been carried on by the male half alone. Labor and production are now suffering from the same cause.

It is time all of the forces of society were set in action, and especially those forces which women alone can wield be given free rein that the whole machinery of society be set into full and harmonious operation.

Until women are roused to a sense of duty in this respect, until mothers themselves have been taught its meaning and transferred it to their children men will be sent into the world ignorant as to the true bond between home and state.

Woman's own stupefaction and inertia are the strong arguments for the deliverance, a deliverance that might well be given by man himself, no matter how much women protest against it for he is even more a sufferer from her condition than she.

The freedom of woman will be the ennoblement of man. The equality of the sexes will be the regeneration of humanity.

Until women do give this help the nation will continue to be devastated by hungry hordes of politicians, who have never learned at their mother's knee what noble statesmanship is.

What is the remedy? Only in the action of men and women who do think, and feel, and care, and to women especially is given the finer work of this new nation, this new time, and it is already now awaiting the unfoldment, that must begin, that has begun in the mind and souls of women. Will we do our part? Dare we declare to the world our convictions?

The children must be taught these things, for in them lies our great hope. Fathers, do not say you have not time. Mothers, do not leave it to the school teacher to teach your child true politics.

Labor required of children, and the burdens laid on women enfeebling the very springs of life, care for one's family, anxiety as to livelihood, the strain of a ceaseless battle for life, all these influences which do so much to wreck the minds and bodies of men and women are great obstacles and must be overcome. A whole lifetime of petty cares and sorrows without the breezy outdoor world of refuge, with no interests save those of a family, tend to make one-sided, narrow-minded men and women, but all can now to a great extent free themselves from a good many things which society demands, and which is a false demand and the vacuum left by dropping false interests, filled with love for humanity.

Love is the soul of Socialism. Love rightly given or applied would raise the standard of marriage relation, remove the hampered condition of the child and increase the purity of the home.

I need not touch on the condition, under the present system, of the aged, the afflicted and the unfortunate, who are insulted by the charity of hypocritical institutions, wearing the mantle of religion, and voting and praying to keep the rich in bondage to their riches and the poor in bondage to the capitalist class. These things are plainly seen and emphasized in all walks of life. I am not here to talk of them, but to inspire hope in every heart. We need not fear any opposition when we know we are right. We want more charity in our relation to each other and less condemnation. Charity is love, not the giving of material things of which all have a right to already. We should owe no man anything but love and should be more free in paying that debt. We believe it will do infinitely more good to take away the incentive to do wrong, than to build jails and houses for correction. This is a part of the Socialist mission, and this is the Socialist Christ taught.

Sister Comrades, did you ever think that it is woman's part especially to love the world into goodness. Can we have neglected and withheld our love, and the effect combined with man's lack of wisdom, have brought us to this present condition of affairs? Will you permit me to go farther and say that woman means love or heart, man means wisdom or mind, and when wisdom is not properly nourished by love, and love not rightly directed by wisdom it creates confusion, hence love, or the lack of it, is responsible, or in other words, woman's particular part, love, is neglected. I am not blaming women and excusing men, but we are both together to blame, and must stand together as instruments through which this great

problem must be worked out and worked out to the very best advantage to all of the people and not the few.

Would you say there is not much for women to do because they cannot vote?

The burden of the support of the United States has been gradually thrown onto a part of the people. Caste has sprung up and made slaves and cowards of the people in this boasted "land of the free and home of the brave." The constitution is twisted and changed to suit the demands of greed, or the mad rush for wealth which the industries have plunged into. What does it profit a man to gain the whole material world and dwarf his soul into nothingness. The burden of taxation is shifted from the rich to the poor and here the question arises, as did to our forefathers, "taxation without representation." How shall it be met? Is it not time for a new declaration of independence and a new constitution. This problem is a momentous one, it is a call for intelligent men and women to step to the front, and enlist as volunteers in the army for redeeming the rights of man and opening the way for a higher freedom than that the world has ever yet known.

This army must manifest the attributes of God or stand for truth and justice and the brotherhood of man. Everything in the visible world was first formed in the mind of the Invisible. If a man undertakes to build a house, however great or small, he first forms the whole plan in his mind.

Now this new nation, or plan of government, is already formed and is ready for the workers to build it after the great plan revealed to the mind of man.

