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CREELMAN'S ATTACK ON SOCIALISM

Surely the Republicans are going to boom Socialism during this campaign.

The general order contained in the Republican Platform is followed by an inspired article in "Pearson's Magazine" for July, written by the hack magazine writer, James Creelman, and entitled "America's Trouble Makers."

"The Socialist" will publish next week some more quotations from this bold arraignment of the American Socialist movement. This week we have space for only some of his introductory paragraphs.

Altogether, this is fine propaganda material. At last our opponents forsake their policy of silence. Socialism is now to be overthrown by open attack and exposure.

Good! It does not matter to us that the Republicans are doing this to draw votes from the Democrats by charging that Democracy leads to Socialism and then showing what a damnable thing Socialism is.

It all draws attention to Socialism and forces the entire nation to sit up and take notice. That is all we want. If men investigate Socialism, they are lost. Its intellectual basis is impregnable. Its scientific character compels acquiescence, even by its enemies.

This is the opening editorial comment by "Pearson's":

"In this article Mr. Creelman describes some of the astonishing developments of the Socialist movement in America, which three months ago wrung from the President of the United States a public protest against the attempt to bring on a general class warfare between the poor and the rich."

A Growing Power

That anarchist bomb-blast which felled the pavement of Union Square with blood, sent a line of mounted New York police charging against the bewildered multitude that had assembled to hear Socialist orators demand employment for idle working-men, and started a cry of rage from the American people, also aroused the attention of thinking men and women to the growing power of the Socialist movement which is steadily working at the foundations of American institutions.

Destruction of Civilization

Behind the educated, well-dressed leaders who summoned that crowd into Union Square against the mandate of law (not true—Ed.), behind the gibbering orators who denounced the police as hired ruffians of a despotic government, were the swiftly-increasing forces of Socialism, spread across the continent, with schools, newspapers, churches, hundreds of thousands of voters, labor organizations, college groups and every conceivable means of moral and political agitation, all serving, directly or indirectly, openly or secretly, toward the destruction of American civilization.

Wreck and Ruin

It will not do to denounce the Socialists as bomb throwers or rioters. The movement is too real, too tremendous, too intelligent to be meted out to deal with by misrepresentation. Calling hard names, curses, jeers, pompous airs of indifference—these are not weapons with which to resist a sleepless propaganda which though it may carry in its bosom treason to the moral, political, social and economic ideals of America and contemplate the wreck and ruin of what it has taken a thousand years of human progress to achieve—damnable, unspeakable and unprintable in some of its advocates—yet systematic, orderly, patient, persistent and capable of great effort and supreme suffering, be it death or ridicule, for the sake of its ends.

Ineffable Mr. Debs

Socialism in this country has ceased to be a vague and picturesque clamor of German, French, Italian and Russian immigrants, eloquent of European despotism but unrelated to the free, brave civilization of the great American republic.

It has come forth from its ghettos, dens and beer-saloons. It speaks to Americans. It has American orators, writers, teachers, preachers, native-born, native-bred Americans.

It cast 433,532 votes in the last presidential election, and has been increasing by leaps and bounds ever since. There is reason to believe that the combined Socialist vote may reach a million this year—some Socialist in every thirteen or fourteen voters.

This, remember, with the candidacy for president of the United of the ineffable Mr. Debs, of whose violent and lawless attempt to strangle railway transportation under the guise of a "strike," William H. Taft, then a judge of the United States circuit court, said these plain words from the bench, when sentencing Mr. Debs' lieutenant to prison:

"The gigantic character of the conspiracy of the American Railway Union staggers the imagination. . . . The purpose, shortly stated, was to starve the railroad companies and the public into compelling Pullman to do something which they had no lawful right to compel him to do. Certainly, the starvation of a nation cannot be a lawful purpose of combination, and it is utterly immaterial whether the purpose is effected by means usually lawful, or otherwise."

Anti-American

All other parties are agreed as to the nature and form of our government. Socialism alone strikes at the very heart of the Republic. Its ultimate plan of general confiscation contemplates such ultimate fundamental changes, such a general smashing-down of standards and uprooting of principles and policies as to mean a change in the character of government.

governmental despotism which will sweep away the rights of private ownership, reduce all men to the same economic level, and abolish free competition, with the government as the common owner of all means of life, transportation and communication, and every man an employee, officer or tenant of the omnipotent state.

Poison, Sedition, Paganism

We have set sharp official eyes at all our seaports to search out enemies of civilization seeking entrance in order to make war upon our government; but the low-browed, white faced perverts who come from the crazed anarchist groups of Europe, to plot in cellars and back rooms, are mere cinders in the national eye, while Socialism is a poison working in our blood, a sedition working in our mind, a paganism working in our soul.

EDITOR'S REPLY

Creelman's first charge that Socialism is a "growing power," we plead guilty to.

His second charge that it is "working at the foundations of American society," we do not deny, because Capital and Wage Labor constitute the Economic Foundations of American Society and of all modern society. True it is that Socialism is working to destroy that social relation known as Capital which came into being, lives and prolongs its life by means of Wage Slavery and all its horrid concomitants.

Just as John Brown, Wendell Phillips and Abraham Lincoln "worked at" that foundation of Southern American Society known as Negro Slavery, so Modern Socialism "works at" Wage Slavery, which is the foundation of all our present social arrangements.

Third. In various yellow journalistic phrases, Creelman continues his assault and earns his pay, though only repeating his main charge answered above.

Socialism is charged with being the "wreck and ruin of a thousand years of human achievement and progress." It is "Poison working in the blood," "Sedition working in the mind" and "Paganism working the Soul." It is "Anti-American to the marrow of its bones and to its heart's core."

Those fierce terms mean nothing at all for the most part. They are exactly such epithets as have been applied to forerunners of the Coming Age in all periods of history. Lovejoy and Lloyd Garrison were called a thousand times worse things. So were the early Christians. So were the Capitalist Revolutionists of '93 in France and Cromwell's Ironsides in England.

