

## Debs' Acceptance



In the councils of the Socialist party the collective will is supreme. (Applause.) Personally I could have wished to remain in the ranks, to make my record, humble though it might be, fighting unnamed and unhonored side by side with my comrades. I accept your nomination not because of any honor it confers—because in the Socialist movement no Comrade can be honored except as he honors himself by his fidelity to the movement. (Applause.) I accept your nomination because of the confidence it implies, because of the duty it imposes. I cannot but wish that I may in a reasonable measure meet your expectations; that I may prove myself fit and worthy to bear aloft in the coming strife the banner of the working class (applause); that by my utterances and by my conduct, not in an individual capacity, but as your representative, I may prove myself worthy to bear the standard of the only party that proposes to emancipate my class from the thralldom of the ages. (Applause.)

It is my honor to stand in the presence of a very historic convention, and I would that Karl Marx might be here today (applause); I would Lassalle and Engels, the men who, long before the movement had its present stand-

ing, wrought and sacrificed to make it possible for me to stand in this magnificent presence—I wish it were possible for them to share in the glories of this occasion. We are on the eve of battle today. We are ready for the contest. (Applause.) We are eager for the fray. (Applause.) We depart from here with the endorsement of a convention that shall challenge undisputed the approval of the working class of the world. (Applause.) The platform upon which we stand is the first American utterance upon the subject of International Socialism. (Applause.) Hitherto we have repeated, we have reiterated, we have followed. For the first time in the history of the American movement we have realized the American expression of that movement. There is not a line, not a word in that platform which is not revolutionary, which is not clear, which does not state precisely and properly the position of the American movement. We leave this convention standing on this platform, to throw down the gauntlet to the capitalist enemy (applause), to challenge the capitalist oppressor to do battle for the perpetuation of a system that keeps in chains those in whose name we meet today. (Applause.)

There is a republican party; the dominant capitalist party of this time; the party that has its representative in the white house; the party that dominates both branches of the congress; the party that controls the supreme court; the party that absolutely controls the press; the party that gives inspiration to the subsidized pulpit; the party that controls every force of government; the party that is absolutely in power in every department of our activity. And as a necessary result we find that corruption is rampant; that the congress of the United States dare not respond to the demands of the people to open the sources of corruption from which the lava stream flows down the mountain sides; that they adjourned long before the hour struck for adjournment in order that they might postpone the inevitable. (Applause.)

There is a democratic party—(A Voice: "Where?")—a party that has not stock enough left to proclaim its own bankruptcy (laughter and applause); an expiring party that stands upon the crumbling foundations of a dying class; a party that is torn by dissension; a party that cannot unite; a party that is looking backward and hoping for the resurrection of the men who gave it inspiration a century ago; a party that is appealing to the cemeteries of the past (applause); a party that is trying to vitalize itself by its ghosts, by its corpses, by those who cannot be heard in their own defense. (Applause.) Thomas Jefferson would scorn to enter a modern democratic convention. He would have as little business there as Abraham Lincoln would have in a modern republican convention. (Applause.) If they were living today they would be delegates to this convention. (Tremendous applause.)

The Socialist party meets these two parties face to face, without a semblance of apology, without an attempt at explanation; scorning to compromise, it throws down the gage of battle and declares that there is but one solution of what is called the labor question, and that is by the complete overthrow of the capitalist system. (Applause.)

You have honored me in the magnitude of the task that you have imposed upon me, far beyond the power of my weak words to express. I can simply say that obedient to your call I respond. (Applause.) Responsive to your command I am here. I shall serve you to the limit of my capacity. My controlling ambition shall be to bear the standard aloft where the battle waxes thickest. (Applause.) I shall not hesitate as the opportunity comes to me to voice the emancipating gospel of the Socialist movement. I shall be heard in the coming campaign [applause] as often, and as decidedly, and as emphatically, as revolutionarily [applause], as uncompromisingly [applause] as my ability, my strength and my fidelity to the movement will allow. I invoke no aid but that which springs from the misery of my class [applause]; no power that does not spring spontaneous from the prostrate body of the workers of the world. Above all other things I realize that for the first time in the history of all the ages there is a working class movement ["Hear, hear," and applause]—perfectly free from the sentimentality of those who riot in the misery of the class who are in that movement. On this occasion above all others, my comrades, we are appealing to ourselves, we are bestirring ourselves, we are arousing the working class, the class that through all of the ages has been oppressed, crushed, suffered, for the one reason that through all the centuries of the past this class has lacked the consciousness of its overmastering power that shall give it control and make it master of the world. [Applause.] This class is just beginning to awaken from the torpor of the centuries [applause], and the most hopeful sign of the times is that from the dull, the dim eye of the man who is in this class there goes forth for the first time in history the first gleam of intelligence, the first sign of the promise that he is waking up, and that he is becoming conscious of his power; and when he, through the inspiration of the Socialist movement, shall become completely conscious of that power, he will overthrow the capitalist system and bring the emancipation of his class. [Great applause.]