The workers must be trained to do their parts well, and be armed with the weapons of intelligence, love and truth, for this is to be an army of peace. Soldiers are already gathering at the different training schools to be supplied with the above named weapons.

One great feature in this army is that women may enlist as well as men and have a voice in declaring her own emancipation.

When everything is in readiness, when the army is well equipped, and enough volunteers entered, who or what power will dare oppose.

In all great undertakings hard labor must be performed before results can be obtained, and in this case some of the results will be greed and avarice taken from the throne and replaced by justice and equality. Mankind given the right to be men and women, instead of machines, beasts and things. Babies will be allowed to grow and play instead of laboring to support their parents. The industrial slave must be freed and the masters taught to do their share of the labor. And in time this new nation will realize the prophecy of Isaiah, "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift sword against na-

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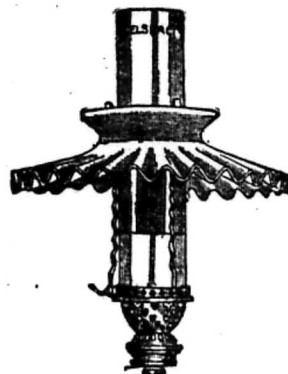
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Books of Scientific Socialism.

Table listing various books and their prices, including titles like 'A Study in Government', 'The Student's Marx', 'The Communist Manifesto', etc.

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW, edited by A. M. Simons, is the one periodical which every well-informed socialist finds an absolute necessity. Its contributors are the ablest socialist writers of Europe and America. It is the recognized medium for the discussion of the most vital questions of party policy.

In Crawford County

By Stanley Browne

Comrade John M. Work held two meetings while in this (Crawford) county—one at Dow City and one at Denison. The attendance at Dow City was not very large, and there seems to be considerable prejudice, which of course means ignorance, not only of Socialism, but also of general conditions.

Comrade Work is a pleasing and effective speaker and he gave them some mental condiment that will do them good, except in so far as ignorance has impaired the power of mental assimilation. There was considerable questioning, in the answering of which the writer and Comrade Work both took part to the apparent satisfaction of all but one stock buyer, who was able to see that HE WOULD LOSE HIS GRAFT when there was no go-between to eat out the farmers' substance. Even he, however, gave good socialistic evidence by stating that all merely regulative laws are worse than useless, citing the case of the attempt to enforce the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce law and how it only operated to raise the general average of freights at the expense of lower prices to farmers for produce and stock. Surely the man who imagines he can control a railroad or any other corporation while in the hands of private owners is badly wanted in one of our state houses built for people whose think box is crippled—and not the one at Des Moines either. The man who owns a thing will control it. And when we as a whole own the trusts and railroads we will then control them and operate them for the benefit of the owners. That will be us.

At Denison we secured the most courteous treatment, had a fair and very attentive audience who were very favorably impressed with the scholarly and entertaining address delivered by Comrade Work. He did himself great credit and the cause much good by his masterly handling of the most noble subject man ever stood to defend—Socialism.

At the close the mayor (by the way a fine fellow and a democrat in a republican city) came forward and presented the audience to Comrade Work who was thus enabled to have a handshake and a pleasant word with most of the people present. The message was well received. We must say our people here in Crawford are liberal and fair-minded, if not yet convinced. The writer of these lines at a country school house last fall addressed for two hours and a half a houseful of Irish-American farmers, mostly Catholic, and never had more appreciative attention in many years of public speaking. They are ripe for the message.

The reading and investigating that has been done and is being done here at Deloit is bearing rich fruit. Comrade Strickland was with us on the 7th inst. And well, say! he is a whole house afire. This is an agricultural community in the main and the writer had been requested to see that the farmers were especially addressed. Hence our comrade addressed in the main his remarks to the farmers. We had the largest crowd that has gathered in two years at Deloit to hear a political address, and the way he carried the people with him was a caution. One democrat said: "I had no idea so strong a case as that could be made for Socialism." Everywhere could be heard, "He is a fine speaker and it was a splendid speech." One laboring man said: "That is the first time I ever heard the truth." The leaders are whipped to a standstill. They don't even want to "argufy" any more. Having learned that our position is absolutely unassailable from any standpoint, moral, ethical, religious, economic, from the standpoint of justice, liberty, feasibility or expediency, they give it up, and many noble fellows will act on it.

