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A NATIONAL SOCIALIST LECTURE BUREAU

"Resolved, That the national secretary be instructed to proceed forthwith to the establishment of a lecture bureau. Such bureau shall consist of as many competent and efficient lecturers, members of the party in good standing, as can be secured and utilized. The duty of such lecturers shall be to expound the principles of Socialism, but not to discuss party affairs, policy, or tactics. The national secretary shall arrange the lecture tours in conformity to the needs of the state and desires of the state organizations where such exist; the expense of the tour shall be divided between the states and locals and organizations affected as equitably as possible. The arrangements of the national secretary shall require the approval of the local quorum and shall be subject to revision by the national committee in the same way as all other acts of the national secre-

The above resolution, passed at the recent meeting of the national committee of the Socialist party, is, perhaps, the most important business transacted by that famous gathering. Of course, the tone of the Socialist press would seem to indicate otherwise. On the surface it appears that the one tremendous question was whether Comrade Mailiey shall have his office in Omaha or Chicago, and whether his advisors shall live on farms or in sight of factory smoke-stacks. After much percussion and discussion these matters will be solved and quite forgotten, but the above resolution is a statement of party policy that will long be with us.

Our movement has now come to the place where the public meeting will be of ever increasing importance. The first converts come mostly through reading. But these are the wise pioneers. Perhaps a majority of voters read little or none. These must be shown. The spoken word will appeal to them, although the printed page may be unheeded. Literature will continue to grow in importance, but public meetings must henceforth be relied upon to introduce, and arouse an interest in, the literature.

The wisdom of the national committee in providing for a national Socialist lecture bureau is very apparent. The general plan outlined must be satisfactory, to the "autonomists" and all the rest.

There is one sentence, however, which seems to indicate that the national committee is still living in the past. It is this: "The expense of the tour shall be divided between the states and locals and organizations affected as equitably as possible."

The day has come to stop continually placing our lectures in the expense column. The reason why our strongest Socialist speakers are not working under the auspices of the party is because they cannot endure the strain of being looked upon as a burden. They prefer to work under bureaus which present their lectures as money-makers and not as money-losers.

If this proposed bureau of the national organization is conducted in a progressive, modern way, it will bring, not an expense, but an income to the

There was a time when the public interest in the subject of Socialism was not sufficient for us to hold meetings, save at the expense of the faithful comrades. THE DAY HAS COME TO MAKE THE PUBLIC DO THE PAY-ING FOR OUR LECTURES AS WELL AS FOR OUR LITERATURE. By this means we can keep ten men in the field where we formerly kept one. And the public will appreciate what it pays for, more than what is given free.

After all, we are getting Socialism not for the members of the Socialist party, but for the members of the working class. Let all the workers pay.

F. G. S.

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opposed by a combine of the republicans and democrats, it will be seen that the Socialists were almost as strong as either. It is true the old parties are unable to arouse enthusiasm in their voters in cities if the Socialists intend to take at a school election and consequently the vote of last Monday cannot be taken for the purpose of comparing the relative strength of the three parties. However, there can be no question but that the Socialists have made great gains since last fall, when their vote in the city for secretary of state was 753. While the Socialists undoubtedly received the votes of many union men be-Donald by the moiders union, they also branch at that place.

ost many votes because of the open alloting employed in the school elecions, many being too timid, or because f business or other reasons, to have it nown they were Socialists. All in all here is no occasion for regret on the art of the Socialists and the non-partians are not crowing over their victory, s will be noted from the following ediorial of the Dubuque Times:

While they did not carry the school lection in Dubuque Monday, the Soialists have no reason to regret their participation in the contest. They polled of election: Republicans 42, democrats 81 votes in a total of 2,466. This is 10. Socialists 86. he best showing the party has ever nade in Dubuque. The showing was ue in part to the fight made by organzed labor against one of the candidates n the ticket nominated by the demorats and republicans. Nevertheless hose who have once voted the Socialist icket on one ground will find it easy to lo so again for some other reason. The ocialists have obtained some influence with every man who voted their ticket. They may be expected to show increased trength in the county election next fall. One of the Socialist candidates received majority in the First ward and the ther ran only 31 votes behind the leader on the non-partisan ticket. These results nobody would have predicted two years ago.

It may become advisable to provide the Australian ballot for school elections part in these contests hereafter. The open method of voting tollowed in Mon-day's election would not answer in a close contest. Secrecy could have been obtained at little expense, merely by printing the names of all the candidates on a single slip and requiring the voter

Comrade A. D. Wilson, of Logan Iowa, sends in a club of subscribers, cause of the fight made on A. Y. Mc- and reports the re-organization of the

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Four Socialist candidates were elected t Williamsport, Pa.

At Amesbury, Mass., the entire Socialist board of selectmen were elected.

A Socialist mayor, two council men and a member of the school board were elected at Austin, Pa.