To consecrate myself to my small part of this great work is my supreme ambition. [Applause.] I can hope only to do that part which is expected of me so well that my comrades, when the final verdict is rendered, will say, "He was not a candidate for president; he did not aspire to hold office; he did not try to associate his name with the passing glories, but he did prove himself worthy to be a member of the Socialist party [applause]; he proved his right to a place in the International Socialist Movement of the World." [Applause.] If when this little work shall have been completed this can be said of me, my acceptance of your nomination will have been so much more completely made than I could hope to frame it in weak words, that I close not with the decided utterance, but with the wish and the hope and the ambition that when the fight has been fought, when the task you have imposed upon me has been performed so far as it lies in the power of an individual to perform that task, that my acceptance of the honor you have conferred upon me will have been made and that your wisdom and your judgment will have been vindicated by the membership of the party throughout the country.

From the depths of my heart I thank you. I thank you and each of you, and through you I

thank those you represent. I thank you not from my lips merely. I thank you from the depths of a heart that is responsive to your consideration. We shall meet again. We shall meet often, and when we meet finally we shall meet in much larger numbers to ratify the coming of the Socialist Republic. (Great and prolonged applause.)

### The Trades Union Resolution

John M. Work

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

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

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

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

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

If locals everywhere will request the national secretary to submit the trades union resolution to a referendum vote of the party BY PARAGRAPHS, we will then have an opportunity to vote down the objectionable paragraph and vote in favor of the balance of the resolution.

### Colorado Outrages

Following is the resolution on the Colorado outrages adopted by the national convention:

Whereas, The Socialist party is the political organization of the working class, pledged to all its struggles and working ceaselessly for its emancipation, it declares this convention against the brutality of capitalistic rule and the suppression of popular rights and liberties which attends it; and calls upon all the workers of the country to unite with it in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalist domination and the establishment of economic equality and freedom.

Time after time workers have been imprisoned, beaten and murdered for no other reason than that they were struggling for some measure of that comfort and decency of existence to which as the producers of wealth they are entitled. The master class has, in various states and cities, organized

citizens' alliances, manufacturers' associations, anti-boycott associations and the like, which, in order to disrupt and crush out the economic organizations of the workers, have instituted a reign of lawlessness and tyranny, and assailed all the fundamental principles and most cherished institutions of personal and collective freedom. By suborning the executive and judicial powers in various states they have infringed upon the liberties of the American people.

Under their baleful influences, in direct contravention of the letter and the spirit of the Constitution, civil authority has been made subordinate to the military in Pennsylvania, Colorado and elsewhere. Freedom of the press and the right of public assembly have been denied in many states; and by the Dick militia bill liability to compulsory military service has been imposed upon every male citizen between the ages of eighteen and forty-five and that merely at the caprice of the president.

At the present time there exists in Colorado a state of violent capitalist anarchy and lawlessness with the consent and under the armed protection of the state government. Peaceable citizens have been forcibly deported by armed bodies of lawbreakers, aided and abetted by military usurpers of the civil powers; involuntary servitude has been imposed by injunctions compelling citizens to work under conditions distasteful to them. Innocent and law-abiding citizens have been arrested without warrant, imprisoned without trial, and when acquitted by decision of the civil courts, held by the military in defiance of every principle of civil authority and government; and the right of habeas corpus, for centuries cherished as a safeguard for personal liberty, has been unlawfully suspended with the result that in a so-called "free state" of our so-called "free republic" there exists a despotism greater and more infamous than that which has ever characterized Russian autocracy.

Now, we declare these conditions in Colorado are the natural and logical results of the prevailing economic system which permits the private ownership of the means of the common life and renders the wage working class dependent for life itself upon the owners of the means of production and distribution. Between these two classes, the workers and the masters of their bread, there exists a state of constant warfare, a bitter and irrepressible class conflict. Labor, organized for self-protection and to secure better conditions of life, is met by powerful organizations of the master class, whose supreme power lies in the fact that all the functions of government, legislative, judicial and executive, have been unwittingly placed in their hands by their victims. Controlling all the forces of government, they are entrenched in a position from which they can only be dislodged by political methods.