But Socialism will not destroy any human achievement. Rather, Socialism alone can prevent the holocaust of Anarchy and Reaction which heartless Capital is preparing for itself like its prototype Louis XVI of France. The precise aim of Socialism is to utilize all progress for the advantage of each succeeding generation.

Its precise indictment of the Capitalist Class is that its useful function has ceased, that it now seeks to prevent the accession to power of that Proletarian Class which has become by evolutionary process the custodian of human progress.

Fourth. Yes, Socialism would and will "change the character of Government." We accept this charge to the full.

Socialism discloses by its scientific investigations of past societies that Government is now and always was the Organ of the Ruling Class to keep the subject and exploited class in its "rightful" place of subjection

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SOME OTHER MATTERS

and exploitation. Let Creelman go read Engel's "Origin of the State," or Morgan's "Ancient Society" and learn what science, which in social affairs is the same as Socialism, has to say about Government.

"Change the character of Government?" A thousand times, Yes. Change it from a force of Class Tyranny to a Free Function of Society, delivered forever from Class Domination.

Fifth. If Creelman and his sponsors understood what Socialism proposes in the way of "Government," he would never have uttered his last charge, namely, that Socialism would introduce a "Vast Governmental Despotism."

He and his stupid, backward gazing, bourgeois fellows, can gain no conception of "Industrial Democracy" where, as Engels says in "Socialism from Utopia to Science," the "state will disappear for lack of social function."

The Slave "State," the feudal "State," the bourgeois "State," these are all our apologists for Capital can conceive in his unenlightened brain. That these present economic, social, political, moral, judicial, religious arrangements, known as modern society, are only a passing process, one stage in historic evolution, containing in itself the embryo of a new era, all this passes the understanding of our bourgeois minded critics.

Go and learn to think proletarian-wise, Friend Creelman, and you, too, may enlist in the ranks of your fellow writers who have rebelled against the intellectual mediocrity and servility required of the Servants of Capital.

(More Next Week.)

GOOD MEETING AT EVERETT.

An Everett comrade reports two fine meetings there last Sunday, both addressed by Comrade E. J. Brown of Seattle. The first was held in the hall in the afternoon and was well attended. In the evening a street meeting was held and the crowd was so big that they could not keep people off the sidewalk, though precautions were taken not to obstruct the traffic.

the party would have direct control of the paper.

This plan was evolved by Local Seattle quite independent of the present management of the paper. The editor did not even know of it till after its adoption.

"The Socialist" has lived eight years in August, 1908. What work it has done, the comrades know.

For the first time in its history "The Socialist" is now paying expenses. It bids fair to succeed as never before. Its rivals are all dead. Its proletarian policy is recognized as the party policy.

As far as the editor is concerned, he is now ready to retire. So long as there was a fight to be fought, so long as difficulties seemed insurmountable, that is, so long as he really seemed needed, the editor of "The Socialist" felt unable to decline the responsibility. He has put the eight best years of his life into "The Socialist" and all his and his wife's money. Whatever he has accomplished, he could never have done without the unstinted cooperation of his wife. Now at 56 years of age, he is penniless and burdened with debts. If the Socialist movement still needed him, he would retain cheerfully the load of responsibility and opprobrium he has had for at least seven years past.

This much is said now that the comrades gathered in the state conventions, may deliberate on this subject of party ownership of "The Socialist" quite independent of the question of its editor.

This week's issue of the "The Socialist" is devoted largely to the annual report written by Richard Krueger, Secretary of the Socialist Party of Washington.

There is nothing dry or obscure about Krueger's report. It wastes no words. It tells what every Socialist in the State of Washington ought to know. It will be good reading for other state secretaries and party members in all states.

This question of organization is now at the front. So we make no apology for giving such large space to the party work in Washington.

THE WOMAN OUT OF WORK

Prominent Seattle Women Interviewed

By A. B. Callahan.

When that voice, suddenly and unexpectedly out of that vast audience assailed Injunction Bill Taft with that ringing inquiry: "What is a man to do when he is out of work in a financial panic and is starving," he passed up to the presidential candidate the one issue in this campaign which is of real interest to the working class, and it may be that Injunction Bill did the best he could when he passed it on to the Heavens. Some presidential candidates do not know much, as Lincoln Steffens has shown.

We know, however, what a working-man does do, when he is out of work and penniless in a financial panic. Some times he goes hungry until he acquires courage enough to solicit the price of coffee and doughnuts from the passing stranger, sometimes he climbs the rods in the railroad yards, and lives like an invading army, "off the country." Hundreds of them are today living the lives of half wild men in bands of hoboes in the woods of Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Others remain in town, and go sleepless until they fall asleep in a doorway, in the corner of a saloon, on a pier or in a box car. Then they are arrested and taken to the police station, and the taxpayers are given the benefit of their misfortunes.

Certain it is that the penniless woman out of work does none of these things.

The Y. W. C. A. is an institution for the purpose of furnishing rooms, comforts and Christianity to those who have the price. A reporter for "The Socialist" called on the secretary in her office in the basement of the Plymouth church this week, and asked her what a young woman could do in Seattle, if she was penniless and out of work.

She said that last winter the association had had more requests for work than she could take care of during the winter. The secretary sends girls to private houses to work. She said that there was no place provided for young women who were out of work and penniless. She said that she had been out of Seattle for several weeks and did not know the conditions here, but that in San Francisco, where she had been there were thousands of girls out of work and penniless and that there was no way provided for them.

"It is a terrible problem," she said.

A blue-eyed society editress flocked very seriously over the typewriter at the questioner for a few moments, and then she said:

"I don't know what she would do, if she didn't have any money, nor any friends who could help her. There is a place where a girl can live very cheap when she has money, but she must have some money."

"I have an idea that working women don't save very much money. All the working men I know live the best they can on what wages they get. Working women don't save money, do they?"

