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WILLIAM HOGAN



FOR CONGRESSMAN.

William Hogan, Laborer, Equality, Skagit Co.

Born, Worcester, Mass., 1864. Educated in common schools. Three years market gardener in Massachusetts. Moved to Dakota in '84. Rode the range for three years as cowboy. Prospected and mined about Butte with dreams of affluence till spring of '93. Traveled 500 miles throughout Rocky mountain region in fruitless search for work. On the jaunt read "Progress and Poverty," and later fell in with Socialists, who showed him the inconsistency of condemning rent on land while justifying interest on money or profit on production. Became a political class-conscious Socialist. Organized the Montana contingent Commonweal (Coxey) army in '94. Sentenced to six months in county jail for contempt of court in seizing train. Released after three months on petition of 10,000 citizens. Always active in labor organizations. Was District Master Workman, District No. 98, K. of L., chairman executive board Montana State Trades and Labor Councils, secretary Silver Bow Trades and Labor Assembly, editor Butte Bystander, organ of most influential central labor council west of Chicago. Assisted in formation of Western Labor Union and wrote its constitution. Joined Equality Colony in 1899, edited Industrial Freedom for a time and worked at all colony work. Is now traveling, speaking and organizing in Eastern Washington.

NEW LOCALS.

See them swarm. Seven in last month and others on the way. Clear Lake, Skagit county. Orchards, Clark county. Beach, Whatcom county. Renton, King county. Colby, Kitsap county. Roseburg, Wahkiakum county. Redmond, King county. Comrades, push things. Only five weeks to election. We ought to have two locals a day organized. You must do it yourselves. Only two of you needed, recollect. Examine *The Socialist*, No. 1 or No. 5, for directions. For fear you may not have these numbers here it is in brief: "We hereby subscribe to the principles of The Social Democratic Party and apply for a Charter for a Local." Sign your names to that and address it to S. D. P. Organizer, 220 Union street, Seattle, Wash.

SCHOOL FOR SOCIALISM

140,000 Mine Workers Becoming Class Conscious—European Investors Wring Dividends from Their Blood and Sweat --"The Lives and Liberty of the Working Class are Recklessly Sacrificed for Profit."—Says Social Democrat Platform.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 21.

The streets of Hazleton rang today with life and drum. It was the rally to a mass meeting at Donneghal Park, a ball ground near the city. To this open space the striking men marched by hundreds, the women following behind them, leading and carrying children. Most of the women wore calico gowns and sunbonnets, and their sleeves were rolled back and their aprons on, just as they had left their work to hear what was going on among the men.

Big Fred Dilcher, a member of the National Executive Board of Miners, was going to address the meeting. He is a man as big in heart as in body. He swept his audience with a keen eye; where they sat on the hillside, over against the graveyard. On the

outskirts of the crowd of men he saw the groups of women, and began at once to talk for them and to them, including them in every argument he made for the men.

"Mothers and fathers," he said, "what the United Mine Workers of America want to do is not to cause war and bloodshed. We want to restore to you your children. We want to assure the safety of the suckling babe at the mother's breast; to take the boys out of the breakers and let them go back to school, where they may grow up with as much learning as the operator's son; to take your daughters out of the factories and let them go home to their mothers, where they belong, and can grow up into modest, sensible women."

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 22.—A parade of 2,000 slate pickers, hammers, drivers, doortenders and helpers from the mines of Scranton and vicinity was the feature of today.

The parade was planned by Organizer Dilcher, to show how many children who ought to be in school were forced into the mines by reason of their fathers being paid such poor wages.

It was a sight that would move the hardest heart. Fully a third of the boys in line appeared to be about 9 or 10 years old, and inquiry among them elicited the startling fact that not a few eight-year-olds were numbered in the paraders.

"MOTHER" JONES AMONG THE MINERS.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 21.—I have heard threats of being driven out of town and being tarred and feathered. Well, if any one wants to carry out these threats, I'll show fight; they don't frighten me. I am not afraid of European stockholders in these mines, nor of their degraded agents. When they talk of tarring and feathering one who is fighting for principle, they are behind the age. I had a most interesting experience to-day. I met Father Ducey, a grand man, and, with him, visited the heroes of Lattimer, poor, crippled beings, living monuments to the cruelty of the slave drivers who are now facing 140,000 desperate men.