Therefore this convention of the Socialist party reaffirms this principle of the International Socialist movement, that the supreme issue is the conquest by the working class of all the powers of government and the use of those powers for the overthrow of class rule, and the establishment of that common ownership of the means of the common life, which alone can free individual and collective man.



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For President,  
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For Vice President,  
BENJAMIN HANFORD.

## CONVENTION ECHOES

That woman is slowly emerging from her long night of life in the kitchen and nursery, and is at last taking her place in the world's work is evidenced by the fact that among the delegates to our recent national convention were eight women representing seven different states. From California to Pennsylvania they came. Bertha Wilkins, of California; Ida Crouch-Hazlett, of Colorado; Irene Smith, of Oregon, Eleanor Grace Cogswell and Luella Kraybill, of Kansas, Carrie L. Johnson, of Iowa; Miss Thomas, of Wisconsin, and Miss Forbes, of Pennsylvania.

So far as immediate results are concerned, no especial benefits are as yet visible from their presence in this deliberative assembly.

One thing is certain: None of them occupied five minutes of the valuable time of the convention in calling to order a comrade who had only three minutes in which to speak.

Their presence was more valuable in an educational way than otherwise. It proved conclusively that the Socialist party means what it says when it declares for the equal civil and political rights for men and women.

Even the capitalist press, which ignored the convention as much as possible, took some notice of the women delegates.

A lady introducing herself as a reporter for the Inter-Ocean attempted to interview the woman from Iowa on "the Socialist position in regard to monogamic marriage."

Did you ever hear of anything quite so absurd?

Think of going into a republican or democratic convention and asking how those parties stand in regard to monogamic or any other kind of marriage! Has such a thing ever occurred? And wouldn't it make a donkey laugh if it ever should occur?

Under the present industrial system, which is upheld by both the old parties, wives are bought as well as mistresses. Women are sold into slavery either with or without the sanction of the law; she barter her body for bread. But let no one cast a stone at her for this—we are none of us free from guilt. Woman today is the result of her economic environment, but, as this convention indicates, she is coming out of her lethargy and will begin to take a hand in her own emancipation.

Socialism has made no declaration either in platform or elsewhere

of its position on the marriage relation.

The lady reporter and all others interested in this point may inform themselves by studying the condition of woman, past and present, under the profit system of industry that now prevails, and follow this by a little study of Socialist philosophy, wherein they will learn that through the abolition of private profit and the achievement of the economic independence of women, woman, and woman alone will make ALL the marriage laws; and they will be sweet and pure and holy. Man must then stand upon his merits and not on his bank account or the size of his salary, if he would have a wife, and with the free and independent mother comes a new-born race to earth that will put to shame all the races of the past. The present slave mother under capitalism will give place to the future FREE MOTHER UNDER SOCIALISM.

**A FREE MOTHERHOOD!** Think what it means! That is the most potent benefit to be gained from Socialism.

Women are awakening to this fact. Eight women were delegates to this convention! Who can predict the number at our next, in 1908? Watch us wake up. We have not really got started yet; but have patience—we are in the fight for the co-operative commonwealth and will never give o'er till the cries of victory are heard from every hilltop and valley, from ocean to ocean and from pole to pole.

## THE LIQUOR QUESTION

Sac City, Iowa, May 21, 1904.  
The Iowa Socialist, Dubuque, Ia.:

Comrades: I have left the old parties and joined the Socialist because I believe the party has the purest motives in the elevation of our fellow men and society in general, and the old parties do not. I am for the common people who earn an honest living at some legitimate work, and am opposed to a capitalism that seeks to speculate upon the necessities of others and exploit their earnings by virtue of the power the law gives them under the ownership of the public utilities. But there is one matter in which I am very much interested, and this is the liquor question. I am well aware that this evil of drink is a severe menace to the working man, and the capitalists are seeking to further the traffic in this nefarious business in order to exploit the little mite of money the common people may have after their necessities are provided for. Now, I am bitterly opposed to the manufacture and sale of all liquors except as shall be absolutely necessary for medicinal purposes, and will never belong to any political party that advocates the selling of this poisoned stuff to my fellow men. I am also for the purity of society and the liberation of womanhood from a life of degradation and crime caused very often, and, in fact, too often, by the deplorable condition in which they are placed as a result of our present barbarous system of the ownership of property. Unless we stand for principle we will surely fall, but we should be always actuated by a pure motive and a desire to elevate society than merely advocating some principle that may meet the approval of popular clamor, and expect to go into power by corruption, for the old parties do these things, and if we are to do likewise we are no better. We must remember we are a peculiar people, whose object is to restore equality before the law, and give to every child the same opportunities in life. We must say, "My boy the avenues of opportunity and distinction are as open and free to you as to any other in all this broad and free land, and upon your brow may fall the civic wreath if you are worthy." So by all means, I am in favor of removing the degrading influence of this liquor traffic, and that by extermination alike of it as well as the slavery of capitalism. I desire the party to take a firm stand on the right side of this question, then can we say to the old parties, "you have had the reins of government

