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By Observer

No man ever became wealthy, no man ever will become wealthy except by legally or illegally robbing others.

The poverty of the masses is the result of ignorance. When they learn how to properly use the ballot and vote for Socialism, poverty will disappear from the earth as dews of the morning disappear before the rays of the sun.

I am not an altruist. On the contrary, I am supremely selfish; that is why I am a Socialist. I want to receive the full product of my labor and what I want for myself I wish every other man to have. I have been a wage slave long enough to know that this result can never be brought about in any other way except by the adoption of Socialism. What is your opinion in regard to the matter, my fellow workman?

And so the Iowa legislature turned down the Dowell child labor bill by a vote of 55 to 35—and the republican party (the friend of labor (?)) has a majority in both branches of the legislature. Well, had we a right to expect any different treatment? Here is a sample of the kind of men we workingmen send to the legislature. A man named Bealer (we don't know what district he represents, and it doesn't matter—he isn't fit to represent any district) stated that he owned a quarry in which he employed about twenty boys. He said the work was healthful and easy, and that the boys had much better be working there than gadding about the streets. Think of it—easy work about a quarry! Why, a boy of 14 would scarcely be able to lift one of the crowbars used about a quarry, to say nothing of using it ten hours a day. Workingmen, how do you like such representatives? You must like them, else you would not have sent them to the legislature to represent you. "In everything that is good, Iowa affords the best." In Iowa we have a school house on every hill-top—and 6,000 children under 14 years of age working in our factories.

What is the life of a woman worth? A Dubuque jury recently placed it at \$1,350. That was the verdict in the Blumenthal case. Mrs. Blumenthal was killed in jumping from an electric car which accidentally caught fire. She was about 45 years of age and a pedlar. Physically, she was as fine a specimen of womanhood as could be found anywhere in the world. Tall and robust, good natured, light-hearted, and possessed of a quaint humor, she was a welcome visitor

I suppose the capitalists are doing the best they can under the system, but as our friend Whitcomb Riley says, "Their best is bad enough."—Appeal to Reason.

This is an obstinate and stiff-necked race without doubt. See how the employers continue to reduce wages just as if Mr. Gompers hadn't warned them against the folly of so doing.—Eric People.

Strange as it may seem, no workingman has been accused of looting the postoffice department at Washington. The men official-

ly branded as thieves are all highly respected members of the republican and democratic parties.—Appeal to Reason.

at many a home in Dubuque, and rarely, indeed, did she leave without disposing of more or less of her wares. What were her daily earnings is a mooted question. Her friends say she earned about \$2.00 per day. But suppose we say she only earned one-half that amount. Allowing 300 working days to a year, this would make her annual earnings about \$300 per year. Turning to the life insurance tables, we find that the expectancy of a man or woman in sound physical condition at the age of 45 is twenty-five years. So that Mrs. Blumenthal's value to her family from a purely financial standpoint would be about \$7,500. Yet the jury which tried the case brought in a verdict for only \$1,350! Is it any wonder that corporations have so little regard for human life when a supposedly intelligent jury returns a verdict for such a paltry amount. If corporations were compelled to pay \$15,000 or \$20,000 for every life they sacrificed, accidents would soon be reduced to a minimum.

Neither in England nor on the continent has the lawyer any such part in political affairs as in America. In neither the English nor German parliaments are one-quarter of the members lawyers, while with us three quarters would be nearer right. I cannot help thinking that in this England and the continent are wiser than America.

So says Clarence S. Darrow, himself a lawyer. Truer words were never spoken. There are only about 75,000 lawyers in the United States, yet they constitute at least two-thirds of the membership of every legislative body in the country, state and national. The great farming element, constituting nearly one-half of our population, has only a few representatives in congress and comparatively few in the various state legislatures; while the labor element, comprising more than one-half our population, has no representation whatever in congress and only two representatives in all the legislatures. Yet capitalistic newspapers like the Telegraph-Herald, Times and Globe-Journal, of Dubuque, gravely inform us there is no danger of the American people embracing Socialism because Socialism would mean class legislation. As if any legislative body, two-thirds of whose membership is composed of lawyers, could enact anything other than class legislation! No trades unionist would think of admitting a lawyer to membership in his union, yet he will go to the polls every two years and vote to send to congress and the legislature the very worst enemies of his class, the paid agents of corporations—the lawyers! Funny, isn't it?