Among those who have read and listened prejudice is gone, because one cannot comprehend the magnificence of Socialism and remain prejudiced. The weightiest argument I heard since the meeting in mentioning the fact that no one would debate was "No, it is unanswerable, but that is because it has never been tried and no one knows how it would work." Now where is that fellow who said it had been tried many times and failed.

When reminded that the present anarchistic turmoil we call civilization had been tried and had proven a colossal failure, a burning, seething cauldron of wrong, oppression, injustice, enormity and crime; that it was on trial and sorely in need of defenders, he changed the subject.

Comrade T. E. Cohrt, of Morehead, Iowa, and an elder in the L. D. S. church and who is here attending the conference of that church was present at Comrade Strickland's meeting. Now here is a man who has studied both the doctrine of his church and the philosophy of Socialism and knows he cannot be a Christian without being a Socialist. In contrast with this is the ignorance of two resident ministers who confound Socialism with Anarchy; another the president of their church who says "It is immoral and robbery," and yet another that "It cannot be done, it would be reversing God's plan because it would make heaven here on earth," or the minister of another church who speaks of different kinds of Socialism when referring to international revolutionary Socialism. Now we are going to make a charge. No man who is honest and who understands both Christianity and Socialism can refuse to support the latter and while pointing the way to eternal life do their part to remove the wrong and injustice here and now on earth.

Now we are not opposing any church and we revere Jesus as the greatest character of the ages, but we cannot admire the position of these individuals who by inuendo and otherwise oppose what they do not understand. For it is ignorance—I do not question their honesty. We defy them to come out in the open where they can be replied to if they wish to oppose the above proposition, or stand convicted of insincerity.

Now while the above may sound harsh, it is written in all kindness, but in the words of Garrison, "I must be as harsh as truth." The great mass of our people are liberal, fair and broad minded and personally as exemplary as those of any community in existence anywhere.

We have placed in nomination as candidate for sheriff in the county by petition Comrade J. E. Schuler, an honorable, hard-working blacksmith and threshing machine owner and conductor. Being an official party in this township (Milford) we placed as candidate for township trustee by nomination R. B. Johnson. "Uncle Dick" is a retired farmer who has, at the end of a lifetime of sober, industrious toil, just a little nest egg and a small home. Watch us! We are on the map.

How Will They Vote?

"Stand pat" is the slogan of the republican leaders. "Turn the rascals out" is that of the democrats. Labor unions are divided between them. As a political party they have no existence.

What do these parties offer the unions for their votes? Is it a full dinner pail again? Do daily developments give that indication? What means the public announcement that operations involving 1000 millions are postponed, waiting lower wages and cheaper material? And what mean the decisions of courts on questions resulting from labor strikes, and to what does the use of the army in suppressing strikes point? Is it not that labor unions are up against a wall upon which they are butting out their brains in the vain and useless effort to batter down. What do these old parties offer to induce you to vote for them further? Don't you know they are both the servile tools of the greatest of all trusts—the money trust? Don't you know that by cajolery and boodle they have corrupted our national legislature until it has surrendered to the money trust the exclusive right of issuing paper currency. If the voters only knew the whole chain of underhanded tricks and schemes they have practiced to secure their ends from the inception of the national banking system up to the present time there would be such a revolution at the ballot box as the country never knew before. It don't go down to lay the blame for their acts on the republican party. The leaders of the demo-

cratic party are as deep in the mire as are those of the republican party.

Labor unions and laborers of all parties and honest men of all conditions ask yourselves and answer honestly, is it not time to act and make a radical change? You may ask how can we do it? There is only one peaceable way. And that is to mass together at the ballot box and vote for the party that strikes at the root of nearly all the ills that afflict society today, the young giant of Socialism, that in its birth struggles has already alarmed the huge octopus of monopoly into hysterical struggles to strangle it in its birth. But they are too late. The great thinkers of the world have foreshadowed it. They have shown how great and beneficial the change will be from our present chaotic state of crime of all descriptions. Despite the effort to prevent its spread it has taken root in every thinking mind as the only means possible to prevent another violent revolution, and cannot be uprooted.