The Socialist party of Chicago recommends the establishment by the national committee of a national school of social

Following the lead of the farm hands, the farm owners of Illinois are organizing against the former. Good! When the city workman joins hands with his country brother there will be "somethin"

A friend of The Iowa Socialist has subscribed and paid for a year's subscription to each of the state secretaries. This is fitting since The Iowa Socialist contains so many notes from the field of agitation and items of interest to all Socialist workers and party organizers and

Expressing his opinion of the injunction of Judge Adams against the Wabash railway employes in St. Louis, Judge Tuley says: "We will reap the at the advance this union has made whirlwind some day from the seeds over its sisters in endorsing Socialism at sown." Certainly. And we'll blame every national convention held since the labor unions, too, and those d-n that year: Socialists.



FREDERICK G. STRICKLAND ..

Will speak on "Ecclesiastical Criticism of Socialism" at Stout Auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 24. Admission free. Everybody cordially invited.

In Sheboygan, Wis., where four Socialist aldermen were elected last spring, the republican and democratic parties have combined against the Socialists for the coming election. And there are still and therefore have to sell their labor at a lot of fool workingmen who divide any price they can get. Labor falls their votes among these stool pigeons of more and more in value; the working capitalism.

At the recent municipal election in Lansford, Pa., the Socialists elected able to buy less and less of the products three councilmen, and the council now they have produced; the sale of goods stands three democrats, two republicans places and four Socialists. Straight tickets for judge of election: Republicans 29, democrats 31, Socialists 136; inspector 10, Socialists 86.

A comrade reports the following incident at the school election in Dubuque last Monday. A group of voters came to the polls together which included a preacher, a judge, a gambler, a lawyer, a merchant, a saloonkeeper and a union workingman. The latter, on whom all the others live, voted the same ticket as they did-the republican-democraticnon-partisan. "Nuf sed."

The Socialist Spirit discontinues publication with the February number. It has been edited for a year and a half at Chicago by Franklin H. Wentworth, and general regret is expressed at its suspension. The final issue announces that although funds have been gratuitously offered for its continuance Mr. Wentworth does not feel justified in accepting them. He urges the comrades to support the weekly Socialist papers and says that whatever he may have to to retire to a booth before casting his say in print in future will appear in the party press. The unexpired subscriptions to the Socialist Spirit will be filled out by The Comrade or refunded in cash to the subscriber at his option.

Another Fatal Objection to Socialism



First Globe Trotter-I understand there would be no money under Socialism. Second Ditto-So I have been told

First G. T .- Well, how would people who wished to travel in foreign countries be able to

pay their way? Second Ditto-I don't know. I suppose that's why Socialism is said to be impracticable.

Brewery Workmen of America held at introduce another, a more just system. Cincinnati, Ohio, of almost 200 delegates there was only one who opposed the endorsement of Socialism. When one reads the following declaration of principles or preamble to the constitution of this national union which was adopted in 1897, one ceases to wonder

"In our society of today there are two classes whose interests are directly opposed to each other. On the one side stands the propertied class, that owns almost all the land, all the houses, the factories, the means of communication, all the machines and raw material, all the means of life. Compared with the nation at large this class is only a small

On the other side stand the workers who possess nothing but their physical and intellectual labor-power, and this they are compelled to sell to those who own the means of production. workers number millions.

It is to the interest of the propertied class to buy labor at the cheapest possible price; to produce as much as can be produced, and to heap up wealth. The few hundreds of thousands who compose the propertied class, take from the workers the greater part of the wealth they have created.

Of all the product of their toil the millions of workers receive only just as much as enables them to eke out a miserable existence.

Every new invention in machinery, every new discovery of natural forces, enures to the benefit of the propertied class alone, which is still further enriched thereby. Human labor, as a consequence, being constantly more and more displaced.

The superfluous workers have to live. people become all the time more and more impoverished, their consumptive capacity continually declines; they are The crisis has come.

The propertied class has taken into its service the state, the police and the militia, the press and the pulpit, whose task is to declare the sanctity of, and to defend the possessions that others have created for them.

On the other side stand the workers in their millions; without the means of life; without rights; defenseless; betrayed and sold out by state, press and pulpit. It is against them that the weapons of the police and militia are directed.

Taking all these facts into consideration we declare:

1. That in order to emancipate themselves from the influence of the class that is hostily arrayed against them, the working class must organize locally, nationally and internationally; must oppose the power of capital with the power of organized labor, and must champion their own interests in the workshop, and in municipal, state and national affairs.

2. National and international unions are in a position to exercise a great influence on production, on wages, on the hours of labor; to regulate the question of apprenticeship; to uphold their members in various emergencies.