Several shiploads of the necessities of life were dumped in the ocean at New York in preference to unloading it on an already overstocked market. To depress the prices further would have been unprofitable and industry to-day is carried on, not to relieve human needs, but to make dollars. Is it not lovely? Families starving in the city; goods dumped in the bay. We have an "incentive" all right.—A. L. U. Journal.

Woman and Socialism

Extracts from an Address by Franklin H. Wentworth.

We must not fear the logic of our philosophy. The man who hesitates to put the ballot into the hands of his wife and mother and sister and urge them to use it is only a domestic type of Samuel Gompers.

It is not strange that the Socialist criticism of the parasitic family should be distorted by the enemies of progress into an alleged attack upon the honest relations of man and woman. It is so easy to push the truth over the precipice where it takes on the aspect of a lie.

We must deliberately and purposefully make our wives and our sisters an integral part of the movement; and the member of the local who professes indifference to such effort is of short-sighted and paralyzing influence, and should be regarded as the apostle of un-wisdom.

The movement in any locality never can rise above the character and intelligence of the individuals in that locality; and I have found that the towns in which insolent privilege most fears the growth of the Socialist movement are the towns in which the women meet in largest numbers with the men.

We must bind our women to our hearts with hoops of steel. Every privilege which we enjoy we must hold back not an instant from them. For every woman left at home to drudge, her mind unlighted by the Socialist flame, we will miss another voice and heart in the day when we'll need both.

When the cohorts of capitalist culture in a cunning effort to obscure the economic issue, hurl against the Socialist movement the charge that the Socialist holds a loose and disintegrating idea of the relations of the sexes; then our own women, noble, fearless, class-conscious, strong in their sense of purity and right, must rise all as a single voice and brand it as a lie.

I do not know what woman will do when she is free. I am willing to trust her. I do not even know what man will do when he is free. But what I do know is that all outworn institutions of human tyranny that fear the free man are the same ones that doubly fear the free woman; and every weapon which revolutionary logic can give me for my own salvation, I will glory to place in my sister's hand for her salvation too.

It has now come to pass, without any initiative on our part, that every effort made toward freedom on the part of woman is today branded as Socialism by the capitalist press. Whether we will then, or whether we will not, the whole cause of woman's emancipation is to be placed upon the shoulders of the Socialist. Capitalism puts it there; we have no other choice than to accept the sacred burden. We should be glad and proud that it should be so. To fight for man, to fight for liberty, is joy indeed; but to feel, thrilling through every nerve that every blow we strike for man is at last a blow for woman too—this throws about our quest the quickening light of romance and chivalry, and turns the class-conscious workman fighting for his cause, into a Galahad, a Parsifal, a Knight of the Holy Grail.

Leading the Blind

John W. Bennett

If this question was put to the average wage worker—Why do you find it necessary to labor—the answer would unhesitatingly be, to get money.

There is money in this, that or the other thing is the common twaddle of the average heathen in what we call 20th century civilization.

Money, money, money, is the ever present desire of the hypnotized biped who is doing the work of the world today. He has not yet learned that this thing we call money is the intervening artificial device that separates him from his food, clothing and shelter. After a while he will learn that it is these things and not money that will satisfy the longings of his soul.

Were I a promulgator of New Thought ideas I might say, heaven is within, cultivate and develop your psychic powers, and what you most earnestly desire can be attained. Or I might advise the application of the Tolstoan philosophy to live in the peaceful zone of non-resistance. Either of which doctrines is out of harmony with the mighty, irresistible natural forces in operation at the present time.

The "heaven within" and non-resistance teachers are blind leaders trying to lead the blind. The world is yet governed by force and still greater force must be applied to conquer and unite all human forces. When equilibrium has been restored, then and then only can this new phase of mental evolution find the full fruition of its development.