Help the great movement by your votes at this election. Be no longer fooled by silver tongued politicians who would keep you blind to your real interests by inflaming your passions against their opponents. H. C. MOORE.

Equality of Sex

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tion, neither shall they learn war any more."

You say it does not look much like it with the new military bill passed, and schools and colleges teaching their youth skill and arts of war, but when public conscience and the mothers of the nation show their disapproval of war, it will bow in obedience to their will. The military spirit may be gathering itself for the final struggle, but in the end it must meet this higher courage or spirit of peaceable justice.

The world has too much of the disagreeable. There are too many bossing the job and trying to see that other people do their duty. I am not surprised that men suffer so much when I see how largely the world's life has become a heartless system, a mechanical thing, a forced and artificial performance. Materiality predominates and spirituality is held in abeyance. We consider the heathen (as we call idol worshippers) ignorant. Idols are only symbols or representations to the eye of an unseen power. So with all material things. They only represent an idea to the mind of an unseen force. Now we would represent being called an idolatrous nation, but a simple comparison is often instructive; also human nature is pretty much the same the world over. The unlikeness is mostly on the surface.

One of the greatest differences between us and the heathen idolator is, they worship their idol believing it is a representation of something greater than themselves, and we, although we do not bow down to them and say petitions, we give ourselves to the worship of things and crush out the Divinity within us, and forget the Creator of all things. Material things are good in themselves and necessary to our physical being, but there is a vast difference in owning things and things owning you.

So let us beware that material things do not "occupy the chief seats in the synagogues" of the mind and soul. We believe that a co-operative commonwealth would adjust these things so that all people might begin to develop that which is eternal, and all may serve or work with God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

We believe that Socialism will help the wealthy man's son or daughter to attain character, usefulness and success as well as the extreme poor. One class is as much handicapped now as the other.

So taking all these things into consideration we see there must be a united effort and instead of many minds pulling in different directions all must stand together as one man and something has to move when this unity of will is set in motion.

Organized labor must meet organized capital. There will be antagonism, combativeness, and possibly war. The push and pull of these two forces is sure for a time to make discord in the affairs of men, but we shall surely rise above these conditions, and we can even now look beyond them, over into the glad New Time—the Golden Age. Hope lights the way and ambition furnishes the energy by which the world follows the incentive to a higher life, or from

one higher plane to another, finally reaching the ultimate idea of heaven realized upon earth.

Some one may say that is going beyond our time, but I say it is possible for this generation to realize all of these things, at any rate the better we do our work the farther advanced the next generation will be. What all of the details will be under this new form of government no one can tell any more than men centuries ago could have told what the details of a republican form of government would be, some of which even yet are far from a final settlement. We must leave to the future its own problems. Ours today is to adjust economic conditions that the improvement in the industrial system may prove of benefit to all mankind and place all mankind on an equal footing. While there seems to be two divisions to this great question, independent of each other, viz: the growth of political equality and the growth of economic co-operation, they are really only different parts of one still grander movement, the evolution of human equality.

We as a nation stand as a great tree, and as some of the branches become unfruitful or detrimental to the tree, we should cut them off as unprofitable and I must admit that it seems at times as though the whole tree ought to be pulled up root and branch and a new one planted in its place, but perhaps if this is necessary, it being rotten at the heart, it cannot stand against the strong winds of truth, justice and love, and conditions will right themselves. Old questions are coming up for new interpretations. The voters of today are asked to decide on the question of government ownership of natural monopolies and woman suffrage, and these questions will be settled in the affirmative, but it is left to a great extent to us whether we will share in the benefits which will follow, or be satisfied to leave them to some future generation to enjoy while we continue our struggles for existence under ever-increasing obstacles and ever-diminishing chances for success.