"This working woman don't," she answered.

It is hardly probable that the wages of women who work in the stores and factories in Seattle will average more than six dollars per week. It is wonderful that women live on wages as low as \$3 a week. It would be nothing short of marvelous if they saved anything out of wages like these.

"We take care of all our members who are out of work," said Alice Lord, secretary of the Waitresses' Union, "but I know that there were many women out of work and starving this winter. I know one girl who lived on rolls and water for days."

"I had a friend who was employed in a store on Second Avenue between University and Union streets," said a class conscious young working woman, with an expression that reminded me of Tom Sladden's. "The capitalist does it. He does it because it is natural for him to do it. He is what he is because it is natural for him to be what he is, and damn him, I hate him for what he is." "She was a clever girl," she continued, "and had worked her way up in the store during the good times until she was the highest paid woman employee. When the panic came, they adopted the rule so many firms adopted of getting rid of their high-priced help. She was a

good girl. She had a friend that she had known for several years, a young man who respected her for what she was. She lived as comfortably as a working girl can on 'fair' wages, and saved nothing. When they discharged her, she said, more out of surprise than to beg for mercy: 'I don't know what I'll do, I haven't enough money to go home, and the folks haven't any money to send for me.' The manager said, very insinuatingly, 'Why, where is Mr. . . . ?'"

MR. TAFT

Franklin H. Wentworth.

From the Socialist Writers' Syndicate.

Mr. Taft did not mean to hurt anybody's feelings when he told the truth in his Memorial day speech about General Grant's taste for strong drink. Neither did he mean any disrespect to Grant's memory.

Mr. Taft is not a philosophic person. His character is not complex. He is like a school-boy sure of his dinner.

Mr. Taft is a bourgeois of the bourgeoisie. Anything in the interests of the middle class he instinctively accounts good. He has been trained so. He is class-conscious.

When he was asked at Cooper Union the celebrated question about the unemployed man another might have taken refuge in cheap wit. He was honest. He said he didn't know. A smaller man would have dodged the question. He met it as well as he could; and he answered it as intelligently as any Republican can answer it.

When Mr. Taft spoke of Grant's throwing off the yoke of strong drink he believed he was referring to a victory—not a thing of shame. He was referring to a victory—probably the greatest victory of Grant's career. One never wins a victory over others that takes as hard fighting as the victory he wins-over-himself.

Mr. Taft isn't sly enough or cunning enough successfully to represent militant capitalism. His nature is too simple. He would show the cards of Wall Street at every stage in the game. He would not do this to betray his friends; he would do it because he does not know any better. He is too big to resort to sneaking and trickery. He would baffle Wall Street by not having the alertness to get in under cover. A ferret can do things an elephant can't.

The unemancipated who vote the Republican ticket could do little more for Socialism than to elect Mr. Taft to the presidency. With Mr. Taft in the White House the game would be open. He is not quick enough of wit to be cunning. He would look at the cards so long that we'd all get a chance to look at them. And if the country ever sees the cards the country will join the revolution.

Editor's Note—By "unemancipated," Wentworth probably means those who don't know enough to vote for Debs and Hanford. If he means to advise any workingman to vote for Taft, here's to Wentworth's destruction!

The Y. P. S. L.

The "Young People's Socialist League" feels too important for anything these days! What with having its pictures taken in two different sizes, to put before the admiring gaze of the grown ups at the state picnic, and having an important part in the program of that day it is gradually getting to the bursting point!

One small urchin made the remark that he "expects to have the finest time he has ever had in his life on the 4th for it will really be our picnic!"

Thomas Sladden has such a good article in "The Little Socialist" for June.

Right here we want to extend an invitation to Comrade Sladden and all other comrades interested in the children, to send a letter to the league from time to time. It would please and stimulate not only the young people but us older ones as well.

We feel that the work among the young people is just starting now for we are really only now getting ourselves adjusted so that we can come before even Local Seattle as a factor in the Socialistic movement.

Here's to the Young People's League! May the teachers have courage and may the children's enthusiasm never wane!

B. F.
Don't forget the picnic at Maple Grove Park, Renton Junction on the Fourth of July.
ARTHUR JENSEN,
Secretary.

RESULTS IN WASHINGTON --- 1908

Annual Report of the State Secretary-Treasurer of the Socialist Party of Washington to the Delegate Convention, Seattle, July 3-4-5, 1908

Comrades:—
Herewith is submitted my report as State Secretary-Treasurer, covering the period from the last annual convention in 1907 or from May 1st to June 25th of this year.
At the close of the convention in 1907 it was plainly to be seen that the S. P. of Washington had some opposition within its own ranks, and that a fight for supremacy between "the elements" was on. The exclusion of Walter Thos. Mills as a delegate to that convention from the Tenth ward branch of Local Seattle, was the signal. The minority on the floor of that convention who were also ardent sup-