How funny it is to pick up some of our leading psychic magazines and note with what educated ability the prominent writers teach the way to moneyed success. And right here it is a good thing to remember that education does not necessarily mean learning. The mother-love of a ferocious animal will teach its offspring how to capture its prey, and the moneyed success of today can only come through the moneyed failure of some other individual. If you are observing you will notice in every line of human activity everything is making for racial unity, and an individuality not based upon love and justice is inhuman. Perfect harmony and unity recognizes the higher law of mutual aid, which money getting at the present time leaves entirely out of consideration.

But I did not start out to write an article on psychic science, because the bread and butter question is the one requiring the immediate attention of the world's best thinkers. All working people want food, clothing and shelter. Instead of directly seeking to se-

"If we only had an opportunity like our fathers had," it is often lamented, we could do wonders." What kind of an opportunity do you want? If an opportunity to free yourself from poverty and oppression is what you desire Socialism is the opportunity and you should embrace it. If an opportunity to cleanse society from pollution, avarice, greed and political corruption is what you want, Socialism is the opportunity. Do not pass it by, and then keep on howling about your lack of opportunity.—Chicago Socialist.

cure these things, they work for the capitalist who has money to hire them. And he will not give employment unless they give up a portion as profits, and when the profits have become so large that the capitalist cannot consume them in luxurious living or dispose of the balance in a foreign market, the poor fool workingman is blandly told there is an overproduction and he must go hungry. And as the workers constitute about ninety per cent of the population of this country, upon no other hypothesis can this remarkable phenomenon be accounted for than that of hypnotic suggestion. So it is evident the working cattle are asleep, and to awaken them out of this disgusting, humiliating slumber is the task we Socialists have set out to accomplish.

The fundamental proposition confronting the working class today is, do you wish to continue in submissive toil to the present owning class, who have not only failed to employ you the length of time necessary for you to acquire a decent living, but have appropriated the largest part of the results of your labor to their own use, thus enabling them to acquire all the necessities, comforts and luxuries of life, while you are still living in a rented house and desperately struggling for barely living necessities. Do you want to continue this unequal contest or will you unite with your fellow workers and get possession of industrial enterprises of your own and operate them on the co-operative plan, thereby owning your own job, securing work whenever you desire and spending at your leisure the surplus billions which now accumulate in the vaults of the private owners?

Can you figure out how a large co-partnership of this kind based upon mutual assistance would be irreligious, or destructive to your individuality? Is the constant warfare between you and your masters essential to a religion of peace? Is it possible your individuality is held intact by being forced to give to the capitalist class four-fifths of the products of your toil? If the wealth owning class should begin to teach you that two times two equals seven are you sure you would not accept it as gospel truth? Wake up! Your masters are teaching you all kinds of silly things because they want to use you in their business of securing wealth for themselves. Workingmen unite; get control of your own industries; own your own job; be your own boss. That every department of industry is at present being operated by workingmen is evidence that you are capable of conducting a business of your own. This is Socialism.

The property owners adjacent to Fort Sheridan have formed a little trust and propose to hold up your Uncle Samuel, if he buys more land for the enlarged army post. There is a likelihood that condemnation proceedings will soon be started. Would that be confiscation? But what of that, if a big soldiery is required close at hand to quell industrial disturbances in Porkopolis? The working class gets exactly what it votes for. A vote for Socialism would abolish both confiscation and soldiery.—Chicago Socialist.

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MARRIAGE UNDER SOCIALISM.

The opponents of Socialism will resort to all methods to misrepresent and discredit the Socialist movement.

They "break out in new spots" whenever they can find one, but they continually fail to find a point where an attack will prove harmful to our cause.

In "A Brief History of Socialism," now running in the Catholic Tribune, an attack is made on the Socialist position in regard to marriage, accompanied by the usual misrepresentations.

Several paragraphs are quoted from the Communist Manifesto in regard to the family under capitalism and the author of this so-called "History" reluctantly admits that they are too true. Then he follows with this sentence:

"The bourgeoisie family will vanish as a matter of course, when its complement (prostitution) vanishes.

