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Comrades Frederick G. Strickland Strickland-Jones Socialist Lectures and Charles Oliver Jones of the Strickland-Jones Lecture Team came to Dubuque on February 8 for a series of five lectures, and in the language of Alexander, "Veni, vidi, vici." They came, they saw, they conquered. This plan of a series of lectures by two men of such different styles of speaking as Comrades Strickland and Jones is certainly a good one. If Jones, with all the dash of a D'Artagnan, fails to carry the crowd by storm, Comrade Strickland's clear and convincing lecture is sure to make a hit. Lack of space forbids giving even a synopsis of these lectures. Suffice it to say that they are on the educational plan. Comrade Jones opens with the "A. B. C. of Socialism" and leads up to the "Historical" and "Scientific Arguments for Socialism" of Comrade Strickland. In his opening lecture Comrade Strickland took occasion to reply to Rev. F. G. Smith's recent objections to Socialism, Mr. Smith having declined the invitation to meet Comrade Strickland in down the line. We haven't time to debate. Following is part of Comrade Strickland's reply:

"The burden of Mr. Smith's objection is that we will cut the nerve of competition, making the arm of industry helpless. What is it that is destroying competition now? Socialism or capitalism? The trust magnate came to show us that competition is needless waste. Out of chaos and confusion he brought order and system. He has taught us the lesson of co-operation and whether we want to or not, we must heed the lesson.

"But will there be no competition under Socialism? In human attainments, yes. To get our bread and butter,

"We have now an incentive-the incentive of pigs: "Root, hog, or die!" We live in a pig sty civilization. The first pig to get to the trough drinks all the swill he can and then lies down in the trough to keep the other pigs away.

"We believe, with Jesus, that men should not be anxious about what they should eat, drink or wear; and if they will seek a government of God instead of a government of gold, all these things will be added unto them.

"If Mr. Smith has no answer to the world's great problem, except possibly, rummage sales, second hand clothing us and yet he refuses to meet a Socialist 1898, the Socialists polled 2,107,100 in discussion because he is "not making the Reichster where the matter and t the matter a special study." If he is not and has not, why open his mouth on the subject at all?

his point of view, for I have studied it. But why will be not listen to our side of

any co-operative plant of industry, but peril calls for constitutional remedies bing then of. that the people own in common the trust and the men at the head of affairs will and all means of making a living so that every man may be given the full product of his toil. If Mr. Smith will prepare himself to meet us on this question, I shall be glad to return to your city if I am chosen to be your spokesman"

All in all these lectures were the most successful ever given in this city under the auspices of Dubuque Local. Come again, Comrades.

In accordance with the action of the National Committee at the meeting just over there. adjourned, the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party on and after February 3, 1903, will be located in Omaha, Nebraska.

All communications, etc., should be addressed to the National Secretary Socialist Party, Omaha, Neb. We ask Four postal subscription cards good for your aid in giving notice of this change one year each for \$1.00. They are handy. as wide publicity among party members Order a bunch. as possible.

(Signed.) SAM'L LOVETT, Acting Secretary.

The new Local Quorum of the National Committee is composed of the following well known Socialists. J. P. Roe, Nebraska; Ernest Untermann, Kansas; John M. Work, lowa; Sam'l Lovett. South Dakota; G. H. Turner, Missouri.

Dubuque will be headquarters in the central states for the Strickland-Jones Socialist Lectures. E. Holtz, Manager, 295 Sixth St., Dubuque, Iowa.

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Immediately after the election of last November our work began. We have (one or both of us) spoken in six different states as follows:

In Kentucky: Covington and New-

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Sandoval, Centralia, Pana, Decatur,
Bloomington, Peoria, Dunlap, Elgin, Dundee, Belvidere, Rockford and East Dubuque.

In Iowa: Dubuque.

This has been a long and happy trip. We send our greetings back all the way write the history of our pleasant experience now. But, bereafter, we will make to The Iowa Socialist, will be mailed to notes as we go. Correspondence has you. heaped upon us until we must substitute the printed page for the written page and let The Iowa Socialist serve from week to week as our personal message to many a comrade in our common cause.

F. G. S.

#### Itinerary

STRICKLAND AND IONES

Feb. 11-15-Rock Island, Ill. cb. 15-Streator, III.
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20 Topeka, Kan,
22 Denver, Coio,
24 March 7 (about) - Aspen, Colo,
ch 8:15 (about) - Grand Junction, Colo,
ch 16:30 - Aspen, Colo,

STRICKLAND AND JONES. March 31-April 6-Aspen, Colo

"The movement to abolish universal suffrage in Germany is taking such defined shape that something like a crisis exists both within the Social-Democratic Party and the ranks of the conservative and reactionary agrarians. Figures show and soup houses, why should he reject that the Social Democratic ideas are the Socialist plan? He has condemned growing. In the general election of 100 votes is allowed 103 members. This is the resuit of under-representation of "I speak in kindness. I understand the cities, but it has failed to destroy the Socialist strength. Hence a revolutionary proceeding is contemplated. The But why will he not listen to our side of anti-Socialist Press says there is no the case and suspend his judgment until doubt that the Social-Democratic Party has brought about an intolerable condi-"We present the only solution of this tion in the German Empire. Respect not be daunted by necessity."-Literary Digest.