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SOCIALIST PLATFORM

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The Socialist party in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of forming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by individual workers. Today, the machine, which is an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. The ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and vital slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole cities is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The democratic, republican, the bourgeois, public, conservative parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes. While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices in order to facilitate the attainment of this end. As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines; no part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the taxes of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, and to the improvement of the service, and diminishing the rates to the consumers.
 2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.
 3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be administered under control of the working class.
 4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.
 5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.
 6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.
 7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.
- But in advocating these measures in steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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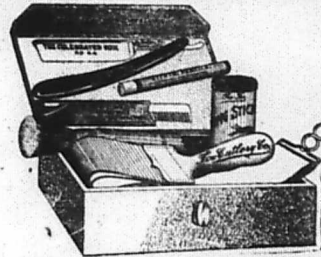
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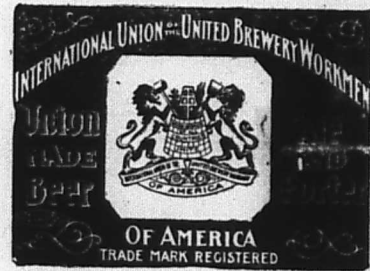
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Local Rock Island, Ill.....	1 00
Local Worcester, Mass.....	7 25
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Louis Rogovin, St. Louis, Mo.....	50
C. Knecht, Poplar Bluff, Mo.....	1 00
Tom Kinzie, Poplar Bluff, Mo.....	25
S. F. C. Manchester, N. H.....	10
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A. E. C. Duffie, Dover, N. H.....	25
Timothy Sullivan, Graniteville, Vt.....	1 00
German Branch, Local Baltimore, Md.....	7 00
Branch 1, Local Cleveland, O.....	5 00
H. H., Seattle, Wash.....	20
Arthur Litten, Rescue, Cal.....	1 00
Total to noon, Oct. 17.....	\$ 33 40
Previously reported.....	2060 42
Total.....	\$2093 82

The increasing business of the national office has compelled the addition of another room to the headquarters, the address of which is now 302, 303, 304 McCague building, Omaha, Neb.

State Secretary P. J. Cooney, of Montana, reports: "Since Aug. 15 the following new locals have been organized in Montana: Jardine, Red Lodge, Bridger, Forsythe, Basin, East Helena, Marysville, Sand Coulee, Neihart and Monarch. In Red Lodge the independent labor party has dissolved and all its former workers are now enthusiastically working for the success of the Socialist movement. The Judith Basis News, of Lewistown, Fergus county, is now an uncompromising Socialist paper. Corporation influence and money is being used to disintegrate the A. L. U. At the last meeting of the Montana State Federation of Labor the president and a majority of the executive board elected were Socialists. We hope to carry Silver Bow and Deer Lodge counties and have a fighting chance in Park and Fergus.

The town election returns from Connecticut show that on Oct. 5 in Groton township, comprising the towns of Mystic, Neward and Groton, 27 straight Socialist votes were cast out of a total of 1126. In the state election last year 1 Socialist vote was cast out of 1320. One of the Socialist candidates for selectman received 48 votes. The ticket averaged 39 votes to the candidate, the lowest candidate receiving 31 votes. The local comrades are jubilant over the result of their agitation. Only 76 votes were cast in the whole county last November.

The Socialists at Telluride, Colo., have been having trouble with the local authorities for daring to hold street meetings. One of the Socialists arrested was A. H. Floaten, recently elected national committeeman. Floaten tried his own case from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m. before a jury picked by a prejudiced sheriff. The jury stayed out all night and disagreed, 3 to 3. The Socialists polled 20 per cent of the vote in the city election last spring and more than that in the county election last fall. The trials have been great propaganda meetings. There was scarcely standing room in the court house. Floaten emphasized the point that he was arrested because he was a Socialist when pleading his case before the jury, and explained the philosophy and program of the Socialist party so the jury might judge if a man should be arrested because he adhered to those principles. The judge called him down twice for leaving the subject. At the second trial the jury acquitted Floaten, and the other cases were dismissed, except that of Comrade J. C. Barnes, which was postponed until December. The expense to the city was about \$1200. The local comrades held a celebration when Floaten was acquitted.

John W. Brown, of Connecticut, was arrested and fined \$10 for addressing a street meeting in North Adams, Mass. The charge was "obstructing the thoroughfare." Brown appealed and the case will come before the superior court in January. The affair caused a sensation and the daily papers in western Massachusetts, where Brown is well known, are vigorously discussing the case.