And quotes another author as follows:

"That is to say, the selling of one's body is private prostitution as marriage is public prostitution. What then? Why, verily—under Socialism, neither pretense nor family ties, whatever. This is the regular stock insult, which Socialists use freely throughout their press and their platform."

Every one who keeps in touch with the Socialist press and platform knows that this is a plain, everyday falsehood!

Next, Liebknecht is quoted:
"It (Socialism) will destroy prostitution, whether it walk ashamed under the mantle of marriage for wealth or convenience, or whether it runs shameless, painted and naked upon the street."

This, when properly understood, explains the Socialist position on marriage, and that is, the marriage relation must be based upon mutual love; any other tie, be it wealth, convenience, social position or what, whether or not it be sanctioned by priest or state is prostitution; neither priest nor state can make pure and holy such a tie.

As an illustration of what we mean by selling of one's self in marriage or legalized prostitution, let us quote from our daily capitalist press, and see how this commercialism has tainted the most sacred relations of life. In the announcement of the marriage of a former

Dubuque girl, the entire article impresses on your mind the fact that she has secured a "RICH HUSBAND." Reference is made to the age of the bride, which is nobody's business but her own, and we read this:

The fact of the matter is, the bride is closely bordering, if she has not already attained her thirtieth anniversary. However, this little question of personal data cuts little figure now as the fair bride has carried her proverbial eggs to so good a market and the groom himself has crossed the rosy meridian of life.

She can be forgiven for her accumulation of years, because, forsooth, she brought a good price in the matrimonial market! "Women of this country! Do you not rise in indignation against such infamous"—bartering of your bodies.

Free love? Yes, love must be free—beyond price; IF IT BE LOVE, IT CANNOT BE BOUGHT—IT MUST BE WON—won by merit and not by dollars.

This will be one of the results when Socialism gives to woman her economic independence. ALL women will then have an opportunity to preserve their purity, both before and after marriage. This in itself answers the question of our would-be historian of Socialism: "Shall the Socialist movement become a corrupter of women?"

A thousand times NO! It will become the protector of women; it will shield them from all this traffic in their bodies; it will make them free! And "to gain the free woman as a mate, it will require something more than the ability to buy her; man will have at last to deserve her. He will have to deserve her to win her; he will have to deserve her to hold her."

Women of the world, which will you choose? Your present bondage under capitalism, or your future freedom under Socialism?

The convention of the Citizen's Industrial Association of America was told by several prominent speakers that the "labor vote" was a mere bugaboo and not to be feared. Certainly not, so long as it is cast for either of the old parties. It took you a long time to make the discovery, gentlemen. It will be something besides a bugaboo, however, when it looms up as a Socialist vote. Ask Kaiser Bill.

Last fall Gompers advised the unions to hold out against wage reductions. Mitchell advises the miners to accept a contract for two years at reduced wages. So long as the working class depends upon so-called leaders it must expect to find itself between the devil and the deep sea. Do your own thinking.

The Dubuque Times says it is possible the Socialists would have polled a larger vote in the school election last Monday had there been a secret ballot. Since the American workingman is free (?) to vote as he pleases we are inclined to disagree with the Times.

The fact that there were two women on the Socialist ticket in the school election was used as an argument by the partisans of the fusion candidates why men should not vote the Socialist ticket. The presumption is that the mothers of these men (?) were not women.

A great many workingmen defend their fealty to the old parties with the statement that they have a right to their own opinions, but it is noticeable that their opinions always coincide with those of their masters.

Workingmen who look disdainfully upon the foreigner are generally the jackasses who work hardest in supplying foreign markets

with their products while they are themselves half-starved and in rags.

The fall of Port Arthur would be a toothsome morsel for the scare-head artist, but many a workingman would rather see the aforesaid artist operate on a head announcing a fall in the price of flour.

Mayor Harrison has been placed on the unfair list by the Chicago Federation of Labor. The place to make the unfair list effective is at the ballot box.