porters and warm admirers of him, were after his expulsion called upon to meet in a convention of their own on the morning of May 11th in the "Socialist Temple."
We do not know exactly what it was transpired in this rump convention. I believe not one of the delegates assembled in this convention of 1908 was present to take part in the deliberations of the strongly defeated minority on the day before, but I doubt if there is one among you who does not know today what it was transpired on that morning in the "Socialist Temple" and if there is one, he is not familiar with the subsequent events following close upon each other immediately thereafter and up to December, 1907, when under the leadership of Walter Thos. Mills a provisional committee was created, with himself a member, and all his colleagues expelled members by referendum vote of the state membership, the defeated minority taking part in said referendum.
It is a well known fact that the prevailing conditions then during nearly the whole of 1907 taxed all our abilities, energies, time and even our treasury to the very limit. Otherwise necessary party work had to be abandoned and instead of progress we were indeed fortunate to preserve our former party strength, so that at the end of the year our average paid up membership was 1082 as against 1128 in 1905, the year of a whirlwind campaign for party members with its subsequent reaction. With a view to a clearer understanding and to properly size up the situation my report later on will deal with this phase of the party's affairs. Were this not necessary to do and since the whole matter is a history of the past, I should omit it entirely and not burden you with a recital and thus take up the valuable time of the delegates to this convention.
In my report of the convention of 1907 I did chiefly confine myself with suggestions to the delegates, because at that time I had been the state secretary only about seven weeks and could not well be expected to deal with the work carried on the year preceding the convention of 1907, in as an intelligent manner as the subject deserved to be treated. Port of these suggestions then made were carried out and this year in my report I will chiefly devote myself to the work actually done and to the methods employed to achieve the results. The lessons contained therein should inspire you, and I trust you will make your own suggestions for future work, and I hope that your deliberations will be carried on principally with the object in view of fitting the members of the Socialist party of Washington for larger duties and greater responsibilities in the future. Therefore, I desire to emphasize again the necessity of our members giving their fullest attention to the methods of transacting the party business in their respective locals. Above all they should elect as their officials only those comrades whose fitness qualifies them for the positions, in particular with regard to their secretaries; we may theorize all we want about duties of the various officers in a local, it is nevertheless true that in most cases the duties of all the officers of the local are concentrated in that one office, that of the local secretary. We must develop the spirit of self-confidence, a greater faith in our ability to solve all the problems we may be confronted with. It might also be well to mention that at the present time the eyes of nearly all the Socialists in America are directed to this coast and especially to Washington; the opportunities before us are indeed great, let us take the best possible advantage of the same.

Members at Large
As stated before, systematic organization under the prevailing conditions during the whole of 1907 could not be carried on. It was out of the question entirely to have organizers or even lecturers in the field; however, the efforts put forth to have Socialists join the party as members at large could not be successfully retarded and the meagre membership of six members at large was increased to the respectable number of 180. Since the close of the convention last year 160 new members have been admitted. Very few of these mem-

bers have ceased to be members for non payment of dues, a few have removed from the state, a considerable number have joined locals and a number of these have been instrumental to organize the local of which they are now members; so that today we have a membership of M. A. L. of 160; of these 125 have paid up their dues up to date and only ten are in arrears for the month of June, and only 25 are in arrears for a greater period. The total dues paid were \$240.25 as against \$42.35 in the preceding year.
Under the rules governing representation in this convention and in accordance with apportionment made at the close of March, 1908, the M. A. L. are entitled to be represented by 13 of their own members. In the absence of rules governing the election of these delegates we have been confronted with a difficulty and it was necessary for the executive committee to make a rule governing this election of these delegates to this convention in the following manner. During the first part of May a list was submitted to all M. A. L. with the names of all M. A. L. entitled to be delegates if they so desired and the members requested to vote for 13; the 13 receiving the highest number of votes to be declared elected delegates and those 13 receiving the next highest number of votes to be declared elected alternates. It is plainly to be seen that this method of election is entirely inadequate and far from democratic, and a part of your time should be devoted for the purpose of devising a method of election of the delegates from the M. A. L. more suitable than the method employed at this time.
In your deliberations as to the method by which the dues of M. A. L. are divided I would suggest that you bear in mind that one M. A. L. will cause nearly as much office work as one local. He received all the same official communications as a local secretary with the additional mailing of the official monthly bulletin. Up to very lately I received only 30 copies of these, which has been increased now to 100 copies. These facts are here mentioned to you with a view of impressing you that our large number of M. A. L. is the cause of a large expenditure for postage also, and together with the fact that material used for mimeographing work is an item, which should induce you to change the present method of division of their dues to one dividing the dues in the same manner as the dues of local members are divided, namely 5c to the national office, 8c for general state funds, the remaining 2c to be set aside as a permanent delegate expense fund.

New Locals Organized
In submitting to you my report on the actual organization work carried on during the year, I will divide the time, stating to you, first, what has been accomplished in the year '07, the period during the so-called controversy, a time when it was not possible to have organizers in the field and at the same time attend to other matters, and then stating what has been accomplished during the short period after the controversy and when for a few short months organizers and lecturers have been in the field. I do this with a view of impressing you with the fact that much can be done when an opportunity is offered us and I trust that this will inspire you to such action that henceforth we will be permitted to have a state organizer and state lecturer in the field permanently. I am not prepared to say how this is to be done, but if ever we are to accomplish anything at all worth mentioning, our field workers must be placed in the position where they can do work in a far more efficient manner than at present when they are forced to worry for the future, not knowing often how to meet their financial obligations; they themselves must live at least as good as the average wageworker and their families must live also. The time required in the past for the collection of voluntary contributions and also the expense accompanying such effort could well be devoted to other matters. If, for instance, each party member was required to pay 5 cents to a permanent organization fund each month, I feel confident that then the state committee could assume the responsibility of employing a state organizer as well as one state lecturer on a salary, providing these officials would be willing to work for a compensation, such as the average wageworker receives today.
Since 1907, during the period covered by this so-called controversy, or from May to December, inclusive, 23 charters were granted to new organizations with 214 charter members; from January to June, inclusive, or 6 months, 55 charters were granted to new organizations with 565 charter members. The total number of locals organized during the whole period since the close of the convention was 73 locals with 733 charter members, and adding to this membership the 160 new M. A. L. admitted during the same period, gives us a total increase of 893 new members.