of our country for over 125 years, and now behold the condition of society. See saloons and great distilleries all over our fair land, and behold the crime and misery that follow in its wake." Comrades, we must rise to deliver our people from all degradation to which greed and avarice has reduced them, and make this beautiful world to be the fit habitation of men, women and children redeemed from the curse of capitalism and rum.

I would like to know the sentiment of the comrades in general.  
Fraternally,  
C. R. METCALFE.

This comrade has overlooked one very important point in regard to Socialism and temperance. The party has not taken any stand on this question, nor is it at all necessary to do so.

We are now living under the PROFIT system of industry. All lines of business, good, bad and indifferent, are pursued for the profit to be obtained therefrom. It is "profit" that leads to the building of distilleries and the opening of saloons. Men do not make or sell liquor because they love to undo their fellow beings with it, any more than the men who adulterate most of our foods wish to poison gradually the human family.

They are all after more "profits" and so long as we continue the profit system, we have no right to condemn them.

Socialism stands for the complete overthrow of the profit system and the substitution of the co-operative commonwealth. When this is accomplished, the liquor business along with adulterated foods, shoddy clothes and the like, will surely disappear of itself; the "incentive" to engage in these things will vanish when the profit is taken from them.

Comrade Metcalfe will see this point for himself if he will give a little thought to the subject.

## THE TRADES UNION RESOLUTION

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a communication from Comrade John M. Work anent the trade union resolution adopted by the national convention in which he objects to part of it as being a veiled condemnation of the A. L. U. Since the convention others have taken a similar stand with reference to this particular portion of the resolution, which is the first clause of the last paragraph and reads as follows: "Neither political nor other differences of opinion justify the division of the forces of labor in the industrial movement."

Whether the writer of the resolution intended this clause as a stab at the A. L. U. he alone can say, but it would seem from the debate on this resolution—which was the warmest of any in the convention—that it was not generally accepted as such by the delegates, since the debate was almost entirely on the point as to whether trade union resolutions of any kind should be adopted by the convention. The debate against the resolution was led by the impossibilists and it may be that many who favored a resolution, but were opposed to the one adopted in its present form, voted for it as their only chance of going on record as favoring a resolution, just as others voted against it as their only way of expressing dissatisfaction with its form. However, we believe the vote on the resolution, 107 to 52, was fairly representative of the sentiment of the convention as to the resolution as it is. For, while some of those in the A. L. U. on the convention floor raised the same point made by Comrade Work in his communication, yet there were prominent A. L. U. men on the other side. Comrade Guy Miller, of Colorado, president of the Telluride Local of the Western Federation of Miners, which organization may be said to be the

backbone of the American Labor Union, was a member of the committee which drafted the resolution and was also one of its most ardent advocates on the floor of the convention. On roll call the Colorado delegation voted solidly for the resolution, as well as many others from western or A. L. U. territory.

We do not believe the clause in question was intended as condemnatory of the A. L. U. but was intended rather as a refutation of the charge often made against Socialists by the pure and simpler the union movement—that they would ruin it if they cannot rule it. It is rather an assurance to the unions that although we, as Socialists, differ politically with the majority of their members, we are with them in their fight on the industrial field.

Neither can we see how this clause "justifies the trades unionist in voting the republican and democratic tickets," another point raised by Comrade Work. It does not justify anything. It simply recognizes that there are political and other differences of opinion among trades unionists. Surely we do not wish to have the trades unions as such make political belief or affiliation a test for membership!

According to press dispatches Sherman Bell, adjutant general of Colorado, has resigned. He has made a record for brutality in that state in connection with the unsuccessful attempt of the powers that be to break the miners' strike that is a stench in the nostrils of decent men and a disgrace to civilization—such as it is. He has suddenly discovered that "the National Guard" of Colorado is used to enforce the law against workmen and to shield corporations that defy the law." What a discovery, O my countrymen! What mean these strange words at this time from this erstwhile pliant tool of capitalism?