Much of the mining stock is held by English, German and Russian aristocrats, who know little of, and care less for, the conditions of the men, women and children who dig and delve and starve, if only fat dividends may be regularly declared. It is not generally known, but I know that Queen Victoria, through her fiscal agents here, owns a great amount of stock in the Illinois Central Railroad, and the Czar of Russia's private exchequer contains many certificates of stock of the Pennsylvania lines. The spirit of the Hessians sent over by George III still exists among these representatives of the foreign owners of American mines.

MARY "MOTHER" JONES.

SPECIMEN GRIEVANCES.

(From Erie Public Ownership.)

"The story of the grievances and sufferings of the miners of the Wyoming valley would fill a book. A few grievances may be summed up as follows:

"The company stores.

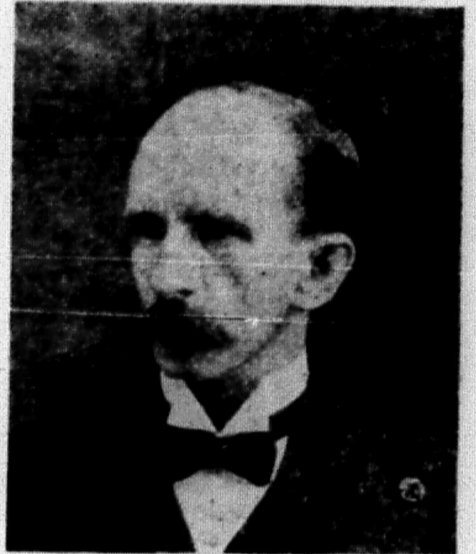
"These are unlawful under a special definite statute of Pennsylvania. The companies deny that such a thing as the company stores exists, but it is a mere juggling of words, as they are called 'supply' stores. These stores supply the miners with the necessaries of life and the account is deducted from the men's wages at the end of each month.

"The prices in company or 'supply' stores range from 10 to 40 per cent. higher than in outside stores—a fair average would be 25 per cent. 'The men don't have to deal with the supply stores if they think they can buy cheaper elsewhere,' say the operators. But it is a fact that the man who persists in dealing elsewhere suffers excessive dockage, is given bad breasts to work in, is limited on cars and in a dozen other ways is disciplined.

"The mine bosses.

"They have almost dictatorial power; they abuse that power. They are kings away down in the bowels of the earth. Some of these bosses go so far as to compel their subordinates to suffer indignities which would make

CHAS. S. WALLACE



FOR AUDITOR.

CHAS. S. WALLACE,

Purchasing Agent, Fairhaven

While a strictly class-conscious Socialist, I believe all classes will be greatly benefited when Socialism is adopted, as it will be in 1904. Anyone who desires to cast a vote next November that he can in the future refer to with pride, must vote for Debs and Harriman. Yours for success in 1904. CHAS. S. WALLACE.

BREWERS' NATIONAL UNION INDORSES DEBS AND HARRIMAN.

By a vote of 68 to 15, the twelfth convention of the National Union of United Brewery Workmen, in session at Detroit last week, indorsed the Social Democratic Party and its national candidates, Eugene V. Debs and Job Harriman. The full strength of the convention was 86 delegates, so that if those not voting were counted against the resolution it would still have more than four-fifths of the votes. The delegates represent a membership of 19,900 workmen throughout the whole country.

The resolution was expected and debated in local unions in advance. The National Secretaries, C. F. Bechtold and Julius Zorn, in their report to the convention, spoke as follows on the matter:

"There can be no further doubt with regard to our political creed and position. Every comrade can find our principles in his membership booklet, ending thus: 'The emancipation of the working people can only take place if the economical movement goes hand in hand with the political.' Resolutions have been adopted in all our recent conventions, enjoining all our members to take part in the political movement, with a view to the battling for the deliverance of the proletarians. The time is come for our comrades to do their duty on election day by casting their ballot in favor of the Socialist ticket like men who know what will benefit their class."

a Zulu commit suicide. It is a shameful thing to write, but right here, in Scranton, a city of 100,000 inhabitants, there is at least one mine boss who uses his little brief authority to COMPEL HIS MEN TO YIELD TO HIS DESIRES THEIR WIVES AND DAUGHTERS. (It is W. B. Colver, the reporter for the Publishers' Press, who makes this statement—not a 'wild-eyed' Socialist).