In a previous report to the convention of '07 it was pointed out that more than 50 per cent of all locals organized in former years have ceased to exist from various causes. In the year preceding this 25 locals were organized and at the time of the last convention of this number only 3 locals had any existence. A like condition does not exist now. Of the 73 locals organized during the fourteen months, ten only have gone out of existence for various causes. Two of these new locals affiliated with the so-called provisional committee in existence up to the Chicago convention, and presumably now in existence under the name of Social Democratic Party in Room 307, Shafer Building, Seattle, Wash. One of these locals, Bellingham, was organized presumably for a specific purpose under misrepresentations as to facts and when in January our secretary reported upon these conditions in Bellingham to the State Executive Committee and that the January dues for that organization had not been accepted by him pending instructions from the committee, a searching investigation was made. Comrade Emil Herman was sent to Bellingham. Comrade Herman's report, supplemented by a report from a former secretary of this Bellingham organization and another comrade, was to the effect that the questionable organization was nothing more than eight members of an organization having a far greater membership, and which is directly opposed to and by the Socialist Party, and that this so-called Socialist local was, in fact, to all purposes and intent, a fictitious local, was organized for the specific purpose of keeping a genuine Socialist organization out of the field in Bellingham, taking advantage of our present constitution prohibiting the granting of a charter in any town where a local already has been organized. The State Executive Committee ordered the dues for January returned. A further attempt to pay dues has not been made by this organization. Three of these lapsed locals seem to have been prematurely organized; Mossy Rock organized by one Reynolds of Centralia, working in the interest of those opposing the S. P., Lake Bay and Roy. Locals Ridgefield, Cloquellum and Woodland seem to have been unfortunate enough to elect a comrade to the position of secretary not fitted for the position; these three locals, however, can be revived. Burnett was a local organized by Comrade Herman. The comrades constituting the charter members braving the storm from the very start. They were union miners, and after a two-month's struggle for an existence as a Socialist local, were discharged by their master, and in a search for new masters the local suffered death. Port Angeles was the only local succumbing to the opposition; discouraged, though loyal to the party in April, 1908, they gave up their charter. However, shortly ago a re-organization has been perfected.
Of other locals organized during the previous year, two, Tenino and Yocum, gave up their charters on account of a demand made by the State Executive Committee to adhere to our constitutions. Both of these locals had among their members persons holding offices forbidden by our constitutions, including that of postmaster.
Other locals not now affiliated with the party and who in December of 1907 affiliated with the former provisional committee are Bryn Mawr, Burlington, Chehalis, Snohomish, Walla Walla, Sunnyside, Outlook, Olalla and Poulsbo. To the best of my knowledge and upon reports received, of these organizations only six are making an effort to keep up a semblance of an organization.
As above reported through the state office alone, either as charter members of a local or M. A. L., 898 new members have been admitted, and we must bear in mind that the various locals have also taken in a large number of new members. Here I wish to direct the attention of the delegates to the monthly reports the local secretaries are supposed to make on the eighth day of each month together with a remittance of dues for the preceding month. Your secretary is not in a position to state how many new members have been admitted by locals. Not more than 60 per cent of all the locals have made monthly reports, 75 per cent are regular in the remittance of dues, the remainder remit dues at the absolute pleasure and convenience of their respective secretaries, and in some instances dues have not been remitted until after the expiration of three or four months.
It has been exceedingly difficult to get locals' secretaries to furnish the state office with a list of their locals' membership, and quite a large number will not send the duplicate of accepted applications. It will hardly be necessary to point out to you the necessity that this be done; a central organization must be in possession of these details pertaining to the various sub-organizations. However, it may not be amiss to point out the necessity that ways and means may be devised whereby existing evils in our present organization may be remedied. With a very few exceptions it is only the new locals organized during the year which strictly comply with these constitutional demands; demon-

ing that in order to have a good, effective local, that local must be started right and the logical conclusion drawn therefrom is that we must have organizers who understand the art of organizing. They in the first place must themselves be thoroughly acquainted with the remotest details of party work and they must be disciplinarians. If the organizer fails to leave behind him with a new local practical instructions which are lasting, if the secretary of the new local is left to do the work un instructed, the secretary succeeding him in office will also be un instructed, and so on, and in consequence the local organization as well as the state organization proportionately must suffer inefficiency. Comrade Delegates, this is a matter worthy of your earnest consideration, it is too great and difficult a problem for one man to solve, and while probably I am in a position through a constant and close touch with various difficulties to make some suggestion, which in a measure might afford relief, realizing however that your time is limited and can therefore not give this matter the consideration it demands, and further realizing that now is the proper time, for we have now reached a point where our present form of organization might properly be considered a basis for a thorough, systematic and well grounded organization, I would suggest that this convention elect a committee composed entirely of members thoroughly acquainted with details of party work, but must not be members who are in the pay of the party, or in other words, excluding organizers, lecturers and state secretaries from the committee. This committee together with organizers, lecturers and state secretary as an advisory board, shall take up this matter on party work, organization and everything pertaining thereto and make a report of their findings to the new state committee to be nominated by this convention and later elected by the membership, at its first session, which will probably be held on September 8.
The present can only be understood correctly if we know the past, and so to understand fully our present strength we must compare our present organization with what this organization has been in the past. That a wonderful progress has been made no one can deny. Formerly our opponents charged us with inefficiency by allowing ourselves to let the membership dwindle down to only one-third of its former strength, a charge undoubtedly due to the fact of the loss of ten of our former locals with a total membership of 78, which membership (if we are to accept their reports) grew to about 600 immediately after affiliation with those who made the charge, totally overlooking the fact that it was just that loss which immediately made us strong. Realizing their mistake, they then charged us with paying dues on a largely padded membership to the national committee. We can well afford to pardon them. The strength of the Socialist organization in this state comprises 99 locals with 160 M. A. L., and with applications awaiting the action of the executive committee, we have an organization we might well be proud of were it not for the fact that in matters of organization we must constantly look forward and consider not so much what the organization is at present and be satisfied with our achievements, as with what the Socialist party of Washington with all its splendid opportunities should be.