From the United States, eh? Funny. Over here they oppose Socialism because it is a "foreign importation." So the Socialists have brought about an intolerable condition, have they? The kaiser and the men at the head of affairs didn't law of evolution-doesn't that operate

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There are over one hundred editorial contributors and others who will look after the distribution of literature for the National Economic League, organized for the purpose of combatting the pernicious doctrines of Socialism." These contributors and distributers are from all parts of the country, and with the exception of one "labor leader"-God save the mark!-are all college professors, editors, bank and trust presidents, Christian (?) ministers, lawyers, manufacturers and capitalists. Ex-president Cleveland is also on the list. Well, say, they're a class-conscious bunch anyhow. All their various differences are lost sight of. They all get together-republicans and democrats, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Agnostic, Irish and Dutch-to fight Socialism. Oh no, there's no class struggle; not in these free United States.

After all, this talk about Socialism being impossible should be one of the most encouraging things to the Socialist. There was never a great movement in the world's history of which the same was not said by a lot of ninnies, but which became a possibility just the same.

"Employers of the United States must get together and stick together, in the Reichstag, whereas the Roman else they are lost," says D. M. Parry in Catholic Center Party with only 1,455, his latest circular to the National Asso. his latest circular to the National Association of Manufacturers. Too late, Brother Parry, the working class are going to do that very thing.

A question frequently asked the Socialist is: How are you going to settle with the capitalists when Socialism comes? Better ask the capitalists how terrible trust problem. It is that there be no private ownership of any trust or notions from the United States. The

> Comrade Jones, of the Stricklandlones team, says it isn't necessary to make Socialists any more. All you've got to do is to discover them and put would have a little monopoly of Socialthe label on them. The woods are full ism where they could get off to themof undiscovered Socialists.

have anything to do with it, oh no. The draw near, memory fades and the old up the confusionists, and the class-concaptains of industry over there must be love for the coal trust begins to glow pretty small potatoes. And then the afresh. By election time everything tant Socialists must guard against this will be forgiven and forgotten.

> Comrade John M. Work, of Des Moines, one of our best contributors, is a member of the new local quorum of the national committee. Congratulations, Comrade.

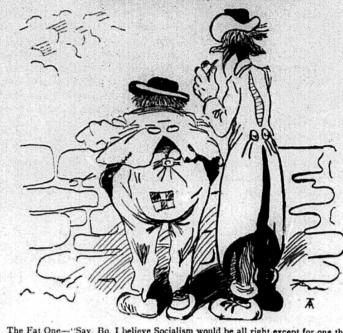
> John D. Rockefeller has warned congress not to pass any anti-trust legislation. That settles that question. Congress can now devote its time to something else.

If you think municipal ownership is Socialism, apply this test: Will it give the workers the full product of their

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The Fat One-"Say, Bo, I believe Socialism would be all right except for one thing." The Lean One-"And what's that?"

The Fat One-"I don't believe we would have any incentive to work."

#### Socialism and Definitions

By Charles Oliver Jones

"Socialism is a theory of a more precise, order y and harmonious arrangement of the affairs of nankind than that which has hitherto existed.' -Webster's Dictionary

The above definition is sweet music to the trained ear of the literati, consequently the Socialist, searching for sweet morsels to tempt the appetite of the epicure, offers it as a tempting bait for intellectual gourmandizing. It seems strange that certain people, who have been attracted to Socialism because they think it has ethics, must hunt up something that someone not socialistically inclined has said of Socialism.

As soon as some person, in the public eye, says something pretty about Socialism they pounce upon it like famished wolves, and parade it as a gem of truth. It would be well for the Socialists if they dissected some of these definitions before passing them indiscriminately to the public at large.

There is a type, calling themselves Socialists, who are seeking "to raise Socialism out of the gutter" and "give it ing class, the bourgeoise (capitalist an air of respectability." They would class) WITHOUT AT THE SAME sit up on the pinnacle of the ethical temple with a fishing pole baited with morsels to catch the unwary.

The public ownership of all the means of production and distribution, demo gles." cratically administered in the interest of the whole people, is not good enough for them.

They do not know that the emancipation of the working class can only be achieved through a class conscious political action at the polls; they are not aware that the Socialist's position is based upon the culmination of certain evolutionary tendencies in economics. The sentimentalist "does not like to get down into the gutter" and do the real work of the movement. The common people are to them a disgrace; they selves, where they would not be caught associating with "the common herd." As the warm, balmy days of spring This class furnishes the material to make Jan. 7, Hocking branch, dues for Decemscious, international, revolutionary miliclass which furnishes the movement with our opportunists who are ready for fusion or anything else to make a hasty step toward the co-operative commonwealth.

Socialism is not a theory as stated in Webster's definition, and has nothing to do with theories, reforms or anything of a like nature.

Socialism is the sum total derived from a given number of historical events Jan. 28, Oelwein branch, dues for January which have been in the process of evolution for centuries. These evolutionary tendencies have reached a period in which today the wageworkers (a part of the evolutionary process) cannot attain their emancipation from the capitalist class (also a very necessary part) without at the same time and once for all, emancipating society at large (capitalists included) from all exploitation, oppression, class distinction and class struggles.

I would refer those Socialists who in-copy of A. M. Simons' "Philosophy of Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1908 ..........\$13.71

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The basis of the Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. Price, 10 cents. For sale at this office.

"In every historical epoch the prevailing method of economic production and exchange, and the social organization necessarily following from it, form the basis upon which is built up, and from which alone can be explained the political and intellectual history of that epoch; consequently the whole history of mankind (since the dissolution of primitive tribal society, holding land in common ownership), has been a series of class struggles, contests between exploiting and exploited, ruling and oppressed classes. That the history of these class struggles form a series of evolution, in which today, the exploited and oppressed class, the proletariat (working class) cannot obtain its emancipation from the sway of the exploiting and rul-TIME, AND ONCE FOR ALL, EMANCIPATING SOCIETY AT LARGE, from all exploitation, oppression, class distinction and class strug-CHARLES OLIVER JONES.