The Mormons have not yet been called Socialists because of their plurality of wives. This neglect is shameful. Somebody get busy.

The man who votes for nothing shouldn't kick when he gets it.

Thoughts With the Hulls On

E. T. Anderson

It makes no difference to you whether Japan or Russia wins, your class pays the bills.

Piling up wealth is very easy if you get started right. The best place to start, however, is where some of your ancestors left off.

The steer in front of the herd gets the long, juicy grass. Editors of periodicals like Success tell us we can ALL be the front steer.

Your needs are what the other fellow waxes fat on. Let the public supply your needs and the public will fatten. You are one of the public.

"The harvest time is the farmer's dividend day."—Capitalistic Press. I put it this way: The harvest time is the exploiters' dividend day and the farmers' pay day.

Some people are forever scolding about the coal dealer, the plumber, the ice man or the railroad company. Do you think these people are in business for YOUR benefit?

"Work is the foundation of all wealth, but if all you do is work you'll wipe sweat until you die." Self exploitation has poor reward. Cast your eye on your brother, that is if YOU want to DO well.

"Easy picking" is an expression commonly applied to a fool chicken, but picking the public is a much easier task and no more dangerous. There is this difference, however, the fowl doesn't like the operation, whereas the public seems to enjoy the performance.

Zephyrs From Olympus

O while I live to be the ruler of life, not a slave.

To meet life as a powerful conqueror, No fumes, no ennui; no more complaints or scornful criticisms.

To these proud laws of the air, the water and the ground, proving my interior soul impregnable,

And nothing exterior shall ever take command of me. —Walt Whitman.

He who hurts others injures himself. He who helps others advances his own interests.

Let the delusion of self disappear from mind,

And you will naturally walk in the path of truth.

—From "Karma" by Paul Carus.

Men suffer all their life long, under the foolish superstition that they can be cheated. But it is impossible for a man to be cheated by any one but himself, as for a thing to be, and not to be, at the same time.—Emerson.

Be an unknown influence, an increase of spirit, a breath of courage, a murmur of hope, a stir of morning, in the world fellowship of toil and pain.—George D. Heron.

SOCIALIST PLATFORM

Adopted at Indianapolis, Ind., 1901.

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 transforming 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 capitalist 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 hostile classes—the capitalists and the 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 capitalist 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 virtual 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 races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial domination, 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 democrat, republican, the bourgeois public ownership 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 employees, and to the improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumer.

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 the 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 government control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the public exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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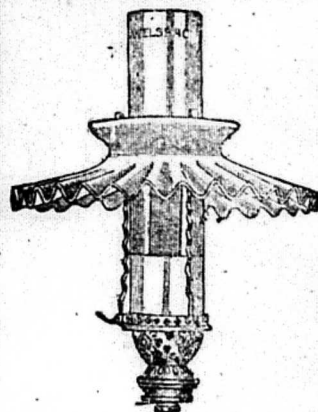
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George E. Bigelow closes his work in Texas at Lockhart March 27 and will enter Louisiana to participate in the elections.

The Pittsburg date for George D. Heron, announced last week, has been cancelled owing to the necessity of him returning home direct from Terre Haute, Ind.

Silvio Origo, Italian organizer, will enter New Jersey after filling engagements at Yonkers, N. Y. He speaks under the direction of the Hudson county committee March 20, 21 and 22 and for Local Newark March 23, 24 and 25.

German Organizer Robert Saliel returns to Springfield, Ill., Monday, March 21, where the comrades are pushing the work of organization with vigor. They expect to organize two more branches among the Germans. Saliel will then fill a few dates in Indiana on his way east through Ohio.

George H. Goebel will begin his work in Pennsylvania at Royersford on March 29, continuing to April 18, when he will enter Ohio. He will, by arrangement with the Pennsylvania state committee, spend five days in Luzerne county to reorganize the movement there and place it on a sound basis.

