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Every Socialist a Grain of Radium

Big timber, Mont., Feb. 2, '05.
Comrades: I was much impressed the other day by a comrade, who in talking to me said: "Every Socialist is a grain of radium. He is an everlasting storehouse of energy, is giving off this force in light, which pierces everything."

It is due to the efforts of such class conscious comrades, that we made the grand showing, which was registered at the polls last fall. But my friends, there was a great number of us who did not do their duty, when they registered their protest against the present capitalistic party on the 8th day of November. They did not live up to the obligations which they assumed as Socialists, when they rested on the laurels of having "voted right" for they should have watched and worked unceasingly, to see that the sacred rights which are invested in us as American citizens were not violated. They should have used every effort to persuade their fellow laborers to cast a vote for the principles which our platform represents.

Now that election is over, and the masses have declared themselves for the principles of capitalism, those who were neglectful of their duty on that day, can redeem themselves by working without intermission for the cause, and pile up a vote in 1908 that will carry us on to Washington. They can become, as our comrade aptly expressed it, "a grain of radium."

There is no plausible reason, nor no intelligent objection which can be offered by any man, why Socialism should not be adopted, as the method of running our government. It is the embodiment of true democracy. It guarantees to all the citizens the greatest personal freedom, the greatest scope for the expression of their individuality, the most equitable system of production and distribution; laws which cannot help but raise them to a higher plane of social intercourse; and last, but not least protects their homes, and guards with zealous care all that has made home sacred in their sight. It is the only system that will render society immune from the exploitation of avaricious men. It guarantees to every man, woman and child all the rights, privileges, necessities luxuries, which are and should be theirs, and prevents any one from usurping the rights which are inher-

ent to liberty and justice.

All these facts are strenuously denied by the self appointed guardians of our country. They are denied by the Parry-ites of the citizens (?) alliance. They are denied in the same breath, as are the principles of the constitution, by the Bells and Peabodys of this nation. Yet, when challenged by the members of our party, to open debate; when asked to prove by logic and not by vituperation, that the statements which they have cast against the integrity of the Socialist party, are not as false as the men who utter them—these men (?) either evade, or utterly refuse to accept the challenges of our defenders. There can be but one reason for it comrades, and that is, that they know they are liars, perjurers, and dare not publicly voice the sentiments, which they are so anxious to have you believe as truths.

Socialism, teaches that all the natural resources are the property of the people, to be used and governed for their greatest welfare and comfort. That all the means of production are the property of the people, to be operated, and the products of their operation, to be the common property of the people as a unit. We are taught that the value of the products shall be measured by the time, or labor cost of their production and distribution, and that they shall be sold at their actual time or labor value. That labor shall receive compensation for its work, consisting of certificates, or credit slips for the performance of a certain number of hours of work, and that these certificates shall have a purchasing value of an equitable number of hours work represented in the products of any form of labor. In fixing the value of any commodity, we shall take the average, not the individual time production, as the standard for its value. Personal property rights shall not include means of production, and in no case shall exceed proportions that may jeopardize the public welfare. All personal property rights of an unproductive nature, while limited, shall be as sacred as the laws of man can make them. No debt except the public debt to other nations, shall be considered legal, for every man will receive an equal share of the products of the nation and therefore will have no excuse for being in debt. The

proper provisions shall be made for those who are dependent upon the nation for support, such as widows, orphans, the aged, cripples, insane, etc. They will not be what we call today public charges, but their rights to an equal share of the productions will be as undeniable as are those of a child to the bounty of its father's table.

There is no necessity for reviewing any more of the principles or benefits to be derived from Socialism for it is the practical evolution from the old law of "the survival of the fittest," to the more humanitarian one, which was taught on earth two thousand years ago by the Savior of mankind. Surely no man can refuse to believe, that these principles, which have held our respect and admiration for centuries, will, when applied to practical life, entail all the misery and suffering, which our capitalistic friends point out would be ours were we to adopt the Socialist form of government. Can you not see that it is not the interests of the majority of the people, that causes these betrayers of humanity, to protest so loudly? It is the fact, that a class conscious body of men have banded together, determined that the laws of justice, equality, and humanity shall prevail. It is because the self-appointed lords of the earth, air and seas are facing the inevitable consequences of their own duplicity, that they now cringe and bewail the fate of our glorious republic. It is because they would prefer to seduce your manhood and wring from each drop of your life's blood those gilded tokens, that bring to them all that lust, passion and unlimited desire gives birth to. It is for this, that these human vampires take such solicitude in your welfare. This republic is found upon the brawn and muscle of its labor. It has won first rank among the nations, through the cunning and inventive genius of its artisans. In winning these laurels, we have drunk too deep of our success. We have been over confident of our security. Today we awake to the fact that the ones, who have been foremost in chanting the greatness of our deeds, have been busy at the same time fastening the shackles of servitude upon us. They have tried to wrest from off our brows the crown our forefathers placed there. They have tried to deny to us the God given rights to citizenship and elective franchise. Today when labor, through the Socialist party, demands complete restitution of these rights, today when its might, labor tears the bonds which have been so cunningly woven about its limbs, these traitors to freedom, who have tried to accomplish their dastardly de-