Financial
The total receipts of the state office from all sources during the year were:
Totals.
May, 1907 \$ 484.88
June, 1907 198.30
July, 1907 179.80
August, 1907 153.20
September, 1907 276.97
October, 1907 252.79
November, 1907 302.30
December, 1907 213.94
January, 1908 279.53
February, 1908 283.95
March, 1908 337.74
April, 1908 438.81
May, 1908 161.10
June, 1908 216.13
\$3,779.46
Dues.
1906-'07.
March, 1906 \$ 124.95
April, 1906 117.00
May, 1906 145.92
June, 1906 76.25
July, 1906 86.45
August, 1906 147.35
September, 1906 206.65
October, 1906 197.90
November, 1906 172.50
December, 1906 131.80
January, 1907 146.50
February, 1907 132.75
March, 1907 144.55
April, 1907 270.40
\$2,127.97
(Compare below.)
1907-'08.
May, 1907 \$ 117.20
June, 1907 174.50
July, 1907 155.95
August, 1907 145.10

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October, 1907	121.09
November, 1907	125.17
December, 1907	118.92
January, 1908	209.23
February, 1908	197.94
March, 1908	216.49
April, 1908	186.69
May, 1908	173.06
June, 1908	204.00
	\$2,272.76

(Compare above.)

Added to this amount should be the national dues paid by the Finnish locals to the national committee and national treasurer, because this amount was sent formerly through the hands of the state secretary, while now it is not.

May, 1907	8.50
June, 1907	2.80
July, 1907	14.40
August, 1907	24.08
September, 1907	14.16
October, 1907	28.48
November, 1907	18.48
December, 1907	9.50
January, 1908	27.36
February, 1908	17.36
March, 1908	18.96
April, 1908	15.24
May, 1908	16.60
June, 1908 (approximately)	15.00
	\$212.42 (Approximately)

Therefore, total state dues were \$2,485.18 as against \$2,127.97 for a like period in the year preceding.

Donations.

In September of 1907 the Seattle comrades entered into a bitter contest with the city authorities for their constitutional right of free speech. A fund to carry on this fight successfully was necessary. A regular organization at the time was not in Seattle. The Socialists there organized into a club and upon their request to be assisted in their struggle with the city authorities, the state executive committee elected a committee to conduct the fight for free speech. An appeal for funds was made with the result that the sum of \$385.45 was raised by direct donations and collections at meetings in Seattle. This sum was expended under the direct supervision of the state committee with exception of \$1.05. An itemized account of total receipts and expenditures was issued to the state membership in December.

By donations and contributions in August, 1907, the beginning of an organization fund was made and continued until in December we had \$68.17 on hand, when at the time a general appeal was made to increase that. A total of \$220.36 was expended of this sum during 1908 in salary and expenses of the state organizer and also assisting lecturers. To the expenditure of this amount must be credited directly the increase of 579 members. During the same period this money was expended for the labors of organizer and lecturers, these 579 new members paid in dues about \$256.65, besides money which was received by lecturers and organizers from sale of literature, that is during time \$220.36 was expended.

Expenditures.	
May, 1907	\$ 405.95
June, 1907	153.55
July, 1907	176.85
August, 1907	146.80
September, 1907	246.52
October, 1907	122.45
November, 1907	361.05
December, 1907	125.50
January, 1908	241.98
February, 1908	235.88
March, 1908	204.90
April, 1908	487.09
May, 1908	672.98
June, 1908	212.47
	\$3,293.77

National Dues Paid.

Member.		Toatl. ship.	
May	\$ 30.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 38.50
June	46.25	.90	47.15
July	45.00	9.00	54.00
Aug.	50.00	15.05	65.05
Sept.	25.00	8.85	33.85
Oct.	30.00	17.80	47.80
Nov.	30.00	11.55	41.55
Dec.	33.00	5.95	38.95
			773
Jan.	95.00	17.10	112.10
Feb.	51.00	10.85	61.85
March	29.00	11.85	40.85
April	75.00	8.90	83.90
May	110.00	11.00	121.00
June	100.00	100.00	200.00
			773
Totals	\$639.65	\$136.50	\$776.15
Average membership,			1109.

While according to above table our average dues paying membership was only 1109, to obtain a clearer and more correct understanding the following factors should be considered.

(1) That the dues of the average paid up membership of the Finnish locals was 210 and their dues paid to the national office are not here included.

(2) That the dues which before and up to the last convention were paid by about a dozen locals on their former membership of from 18 to 28 members, these dues were withheld from the state committee and instead the dues on only 6 and 7 members were paid from May, until finally in December these locals ceased paying dues all together. (3) That some locals even ceased paying dues immediately right after the last convention.

It was only by means of the constantly increasing membership from

month to month by the loyal locals and in particular the M. A. L. that in spite of the tactics of the reactionary locals we maintained an average membership of about 922 in 1907, while during the six months past in 1908 this number was increased to about 1382 members. The industrial depression and in particular the deplorable conditions in the coal mining regions of this state makes it utterly impossible for a large number of otherwise loyal comrades to pay their dues. The miners, those who are lucky enough to be permitted to work at all, work only enough to hardly pay their board, while others, the Finnish comrades, have been on strike for about eight months or more.

Supplies and Office Equipment.

In spite of the fact that our income during 1907 dropped down to a minimum, the state office had at no time to deal with a deficit in any of its various funds and with the exception of one month had always a general fund on hand, so that at no time were we placed in the same position as former secretaries, namely, to appeal for funds with which to buy necessary party supplies. Of these we had always sufficient amount on hand. A number of expensive but necessary office equipments have been purchased. A typewriter, \$80.00; Neostyle Mimeograph for \$37.00, and book-case, 5.00, besides other articles of small value.

Party supplies were sold at a figure very little above cost, for just enough to pay for postage and to allow for a free distribution of a large number of application cards, and the leaflets "Why Socialists Pay Dues," "Socialist Methods," and "How to Organize Locals."

Expenditures, Classified.