Dates thus far arranged for A. M. and May Wood Simons are as follows: March 27, Mrs. Simons, Cincinnati; A. M. Simons, Newport, Ky.; March 29, both, Baltimore; March 30, Mrs. Simons, Washington; April 3, both, Philadelphia; April 6, A. M. Simons, New York. The Woman's Socialist Club of Boston will arrange for the Simons April 15, and State Secretary Irish will probably place a few dates in Massachusetts, and Erie, Cleveland and Toledo will probably be included in their return home.

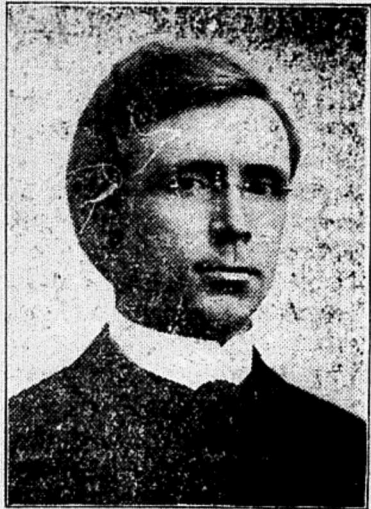
Secretary-Treasurer W. D. Haywood, of the Western Federation of Miners, writes the national secretary that the officials of that organization would like to have Socialists and union men everywhere to write to their congressmen and senators for a copy of the statement of the Western Federation of Miners regarding the strike and situation in Colorado which was recently introduced in the United States senate by one of the Colorado senators. This statement was made in reply to the mine operators statement introduced by Senator Scott, of West Virginia. As the miners' statement is an authentic report of the Colorado situation, everyone interested should have a copy for reference purposes.

The Socialist party of Oregon held a state convention in Portland March 3. National Lecturer John W. Brown was present and writes of the convention as follows: "From a new constitution which was adopted, it looks as though Oregon was on the way to do some effective work in the near future. Fundamentally the comrades got started all right, and I am looking for good results from the campaign. There were seventy-four delegates present. The sessions were held at 309 Davis street. Comrades B. F. Ramp and W. S. Richards were elected chairman and secretary, respectively. A strong platform was adopted; state headquarters were removed from Albany to Portland, it was decided to employ a state organizer to assist the state secretary in building up the party organization, and the following ticket nominated: C. C. Michaelson, of Prineville, for associate justice of the supreme court; N. Rasmussen, of Portland, for state food and dairy commissioner; B. F. Ramp, of Salem, for congress in the First and George R. Cook, of Portland, in the Second district.

It will be seen from the following letter from Comrade Floaten, of Telluride, Colo., that the condition in Colorado is still very bad: "We are having it pretty hot here about strike affairs. Last week a man was sent in here and when he came he refused to work. He was arrested for obtaining railroad fare, hotel and horse hire under false pretenses by one of the mine managers, who is the commander of the militia here. He was a young man, never up against such proceedings before. I happened to meet him with the sheriff on the street. When I learned his story I volunteered to defend him and thus had my first chance to give the captain and mine manager a roasting. The young man was acquitted. Then thirty-four of the miners were arrested for vagrancy because they would not go to work. Twenty-seven of them were fined \$25 and costs each by the justice or thirteen and one-half days work on the roads. One fellow refused to work and the deputy handcuffed him to a telegraph pole. The Western Federation of Miners sent an attorney, E. F. Richardson, from Denver here to try the case before the county court. Our statute compels us to give security for both fines and costs that may be imposed, in order to get

an appeal. I gave notice of appeal and put up \$1,000 bond. The miners were all discharged by the county court. In going home from the trial at 9:30 Saturday evening a deputy sheriff who is paid by the mine managers and is one of the worst thugs around here, came up to us and he hit Mr. Richardson twice and myself once. He is the kind of fellow that pleases the people here, as the daily paper comes out and endorses his act."