3. The struggles which they naturally have to wage with the organized power of capital bring them to a recognition of the fact that individual unions must unite in one large league, which shall proclaim the solidarity of the interests of all, and give mutual support. Soon thereafter will come the recognition of the fact that our whole system of production rests exclusively upon the shoul- elected the chief burgess against a com-A sample is an invitation to subscribe. ders of the working class, and that this bine of republicans and democrats.

At the late convention of the United latter can, by simply choosing to do so.

The self-conscious power of capital, with all its camp-followers, is confronted with the self-conscious power of abor.

4. There is no power on earth strong enough to thwart the will of such a majority, conscious of itself. It will irresistibly tend toward its goal. It has natural right upon its side. The earth, and all its wealth, belong to al. All the conquests of civilization are an edifice, to the rearing of which ril nations for thousands of years past, have contributed their labor. The results belong to the community at large. It is organized labor that will finally succeed in putting these principles into actual practice, and in introducing a condition of things in which each shall enjoy the full product of his toil.

THE EMANCIPATION OF THE WORKING PEOPLE WILL BE ACHIEVED ONLY WHEN THE ECONOMIC AND THE POLITICAL MOVEMENTS HAVE JOINED HANDS.'

The United Brewery Workmen of America have the strongest labor organization in the country today. With a membership of 40,000 they control over NINETY per cent of the breweries. Politics in the union" doesn't appear to have hurt this organization very much. No sign in this union of "disruption" or any of these other bugbears with which the wiley politicians of the old parties frighten the unionist. Brother Union Man, just read this declaration of principles over and over again-till it starts your thinker to working.

We have seen and heard of some very strange ideas as to what Socialism is, but the following which was given out by Bishop Quigley in an interview for the Chicago Record-Herald is the most remarkable muddle on the subject we have ever seen:

Then again, the term "Socialism" is a very broad one. There is what is known as the Socialist labor party, which has for its object the securing of its aims through legislation, in other words, through political action. With many of the tenets of this kind of Socialism, as stops, production is checked, and in places it comes altogether to an end. cal channels, the church has no quarrel. The holy father himself has many times dwelt on the vast advantage to the whole Christian world of a form of Christian Socialism. But the work of the agitators who call themselves "Social Democrats," and who strike at the foundations of liberty and justice, is something vastly dif-ferent. The aims they have would, if successful, mean the destruction of human liberty, the sweeping away of all property and property rights and universal chaos. That kind of Socialism and religion cannot mix. Where it flourishes Christianity dies.

How it must make Daniel DeLeon smile to know the bishop or the church has no quarrel with the socialist labor party but only with the "Social Democrats." This calls to mind the old saying "a little knowledge is a dangerous

"No Socialist writer can be read by decent women," says Father Sherman. It's a toss-up between Father Sherman and Bishop Quigley as to which can make himself most ridiculous in displaying his ignorance of the subject or its willful misrepresentation. However, "'tis an ill wind that blows nobody good." As a result of Father Sherman's statement, we predict an increased sale of Socialist literature to feminine read-

At Landsdown, Pa., the Socialists

are twin cemeteries of white sepulchers. himself to keep pounding away at his

the idea of giving the court of cassation them into good Socialists. Constantly the power to annul laws, like the courts dropping water will wear away a stone. of this country. The courts of the That is a physical fact. It is just as United States in reality have not the legal power to declare a law unconstitu- position on Socialism to the unbeliever tional and thereby annul the will of the will cause him to begin to believe in it people. They usurped that power. The French are to be congratulated on the fact that their courts have not been cerebration, rather than conscious reaso overreaching. They had better learn a lesson from us, however, and withhold him that he is beginning to believe in it any further power from the courts. If a he may try to drive it out of his mind. careful study of our institutions teaches them nothing else it ought to teach them that the judiciary must be watched in friends that he positively does not beorder to keep it from encroaching upon lieve it. But, all the time they can see the rights of the people and especially of the working masses.

* * "May it always carry messages of happiness." Such were the words of the young woman who christened the new trans-Atlantic cable the other day. Why not? What excuse is there for the cable carrying any messages other than those of happiness, unless it be messages of death or accident? The people who those people? Socialism will be the end conjured up this incantation for the of tenements. It rests with the voters young lady to repeat, however, knew perfectly well that so far as the immediate future is concerned the prayer is in vain. It is as meaningless as the "wire brier limber lock" of the school children. The world is not trying to live at peace and promote happiness. Or, rather, the great majority of the people would like to live at peace and have everybody happy, but the nature of the social system under which we live and the interests of the class which we permit to rule over us will not permit it. The new cable will carry messages of war and carnage, of murder and rapine, of sorrow and disaster caused by the inhumanity of man to man, of the overreaching of business interests and the consequent impoverishment of great hordes of innocent people. We know very well what sort of messages it will bring. It was nothing less than hypocritical for those in charge of the ceremony to have this supplication offered, especially since they are the very people who will most strenuously oppose the introduction of a decent system under which the messages coming over the cable will be joyous. The pleasant feature of the affair, however, is the fact that in spite of the wishes and desires of the offerers of this prayer, it will come true in a few years when the Socialists win out. At least, it will unless the cable is by that time Brother Riis, we will have to get along entirely supplanted by wireless telegraphy.

doubt whatever that Socialism is to be so that future generations will not know earth. There is no guess work about it. realize that your battle was only a toy He knows it. This very cocksureness battle. on the part of the Socialist is an element of strength to the movement. To the novice it looks bigoted at first. But, a after week without ever hitting the spot little time convinces him that a man who you want me to strike? If so, write me. is so certain of his position must have Ask me any pertinent question you some reason for it, especially since he please, and if my x rays will penetrate always finds that man well posted and it they shall do so.