At the Nashville, Tenn., municipal election, held on Oct. 3, the Socialist party polled 400 votes in twenty-one wards, casting votes in every ward. The

vote in 1900 was 61. The vote polled is over 10 per cent of the total vote cast. Secretary Stockell writes: "We are well satisfied with the result under all circumstances. At one time it appeared as if we would elect some of our candidates, but the democrats got scared and got out the best speakers they had, city and congressional. All of the party machinery was set in motion during the last two weeks of the campaign, an unprecedented thing for fifteen years, after a primary election, as the democrats always count on a sure thing. The party lash was applied in every way. Clerks were kept in the stores, workmen in the shops, everything done to prevent workingmen from voting. We had a well disciplined organization. The polls were watched closely and while we lost a good many votes by not having enough men to watch their workers at the polls, we succeeded in getting our vote counted. We go on with our meetings every Saturday night, on the square just as though the campaign was still on. In this fight we have tested the mettle of the club and have found a lot of fine material. We will work from now on more systematically than ever before." The Nashville comrades are to be congratulated on the splendid showing made under exceptionally bad conditions.

Comrade B. F. Adams, of Washington, D. C., spent six days in the workhouse for sticking up Socialist signs, which, by the way, have attracted wide newspaper comment. Adams had a license, but the judge ignored it and got very angry when Adams showed his authority for sticking signs and said he could continue it. The prosecuting attorney said the fine in such cases was \$500. Adams said they might as well make it \$1,000 as he didn't have \$500 about him.

Iowa Notes

Comrade G. W. Davis has completed a successful tour and writing from Orient, Iowa, says: "Am convinced that we must as soon as possible get to the circuit system in Iowa. Organize the state and establish routes, putting enough men in the field to visit each local once a month with time allowed to go out and organize other points on the route, as they are doing in Ohio. The work could be made self-sustaining after it is established. In order to be in the best condition for effective work next year we should make our campaign continuous. Am sure we could get many organizations among the farmers out in the country and small towns. There is no time like the winter to get the attention of these people."

Comrade J. W. Rost, of Muscatine, reports effective work in that city by the comrades in charge of Coming Nation Van No. 1. Muscatine comrades are also actively engaged in preparations for Comrade Work's meetings on the 26th and 27th of October.

"The cause is growing here," writes Comrade J. M. Higbe, of Manson.

Local Davenport orders 2,000 "Campaign Leaflets."

Comrade Wm. Kunnell, of Newport, Ky., remits for a bunch of sub cards.

Comrade Chas. Hicketier, of Ryan, fires in another club.

The Coming Nation remits for sub cards sold by Comrade Benton of Van No. 1.

Comrade Frank H. Clark, of Dover, N. H., writes: "I am pleased with your paper."

Local Mystic has reorganized.

Comrade J. D. Lewin, of Swan, sends in a club.

Comrades, make your items for this column brief and to the point. Space is at a premium.

Every local, and Socialists in unorganized localities, ought to make it a point to have watchers at the polls to see that the Socialist votes are counted.

Have you ordered any of those "campaign leaflets?"

SECRETARY'S NOTES.

During the past week Socialist locals have been organized and chartered at Shambaugh and New Market—organized by Davis.

By a unanimous vote the state com-

mittee has decided to arrange lecture tours during the winter months for Comrades Strickland and Work.

Ben Hanford, the printer orator of New York, will fill engagements during the coming week as follows: Oct. 26, Clinton; 27, Des Moines; 28, Marshalltown; 31, Sioux City.

With addresses at Muscatine, Dubuque and Monroe our candidate for governor closes the most successful campaign ever carried on in Iowa.

Frederick G. Strickland will speak every night in Dubuque the coming week.

I. S. McCrillis, candidate for supreme judge, will likely fill engagements in Monroe county the last week before election.

Joseph Lewin, of Swan, and W. A. Willing, of Northwood, have become members-at-large.

After a six weeks' campaign in Iowa the Coming Nation Van No. 1 is headed for Rich Hill, Mo.

In Ft. Dodge, Dolliver's home, it was necessary for our Socialist speakers to point out to the mayor and chief of po-



Frederick G. Strickland

Will speak at the following places in Dubuque next week:

Tuesday, Oct. 27; Michel's Hall, 690 Delhi St., West Dubuque.

Wednesday, Oct. 28; Temple Hall, with John M. Work.