Comrade Ernest H. Wenzel, member of the party in Baltimore, died Feb. 27. Secretary W. A. Toole, of Local Baltimore, writes: "Our dead comrade was a Socialist of about seventeen years standing. He was born in Germany about forty-four years ago but came to America when quite a young man. He was well known in Philadelphia where he lived for some time. He was a delegate to the nominating con-



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vention of the S. L. P. in 1906, and also to the nominating convention of the Social Democratic party in 1900. He served as a candidate on the tickets of both Socialist parties at different times. When only a German section of the S. L. P. existed in Baltimore, it was Comrade Wenzel who was always insisting on the importance of agitation among the English speaking people. It was largely through his endeavors that the first American Socialist section of the S. L. P. was organized in Baltimore. The occasion being commune day in the year 1893; and I am glad to record that I was a charter member of this section, but am sorry to say that I am the only one of the seventeen members who still remain in harness. A sad feature of his death is that his wife is an invalid and destitute. Much of his energy which could have been expended in earning a living or laying up something for a rainy day was spent in trying to enthrone his more pessimistic comrades in action. I always feel sad when viewing these too often recurring tragedies. How many of us are destined to fall by the wayside before we reach the goal. How many earnest workers will be sacrificed before the "doped" workers are aroused."

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.
The following are excerpts from National Secretary Mailly's annual report, just issued:

There are now thirty-three state and territorial organizations affiliated with the national party. These are Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Vermont and West Virginia were chartered during the year.

The Utah organization was declared not in good standing and its charter revoked by the national committee on Nov. 10 for non-payment of dues from July, 1902.

During the year 101 new locals were chartered direct by the national office in unorganized states and territories distributed as follows: Alabama, 10; Arkansas, 14; Arizona, 5; Delaware, 1; Georgia, 6; Indian Territory, 12; Louisiana, 10; Maryland, 3; Mississippi, 1; Nevada, 1; North Carolina, 6; Rhode Island, 1; South Carolina, 2; Tennessee, 8; Utah, 1; Virginia, 4; West Virginia, 9; Wyoming, 6, and the District of Columbia, 1.

The thirty-three locals chartered in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana and West Virginia have since been merged into the state organizations formed in those

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states. During the quarter ending Dec. 31, fifty-three locals paid dues to the national office.

The total receipts of the national office from all sources during the year were \$14,240.99, with expenditures of \$14,072.55, leaving a balance of \$168.44.

The receipts show that \$9,946.06 was for national dues, of which amount \$9,223.61 came from state and territorial organizations, and \$722.45 from locals and members-at-large in unorganized states and territories. The average payment for each month of the year was, therefore, upon 15,373 members in the organized states and territories and upon 602 in the remainder, or an average of 15,975 members for each month of the year. The average payment per month during 1902 was upon 10,000 members.

If the actual amount collected for dues by a number of state secretaries during the year had been remitted to the national office the average membership per month would have shown an increase equal to that amount. It is but fair to assume that the actual number of members affiliated with the national organization at this time is not less than 23,000.

The call for contributions to the national organizing fund realized \$2,509.51.

General Notes

The Minnesota state committee is planning a vigorous campaign for the coming summer.

National referendum A, 1904, has been adopted by the membership by a vote of 4209 to 2034 against.

Comrade Geo. Monlux, of Rock Rapids, reports successful meetings by Prof. Kirkpatrick at that place.

Kansas City Socialists have nominated a full municipal ticket. All the candidates but one, who is a traveling salesman, are trades unionists.

The national committee has decided that any state organization indebted to the national organization on May 1 shall not be entitled to delegates in the national convention.

Frederick G. Strickland addressed a large meeting of union men at Iowa City on the 15th. The Employers Protective Association of that city is determined to wipe out unionism in the building trades, and trouble is anticipated when a new wage scale will be presented on April 1.

Comrade John S. Waldo, of Polk City, writes: "Comrade Kirkpatrick held the undivided attention of a large audience under the auspices of Polk City local on the evening of March 12. He created a good impression by his courteous and gentlemanly manner and the cause of the people has been strengthened.

The following ticket has been nominated by the Socialists of Clinton:
Mayor—Geo. F. Tucker.
Auditor—W. G. MacNicoll.
Treasurer—Wm. Wyatt.
Police Judge—W. T. Shaw.
Assessor—E. R. Judd.