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SUMMARY.

# XRAYS

committee at its recent meeting are very unless he is a Socialist), the slaughter encouraging.

was the fact that the anti-fusion resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Another feature calculated to give the movement of the entire country a feeling of satisfaction is the fact that the national secretary and the national head-East, the other from the West.

Eastern and the Western Socialists are ferences in point of view. A. M. Simons has given voice to the keen observation that in order to understand and to respect the Western movement the Easterner needs but to visit the West.

William Mailly's life has been spent in the East. He is one of the strongest men in the movement. The Eastern comrades have the utmost confidence in him. The headquarters having been established at Omaha, he will be under the necessity of moving to the West in order to assume the duties of national secretary. He will become familiar with the Western movement. He will learn to understand and respect it. His goodwill towards the Western movement will be transmitted to his Eastern associates. Thus the selection of a Western headquarters and an Eastern secretary will tend to cement the two sections more firmly together. It will do so by bringing about mutual understanding. Mutual understanding is all that is necessary to mutual confidence.

The new national secretary, William Mailly, is an old timer in the Socialist movement. He is a high-minded man, entirely above reproach. He has had long experience in the work of propaganda. He is of a journalistic tendency. He has the genius for getting the movement into the newspapers. This is an extremely strong point. To be talked about, favorably or unfavorably, by the newspapers is to grow. We can rest assured that under Mailly's guidance the national movement will receive the maximum of free newspaper advertising.

Now for a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, for a big vote next fall, preparatory to the election of a Socialist president and congress in 1904. Stranger things have happened than the latter. With the democratic party floundering in the mire of internal dissension over principles, it is not at all for the purpose of fighting against Soimpossible that the Socialists may win in a three cornered contest. If we do these people a tip, lest they disorganize not we will at least make it a foregone the league and drop the project. But I conclusion that we will nail our banner feel sure that they are too dense for that. to the national capitol in 1908.

have any serious disagreements over count of it, they are only causing the principles. Whenever we disagree, it is public to think about it and study it. about the minor question of tactics. In This is the best possible means of that region, cutting and trying is a making Socialists. How many times reasonable process. We try experiments have we heard Socialists say that they to find out the best ways and means, investigated Socialism for the purpose and, as James F. Carey says, "all is for of being able to annihilate it and were the best," for if we are wrong we have on the contrary convinced that it was at least the benefit of the experience to the truth. This is the history of thouguide us in the future.

tragic comedy. When you see the clap- gate the subject is directly in the intertrap of high society and the strenuous est of Socialism, even though it be inmanner in which the exploited come to tended to have the opposite effect. 1 the defense of their exploiters, together move a vote of thanks to the National with the innumerable other amusing Economic League for its excellent Sofeatures of the system, you feel that you have fallen among a merry lot of sidesplitting clowns. But when you turn to the poverty, the mental and physical starvation, the aching dread of eviction by the landlord, the dreary outlook of role of heavy villain?

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The actions taken by the national | the poor man who is growing old (dreary of the innocents, the driving of the young women into lives of shame, and One of the most encouraging features all the rest of the agonizing category, you feel that of all the tragedies ever enacted on the face of this old earth we are in the midst of the most heart-rend-

Capitalism stifles the humanities. So many calls are made for assistance that quarters were selected, one from the it is simply impossible to lend a willing ear to more than an insignificant fraction of them. Then, one has to be hard-The differences existing between the hearted in order to make a living for himself and family. I know that a lot by no means to be dignified with the of families have got to starve so long as name of schism. They are merely dif- the system lasts. I do not want any of them to starve. But, is it not natural for me to firmly resolve that my family shall not be one of the starving? In order to carry out that resolution I must assist in making someone else's family starve. There is simply no help for it under this system. If I am a man of some means I must make a reputation for hard-heartedness in order that I may not be besieged by applicants for assistance. If I am poor I must turn a deaf ear to the cries for help because to heed them would be to deprive my own loved ones of the necessaries of life. If I lose control of myself and show how warmhearted I really am, my family suffers for it. I have to hold even my closest friends at arms' length. I have to meet men as if they were suspicious characters. I know that it is to their interest to 'do" me if they can. I have to be constantly on my guard lest I give them an advantage over me. If a man owes me money, no matter how hard it may be for him to pay it, I must positively insist on its being paid. If he does not pay, I must "put the screws to him." In justice to those for whom I am under the closest obligations to provide, I am compelled to do this. The only redeeming feature about it is that the bitter dose of capitalism which I give him is liable to disgust him with the system and prepare his mind to receive the truth. Or, if he is already a Socialist, it makes him work all the harder for the speedy realization of the system wherein no worthy and industrious man will lack a sustaining income. The vast amount of altruism which does find expression under the present system is expressed in spite of the system, not because of it. Take away the barriers, and brotherly love will blossom as the rose.

There are many fine Socialist agitators in America, but the National Economic League comes very near taking the plum. It would seem as if a fool ought to know better than to organize a league cialism. Perhaps one ought not to give It is not possible for them to grasp the idea that by making much of Socialism, It is fortunate that Socialists do not by attempting to scare the people on acsands of Socialists. It is destined to be the history of thousands more. Hence, Human life under capitalism is a anything that causes people to investicialist propaganda.