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The enchanting wool-pulling system S. Third street, Clinton, for union of "profit-sharing" is being introduced into non-union factories of Iowa. The Morrison-McIntosh glove works at Grinnell and the Leopold-Rand Co., of Burlington, have made one of these glittering propositions to their employes during the last month. Anything but the of the congress crowded the hall, which

Resolutions of protest to Congressmen | meeting place.

The republican and democratic parties | up-to-date. It also causes the Socialist friends and acquaintances who are as They say the French are considering yet in the clay condition until he molds true that constant reiteration of your in spite of himself. It is perhaps a matter of subtle suggestion or unconscious soning. When it becomes obvious to

He may fight the disposition to accept it. He may declare to his Socialist that he is coming in spite of himself. At last he can stand it no longer. He throws off the mask, openly declares himself a Socialist and is as happy as a

Another tenement house reduced to ashes in New York and several human beings burnt to a cinder. How long will it take the voters of the United States to realize that they murdered whether we shall have Socialism immediately or not. We would have it now had they voted for it. Therefore they are as much to blame morally for the deaths due to the tenement evil as if they had taken an ax and split open the heads of the victims. Don't think for a minute that you are innocent just because you live a thousand miles from New York. You don't even know these people? Probably not. But you know that the tenements are filled with people who are forced to live there by the enormities and barbarities of our social system. You know also that Socialism will cure the evil and that your vote is needed to bring Socialism. Yet you voted against it. So I say you are a murderer. It is phenominally strange how the kindhearted men and women who are engaged in the hopeless task of trying to relieve the slum evil without attacking the system can be blind to the cause of the evil and its cure. Jacob A. Riis, champion slumsman, has written a book entitled "The Battle with the Slum." He has been unsucessfully, but with a great deal of good intention, fighting the slum evil for many years. He ought to know by this time that the task of fighting it with his weapons is utterly hopeless. Yet he says that he has no sympathy with Socialism. Very well, then, without you. If you live ten or twenty years longer, or perhaps less, we will bring Socialism without your assistance. The man who is not yet a Socialist You will then see the slum dissolve besays that Socialism "would" do so and fore the rising sun of Socialism, and so. The Socialist says it "will" do so you will feel so cheap over your battle and so. Any man who has studied the with the slum that you will have a sneakhistory of civilization and once grasped ing desire to buy up all extant copies of of that city. He was nominated on the the import of social evolution has no your book and make a bonfire of them the next stage of human progress on the what an ass you were. You will then

Do I pepper away at you here week

Special Organizer Sam P. Hobbs, of Cedar Rapids, completely organized the meat cutters at the Sinclair packing ment with the company.

The United States Gypsum Co., of Ft. Dodge, is presenting an individual contract presented by the union. None but the pensioners, so far, have accepted Peck avenue, Clinton, to secure union the terms of the company.

Grocery clerks at Mason City have recognition of the union.

Hull against unfair conditions prevailing at the army post are ordered drafted by the Des Moines Trades Assembly resolution committee.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS Davenport, Plumbers and Butcher Vorkmen.

Sioux City, Freight Handlers. Council Bluffs, Team Drivers and Bar enders.

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Mason City, Painters, Electrical Brickmakers, Plasterers, Cigarmakers and Central Labor Union. Waterloo, Clerks, Horseshoers and Broommakers.

Keokuk, Bartenders. Clinton, Car Workers. Ottumwa, Leather Workers.

IN GENERAL.

The call for the eleventh annual convention of the Iowa State Federation of Labor has been issued. Since its appearance, a rate of one and one-third fare, plus 25 cents, has been granted by the Western Passenger Association.

Mr. T. P. Menton, formerly state organizer of the State Federation, has been appointed special organizer for lowa for three months under the A. F. of L. supervision. He has many calls from various cities in the state.

The Miners State Convention is in session in Des Moines. By unanimous vote a resolution was adopted recommending that all locals affiliate with the State Federation of Labor. The following delegates-at-large were elected by the convention: Lawrence Love, Frank Cameron and Robert Cowan.