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GEORGE VONDERHEID.

One of the founders of *The Socialist* died suddenly last Wednesday morning. His name as weekly contributor to the guarantee fund which forms the sole capital of this paper will appear no more. His genial face and humorous talk will be sadly missed at headquarters. In the few months we have had a Socialist headquarters and reading room in Seattle it has become a home and resort for many workingmen, as bright and inviting and social as any saloon and far more wholesome. Vonderheid, felt all this and helped make it. He spent hours here almost every evening. We miss his songs and rallery and cake-walks, as well as his sturdy talk for Socialism. He was a good fighter, and Socialism was his religion. With the exception of Lindwall, he probably got more subscriptions to *The Socialist* than any one man.

In the Labor Unions, too, his absence will be felt. He was a Socialist because of his loyalty to his class. He carried Unionism to its logical conclusion.

Until recently he was Walking Delegate for the Carpenters' Union, resigning because he did not want the annoyances of that position. He was at the time of his death Secretary of the Seattle Building Trades Council and a most accurate and efficient one. Perhaps no man had a wider personal acquaintance in the Unions. Everybody knew George.

All the Union men, and especially the Socialists, feel as if an own brother had been taken from us.

Stand closer, Comrades, and fill up the gap.

NUGGETS.

L. R. Gage, Chehalis county: "I would like to be a subscriber to a fund to keep a good speaker in the field at least the last month of the campaign. Will hereby agree to contribute \$2. to same, provided enough more will go in to make it a success."

Next!

Richard Haydon, South Prairie, Pierce county: "The people up here and also at Wilkeson are desirous of having a speaker come up and give them a little talk on Socialism. We think those places are just ripe for a good speaker."

St. Andrews, Douglas county: "Am Mid-Road Populist, or Socialist, and there is not much difference between them."

Anyhow, the Mid-Roads make good recruiting ground. But they have a deal to learn, all the same. And that's what *The Socialist* is here for—to show them the way.

From J. T. Ficks, Chicago, Ill.: "Enclosed 10 cents, for which please send 20 copies of *The Socialist*, September 2d date, as we wish to place them where we think they will do some good among the working (slaving) classes."

That is our Labor Day number that they want in Chicago. We can't keep inside Washington.

Mrs. P. Downey, Sapperton, B. C.: "I got a package of *The Socialist* today, and do like them very much and

give them to my neighbors. I send you four subscriptions."

Lyman—Comrade J. C. Martin, Organizer: "Comrade D. Burgess visited us September 10. Converts are popping up every day since. Wish to know more about Socialism. Say they are disgusted with two old parties. Only one other place to go, and that is the Socialist Party."

Martin is O. K. He drove out four miles to Hamilton and held a meeting with Burgess. Three days later went again and distributed Socialist papers, to correct misleading statements of capitalist papers. This is how Martin sees things: "It makes no difference if a man sleeps in a bed with a hundred big bedbugs or a million little bedbugs. He could get no rest in either bed. The Republican party represent the big capitalist bedbug and the Democratic party represent the small capitalist bedbug. If a man wants a good rest he should have a Socialist bed—and a million votes for Debs and Harriman."

H. J. Klein, Farmington, Whitman county: "Try and enlarge your paper and hit hard like old Wayland of the Appeal and it will grow. Yours for Socialism."

Well, Brother Klein, we have enlarged, and what do you think of our hitting quality?

P. W. Hawkinson, Colfax: "Whitman county farmers are quite favorable to Socialism. Some of the more enthusiastic comrades estimate that this county will cast over 500 votes for the Debs Electors. One voting precinct is known to be nearly solid for the ticket."

Oakesdale, Whitman county: "The following is a list of Socialists in this precinct"—and nineteen names follow. W. J. Graham, Town Clerk.

What's the matter, you are not organizing at Oakesdale?

J. G. Elliott, Almota: "Here in Whitman county we are unorganized, but expect to cast 500 votes for Debs and Harriman. We are the people, and in due time we shall inherit the earth."

Get every one of those 500 voters to take *The Socialist*, and in another four years we'll be ready to do some inheriting; that is, we'll know what belongs to us.