Thursday, Oct. 29, Miss Fongler's place, Schiller and Rhomberg Aves.

Friday, Oct. 30; Palen's place, 18th St. and Couler Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 31; 583 Main St.

Sunday, Nov. 1; Temple Hall, 9th and Locust Sts.

Monday, Nov. 2; Temple Hall, 9th and Locust Sts.

lice the liberties guaranteed by the constitution, before our meetings were permitted to go on. It was a splendid advertisement and will result in a largely increased vote in that county.

J. J. JACOBSEN.

Skirmishing in Iowa

The comrades at Lehigh have stirred their little town from the center out. We had a very large meeting, and no one to oppose us except the prohibitionists. Possibly we converted some of them. Comrades Borrowman, Helsop and Sturtevant are a few of the faithful workers.

Waterloo had an excellent little meeting in spite of the rain. The hard work of Comrades Filarski and Connor must have assisted in this. The local has grown considerably of late.

North McGregor is said to be a rough place. It is for hills, at any rate. We held the first Socialist meeting in the town. Quite a group of men listened to the close. Comrades Collins and Ferris are doing the pioneer work.

Cresco is a thriving farmers' town. We got at the farmers on the street afternoon and evening. The politicians got a little agitated towards the close. This is as it should be. Comrades Dietner, Fox and others are on hand to answer questions after I am gone, and all the time. FREDERICK G. STRICKLAND.

Local Notes

Comrade Strickland entertained Local Dubuque last Thursday with an account of his trip through the state.

Friday evening the Strickland family presented "A Generous Love," a play written by Comrade Frederick G. Strickland, before an audience that comfortably filled Temple Hall. All were highly pleased and as one of the auditors remarked at the close, the play "is well written and well rendered." Of course it is a Socialist play—that is, it deals with the doings of a Socialist agitator and his family. Comrade Strickland's experience as a real live agitator amply

qualifies him to portray the character in the play house, and that he is able to play the part to perfection goes without saying. Mrs. Strickland is an elocutionist of ability, and at present a student in the "Ott School of Expression" of Chicago. As the agitator's wife in the play her work reflects great credit upon her alma mater as well as upon herself. Duncan and Mary Louise in the juvenile parts divided the honors with their parents and won well merited applause. The play paid for itself and put a snug sum in the treasury of Local Dubuque.

Comrade Strickland spoke at Seventh and Main streets Saturday night to a large crowd and delivered a scholarly address at Temple Hall on Sunday night. He will return to Dubuque on the 27th and remain until the election is over.

F. W. Knoche, state organizer for Illinois, reorganized Local East Dubuque and paid us a flying visit.

Smoke "The Iowa Socialist" 5c cigar Best cigar in the city. Give it a trial.

Nebraska News

Charters have been issued to new locals at Benson, with nine members, and Nebraska City, with eleven members.

State organizers Schiermeyer and McCaffrey report that the lecture stations are self-sustaining, and that at least two speakers can be kept in the field continuously. An effort will be made to reach every station at least once a month.

The judicial district convention was held at Omaha, Oct. 6, and a full ticket nominated. The seven candidates for judges of the district court are William Moran, carpenter; C. F. Michaelson, motorman; J. C. Jacobson, distillery workman; C. H. Spencer, motorman; J. T. Miller, shoemaker; C. F. Huber, plumber, and Adolph Guter, canvasser. Comrades G. W. Ray, J. T. Miller, Clark W. Adair, R. M. Wead and J. A. LaBille were elected as the committee to manage the campaign.

The Socialists of Dodge county held a convention Oct. 6 and nominated the following candidates: Thos. McNeill, for judge; Comrade White, for sheriff; Fred E. Barnard, for treasurer; Isaac Predmistry, for clerk, and H. Adams, for assessor. Comrade W. E. Clark, of the national office, was present to assist in the work of the convention, in response to a request from Local Fremont for the national secretary, who could not attend on account of pressing work.

Local Omaha has secured Washington Hall for the Ben Hanford lecture on Nov. 1. It is one of the largest halls in the city, and a great effort is being made to have it filled. J. P. ROE.

Ohio Notes

Ravenna, county seat of Portage county, has been organized by George Press, organizer of Barberton local.

Niles, Trumbull county, has been organized by Frank P. O'Hare.

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