(1 second the motion.—Ed.)

Will the editor of the Telegraph-Herald kindly pose for me when I write the

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P. C. Murray, the lawyer in the office building, makes a specialty of drawing of society, allowing Socialism to endure wills and settling estates.

### Socialism and Definitions

By Charles Oliver Jones

The Ethics of Socialism and he Ethics o Christianity are Identical."

The above definition, accepted and used so carelessly by some Socialists as ammunition to fire at the members of certain churchianity sects with the idea of converting these followers of the creeds dedicated to the ideal of Jesus good showing, and will corral a good the crucified, is positively misleading. Its use works much mischief to our cause and the object aimed at is not gained and does more harm than good.

In the first place, the definition is strictly non-socialistic and unfitted to the broad principles of Socialism. Socialism is all embracing and does not drift any closer to the ethics of Christianity than it does to the ethics of any other religion or advanced ideal among the progressives. Why should Socialism, which is undeveloped, have ethics? And why should we strain our imagination to liken that which does not exist as yet, to that which is also an undeveloped ideal, Christianity.

Why should the ethics of Socialism be specialized with the ethics of Christianity whose idealism is "The Golden Rule," any more than the "Love thy neighbor as thyself" of the Hebrews, or "Do not do unto others that which you would not they should do unto you" of Confucius, or "the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" of Thomas

If we accept a definition which is designed to especially cater to and jolly some religious belief, we antagonize all

The amusing part of it all is that the "churchianity" Christian usually accepts this alleged definition of Socialism in all seriousness as satisfactory and with the narrow, limited consciousness of his egoism, swells with pride and answers: "I am a Christian; don't tell me any more, that is enough." The result, if watched closely, is that he goes away and teaches "churchianity" with renewed vigor and then wonders why the Socialists don't fill his churches.

It amuses me to hear the comrades speak of such and such a minister of the gospel as being a Socialist "and his sermons are socialistic-of course, he don't mention Socialism, but-etc., etc."

If these Socialists would use a definition that would do justice to any who, in their conceit, deem themselves to be the advanced thinkers of modern ideal religions or thought, they should formulate it upon the basis that "the ethics of the highest ideal of morality or religion, within the most advanced existing state of progressive so-called civilization, is a promise of the new ethics that will be produced in humanity after Socialism is established."

Every man of any religion is striving to attain the highest ideal his mental qualities are capable of allowing him to conceive. When the ethics of a religion are not broad enough to meet his highest conception of that which is his ideal he has evoluted beyond and he is no longer of that which was his re-

Socialism will be the highest ideal attainable, religious or otherwize, so far as we know, by the highest developed civil ization. The highest developed civilization will be ethically a civilization where all have equal opportunity to develop their intellectual and moral faculties and all their higher natures and increasingly so with the advance of years; but this Socialism cannot be until civilization solves the production of the necessities and luxuries of life, otherwise than upon the backs of animate slaves; for ideal civilization is Socialism and Socialism is ideal civilization. We have neither at present. To have one is to have the other.

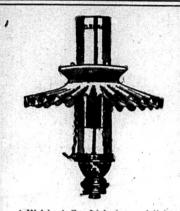
Socialism will be, then, when humantv has conquered nature to the extent that machinery, the inanimate slave, performs in all its completeness all the drudgery of civilization.

It is impossible to have culture without slavery, but animate slavery will not allow culture to endure. And history proves the series of class struggles which have destroyed the existing forms of governments, when these animate slaves have risen and overthrown them. Thé inanimate slave, or machine, cannot think, so will not strike back and destroy the civilization it will build, but will go on producing for mankind, and machines will create machines as the wage slaves propagate their species and doom their progeny to do the drudgery without animate or human slavery.

Next month Oelwein will again be in the giddy whirl of the city politics. A mayor and half of the council will be elected, also treasurer, attorney and assessor to fill vacancy. It will doubtless be mighty interestin' as usual. We are informed that there will be at least three tickets in the field, republican, democratic and Socialist. And from what we learn the third party will make a pretty bunch of votes. The candidates are being talked up, and the circus will soon open. - Oelwein Register.

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#### State Federation of Labor

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FROM THE BATTLEFIELD.

After a two weeks' strike in the C. G. W. shops at Oelwein the blacksmiths were successful in securing the removal of a man who refused to abide by the decision of the majority.

One hundred miners were out for a few days at the Gibson mine near Al-McCowan, after investigation, decided that no real grievance existed justifying a suspension of work, and the strike was declared off.

The Electrical Workers at Davenport, as well as those on the other side of the river, are on strike again. The nature of the difficulties has not been reported.

Butchers at Sinclair's, Cedar Rapids, struck during the latter part of January because of an effort to have three men do six men's work.

The Casebeer cigar factory at Waterloo was recently unionized through the efforts of Organizer J. B. Hawkins.

Unorganized section men on the C. R. I. have received notice of a reduction in wages from \$1.50 per day to \$1.25, the of one to devote one meeting a month usual reward of free and independent

Organized engineers on the C. R. I. have received an increase of wages averaging 10 per cent.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

District Council of Iowa Brickmakers Boone, Team Drivers and Tailors. Creston, Trades Assembly.

Cedar Rapids, Butchers. Davenport, Teamsters, Meat Cutters, Stationary Firemen and Plumbers.

Des Moines, Express Men.

Ft. Dodge, Bartenders and Electrical Workers.

Ft. Madison, Trades Assembly and Retail Clerks.

Keokuk, Bartenders and Shoe Work-

Lehigh, Teamsters.