Ottumwa Trades Assembly held a mass meeting on February 13, followed by a banquet. The after-dinner speakers were C. A. Hagberg and J. F. Byrne cf Ottumwa, John P. White of Albia, and Arthur E. Holder of Des Moines. The meeting was prolific of great good.

The visiting delegation in the interest of the U. P. strikers give a flattering report of the generosity of the Iowa trades unions. Des Moines contributed \$651 .-30, Sioux City \$171.95 and Council Bluffs \$407.50. Other localities in the state have not reported so it cannot be included in this bulletin. The amounts given do not include several thousand dollars contributed from time to time by machinists' and boilermakers' unions.

Congress has adjourned. All the labor aws asked for by organized labor, including the safety appliance measure, anti-injunction bill and the eight hour law, remain in the pigeon holes of the trusts' walking delegates who compose the United States Senate.

Secretaries of local unions are requested to report immediately on their trade union blanks to Labor Commissioner Edward D. Brigham. If the blanks are lost or mislaid send for more. SEMI-POLITICAL.

Mr. E. H. Wills, of Waterloo, has been nominated on a union labor ticket for the office of mayor.

Two union men have been nominated -and their election is assured-for school directors in the city of Keokuk.

The Boone Trades Assembly has endorsed the editor of the Boone Independent, and a member of the Typographical union, for the office of mayor Socialist ticket. J. J. JACOBSEN.

Dubuque Trades and Labor Congress

At the meeting of the Dubuque Trades and Labor Congress Sunday, March 8, delegates from three new organizations -brewers, street car men and hotel and restaurant employs-were installed.

Financial aid was voted the striking paper box makers of Batavia, N. Y.

A communication from the American Federation of Labor was received stating that the request of the congress that F. A. Lymburner be appointed district organizer for the A. F. of L. had been complied with.

Mr. Lymburner reported having organized the brewery workers, button cutters and stage employes during the month, the Dubique Malting Co. and the Star Brewery having signed contracts for three years. These breweries are now strictly union throughout.

Plans were set on foot by the congress for a labor temple that, with the cooperation of all the unions, will be a credit to the organized labor of the city. Delegates Wymer, Dieterich, Ulmer and Ziegler were added to the committee pushing this project.

The largest attendance in the history emphasized the necessity of a larger

Flossie is six years old. "Mamma," she asked one day, "if I get married will I have a husband like pa?" "Yes," replied the mother, with an amused smile. "And if I don't get married will I have to be an old maid like Aunt Operas, Silks, Derbys and Soft Hats is Kate?" "Yes, Flossie." "Mamma," she said, after a short pause, "its a tough world for us women, ain't it."-Co-operator.

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True Philanthropy

if he has given his millions to education from a moral and economic standpoint. or charity, without stopping to question If the church were really in earnest the method he has used to procure his about this matter it would study more monopoly of an industry is enabled, poverty; if it should, it would conclude whenever he chooses, to so regulate the that there are other causes besides inprice of his commodity that he can levy from the people a tribute of one million when finding these causes, if the church thousand dollars to education or charity. heartily as it has intemperance. He does this repeatedly and after a few such performances we give him the title Christ may be considered the greatest alist vultures who know neither leniency of "Philanthropist." The methods that make such a man a multi-millionaire, he "had not where to lay his head." deprive the rising, struggling generation of the opportunity to take advantage of his endowed colleges. Moreover, such coffin was provided by another; He gave ies are Golgothas where little children methods of procuring large surplus earnings produce paupers who make charity DID PREACH AND LIVE A PRIN- the whim of men who have already more gifts necessary.

But nevertheless, the sound of gold as pours into our church, charitable and educational treasuries, deadens the cry of oppression and injustice. We forget the poor women and children whose blood is represented in this ill-gotten natural endowments and the privileges eration of your workers. Are you ingold, who are crushed by the economic system necessary to produce the modern philanthropist; we are blinded to his that will enable man to assist, educate, them and still claim their co-operation? methods and become shorn of our power to resist and denounce them.

We know as a matter of fact that the motives of many men and women as they this is not philanthropy.

Patriotism

By T. A. Masters

edy these conditions.

believe they are right.

Grady: "1 stand for Socialism because

All men who have stood for reform

eulogized. The Socialists are ridiculed gument can prove otherwise. Every

have been ridiculed and after their death

by some and hated by others because

they propose to legislate to give the pro-

ducers the full product of their toil,

whether that toil is performed on the

farm, in the factory, the ditch, the office

or the mine; and whence may result

more ideal conditions than exist at present, and man may follow the true pre-

pity and tears at existing distress but is

powerless to remedy matters on account

of his own poverty. It is nonsense to

assume, even for argument, that poverty and its attendant ills is the fault of the

individual and not of the system. In

Chicago the winter after the Fair there

were 100,000 unemployed men. Now

had there been jobs for this army, the

employers would have offered a premium

Socialism stands for peace."