From Los Angeles—F. C. Wheeler, Secretary Carpenter's Union: "While hampered by lack of funds, we are putting up a stiff fight in this county and expect to poll at least 1,000 votes for Debs and Harriman. We are doing good work among the Trades Unions."

Spite of their "lack of funds," Comrade Wheeler found 10 cents to inclose for *The Socialist*.

FOR A CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Seattle Local is making a big attempt to raise \$50 for a campaign fund by means of a Grand Entertainment and ball next Saturday night.

We hope they will exceed their best expectations. They certainly have a program worth four times the 25 cents admission, really high class in every particular. And they have a reputation for hustling. They have never failed yet at anything they undertook.

All over the state they want organizers at once. Thursday morning, as this is written, comes a call from North Yakima to bear traveling expenses of Comrade Kingsbury, while he volunteers to organize near North Yakima. The State Organizer has sent word to go ahead, though there is hardly a cent in the treasury.

Boys, if you have a few cents to spare, don't "disremember" to send them in just about now.

We will open a "Campaign Fund" heading and give due credit each week.

Parable:

We have some neighbors down stairs, two girls and a piano. Seven nights in the week and four weeks in the month, those girls and piano entertain the whole apartment house with seven bang-whang tunes seven times over. Once a month they add a new coon song to their repertoire and then seven nights in the week and four weeks in the month they entertain us with eight tunes.

Interpretation:

Two parties, lot of reform jingles, once in four years a new issue.—The devil, how tired we all are!

And what are you going to do about it, you great United States audience? Tamely submit, like us lodgers, to "That Piano Across the Hall?"

Or vote the whole discordant batch out of existence, and get a chance to hear some of the Music of Humanity?

Did you find out from the Associated Press report how many Social Democrats voted in the late Maine election? Just 45.

But now comes along a Socialist letter, telling of 110 in Skowhegan and 81 in the adjoining towns; 191 in two towns, instead of 45 in the whole State.

Astonishing, what a conspiracy of silence this great news association maintains on Social Democratic news.

Capt. May writes: "I will go to Buckley on evening train Monday next. So please notify the Socialists there to secure a hall and I will speak on Monday evening at 7:30 on Socialism and for Socialism."

Comrade Hellestad, of Houghton, writes of Capt. May's success in organizing a new local last Sunday at Redmond.

Keep the veteran Captain at work over there in Pierce county when you once get hold of him.

PREMIUM OFFERS.

First. For three 10-cent subscriptions to *The Socialist*, we will forward by mail a Debs and Harriman campaign button, fine enamel finish, with photographs of both Debs and Harriman on it and bearing the legend, "Socialist standard bearers, 1900" forming an elegant and effective campaign instrument, which every Socialist should wear from now to election.

Second. For three 10-cent subscriptions we will mail a copy of Job Harriman's great book, "The Class War in Idaho," the only true account of the Bull Pen outrages in the Coeur d'Alenes; a thrilling story of wage-slavery, written by our own nominee for Vice-President.

This book would be published by a Capitalist book company for at least one dollar.

Third. For five 10-cent subscriptions we will send both the above-named articles.

The only condition of these premium offers is, the subscriptions, with addresses plainly written, shall be mailed to us by October 8th, 1900, and reference made to notice.

The receipt of a a sample copy of this paper is an invitation to subscribe.

ANOTHER OFFER.

If you receive a copy of this paper with this notice marked with blue pencil, you are invited to send to us the address of at least one person in your neighborhood, who is a Socialist or Socialistically inclined. For this favor we will send you a copy of Harriman's Class War in Idaho, a book containing a full history of the Ten-years' conflict between the poor miners and the Standard Oil Company, right here in our Neighbor-State. Reads like a romance, and worth a dollar.

THE WORKERS' POLITICS.

A traveler was passing through a forest infested with robbers, and, in order to protect his life and property, he armed himself with a huge revolver of the most effective kind. Upon reaching the darkest part of the woods the thieves fell upon him and began to strip him of his goods. He boldly faced the robbers and—handed over his revolver to them, and, seizing two sticks, attempted to belabor them into returning to him the stolen property. They laughed in derision and took the revolver that he had given them and wounded him sorely, so that he was compelled to deliver over to them all the goods that he possessed except sufficient to hide his nakedness. Nor were the robbers satisfied with what property they had thus secured, but they made a servant of him all the days of his life by the compulsion of the revolver, so that he labored long and strenuously, and that which he made was taken from him at the point of the revolver.