Oelwein. Bartenders.

Sioux City, Express Men and Bar-

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Organizer fund-

Waterloo, Bricklayers, Horseshoers and Broommakers.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

General and legislative funds-Balance on hand, May 13..... \$ 360.53 Receipts, May 13 to Dec. 31, 1902 . . . . 680.80 One-fourth to legislative fund ...... \$ 259.83 Three-fourths to general fund ...... 781.50 Disbursements, May 13 to Dec. 31..... 639.21 Leaving balance in general fund . . . . 142 29

Receipts. July 12 to Dec. 31...... \$ 648.50 Disbursements, Aug 1 to Dec. 31..... 484.78 Balance on hand Dec. 31..... \$ 163.72

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IN GENERAL.

During January State Organizer Menton organized three central bodies and ten trades unions, addressed three public meetings and added members by the score to existing unions, and the prospects are even brighter for this month.

The American Federation of Labor will place an organizer in the Iowa field Typographical, Carpenters. for three months commencing March 1.

The Davenport unions are making arrangements to entertain the delegates to the next convention of the Iowa State Federation of Labor. They promise also to have the best organized city in the state at that time.

State Labor Commissioner Brigham has succeeded in obtaining the discharge of a number of children employed in eastern Iowa factories, whose lives were being coined into dollars and cents by enterprising and patriotic child labor promoters.

A number of the daily papers, while F admitting that teachers are underpaid as no other profession, are very much an-

State Federation in organizing teachers' unions. Publicity will encourage the organization quicker 'han anything else. Thanks!

Geo. Wingfield has been appointed A. F. of L. organizer for Sioux City and vicinity, succeeding Emil Greiner, and H. L. Fisher, of Iowa City, now holds a similar position for that city.

While the present system of affiliation s the best ever devised, some confusion often arises on account of the intricate features. To clear the atmosphere, let it be stated that all local unions affiliated with central bodies, where such exist, are affiliated with the Iowa State Federation of Labor, provided the central bodies are affiliated. Where central bodies do not affiliate, or where none exist, local unions may affiliate direct by toona. District Committeeman Robert applying direct to Secretary-Treasurer J. H. Strief, Sioux City, for charter. The per capita is one cent per month, payable by central bodies, where such exist, and by local unions where affiliated direct. All official business is transmitted to all trades unions and central bodies, no matter how affiliated, and the benefits are extended alike to all.

The Iowa delegation to the Indian apolis Mine Workers convention were sufficiently unanimous in the measures they introduced to be charged with being inoculated with what was termed the "Iowa Idea." Strange, that the Iowa miners should have introduced all the socialistically inclined resolutions, all of which were defeated, with the exception to a discussion of economic questions. In all that is good, Iowa affords the

By a referendum vote the unions of the state during last summer carried a proposition by a three-fourths vote to levy an assessment of ten cents per member for the purpose of placing an organizer in the field for one year. It has been paid by a large number of unions, and as a result unionism has been carried into almost every village in the state. By examining the following list of unions that have paid the assessment, it can be easily ascertained which unions are in arrears. Due credit will be given as fast as payments of the assessment are made:

Unions that have paid the assessment to date:

Boone-Machinists, Laborers' Protective Seymour-Mine Workers No. 206.

Des Moines-Machinists, Painters and Decorators, Mill Men, Team Drivers No. 90, Mine

Workers No. 384, Waiters, Carpenters, Typographical, Electrical Workers, Leather Workers, Soap Makers, Cigar Makers.

Cedar Rapids-Carpenters, Wood Workers. Railway Carmen, Pressmen, Typographical, Plumbers, Painters and Decorators, Boiler Makers, Bakers and Confectioners, Machinists, Tailors, Musicians, Iron Molders.

Oskaloosa-Barbers, Bar Tenders, Garment Workers, Mine Workers No. 97, Retail Clarks. Centerville-Federal Labor Union.

Council Bluffs-Painters and Decorators, Carnters, Typographical, Bricklayers.

Jefferson-Laborers' Protective Union Harkes-Mine Workers No. 159.

Davenport-Leather Workers, Brewery Workmen, Painters and Decorators, Electrical Work-

Ottumwa-Tailors, Coopers, Painters and Decorators, Cigar Makers, Garment Workers, Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers, Musicians.

Sioux City-Typographical, Barbers, Brewery Workmen, Cigar Makers, Pressmen, Press Feeders, Stereotypers, Sheet Metal Workers, Coopers, Teamsters, Journeymen Horseshoers, Leather

Workers. Jerome-Mine Workers No. 387.

Burlington-Painters and Decorators, Cigar Makers, Wood Workers, Carriage and Wagon Workers, Sheet Metal Workers, Street Railway Employes, Typographical, Carpenters, Tailors, Retail Clerks.

Dubuque-Cigar Makers, Iron Molders, Tailors, Creston-Carpenters

Muscatine-Cigar Makers, Federal Labor Union, Barbers, Wood Workers, Painters and Decorators, Retail Clerks.

Marshalltown- Machinists, Railway Carmen. Tailors, Musicians, Retail Clerks. Clinton-Painters and Decorators, Federal La-

bor Union, Carpenters.

Oelwein - Machinists, Blacksmiths, Boiler Makers, Railway Carmen. Woodward-Mine Workers No. 1761.

Willard-Mine Workers No. 817. Knoxville-Teamsters. Mystic-Mine Workers No. 634.

Ft. Dodge-Carpenters. Waterloo-Tailors, Leather Workers, Typographical, Carpenters, Painters and Decorators, ederal Labor Union, Carpenters.