Dr. John Bascom, ex-president of the contribute of their means to help the University of Wisconsin, stated a few poor are of the very best. The modern months ago: "No money obtained at methods of charity are the best that can the expense of the people can ever be be employed just at this time. But how used for the good of the people." This senseless and inconsistent it seems for statement was made relative to the gift us to uphold methods of procuring of John D. Rockefeller to Chicago Uni- wealth that make paupers faster than we versity. The American people have a can procure the means to support them. habit of calling a man a philanthropist It is "senseless and inconsistent" both vast wealth. A man by gaining the carefully into the scientific causes of temperance and voluntary idleness; and dollars. He then donates one hundred proved honest, would denounce them as

Who then is the true Philanthropist? philanthropist that ever lived and yet, or charity, justice or mercy, and the unwith which to travel; when buried his HOOD, a principle which would bring squander in an hundred generations. a co-operative commonwealth, one that would give all men equal opportunities of procuring education and refinement. sensible to the true condition of your furnish them crutches free of charge-

portion to the necessities, it is hard to aside for a rainy day. And just as long If anyone had told me when I was a boy at school that I would some day be a Socialist, I would have thought him crazy. When I used to read of Ethan mercy of the competitive system, which off impending economic disaster. Allan and the boys of '76 my heart would ignores charity and justice and finds swell with pride to think I was an Amerconsolation in the cold, stern announce- party the Leonidas who stands between ican, and it seemed like forswearing ment that "business is business." It allegiance to my country to be a Socialstraugles love and charity, for many a ist. But I saw enough poverty and man would rush into a burning building misery around me to often cause me to or plunge into the water to rescue a perwonder if there were no means to rem-Through association with men of liberal ideas I became familiar with the theories of the Socialists, and I sincerely Now I believe the best patriot is he contribute to their material needs. Now practical reality and not a dream. who sees his country's errors and wisely as we receive everything essential to our and honestly tries his best to remedy existence from society so we ought to them. And I am proud to say in the words of that nobleman, Father Mc-

necessities and low rate of wages in pro-

Everything in existence has been formed and operates by co-operation.

The human body owes its health and ex
Centerville, Edward Lowrey.

Clearfield, Wm. McGinnis. istence to the co-operation of its differ-ent organs, and when one of those Davenport, B W. Wilson, 323 E 15th St. Deloit, Stanley Browne. cepts of the Golden Rule, which it is very unprofitable to do under the present system. Many a man is moved to pity and terror of the Golden Rule, which it is very unprofitable to do under the present system. Many a man is moved to pity and terror of the Golden Rule, which it is very unprofitable to do under the present system. Many a man is moved to pity and terror of the Golden Rule, which it is very unprofitable to do under the present system. Many a man is moved to pity and terror of the Golden Rule, which it is very unprofitable to do under the present system. Many a man is moved to pity and terror of the Golden Rule, which it is very unprofitable to do under the present system. State of the Golden Rule, which it is very unprofitable to do under the present system. The golden Rule is the golden Rule, which it is very unprofitable to do under the present system. The golden Rule is the gold welfare of the state depends upon the hiteman, Wm. Truman, Hocking, Thomas Love, hearty co-operation of every member in the performance of his proper co-opera-tive productive duties. Just so if one Logan, A. D. Wilson.

no equivalent return is a parasite and a

drone in the hive of society, and no ar-

man who gives anything uselful to so-

for men, but there were jobs for but a and maintained by the co-operation of Sheldon, E. W Farnsworth few, and the result was wages were cut the people, and in their infant state Sigourney. Edward J. Robrer. Sioux City, John E. Shank, 614 Bluff St. men. For the employers knew their contributed a share of effort to the genpoverty compelled them to accept anyeral upbuilding of the state. But in time. thing offered them. This is modern when wealth increased, a few of the peobusiness. Profiting off of some one's ple assumed all of this wealth and with to separate addresses for four weeks. misfortune is evidence of the spirit of it the power, and forced the balance of the jackal and vulture, and is in opposi- the populace to perform the productive tion to the spirit of justice and also of duties and reduced them to abject building, makes a specialty of drawing Socialism. It may be said the men had slavery. The result was the producers wills and settling estates. squandered their earnings and had failed became dissatisfied, failed to co operate to provide for a rainy day—and in some for the good of their oppressors, and as cases this was true, but in a very few- a consequence the empire feil. This is for in view of high prices charged for true of Rome. Who has not read of the

wealth and grandeur of old Rome? Founded by Romulus, who with his shovel worked with the men who dug the trenches for the walls of the city, by the co-operation of her subjects she rose to first rank among the nations of that day. But the Roman masters became cruel, and neglected and degraded their workers, and finally the people became disinterested in her welfare, they failed to co-operate, and when the Gothic barbarians came down from the North the sun went down forever on the Roman Empire. So it will be with all nations who neglect their workers. From the accounts of conditions prevailing in the anthracite coal fields and the Coeur d'Alene district, one must realize that bad conditions exist here in America.