"God and My Neighbor." This is the title of a new book by Robert Blatchford, the author of "Merrie England" and "Britain for the British," which is from a literary point of view the finest piece of work yet put out by this popular author. In this book the author approaches the question of religion from the view-point of historical materialism. As Comrade Kerr points out in his introduction to the American edition, Socialists recognize each other's right to complete liberty of opinion in matters of religion, and many members of the party are Catholics, while many more are orthodox Protestants. Nevertheless, the Socialist philosophy explains the origin of religious ideas, as well as of other ideas, and Blatchford's application of this philosophy to the criticism of traditional theology is well worth study whether the student be disposed to accept or reject the author's conclusions. We have not had time for a careful reading of the book, and shall probably have more to say of it in a later issue. It is handsomely printed on paper of exceptional quality, and is published by Charles H. Kerr & Company, 56 Fifth avenue, Chicago, at 50 cents in paper and \$1.00 in cloth.

## "When Justice Rules."

When Justice rules the world, no more shall pain,  
Write in deep lines, its name on every face,  
Nor war, with sword unsheathed in quest of fame,  
Baptize in seas of blood, the human race.  
When Justice rules the world, no more shall want,  
Round human lives its serpent form entwined,  
Nor hypocrites with sanctimonious cant,  
The god of greed, in human hearts enshrined.  
When Justice rules the world, no more shall might,  
With iron hoofs, rough-shod o'er millions ride,  
Nor wrong enthroned, conspire to crush the right,  
Nor stay the vengeance of its rising tide.  
Justice, long sought, long prayed for, long desired,  
Shall crush the spoilers' might, his weapons break,  
And men with holy patriotism fired,  
Their Earth, their all,  
At last shall rise and take!  
—W. T. Withrow.

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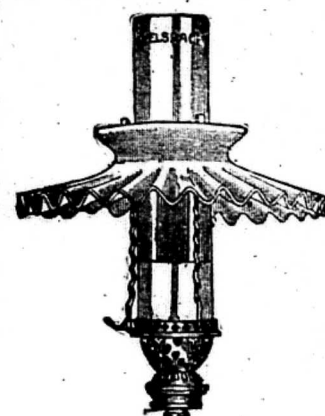
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Chicago, May 20, 1904.

**Comrade Secretaries:** Your earnest and prompt attention is requested to the following important matters:

### BOOKS FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS.

From among those who have been giving attention to the detail work of party organization (a most necessary work, and too little appreciated by many), there has been coming to the national office requests for sets of books for branch, local and state officials. Lack of funds has made it impossible to get out such books, but if the members take hold and push the subscription blanks, now being sent out in compliance with the action of the national convention, calling on all members and sympathizers to contribute one-half day's pay during the month of June, one-third to go to local, one-third to state, and one-third to national organization, all divisions should be able to equip themselves for permanent and solid organization.

The national office has had prepared a full set of specially ruled and printed books for branch or local organizations, consisting of minute book, financial secretary's cash book, financial secretary's ledger, with space for 100 members for over two years; treasurer's cash book and a book of orders on treasurer. If we are assured a sufficient number of cash orders from locals and branches we will be enabled to furnish the entire set and also a letter file for \$3.00, the actual cost in quantity. These will be sold only in full sets, shipped by express at expense of local. We have also had prepared receipt books, cash books and ledger, all specially ruled and printed, for state secretaries. With these books in use by local and state bodies we will be able to secure uniform and systematic methods so necessary to perfect organization, which we must have to cope with capitalism. If your branch or local will take a set of these books at price noted, please send a postal card to the national secretary, as soon as possible, so that we may be able to decide on the number to order. Immediate action is requested.

### SOCIALIST PLATE MATTER FOR LOCAL PAPERS.

The national convention adopted a resolution directing the national secretary to arrange for furnishing Socialist plate matter to newspapers. The plan is as follows: If we can get 100 or more papers to take one page a month [six columns to the page], it can be furnished for \$1.00 a page to each paper using it, saving that much typesetting. The plates will be furnished by the American Press Association from their branch office nearest the paper taking the plates. Papers pay express on plates, and freight on return after being used. [Bases will be furnished with first plates to papers which have not already got bases. Newspaper publishers understand this.] The matter can be used all at once or as much of it each week as space will permit. It will be prepared under the direction of the national secretary, and in view of the general interest, pro and con, in the subject of Socialism, reliable matter should be appreciated by the more progressive labor press as well as by many local papers, and this presents an opportunity for comrades everywhere to extend reliable Socialist news and propaganda. See your local publishers and try to get them to take the page once a month [later it may be issued oftener], and by way of inducement the lo-

cal or comrades so disposed can offer to pay for the plates in whole or in part, as might be agreed with the local newspaper publishers. This would not furnish you a local paper, but it would get Socialist news and argument before local readers. The money and energy expended in trying to establish local papers had much better be used in building up strong party papers with ability to secure the best possible talent on their staffs. Let every branch or local canvass the situation, and if possible get one of your local papers to take the plates. Write as soon as possible to the national secretary and let him know what you have done in the matter. This can be made one of the most valuable methods of propaganda if taken up promptly and pushed vigorously.

### NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND.

A fund for the Socialist party presidential campaign must be raised at once. In accordance with the resolution adopted by the national convention, party members and sympathizers everywhere are called upon to contribute one-half day's pay sometime during the month of June, 1904. It is proposed that one-third of the amount thus realized shall be retained by the local organizations, one-third shall be remitted to the state organizations and one-third sent to the national organization. Where no local organizations exist contributions shall be divided equally between the state and national organizations. In unorganized states amounts shall be divided equally between the local and national organizations. In organized states all remittances should be made through the state secretaries and portion due the national organization can be sent in the form of a money order or draft payable to the national secretary, William Maily. Lists will be sent out by the national secretary through the state and territorial secretaries to all the local secretaries. The state secretaries will countersign these lists, keep a record of them before forwarding them to the various locals, and be responsible for their return to the national secretary, with the amounts reported as collected on them. This will ensure the local, state and national organizations the receipt of the respective amounts due them. Comrades should get ready for these lists and be prepared to contribute at least one-half day's pay during the month of June. If this is done generally, we can be assured of a good campaign fund with which to begin the great battle against the capitalist parties. Lists will be forwarded to comrades where no locals exist upon application direct to the national secretary.

### OFFICIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The official stenographic report of the Socialist party national convention of 1904, the most representative and memorable Socialist gathering ever held in America, is now in the press and will soon be ready for delivery. The report is complete in every detail and is the only one of the kind published anywhere. The discussions, speeches, reports of committees, names and addresses of delegates, etc., are given in full. The report is therefore of great educational and historic value and every Socialist should possess one. The book will consist of not less than 300 pages, 6x9 inches, set in clear type, well bound in stiff paper cover and illustrated by portraits of presidential and vice-presidential candi-

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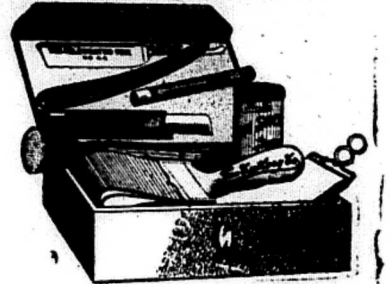
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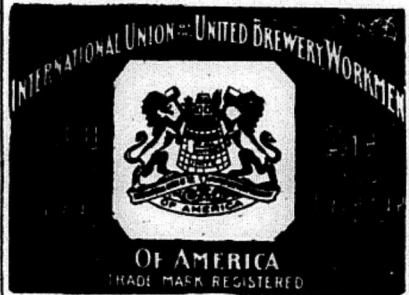
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## National Headquarters Bulletin

NATIONAL ORGANIZING FUND.	
Total to noon, May 21	\$ 15 55
Previously reported	3245 41
Total	\$3260 96
CAMPAIGN FUND.	
Total to noon, May 21	\$ 46 28
Previously reported	4 50
Total	\$ 50 78

Mrs. Ella Reeve Cohen is doing special organizing work for the national party in Delaware.

Geo. H. Goebel has started overland on a western tour under the direction of the national secretary.

The national secretary is able to furnish half tone cuts of Debs and Hanford to Socialist papers for \$1 a piece, mail prepaid. Orders can be filled immediately.

The state quorum of Missouri has issued a stirring appeal to the Socialists of that state to contribute enough to keep one or more organizers at work during the campaign.

One of the first contributions to the national campaign fund of 1904 came from the Old Soldiers Home in California to the amount of \$3, collected by Comrade James J. Dobbins.

The circular letter issued by the national secretary to local secretaries under date of May 20, should be given prompt attention and read at the next local meeting after the receipt.

Locals should outline their work for the campaign right away and notify their state secretaries just what they intend to do. The quicker work is begun the more work will be done.

Franklin and Marion Wentworth have removed from Illinois to Massachusetts where they will work on a farm during the summer and devote their winters to propaganda work for Socialism.

That all the Socialists have not been driven out of Telluride, Colo., was demonstrated at the election for school trustee on May 10, when 58 Socialist votes were cast against 380 for the combination capitalist ticket. Last election the Socialists got 111 against 388. Good showing for Peabody land.