ALDERMEN.
First Ward—C. Hostrup.
Second Ward—A. R. Kolar.
Third Ward—C. VanSant.
Fifth Ward—John Heales.
Sixth Ward—C. W. Bodenhofer.
Seventh Ward—F. Klindt.
At Large—John Reter, Gus Schoener.

Iowa Notes

Twenty-two candidates for national delegates.

Four applications to become members-at-large during the past week.

Boone Socialists expect to capture a majority of the city councilmen this spring. Ballots for national referendum B 1904

have been forwarded to all local secretaries.

Prof. Kirkpatrick is having successful meetings everywhere and applications are coming in for return dates. He goes to Minnesota April 15.

Des Moines, Dubuque and Marshalltown have been nominated for the state convention. The dates nominated are as follows: May 14, May 30, June 4 and July 4.

John W. Bennett, of Sioux City, will speak at Lake City, Stratford, Webster City, Boone, Madrid and Des Moines, after which he will get into the southwestern part of the state.

Prof. Kirkpatrick will make the eight hour day celebration address at Lehigh April 1. His other dates follow: Dubuque, March 23-25; Bellevue, March 26; Davenport, March 29-30; Newton, March 31.

RESULT OF NATIONAL REFERENDUM A.	
	Yes. No.
Missouri Valley.....	7
Mapleton.....	9
Madrid.....	3
Davenport.....	19
Logan.....	4
Mason City.....	6
Correctionville.....	3
Des Moines.....	10
Clarinda.....	6
Sioux City.....	14
Muscatine.....	2
Dubuque.....	7
Boone.....	12
Marshalltown.....	6
Members-at-Large.....	5
Total.....	113

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL DELEGATES.

By Van Horne—Dr. C. Wirth.
By Sigourney—Edw. J. Rohrer.
By Des Moines—John M. Work, John W. Bennett, Ernest Holtz and J. J. Jacobsen.
By Boone—S. R. McDowell and J. F. Sample.

By Muscatine—J. W. Zetler, Milo M. Clapp, J. E. Shank, Ernest Holtz, Oakley Wood and A. K. Gifford.

By Avery—Henry Bilterman.
By Dubuque—John M. Work, Carrie L. Johnson and J. J. Jacobsen.

By Clinton—A. R. Kolar.
By Correctionville—J. W. Bennett, John M. Work, W. A. Jacobs, S. R. McDowell and John Moran.

By Davenport—W. A. Jacobs, F. G. Strickland, John M. Work and J. E. Shank.
By La Grange—Samuel Barthomew.

By Hocking—J. J. Jacobsen and John W. Bennett.

By Sioux City—John M. Work, John W. Bennett, John C. Smith and John E. Shank.

By Newton—W. M. Shaw.

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION.
By Dubuque and Muscatine locals: Dubuque.

By Des Moines and Marshalltown locals: Marshalltown.

By Hocking local: Des Moines.

NOMINATIONS FOR DATE.
May 14, by Des Moines and Marshalltown locals.

May 30, by Davenport local.

June 4, by Muscatine local.

July 4, by Dubuque local.

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Local Notes

Comrade J. P. Gill, of Des Moines, gets in with a club.

Prof. Kirkpatrick next Wednesday and Thursday at Temple Hall.

Comrade Ben Schmitt, of St. Johns, Oregon, fires in a club for the I. S.

Local Clinton orders a bundle of 200 copies of the I. S. Comrade Kolar says

they have decided to get a bundle every week hereafter.

Comrade Cameron will speak at the propaganda meeting at headquarters next Tuesday.

"I am more than pleased with the get-up of your paper; it seems to get better every week; I am so well pleased with the last issue that I want a hundred of them to distribute in this community," writes Comrade Wm. Bateman, Sr. of Seymour.

Following is the result of the school election held last Monday:

First Ward—Citizens, 151; Socialists, 30.

Second Ward—Citizens, 219; Socialists, 14.

Third Ward—Citizens, 232; Socialists, 15.

Fourth Ward—Citizens, 326; Socialists, 21.

Fifth Ward—Citizens, 304; Socialists, 41.

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