O, America! Take warning from the death of those old empires. Heed the ords of the poet:

Ill fares that land, to hastening ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates and men decay. Princes and lords may flourish or fade,

A breath can make them as a breath has made:

But a bold peasantry; the country's pride, When once destroyed can never be supplied.

O, America! You leave your workers at the mercy of unfair judges and capitconstitutional injunction is the response His friends had to furnish him funds to the appeal of your workers jor justice and arbitration. Your Southern factorno large sums to charity. BUT HE are crucified on a cross of gold to satisfy CIPLE OF UNIVERSAL BROTHER- of this world's goods than they can

O, America! How can you sanction by your silence this iniquity? How to earn a living to enjoy the necessities much longer will you slumber, while and luxuries of life, freedom to follow greed and injustice destroys the co-op-To advocate and inaugurate a principle people? Can you persistently neglect and develop himself-this is true phil- How much longer can the present sysanthropy. To cripple men and then tem endure? How much longer till the patriotism and love of your workers is engulfed in the maelstrom of social inequality and economic discontent?

O, America! Summon again to your side the bold, fearless spirit of Patrick meet present demands, let alone lay Henry. Summon again to your council the justice-dealing, liberty-loving minds as men receive only a part of what they of Faneuil Hall. Summon again to your produce or give to society, their condi- ranks the valor and patriotism of Valley tion will remain as at present-at the Forge and Trenton, that you may ward

> O, America! Behold in the Socialist you and anarchy, chaos and decay!

Socialists! I hope you love America enough to use wisdom and zeal for her welfare. Be fair and loyal and with son whom they had refused the price of mighty, united effort, like the Carthaa meal an hour before, showing that ginian of old who hurled his javelin over goodness is in the heart of men, but the Roman wall, bend yourself to the they hate to part with money. They task, push onward and upward and never would also pray for the poor by the tire until you have demonstrated that week, but they leave it to the Lord to the co-operative commonwealth is a

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The Socialist party in convention assembled reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the

reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by individual workers. Today, the machine, which is an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and no. by the workers. The ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides society into 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.

The economic interests of the capitalist class

virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indisprobt, wars are tomented between nations, mais-criminate slaughter is encouraged and the de-struction of whole races is sanctioned in orzer that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at

But the same economic causes which developed about 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 upbolding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production.

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, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices in order to facilitate the attainment of this end. As such means we advocate: As such means we advocate:

As such means we advocate:

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

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the finely for the product of the produc

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.

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March 31-April 6-Aspen, Colo

From the Field

Anderson, Ind., is wide awake. Comrades Macomber, Gains, Morris and many others are as active as ever and their faithful work is beginning to tell. Comrade Arnold is still the lookout man at Columbus, Ind. Just now a strike or two among the trades unions is on hand and the opportunity presents itself of telling our striking brothers why they must strike and where they can strike the hardest. Comrades Emma Piel, Giltner, Fuller, Cooper and others make a strong working force for Social-

Changing cars, coming and going, at Greensburg, Ind., I met Comrades Edkins and Stout who are bearing the all O. K. now. Will see you soon.

At Westport, Ind., Comrades Keith

and Carder had the town well stirred. Some of the old stagers left early, but they could not be expected to hold much at the first sitting.

You will find a lively group of young Socialists at Connersville, Ind. There are Comrades Krautter, Hassler, Brockman and a score of others. Something is going to happen in Connersville.

Richmond, Ind., is a conservative Quaker town, but the Socialist group has cracked the shell. Indianapolis has loaned Comrade Le Page to Richmond. Then there are Comrades Kepler, Lane, Ritchie and a host of others whose names I have not at hand just now.

Dayton, Ohio, has a booming Socialist movement. Their Sunday afternoon meeting filled G. A. R. hall. All the old guard is there and many new workers have added their names to the roll. Comrade Critchlow is busy at his desk, and Comrade Gardner is constantly employed as local organizer. F. G. S.

I have been laid up with the grip; am Socialist emblem in the town where Regards to all the boys. I speak twice Comrade Wayland started the Coming tomorrow-afternoon and evening. My address is Aspen until further notice.

Correspondence

At National Headquarters

Omaha, Neb., March 7, 1903. The Washington dispatches in a Massachusetts paper announcing that the republican national committee, through Mark Hanna, chairman, has outlined plans for a mighty campaign of "education" against Socialism, should arouse every Socialist to the necessity of organization. We must be prepared to meet our enemies fully equipped for the great battle. They are organized and we must be organized also. We have been working for years for this fight and now we must work harder than ever.