State conventions of the Socialist party are scheduled to meet as follows: May 29, Kentucky, at Covington; Pennsylvania, at Pittsburg; Washington, at Seattle. May 29 and 30, New York, at Albany; Ohio, at Columbus. May 30, Connecticut, at Waterbury. June 4, Vermont, at Barre. July 1, Iowa, at Marshalltown.

## Iowa Notes

Let's have a big state convention.

Waterloo promises to be on the map again within a week.

Charter issued to Local Fredericksburg, organized by Harry M. McKee. The local has six members.

Systematic Sunday morning distribution of literature is contemplated as one of the campaign features in Des Moines.

Dr. Edw. J. Rohrer, of Sigourney, has engaged a couple democrats in a debate on Socialism in the Hawkeye Journal.

Comrade McKee is headed for southeastern Iowa. Locals and isolated Socialists in that part of the state can do no better than make application for a date. Terms, \$2.00, entertainment and the collection.

Organizer Harry M. McKee will lecture as follows: Correctionville, May 30; Cherokee, 31; Storm Lake, June 1; Manson, 2; Ft. Dodge, 3-4; Lehigh, 5; Webster City, 6; Stratford, 7; Stanhope, 8; Ames, 9; Boone, 10; Polk City, 11.

J. J. JACOBSEN, Secretary.

## Local Notes

Comrade Lee Lang, of Muscatine, gets in line for a bundle.

Election of delegates to the state convention will be held at the regular business meeting of Dubuque Local on Tuesday evening, June 7.

Comrade Fischer was elected to address the local next Tuesday evening and on June 7 Comrade Dieterich will speak on "Hearst Under a Searchlight."

Comrade Mrs. W. H. Allen, of Cripple Creek, Colo., says: "I think The Iowa Socialist is a grand little sheet and hope that we may be able to deluge your office with many names for your excellent paper."

Dubuque local propaganda meeting of last Tuesday evening was poorly attended. The comrades had not recovered from the celebration and surprise of the week before. There was no speech but some general talk on the new platform.

In compliance with the resolution adopted by the national convention, Local Du-

buque urges all its members to contribute one-half day's pay sometime in the month of June toward a fund, one-third of which is to go to the local, one-third to the state organization and one-third to the national organization. Comrades, don't forget this.

## To Socialists in Unorganized States and Territories.

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

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

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

1. How often can you take a speaker during the campaign?
2. What would be the earliest date on which you could accept the first speaker?
3. How many days for each speaker do you wish to arrange for?
4. How much can you guarantee towards the expenses of each meeting or each day?
5. Give names and addresses of Socialists in other cities and towns with whom the national secretary can correspond.

It will prove economical if regular routes can be arranged over which speakers can be sent as often as comrades may desire or circumstances will warrant.

By clearly answering the above questions, stating just what you feel sure you will be able to do, the national secretary will be in a position to arrange and make known plans for the campaign.

To prevent disappointment and misunderstanding, enthusiasm should not be permitted to disregard facts as to finances or other limitations of your local movement. Address,

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## Chicago Vindicates Herself

If any Socialist outside Cook county (Chicago) has any doubt of its loyalty to the party his fears may now be quickly dispelled for today our local crowded 46 of its members into a hall and by a vote of 3 to 1 not only accepted and endorsed the national platform and ticket but most emphatically condemned any and all attempts of repudiation as acts, not aimed to improve the platform but to disrupt the party at its most critical time, the eve of a national campaign.

In last Monday's daily papers the rank and file read with astonishment that a "split" had occurred in our party in Cook county which would likely spread throughout the entire United States! What had occasioned this statement was this: That on the day before the county central committee rescinded its action of the previous Sunday, discharged a committee then appointed to draw up a new national platform, declared its secretary, treasurer and manager of its paper dismissed and promptly elected new men to replace them, elected an executive committee in place of the impotent one that then existed and in a most emphatic manner had done a good job of spring cleaning! The "split" story was only a squeal or a wail from one of the fellows deposed.

All eyes have till today been directed on the mass meeting which was first called to repudiate the national platform and then changed by the afore-mentioned cleaning brigade into a ratification meeting and the question on all lips was, what will the rank and file do? Many a heart has been sick, many a soul has been worried to its depths, many a head has tossed sleeplessly on its pillow this past week. Would Chicago repudiate, will the ship ride the storm?

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Secretary of Meeting.