My Trades Union Brother, this is a true story. It happened—once upon a time—but that time is now. The traveler is a Unionist; he is traveling through the forest of wage slavery. The robbers are the ruling class, the rich, those who own every thing on the earth or in the waters beneath and are taking surveys of the heavens above preparatory to a cinch on the air and sunshine.

The revolver that he handed over to them was his vote!

The two sticks he picked up to fight with were the strike and the boycott!

The revolver in the hands of the robbers becomes political power, by means of which the capitalist class make laws that cause the results of his labor to go into their pockets instead of his.

His two sticks never can conquer their revolver!

In the never-ceasing fight between the working class and the capitalists, the workers are the stronger in only one place, and that is at the polls.

The working class, all having the same grievance and thus a common cause, have the power within their own class to form a political party, by which the ruling class could be stripped of its power, and that power assumed by the working class.

So the strongest and most deadly weapon (to the capitalist class), the Unionist hands over to either of the capitalist parties—his vote—and then vainly tries by means of the strike and the boycott to save for himself a little larger share of that which his class alone has made. The Socialist witnessed the robbery in the dark woods and yelled at the top his voice, "Gump, use your revolver!" But the traveler was hard of hearing and stupid withal, and the robbery is still going on, and the Socialist still yells, "Shoot him in his vitals, the ballot box!" But the pony, weak whacks of the two sticks is heard rattling harmlessly against the mailed coats of the robbers, while the deafening roars of the revolver—corporation laws—are pouring their deadly missiles into the writhing form of the traveler.

W. C. B. RANDOLPH.

Membership cards and copies of the new constitution may be obtained of the State Treasurer, Mrs. Ida W. Mudgett, 510 Washington Building, Tacoma, Washington, at 50 cents per hundred or one cent each in smaller quantities.

SOCIALIST SNAP SHOTS.

A Democrat has just been saying, in effect, that the wicked Republicans are purposely exaggerating the little frictions and disharmonies in the fusion ranks. "Little frictions and disharmonies" is good. And those old, true blue Pops, chuck full of the Omaha platform of lamented memory! And "they will stay with the party?" Which party and how long? Fancy a man posing as a Populist, voting with the Democrats and all the while being in his heart a Socialist! And there's lots of 'em. And "they'll stay with the Democratic party?"

"It may be so—
I dunno,
Jest as it may be,
But then ag'in—"

How like a refreshing breeze comes this utterance from the modern pulpit. Rev. W. T. Brown of the Plymouth church, Rochester, N. Y., in the recent News Letter Symposium, comes out, among other good things, with this: "The religious organization of the present is rooted and grounded in capitalism. It lives, moves and has its being in that atmosphere. It can no more be depended upon to overthrow capitalism than the Standard Oil Company can. It will not see or recognize the new philosophy, which declares the utter impossibility of personal regeneration under a system which reeks of selfishness and breeds crime, and is nothing more than refined cannibalism." Good! Center shot, Brother Brown. Shake!

"Just listen to this, now; here is a good light. I want to read you what McKinley says about that in his letter of acceptance, and will then read you what Bryan says," etc., etc. Unfolds paper and begins to read. The listener, waiting for the last car out, leans against a post and drifts into a troubled sleep. A messenger boy, waiting on the curbstone, falls slumberously to one side, his cares forgotten. The moon retreats behind a convenient cloud. The imaged bird on the totem pole settles itself on its perch and now sleeps with the other eye also. A policeman on the corner begins to yawn heavily—and the reader reads on. Moral: All things have their uses, but you'd better read Débs' letter. You can read it in ten minutes, and it outlines a system of politics at once sane, conclusive and scientific. A straight tale is soon told.

Friend, do you realize that organized Socialism stands alone as the opponent of every species of slavery, and that the capitalist system, by its very nature, must and does produce the most revolting forms of slavery—slavery of man to man, woman and child slavery? Think of the vast army of child slaves, who while you are reading this, are being forced to offer up their young lives on the altar of capitalist greed in the hideous, reeking factories and workshops of this and other lands. Their pale and haggard faces bear upon them an awful, silent question to you and me: "Is this the best that you and your vaunted civilization can do for us?" Brother, is it the best that we can do for them? Tomorrow it may be your boy or little girl. This is your business and mine. Is that sort of thing the best we can do for them? ELEANOR SHELL.