Keokuk-Typographical, Carpenters A joint debate between the East and moyed at the activity displayed by the West Des Moines high schools as to The Iowa Socialist Publishing Co.?

whether or not "Organized Labor Was a Benefit to Des Moines" resulted in a decision for the negative. None of the Des Moines unions, however, have us yet disbanded on account of it.

Sioux City, having made a success of its municipally owned water works, will try to prevent the granting of a new franchise to the Iowa Telephone Company, with a view to eventually publicly owning the telephone business.

The Brotherhood of Boilermakers of Boone can't dance without union music and imported a union orchestra from event was a success from every view-

Don't forget the label when purchasing your spring suit. The fact that you will cause a great deal more trouble. are in possession of a card pledges your and they have the democrats guessing support to the garment workers, as well this time. But our friends the old party as every organized craft.

The miners state convention, at which a new agreement for the coming year ticket, and they will always do so and will likely be entered into with the operators, will be held in Des Moines during the first week in March. President Mitchell will attend the convention.

A free employment agency is being the Socialist branch at Sioux City. A messenger service has also been established, which is expected to furnish sufficient revenue for the maintenance of both ventures.

The State Federation bulletins will continue once a month, whether secretaries of local unions send in the monthly reports or not. But then, it is better to have them. Don't hide your light under a bushel. J. J. JACOBSEN.

#### **Dubuque Trades and Labor Congress**

At the meeting of the Dubuque Trades and Labor Congress held last Sunday a step fraught with great promise for the future of organized labor in this city was taken—the appointment of a permanent local organizer and business agent, who is the ballot. will devote his entire time to the organization of new unions, strengthening old ones, etc. F. A. Lymburner, secretary of the congress, and long one of the leading trades unionists of the city, was chosen for the position. His appointment as district organizer for the A. F. of L, was also recommended by the congress. The salary of the organizer will be provided by a five cent assessment labor unions, only two unions voting against the assessment—the machinists and the car workers.

Among other important communications was one from the Iowa State Federation of Labor in regard to the ten cents per month assessment levied by that body at its last convention for the maintenance of a state organizer. Of the local unions, the cigarmakers, the the general good. iron molders, tailors, printers and carpenters are the only ones who have paid the assessment. The delinquent unions are urged to pay up at once.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to wait on the committee of the whole of the city council in regard to the purchase of hose for the fire department from unfair rubber goods manu- the full product of his or her labor." facturers reported they had had no opportunity of meeting the committee because of failure on the part of the latter in notifying the congress committee of the time of its meeting.

The committee on resolutions requesting the repeal of the Desert Land Act and the Commutation Clause of the Homestead Act, reported having forwarded resolutions to senators and con-

Delegates were installed from the following unions:

Cigarmakers, Carpenters, Barbers, Iron Molders, Teamsters, Laundry Workers and Boot and Shoe Workers, the latter three organizations having sent their first delegates since being or-

President Milan reported the appointment of the following committees:

Grievance-Dyer, Carr, Brum, Raesli, Mueller. Organization-Holz, Belden, Becker.

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### Muscatine City Convention

To the Editor: The Socialist party of Muscatine will make its initial appearance as a factor in a municipal campaign at the election to be held early in March. The election is a rather unimportant one, there being only four aldermen to be chosen. The adoption of a platform will be a novelty, as the old parties have for years tacitly acknowledged that the offices-and incidentally the perquisites -were the only issues, by declining to define their positions in a platform. The Des Moines for their annual hop. The voter simply goes it blind and takes the chances and generally loses. In another year, when there will be a full list of city offices to be filled, the Socialists manipulators need not worry, as none but Socialists will vote the Socialist vote no other.

There was a large attendance and a lively interest manifested at the meeting at which nominations were made and there are many indications that the vote conducted with considerable success by will be much larger than that heretofore cast in this city. The candidates are:

First Ward-Frank Zetler. Second Ward-A. G. Othmer. Third Ward-C. R. Slaughter. Fourth Ward-J. G. Kent. THE PLATFORM.

We, the Socialist party of Muscatine, in convention assembled, proclaim our unfaltering adherence to the principles and program of international revolutionary Socialism, which, briefly stated, means the substitution of the co-operative system of production and distribution for the present competitive system.

This is the modern phase of the class struggle, which will continue between the producers of wealth and the exploiters of labor so long as the present system of production for profit remains. and there is but one weapon which the working class can successfully employ to accomplish the desired end, and that

This fact demands the organization of the working class into a political party distinct from and opposed to all other political parties, which are founded upon and support the private ownership of the means of wealth production.

The Socialist party is organized to meet this demand, and is, therefore, the party of the working class, and the Socialist party, when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage slavery is utterly abolished, per month of the members of the local make the answer to this question its labor unions, only two unions voting guiding rule of conduct: "Will the proposed legislation, if enacted, advance the interests of the working class?" If it will, the Socialist party is for it. If it will not, the Socialist party is absolutely opposed to it.

In accordance with this principle the Socialist party pledges itself to conduct the municipal affairs of Muscatine in such manner as to promote the interests of the working class, and, therefore, for

In conclusion, we appeal to all work-ingmento study the principles of Socialism, to the end that they may realize their class interests and join with us in our endeavor to overthrow capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle, and inaugurate the co-operative common-wealth, based upon this fundamental principle of justice: "To every worker

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# Correspondence

Sioux Čity, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1903.

Last Sunday's propaganda meeting was well attended and there was more than the usual interest manifested by all present. The members were not slow to talk and the meeting was lively from start to finish.