Organize! Organize!! Organize!!! Local charters have been granted during the past week to Norfolk, Va., and Fairhope, Ala. The South is wak-

A three months' lecture tour of the carpenters unions in the middle western states is being arranged for Comrade John W. Slayton, of New Castle, Pa., Socialist councilman and business agent of the Trades and Labor Assembly of that city. Slayton is a good talker and will do lots of good.

John C. Chase addressed fifteen meetings in Florida, had large crowds and organized two new party locals. He reports that state as the most promising for Socialism he has visited.

The new edition or the national platform, containing the "anti-fusion" and the "trade union" resolutions adopted at the last National Committee meeting is now ready. This makes an effective four page propaganda leaflet that should be widely distributed. They cost \$1.00 of March 7 is a hummer. "Trades per thousand, prepaid. Furnished in Unionism and Socialism" by C. O. Jones, any quantity by the National Secretary, 10-11 Arlington Block, Omaha, Neb.

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Carey, Socialist, contended that the 34,-000 men who voted the Socialist ticket last election were entitled to see the votes counted; that at least 6,000 votes had been stolen from the Socialist party last election day. Luce, a leading republican, attacked the Socialist party, saying it was but a side issue and Socialism-could not be realized in 500 years unless human nature was changed. He predicted a revolution, as in France, if the Socialists continued agitating. Mac-Cartney, Socialist, scored Luce, showing that the republican was illogical, in first claiming Socialism as too idealistic to be realized and in the next breath denominating it as a monster inciting bloody revolution; that the Socialist party was a legal party and should have representation. "What are the anti-Socialists afraid of?" asked MacCartney, 'Luce said the Socialists would have to whip the republicans in order to receive ecognition. Well, gentlemen, we will whip them. They do not stand for a fair count, and of what good to us is a ballot the purity of which has been handed to us from our fathers, if in the last moment they are counted by our enemies.'

Comrade S. J. Hampton, of Bonham. Texas, and State Secretary Morgan of Nebraska are preparing to make organizing tours of their states.

In ten towns in Massachusetts where the Socialists had a ticket in the election of March 2, the total Socialist vote increased from 1,622 in the last state elec-

A Boquet For Our Contributors

Ryan, Ia., March 9, 1903.

"Bishop Spalding on Socialism" by the Observer, "X Rays" by John M. Work, "Standard Objections to Socialism and K., and last, but not least, Comrade "Father Boeding Again." Well, Well, Comrade Boeding! I can reach out the hand of fellowship to the reverend gentleman for the meritorious work he is doing for the great cause of Socialism -even more than Comrades McGrady and Hagerty, with whom I am personally acquainted. I hope to meet the new comrade in the near future.

Well, Comrades, The Iowa Socialist certainly must needs be successful with such able contributors and staff. I hope Receipts for February. every Socialist in the state will do his or her part to help increase its circulation. Enclosed find another dollar for which please send The Iowa Socialist to the enclosed addresses, and remember me kindly to Comrades Boeding and Dieter-CHAS. HICKETHIER.

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comrades will read and remember. Prof. Socialist scheme. One writer was not Geo. R. Kirkpatrick began a course of exactly opposed to the move and yet lectures in Socialist Hail Sunday after- worked against it for fear the Socialists noon and will continue through the might gain a little prominence in case week. The two lectures delivered thus the proposition should carry. far, "Wages and Trades Unions" and priests of the city made the most of the "Justice to the Toilers," were the best I situation and attacked the Socialists in have ever heard delivered on the Socialist platform. He is a forceful speaker, driving every point straight home with a clincher. The audience is kept shouting approval all the time and at the Church, but true to the rule of the past close of each lecture new converts are he fails to give any of the whyfores and plentiful. As the professor is soon to visit the home of The Iowa Socialist, I hope you will not be able to find a hall large enough to hold the people.

"Krank."

Secretary Jacobs' Monthly Report

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 11. Davenport branch dues for Dec. Ryan, Ia., March 9, 1903.

Dear Comrades:—The Iowa Socialist Feb. 11. Sigourney branch dues for Jan. Feb. 11. Sigourney branch dues for Jan. and Feb. 13. Hocking branch dues for Jan... Feb. 13. Hocking branch, supplies ... Feb. 17. Des Moines branch dues for Feb. Feb. 21. Mrs. K. R. Courtright, memberat-large, dues for February. Feb. 26. Scanda branch dues for Feb. Feb. 26. Logan branch (re-organized) dues for March
Feb. 26. Logan branch, supplies. Feb. 28. Muscatine branch, application cards .30 for January.....

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School Election at Davenport

Another Davenport school election has become history. The Socialists had no ticket in the field, but instead interested themselves in the "Free Text I feel that a three column report from Book" question which was voted on. Sioux City this week would not do jus- The proposition for "Free Books" lost tice to the cause, yet as space is not at by 190 votes, the city thus voting herour command, I must crowd the three self a back number. Quite a number columns in a few lines which I hope all opposed it on the ground that it was a

the regulation way. Father Davis says:
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