Let every reader of this number of The Socialist, sit down tonight and write a postal card full of addresses of Socialists in different parts of this State.

FACTS ABOUT LABOR DAY PROGRAM

The Socialist undertakes this week an unwelcome task. But this paper fights for the interests of workingmen, let who will be hit.

Anything which injures the workman's cause injures the Socialist's cause also. For Social Democracy will never be achieved till the workers compel the respect of other men and maintain their own self respect as well.

We ask a calm consideration of the facts, each reader judging for himself who is to blame and what should be done.

It has been the custom for years to issue a Labor Day Program, giving a list of officers, the line of march, formation of column, places of meeting, time and place of other exercises, prizes, directions, etc.

The cost of printing 3,000 to 5,000 copies of a simple four-page program might be at most twenty-five dollars. Instead of incurring this expense, the Western Central Labor Union has been in the habit of letting out the program, presumably to the highest bidder, for the privilege of printing advertisements in connection with the same. Ten dollars has been the sum realized prior to this year. This year Secretary Middleton reports a program income of \$100.

Now it has been rumored on the

involve on the one hand the good faith and honor of the Union and the Secretary, and on the other the confidence of the public in "Organized Labor."

While the public and the advertisers have a right to demand just treatment it is the special concern of The Socialist to see that the body of workingmen are not made use of so as to cast discredit on the cause of Labor.

On this page is a word for word reproduction of the contract presented by the solicitors and signed by the advertisers:

This document, printed in red and blue, is endorsed by the personal signature of W. H. Middleton and on its face is written in pencil, "9-5-00, Rec'd Payment, W. H. Middleton, by F. A. Linbocker."

Now as to the amount received for these ads, the above contract calls for ten dollars for one inch. That was the price according to Mr. Nye, of the Union Printing Co. (The Union Printing Co. and the Century Printing Co., which printed the program, have a common office and a common plant).

There are in the official Program, as printed, some 270 inches, making a total of \$2,700 received on this basis.

But it appears that some advertisers were charged \$5 an inch, though no one has been found who paid less. At

the same. Mr. Johnston made by this transaction \$450 and the Union should receive from Mr. Middleton, who acted officially for it, the sum of \$950.

But the Union is actually getting \$100, according to Mr. Middleton's report to the Western Central and according to his statement to the editor of this paper.

Now as to the reasons that induced advertisers to pay \$10 and \$5 an inch.

The following verbatim quotations from different advertisers will tell the story:

"Understood it was to help Labor Unions." "To help out the boys." "They told me my \$10 was a donation to the Labor Union, and the ad. was thrown in." "Told him the ad. was not worth 10 cents to us, and would not take it at all if it was to go to printers." "Said I did not want the ad. but would donate \$10. He said this was just the same thing." "Took it for good fellowship, not that I thought it would do me a damn bit of good."

Two gentlemen were positive the solicitors told them the proceeds would go to the Labor Temple Fund. With one exception, all agreed in saying it was not the advertisement they paid for, but to help the Labor Unions.

To sum up. The business men have given about \$2,000, "to help the Unions." The Unions get \$100 of this, besides their program free, say \$125 in all. That is, Seattle gave \$2,000 to help the Unions and the Unions get \$125 of it.

Who got the rest? A full and detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, accompanied by vouchers and audited by disinterested men, is due to the public in order to free "Organized Labor" from the suspicion cast upon it by the publication of the last Labor Day program.

The whole matter so far as we are informed at present stands thus, in round numbers:

Amount Received.	
Business men paid "to help Unions," about	\$2,000.00
Where It Went.	
Printers and Solicitors, about ..	\$500.00
Mr. Johnston, sub-contractor, about	500.00
Mr. Middleton, about	900.00
The Labor Unions got about ..	100.00

It seems incredible and certainly needs explanation.

SOCIALIST NOTICES.

SEATTLE, WASH., Sept. 18, 1900.
A mass convention of the Social Democratic Party of King County, Wash., is hereby called to meet at Social Headquarters, 220 Union St., Seattle, Wash., Saturday, October 6th, 1900, at 2 p. m., to nominate a full county and legislative ticket. A member of the party can attend by proxy if the proxy is given to a comrade of his own Local, and certified to by the chairman or secretary of said Local.
HENRY KNUST.