Comrade E. J. Hanson read a paper on "Com petition" which was ably prepared and brought out many good points. He started way back in barbarism and showed how the different tribes went to war with each other in a competitive struggle for the mastery, the victor always enslaving the conquered. He showed that with the beginning of civilization it was discovered there was a surplus value in man's labor if he were given the tools to work with; thus ended the killing of prisoners of war; instead they were put to work. In order to furnish the tools for the captive class to work with it became necessary to create a master class and this was the beginning of the private ownership of land and the tools of production. This system was established on surplus value of the chattel slave and maintained until the present time on the labor of the wage slave. If it was not for the surplus value of labor this system would die a natural death within twenty-four hours. At the same time was born the two classes, the master olass and the slave class. These two classes have developed until today we have the class struggle as the most important factor in the industrial era of stoday. Competition has been the watch-word all along the line. The slow process of evolution changed the system and from slavery and serfdom the world evolved into the new industrial system of wage labor, a system of pure individualism under which we now live. Gradually the hand tool of production kept growing; the spinning , wheel evolved into the huge factory and the old owner and operator took her place beside the loom to work for a new boss, who knew of her existence only by the coupons clipped from the stock and bonds that were created by the labor surplus. The invention and use of steam and electricity revolutionized the production of the commodities of life. The old plants became useless; they could not compete with the modern up-to-date facilities of production owned and managed by the modern trust magnates, backed by the legislative and judiciary forces of this, his government. The growth of the trust magnates' power for the past thirty years has been wonderful, and the concentration of capital which they represent is a constant menace to the very government that made it possible for them to concentrate. The millions they possess has been wrung from the great industrial army. In every way possible a toll has been placed on the earnings of the laborer till be is deprived of three-fifths of all he produces which goes into the coffers of the master class. Thus, as a result of competition we have the favored few and the impoverished many. Competition has touched nothing without leaving a trail of blasted wreck in its wake. It is spoken of as the life of trade. A more brutal lie was never uttered. Let us go to the large army of unemployed now wandering up and down this land, homeless, lifeless and hopeless. Let us go to the mortgaged homes of this country, from which the family is driven into the street, the father and son to become tramp and criminals and the mother and daughter to sink into lives of misery and shame. Go to the coal fields of Pennsylvania where the miners have been suffering with this wonderful blessing that is so conspicuously sweeping over this land of ours; prosperity that they have been robbed of all in life but their manhood. Go to the sweatshops of this land, the slums of our great cities, and see the little children pale and wan, overworked and underfed, feeble in body and mind, from lack of food and proper care.

Go to the business failures of today that strew this land with corpses of the financial dead, and ask them if competition is the life of trade.

Competition the life of trade-never. It is the death of trade, of honesty, of truth, of manhood,

It is the death of the joys of childhood; the death of manhood's grandest aim; the death to all that is good and pure in life; it is the curse that holds this world in bondage and servitude.

commercialism to its logical conclusion, the complete annihilation of the human race so forcefully presented by Ignatius Donnelly in that wonderful book, Caesar's Column? No; never. Though history has been one long struggle of the weak against the mighty, and its path has been hard and rugged and stained with countless martyrdoms the appeal of the oppressed has at last found a standard and a champion in the Socialist party which will substitute cooperation for cruel competition; happiness for misery; life for industrial death; which will reach down into the mines, into the factory, onto the farm, into the

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palace of the drone, and place them all on a plane of equality of opportunity, and established in its schedule time the brotherhood of man and peace on earth.

Following Comrade Hanson's paper Mr. H. C. Moore presented the following paper.

PAPER NO. ONE

Jesus Christ was the first great Socialist.

"What right have you for this assertion?"

Because He taught the brotherhood of man, and overthrew the money changers in the temple.

"What government made Socialism its fundamental principle in its foundation—its corner stone?"

The government of this United States, when it declared it one by the people, of and for the peo-

Are not these substantial foundations? Could

we ask a stronger reason for striving to increase the spread of Socialism?

It was the sufferings of his fellow man that aroused the sympathy in the heart of Christ. It is that same kind of sympathy that has stirred the great intellects, the originators of this movement, to alleviate the sufferings arising from the foundations of existing spacetyments tracting on ment, to alleviate the sufferings arising from the foundations of existing governments resting on classes—on privileges arbitrarily assumed or stealthily and selfishly acquired. What devastating wars between greedy aspirants for power, dominion and wealth have deluged the earth with the blood of their ignorant followers? What misery to the great mass of mankinu has been inflicted by unbridled greed for wealth? Go to our great cities if you wish to know the extent of suffering, depravity and crime to which vast numbers are reduced. Consider conditions of rural communities. While at the present time they are not so acute, think to what they must soon come when the schemes now afloat for absorption come when the schemes now afloat for absorption of the wealth of the country are in full swing. Remember that wealth, in the main, is the product of labor. One of the older Vanderbilts said, duct of labor. One of the older Vanderbilts said, "My son, the men who get 7 per cent. will soon own all the money." Think how our asylums for insane, our penitentiaries and poor houses are filling up. See what a continuous stream of suicides is shown by the daily press. What murders, burglaries and highway robberies are constantly occurring. The miser's greed lays at the bottom of the great portion of these acts and conditions.

Socialism remedies these evils as far as it is Socialism remedies these evils as far as it is possible with our limited abilities. We are not angels, in fact our wings are only beginning to sprout under the vivifying rays of the sun of Socialism. One thing we can plainly see, that Socialism when in operation will remove a national stigma, that we are all slaves to the almighty dollar.