National dues	\$ 639.65
Special assessment	300.00
Printing and Supplies	165.60
Telegram and Postage	157.68
Freight and Express	2.50
Agitation and Organization	384.76
Literature	55.80
Rent of Office	140.00
Convention Hall, 1907	15.00
Convention Badges	4.75
Delegates Expenses, 1907	235.95
Secretary's Salary	700.00
Local Seattle, Reserve Fund	20.00
Stationary & Mimeographing	60.05
Typewriter	80.00
Rotary Neostyle	37.00
Bookcase	5.00
Fuel	15.35
Railroad Fare to Committee-men	16.90
Free Speech Fight in Seattle	258.20
Local Seattle from Los Angeles	5.00
W. E. Peterson, Loan	20.00
Miscellaneous	49.50
Total	\$3,293.77

Agitation and Organization

The interests of agitation and organization have been promoted as far as possible during the year through lecture tours by capable speakers chiefly in the industrial centers west of the mountains and through an organizer in the territory promising the best results. During 1907, J. B. Osborne of California and now a M. A. L. of this state, was employed almost continually during the year beginning with a tour in August and July and ending in November. During September and part of October he labored in Seattle in the battle for free speech suffering arrest repeatedly. In June, 1908, Osborne finished a most successful tour in cities south of Seattle. T. E. Latimer was sent to Aberdeen and worked there to the satisfaction of the local comrades there. However, owing to the fact that he refused later to work under the direction of the state committee, his commission was ordered revoked.

Emil Herman was also constantly employed during the greater part of the year. Beginning in July, he worked for a number of months under the directions of local Tacoma and later in December filled duties principally in Pacific, Lewis and Kittitas counties. During January, February, March and April, he worked principally in Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. To this comrade's untiring efforts in the interest of the working-class is due a large share of the wonderful and rapid increase in our membership.

C. V. Boone, of Olympia, was employed during February in Lewis, Cowitt and Clark counties.

Abe Herashin also worked over part of this route on his way to Portland.

D. Burgess, upon his own selection, worked over the G. N. to Spokane and N. P. back to Tacoma during January. And again selected in March, the N. P. to Spokane. However, claiming that the state office discriminated against him and before he reached Spokane, he sent in his resignation, without offering a settlement for literature to the amount of \$24.25. The state executive committee accepted his resignation.

Alfred Wagenknecht, the state organizer, worked during September, November and the larger part of December in Seattle; took active part in the fight for free speech and also suffered arrest. From January to April inclusive he worked in Lewis, Chehalis, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. To his effective work also is due a large share of our increase in membership. Arthur Jensen worked for about one month selling literature and taking subscriptions for Socialist papers. He has rendered the state office some very useful service.

Through information and addresses received from him, M. A. L. secured and also locals organized.

State Referendum

State Referendum 'B' on the acts of the convention of 1907 was submitted to a vote in May, returnable in July. It was necessary to submit a second referendum on the election of two state executive committeemen, five state committeemen and one national committeeman. In July, 1907, state committee revoked the charter of Local Seattle No. 1 for refusal to try Walter Thos. Mills, who was charged by the Dominion executive committee of Canada, S. P. with party treason. An appeal was taken by the expelled local and a referendum submitted to the state membership. By a decisive vote, the state committee was sustained.

State referendum on election of delegates to national convention was submitted in March of this year.

State Committee

Only one meeting was held by that body in September. Only one motion was made during the term by one member of the committee.

Executive Committee

The old state executive committee did not go out of office until September 15 by reason of a long drawn out referendum on the election of the new committee. During the whole term twenty-four meetings were held. State committee referendums were submitted, one upon the question, shall the charter of Local Seattle be revoked. Vote unanimously in the affirmative. A second determining the salary of the state organizer, a third on the disposal of the recovered property from the expelled local in Seattle.

Labor Organization

Repeatedly former conventions and again the national convention held in Chicago in May of this year, have clearly stated the party's position on the question. While the right of individual members to differ from the views of the party as expressed in resolutions and in particular the last passed, and to hold his own opinion, can not be denied, yet to so express that individual opinion, contrary to the one expressed by the party, as a public speaker either from the platform or soap-box, either while speaking under the auspices of the state committee or under the auspices of any local in this state, is suicidal. The state secretary recommends to this convention the adoption of an amendment to the constitution under which any party member in this state guilty of this offense above referred to, be expelled from the party.

Other recommendations with regard to our constitution now in force will be made to the committee on constitution.

Primary Election Laws

The state secretary desires to call your attention to various sections of the primary election law of Washington.

Sec. 2. Hereafter, all candidates for elective offices in this state, either state, county, municipal, precinct or congressional, shall be nominated at a district primary election held in pursuance of this act; Provided, That this act shall not be held to refer to special elections for filling the vacancies for unexpired terms, or to election to offices of any city or town of the fourth class or for any school, dike or irrigation district or other local improvement district election, or for presidential electors.

Sec. 3. A primary election held to nominate candidates to be voted for at the general election in November, 1908, shall be held at the regular polling places in each precinct on the second Tuesday in September, 1908, and biennially thereafter, for the nomination of all candidates to be voted for at the succeeding general election. Except as hereinafter provided, any primary other than the September primary shall be held four weeks before the election for which candidates are to be nominated at such primary; Provided, That primaries for the nomination of candidates to be voted upon at municipal elections held during 1907 shall be held two weeks prior to the date of said election.

Sec. 22. At the September primary each voter may write in the space left on the ticket for that purpose the name of one qualified elector of the precinct for member of the party county committee. The one having the highest number of votes shall be such committeeman of such party for such precinct. The party committee of each county shall consist of the precinct committeemen from the several precincts of such county. The present party organization both state and county of several parties shall continue until their successors are elected under the provisions of this act. Each political party organization shall have the power to make its own rules and regulations, call conventions, elect delegates to conventions, state and national, fill vacancies on the ticket, provide for nomination of presidential electors, and perform all other functions inherent to such organizations, the same as though this act had not been passed.

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Next week "The Socialist" will con-
tain a number of articles you will
want to read besides other articles
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"FIRST—The last of Gustav Bang's
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chairs of Washington.