J. M. CROOK,  
Member Executive Committee.

## Russo-Japanese War

The following resolution on the Russo-Japanese war was adopted by the national convention:

Whereas, The conflicting commercial interests of the ruling classes in Russia and Japan have induced the governments of those countries to bring about war between the Russian and Japanese nations; and

Whereas, The working people of Russia and Japan have no interest in waging this campaign of bloody warfare, be it

Resolved, That this convention of the Socialist party of America sends greetings of Fraternity and Solidarity to the working people of Russia and Japan, and condemns the Russo-Japanese war as a crime against progress and civilization. And be it further

Resolved, That we appeal to the wage workers of Russia and Japan to join hands with the International Socialist movement in its struggle for world-peace.

## The Light Breaking

Considerable adverse criticism appears in this month's correspondence relative to the union man taking an active part in the political arena. The editor comes in for his share, and some writers are even "surprised" that so much space is given to political discussion. Isolated cases are cited where labor unions gave their support to candidates only to find their confidence had been misplaced, or in the vernacular of the street, they had been buncoed. We have not lost entire confidence in the American people and believe there are many just men who could be installed in office if the effort were made. We will not admit isolated cases of treachery as the general rule, but rather the exception.

One brother advises: "Pay more attention to your organization and leave politics alone. Your organization is the only medium whereby your wages have been increased and conditions bettered."

This is, verbatim, literatim et punctuatim, what the wily politician has forever been whispering in the ear of labor.

You can see the corpulent, rotund figure of capital bent over whispering to the lean, lanky, half-fed, half-clothed toiler. "Keep out of politics!" An exact counterpart of the fox guarding the hen coop.

The toiler who contends our legislative halls need not cleansing has an appetite for filth that must be insatiable.

The toiler who contends that millionaires and corporate hirelings in our great law-making halls are truly representative of the American masses is superlatively idiotic.

Look to Colorado, there you find the miners as thoroughly organized as any place on earth. Their organization does not prevent them being hounded like wolves, arrested, vagged, pilloried, cast in the "bull-pen" and denied all semblance of a trial. We would be pleased to have the brothers state how this despotism and barbarism and flagrant disregard of life and liberty is to be dethroned by organized labor without recourse to the ballot. It has not been the policy of the editor to influence any brother's political belief, but has been the desire to dispel the clouds of political lethargy and political inactivity that are hovering above the horizon of labor. We only ask our brothers to give more

thought, more study, more reflection to the political problem and vote the dictates of their conscience, irrespective of party affiliations. Let it be understood that we do not advocate mixing politics with the business of our unions, but we deem it wise and proper that our brothers meet and discuss problems that are confronting them. We are not for, neither do we wish to control any one's political belief. If you entertain any such idea, then abandon it. It is a delusion.

All that we have ever advised, relative to political action, should be taken as an antidote for the political narcotic administered by the irrepressible bunco-steering, spell-binder.—Switchmen's Union Journal.

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## Call for Convention

To the Party Membership, Socialist Party of Iowa—

Dear Comrades: The state convention of the Socialist party of Iowa will be held in Reform Hall, corner First-avenue South and Church street, Marshalltown, July 4, at 9 a. m., and you are urgently requested to assist in making this as representative and memorable a gathering as possible.

## OBJECT.

The adoption of a state platform and the nomination of the following officers:

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6. Attorney General.
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8. Clerk of Supreme Court.
9. Reporter of Supreme Court.
10. Railroad Commissioner.

And such other business as may properly come before the convention.

## REPRESENTATION.

Each local of the state organization in good standing is entitled to as many delegates as it has members in good standing, the delegates in actual attendance being entitled to cast the full vote of the local they represent.

Members at large in good standing are entitled to all the privileges accorded delegates representing locals.

## CREDENTIALS.

Credentials in duplicate are sent to all secretaries, the originals to be presented delegates and the duplicates to be forwarded to the state secretary not later than July 1. Delegates, as well as members at large, are requested to also present their membership due books to the committee on credentials. Fraternally yours,  
J. J. JACOBSEN, Secretary.

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

Personal—Mr. E. J. Hanson please write to your sister, Mrs. Glen, Sioux City, Ia.

Mr. W. R. Hearst is clamoring for the laboring man to go into politics. We can inform him that a quarter of a mill on workingmen are already in politics under the banner of the Socialist party and more to come next fall. Not long ago Mr. Hearst's papers in a frantic appeal for the working class to go into politics—for Mr. Hearst—enumerated the imposing number of "labor" representatives in the parliaments of Europe, but he was very careful not to mention the fact that all these representatives are Socialists belonging to the same international movement which he alternately ignores and misrepresents in this country.—The Worker.

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