What greater boon can we confer upon the most abject of these slaves than to give them a

what greater boon can we conter upon the most abject of these slaves than to give them a remedy for that miser's fever that is eating up their hearts, destroying what little conscience they have left, dwarfing their souls and shutting them out from all the higher and real enjoyments of life? Gloating over his hoard of gold could well be exchanged for the cotter's home with wife and children cuddling on his braces. and children cuddling on his knees.

PAPER NO. TWO-THE AMERICAN CIRCUS. In answer to a capitalistic toast recently delivered at a banquet, inviting the Filipinos to come to the United States.

You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not becoming citizens of this grand country of ours. There isn't anything like it under the sun. You ought to send a delegation over to see us—the land of the free—the land of fine churches and 40,000 saloons; bibles, forts and guns; milionaires and paupers; theologians and thieves; liberalists and liars; politician, and poverty; christians and chain gangs; schools and scalawags; trusts and tramps; money and misery; homes and hunger; virtue and vice; a land where you can get a good Bible for fifteen cents and a bad drink of whisky for five; where we have a man in congress with three wives, and a lot in the penitentiary for having two; where we make bologna out of dogs; canned beef out of horses and sick cows, and dead bodies out of those who eat it; where we put a man in jail for not having You Filipinos don't know what you are missing bologna out of dogs; canned beef out of horses and sick cows, and dead bodies out of those who eat it; where we put a man in jail for not having the means of support, and on the rock pile for asking for a job of work; where we licence bawdy houses and fine men for preaching Christ on the street corners; where we have a congress of, four hundred men to make laws and a supreme court of nine to set them aside; where good whisky makes bad men and good men make bad whisky; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and made rich for teaching a lie; where professors draw their convictions from the same place they do their salaries; where preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to dodge the devil and tickle the ears of the wealthy; where business consists in getting property in any way that won't send you to the penitentiary; where trusts hold up, and poverty holds down; where niggers can vote and women can't; where a girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her male partner flourishes as a gentleman; where the political wire puller has displaced the statesman; where the men vote for the thing they do not want one day and curse it for 304 days after; where we have prayers on the floor of our national capitol and whisky in the cellar; where to be virtuous is to be lonesome the floor of our national capitol and whisky in the cellar; where to be virtuous is to be lonesome, and to be honest is to be a crank; where we sit death of manhood's grandest aim; the death to all that is good and pure in life; it is the curse that holds this world in bondage and servitude.

But what of the future? What is our destiny?

Are we to travel this rocky road of competitive the untutored Indian eternal life from the Bible, and try to kill him off with had whisky, where and try to kill him off with bad whisky: where we put a man in jail for stealing a loaf of bread, and send him to congress for stealing a railroad; where the checkbook talks, where sin walks in broad daylight, where justice is asleep where crime runs amuck, where corruption permeates the whole social and political fabric and the devil laughs from every street corner. Come to us Fillies, we've got the greatest aggregation of good things and bad things; hot things and cold things. all sizes, varieties and colors, ever exhibited under one tent.

> Other comrades made good talks but space will not permit a report of the same.

> The executive board has decided to open the spring campaign with a series of meetings to be conducted by George R. Kirkpatrick, formerly of the Chicago university. Mr. Kirkpatrick comes highly recommended by organized labor. Dates are being arranged which will likely be from March 8 to 14.

## From Davenport

To the Editor: Davenport is still alive and doing business at the old stand. Comrade Strickland will be with us next month at which time some of our old party politicians will be forced into doing "one thing or the other." They will quite likely do the other, that is, keep

At the last regular meeting of Local Davenport the following officers were

Recording Sec'y-B. W. Wilson. Financial Sec'y-Wm. Stelk. Organizer-C. M. Osborn. Literary Agent-Carl Pingel. Treasurer-A. K. Gifford.

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homes. What a grand work that isfinding a home for some motherless or neglected little one, and at the same time carrying sunshine into some childless home. It would indeed be hard to say too much in praise of this work, and yet is not the work of Socialism grander still? Socialism will stamp out those insane, inhuman conditions which make necessary the hunting of homes for children. Iowa may well be proud of hav-

charity at the same time casts a reflection upon itself by admitting the need of

That Socialism is growing apace is evidenced by the increased comments and criticisms by both pulpit and press. This is the time to which we Socialists have been looking for years and our harvest has but begun. To some it might seem that our cause would be hindered by the utterances of a "Rev. Hillis" or a "Father Sherman," but not so. 'Just wait until the people find out the truth and it will go hard with such men. Better homes, a better manhood, a better womanhood and more happiness

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### SOCIALIST PLATFORM

Adopted at Indianapolis, Ind., 1901.

The Socialist party in convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of Inter-national Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the

the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

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

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-in-

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

The economic interests of the capitalist class ominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indis-criminate slaughter is encouraged and the de-struction of whole races is sanctioned in order

dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

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

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes. While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system.

dren. Iowa may well be proud of having men and women who will devote their time and money and their talents to such a cause, but will we not have added reasons for being proud when the little ones are not left to uncertain charity. A community that boasts of its

As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of trans-portation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines; no part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the taxes of the capitalistic class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, and to the improvement of the service, and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the

share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

is what we are struggling for and we have no thought of crying "quits."

Yours for Socialism.

John Mark Labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, the sand food.

clothing and food. Equal civil and political rights for men

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.
7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.
But in advocating these measures in steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the

lic ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the con-



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