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cialism, with editorial comments. This
is fine propaganda.

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of Finland in the Socialist Movement
by Hermon F. Titus, chronicling some
astonishing facts.

FIFTH—A report of the doings of the
Eighth Annual Convention of the
Socialist Party of Washington.
Besides local and labor reports of
various sorts.

Isn't it about time you began hustling
again for some more subscribers to
"The Socialist," just to show your ap-
preciation?

Why Wait?

The last article (Art. XV.) of the
new national constitution of the So-
cialist party contains a clause that
should be examined. It defers the
new constitution till January 1, 1909.
Why? What good purpose can be
served by waiting? Look over care-
fully all the proposed amendments
and see if there is any one which
should not go into effect at once, that
is, on August 13, when the time for
the referendum expires.

The only amendment which has a
practical immediate bearing is that
for the election of national officers.
If the time is delayed till January 1,
1909, then there will one more elec-
tion under the old constitution, which
will then be in effect till the new elec-
tion is well under way, beginning with
call for nominations, November 15,
and issued to the party December 15.
These officials, including executive
committee and national secretary, will,
if the old constitution holds till Janu-
ary 1, 1909, be elected for the term
of one year instead of two and by re-
ferendum of the entire party instead of
the national committee.

Thus this little change in time of
the constitution taking effect, will de-
fer for one whole year the operation
of the most important amendment, as-
suming it to be adopted.
Let us have the new constitution
right away. If it is good, it is good
in 1908 as well as 1909.
Let the national committee, which
is the nearest to the membership, best
acquainted with the wishes of the
membership, best informed as to the
qualifications of candidates for nation-
al offices and thus best fitted to se-
lect those officials, let the national
committee, which is really responsi-
ble for the conduct of the party,
elect the new executives and hold them
to their work.

The party is too big, too widely scat-
tered, necessarily too ignorant of the
special fitness of different comrades
for office, to act efficiently in such
elections. But the different national
committees, elected by the state
organizations, are not fit for their
places if they do not know these very
things.
Why wait till the end of 1909 for the
application of the new constitution
with respect to elections?

Exceeding Authority

The national convention appointed a
"style committee," Berger, Simons and
Lee, to revise the literary style of the
new platform,—but not to change its
meaning.
Yet they have made the following
unwarranted change in the "prin-
ciple," thus arrogating to themselves
superiority to the platform committee

**Results in
Washington**

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Provided, That in no instance shall
any convention have the power to
nominate any candidate to be voted
for at any primary election. City com-
mitteemen may be elected at munici-
pal elections in the manner provided
in this section, as near as may be.

Sec. 26. Any political party which
at the last preceding election cast less
than 10 per cent of the votes, may
nominate candidate in the manner
provided by existing law for conven-
tions. Provided, That all such con-
ditions must be held upon the same day
as the primary elections are held:
And Provided Further, That no candi-
date's name shall be printed upon the
election ballot until he shall have paid
the fee provided by law to be paid by
candidates, to be nominated at primary
elections for like offices. Persons nomi-
nated as provided in this section shall
be subject to the provisions and penal-
ties of sections 28, 29, 30 and 31 of this
act.

By the above sections it is evident
that this convention must devise ways
and means which will protect the in-
terests of the Socialist party in this
state in the pending campaign.

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doubt that some locals would take
more than twenty shares, so that
there would be no difficulty about the
sale of the entire 4,000. These favor-
able terms are on condition that the
entire number are taken by locals.

"Of the 6,000 shares already sold,
1,500 are owned by Mrs. White, 1,000
by Dr. Titus and 1,000 by Erwin B.
Ault, and 2,500 by other individual
party members and by locals.

"If the state secretaries, with the
endorsement of the state executive
committee, should address a letter to
each member of the party who holds
stock, asking if, in the event of the
locals throughout the two states took
up the entire number of the unsold
shares, they would be willing to do-
nate their shares either to one of the
other state organizations or to some
local, there is no doubt that almost
all of them would readily consent.

"When a sufficient number of these
shares have been pledged by indi-
vidual holders to secure, with the four
thousand unsold shares, the control of
the corporation, a letter sent to each
of the locals by the state secretary,
with the endorsement of the state
executive committee, asking that each
of them subscribe for at least twenty
shares to be owned by and to be held
by a holding corporation to be com-
posed of the locals as shareholders,
there can be little doubt, we think,
that the necessary shares will be taken
by the locals.

"This would not only place "The So-
cialist" under the ownership and con-
trol of the party, but would make it
the strongest paper in the movement.
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the \$200 a month so received could
be used to purchase new machinery
and to extend its circulation.

"We hope that the state executive
committees will take the matter up
at once, and that long before the next
state convention meets "The Socialist"
will be owned and controlled by the
party."

After a thorough discussion the
committee instructed the state sec-
retary to bring the matter before the
convention and the delegates to this
convention are hereby requested to
take action if they desire.

Seattle Case.
This case and the reason for revo-
king the charter of the local in Seattle
were widely published in September
and October, 1907. The state execu-
tive committee ordered the state sec-
retary to state the reasons for revoca-
tion in a leaflet which was sent in suf-
ficient numbers to all local secretaries
for general distribution among party
members. However, for several reasons
some secretaries did not do so. A
sufficient number of these leaflets is
on hand for distribution among dele-
gates.

Miscellaneous.
In the fall of 1907 the state secre-
tary began the issuance of a weekly
bulletin which sought to report for
publication the activity of the state
organization and its organizer and
speakers and other matters of impor-
tance and interest to the Socialist party
of Washington. All of these bulletins
have received publication in the Se-
attle "Socialist." With the ever in-
creasing volume of labor in the state
office, and especially to give this im-
portant phase of the work the atten-
tion it deserves, the secretary there-
fore suggests to the delegates of this
convention to devise ways and means
by which the management of the Se-
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