When the once militant Single Tax declines to debate with Socialism, a mighty change has been wrought. One of their former street speakers the other evening refused even to look at a proffered copy of The Socialist. When men will not debate nor even investigate such a growing power as Social Democracy it is evident they are no longer progressive.

Ten more subscriptions from A. L. Blodgett, Sprague, Lincoln county, where we already have a nest of subscribers.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ONLY
to Order of W. H. MIDDLETON, on Delivery of Program and Contract.

OFFICIAL SOUVENIR LABOR DAY PROGRAM
—1900—
Published Under Auspices
WESTERN CENTRAL LABOR UNION

Seattle, Washington, August... 1900.

We hereby promise to pay to W. H. MIDDLETON, or order, at Seattle, for consideration named hereafter, the sum of TEN Dollars, for ONE INCH of advertising space in the Western Central Labor Union Official Souvenir Labor Day Program, payable on delivery of Program and Contract.

(Signed) **THE COMPANY.**

I hereby guarantee, in consideration of above payment, that not less than 25,000 copies of said Program will be issued and circulated.

W. H. MIDDLETON,
Chairman Labor Day Committee,
By A. H. WEAVER.

street that there was a "job" in this matter this year. It is said that the merchants were solicited to advertise for the purpose of swelling the Labor Union treasury, in particular to increase the Labor Temple Fund. It is also said that an unusually large sum of money was obtained for the advertisements in the program, enough to have turned over at least \$1,000 to the Union treasury instead of \$100. It is said there was no competition for the job-printing, but that it was given to the printers of the Union Record, whose business manager was also chairman of the Labor Day committee. By some it is claimed that 25,000 copies—the number guaranteed on the contract—is five times as many as needed, and by others it is charged that only 10,000 copies were ever printed, notwithstanding the guarantee.

The pith of all the charges may be summed up in one word, that the good name of organized Labor, and the name of the Central Labor Union Secretary were used to extort a great sum of money from the merchants, while only a small sum ever reached the Labor Union. It is said freely that the advertisers would never have paid if they had known that the most of their money was to go into private pockets.

These are very serious charges and

the rate of \$5 the total received would be \$1,350.

Our investigator visited one tenth of the advertisers and found the average of that one-tenth, taken at random, to be close to \$7 an inch. At this rate the total received would be some \$1,900.

Now as to the expenses: 25,000 copies can be had, under competition, for \$250.

Six advertising solicitors at \$5 a day for six days, thus allowing about six ads. per man per day, \$180.

Other printing, \$20.

Distribution and incidentals, \$50.

Total cost, \$500.

If only 10,000 copies were printed, this cost is reduced by \$75, leaving \$425 total cost.

But subtract this highest estimated cost, \$500, from the receipts, \$1,900, and there is left \$1,400 profit, to go into the Labor Union treasury. This seems a legitimate calculation.

But it appears Mr. Middleton sublet the whole job to Mr. Johnston for 50 per cent. of the gross proceeds—though no hint of such a transaction shows anywhere in the documents.

It appears, then, on this basis, that Mr. Middleton received from Mr. Johnston 50 per cent. of \$1,900, that is, \$950, and Mr. Johnston kept the other \$950, paying his \$500 expenses out of

THE PLATFORM AND TICKET

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic Party of the United States, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of International Socialism and declares the supreme political issue in America today to be the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the powers of government. The party affirms steadfast purpose to use those powers, once achieved, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of private property in the means of production, and establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

In the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation and communication), and the large and ever increasing class of wage-workers possessing no means of production. This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class the full control of the government, the pulpit, the schools and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is reducing it to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and suppressed, intellectually and physically crippled and degraded and its political equality rendered a bitter mockery; and the contest between these two classes grows ever sharper. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies goes the annihilation of small industries, and the middle class depending upon them; ever larger grows the multitude of destitute wage workers and of the unemployed, and ever fiercer the struggle between the class of the exploiter and the exploited, the capitalists and the wage workers.

The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises continually rendering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of production have outgrown the existing social order based on production for profit.

Human energy and natural resources are wasted for individual gain.

Ignorance is fostered that wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women and children.

The lives and liberty of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are fomented between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes despite their apparent or actual conflicts are interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the means of production. We therefore charge that in this country the Democratic, Republican and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike the tools of the capitalist class.

The working class, cannot, however, act as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied class.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, without distinction of race, color or sex, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class to organize under the banner of the Social Democratic party, as a party truly representing the interests of the toiling masses and uncompromisingly waging war upon the exploiting class, until the system of wage slavery shall be abol-

ished and the Co-operative Commonwealth shall be established.

Pending the accomplishment of this our ultimate purpose, we pledge the effort of the Social Democratic party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor, and also for the securing of its progressive demands.

"Workingmen of all countries, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain!"

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:

First—Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to complete control of government by the people irrespective of sex.

Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

Social Democratic Ticket.

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FOR COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

JEROME S. AUSTIN, Carpenter
..... Lynden, Whatcom County.

FOR CONGRESSMAN,

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..... Equality, Skagit County.

FOR CONGRESSMAN,

HERMON F. TITUS, Physician Seattle.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,

HENRY WIECK, Laborer Spokane.

LEWIS THOMPSON, Laborer
..... Geneva, Whatcom County.

WALTER GRIGGS, Teacher Equality.

ALONZO G. SEIBERT, Bricklayer, Seattle.

Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation, and communication; all water works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

Fourth—The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, coal and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

Fifth—The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities for production.

Sixth—The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose.

Seventh—Useful inventions to be free, the inventor to be remunerated by the public.

Eighth—Labor legislation to be national, instead of local, and international when possible.

Ninth—National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

Tenth—Equal civic and political rights for men and women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women.

Eleventh—The adoption of the initiative

and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall of representatives by the voters.

Twelfth—Abolition of war and the introduction of international arbitration.

THE STATE PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic party of the state of Washington in convention assembled, lays down the following platform:

First—We reaffirm our belief in the principles of International Socialism, endorse the nomination of Debs and Harriman, and the platform as adopted by the Unity Committee of the S. D. P. and S. L. P.

Second—The principles of International Socialism, based on the irrepressible struggle of wage-labor against modern capitalism, are fundamental to our existence as a party. We arraign capitalism as a system incompatible with freedom and justice. We assert that capitalism and wage-slavery are inseparable twins. We demand the abolition of human slavery, the emancipation of the wage-working class, the destruction of capitalism.

Third—We affirm this irrepressible class-struggle to be a historic fact, a process of social evolution. Our demands are therefore in the line of progress. We are as sure to succeed as the laws of nature are inevitable.

Private property based on personal labor is honorable and just. But that has been superseded by private capitalistic property, based on the exploitation of labor by others—which is robbery.

The Social Democratic party aims to unite the exploited and robbed laborers into a political unit, fully instructed and conscious of its historic mission and power.

We, therefore, call upon all wage workers to vote for their own class interests, to forsake all parties and measures that do not recognize and advocate the supreme issue of modern times, namely, wage-slaves against capitalist tyrants.

We are fighting for no half-way measures. We will not be content till every workingman understands how he is exploited and robbed by the capitalist and understands also that he has an immediate weapon in the ballot whereby to achieve his own emancipation.

We propose to show every worker with hand or head that he is being expropriated by his capitalist masters, and that the time has come when the expropriators must be expropriated.

Ours is no sentimental fight for human brotherhood though we believe that also will ensue upon our victory. We demand justice. We fight for justice. We will obtain justice.

Fourth—While aiming at the ultimate collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution, we demand as intermediate steps direct legislation, public ownership of public utilities, abolition of the contract system in all public improvements, use of the taxing power to establish a system of public improvements, upon which the unemployed shall be employed.

Fifth—While we recognize the Labor Union movement is a necessity under the capitalist system, we wish to point out the fact that it is impotent to bring any permanent relief to the working class. We feel it our duty to stand by the unions in all their struggles and in turn call upon them to complete their emancipation by united political action.

Sixth—We denounce all wars of aggression and we call upon all workers everywhere to cease to bear arms in the interest of capitalists who seek to make cannon-food out of those who create all wealth in order to perpetuate their mastery over the workers.

Resolved, That we chose a State Executive Committee of five members who shall also act as a State Campaign Committee and instruct it to abide by the result of the referendum now being taken by the Unity Committee.