signs upon our right to liberty, dare to tell us, that, that which we produce belongs to them; that labor is but the tool, which by Divine right, has been made a gift for their own exploitation. That labor has no right, but to slave, and suffer, that capital may live as a parasite; sapping from us the rich red blood which has given this nation its life.

Comrades! There is but one path which we can follow that will lead us to our ultimate goal. We do not claim to have a panacea for all the ills of humanity, but we do claim that Socialism is the only scientific and universal plan whereby the greatest good will be done to the greatest number of the people of our land. It is not the theory of a silver tongued orator, thought up in a night to catch the fancy of an idle rabble, but the deductions of our greatest thinkers of the most eminent students of political economy. It is a path strewn with the bodies of those who have given their whole lives, that its truth should live, and today it stands paramount to any issue of modern times.

The very fact that Socialism is not a local nor a national issue but an international one, should of itself be sufficient evidence of its potency. Therefore I ask you to take upon yourself the responsibility of helping to spread its doctrine among all men. It is a work that needs a million hands and a million tongues that ten million of the proletarian class may hear and learn its truths. That we may show to the world that our forefathers did not put their trust in us in vain. We must each be that grain of radium, we must work until we have flooded the minds of all our fellow men with the beauties and the broadness of the Socialist propaganda, and in 1908, when our banner waves over the nation's capitol at Washington, we may rest assured that our work has been worthy of any and all sacrifices we may have made for its sake.

Oh man! Who, fettered by some lingering doubt, hath paused—
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Fraternally,
L. RUSSEL WHEADON.

Socialists should see that their city tickets are in the field this month. Don't fail.

The workers of Russia at least made the zar "come through."

Called to Task On Certain Acts

Editor Montana News:—

I have read the manifesto, lately issued in Chicago, calling together a meeting to be held there in June of this year for the purpose of forming an industrial union. As a Socialist I favor this plan of organization along the union line. But as to the interpretation of the manifesto, per se, I am somewhat astray. The manifesto declares that the union is to be conducted "along the lines of the class struggle" to gain economic power but is to eschew politics of any nature. Does not this appear to you somewhat ambiguous, or inconsistent, inasmuch as the personnel of this movement are Socialists, and have been continually declaring through the columns of their journals, on the rostrum, and elsewhere, that only politics—Socialist politics, and that alone can the workers gain economic power, in controlling the means of production and upon which their existence depends?

It seems next to impossible for a Socialist, who is directly aligned with the union movement, whether in the editorial capacity, or as an official of the union, to place himself solidly on a political working class rock and remain there.

Is our system to be revolutionized behind the backs of the working class? Surely the Socialists should be above the policy, patchwork, poulitice and reform practices, that have for years, involved misdirected work. As for myself I favor industrial unionism, based upon working class political action without equivocation; declaring for the principles of Socialism, the world wide political party of the working class.

I note that you are accused of "leaning" toward the S. L. P. That is not a particularly grievous crime in my eyes. Of course I am talking from an individual view point. A goodly number of us wage slaves left the republican and "radical" democratic parties, looking for a more congenial assimilation, and I suspect the same motives will actuate us in making another move if conditions and circumstances warrant. For the past year I have been liberally mixing my Socialist party literature with S. L. P., propaganda work and find it quite appropriate in spots. For instance, I have sent

some of it away back into Massachusetts where the Socialist movement "forged ahead by leaps and bounds" and last November slumped to half its supposed vote at the polls. Some I have sent into Kansas, where the "leaders" and "professors" of the Socialist movement are want to invoke the Divine aid of an All Seeing God, that He may enable capitalists and wage slaves alike, to open the effulgence of their souls, come together, and make a heaven out of this earth. Also, where the Socialist city platform in Olathe, Kansas, a short time since was reduced to a minimum of brevity as follows: "Shall the sidewalks of Olathe be laid with brick or cement?" Quite a little S. L. P., literature I have sent into Milwaukee, the "Berlin" of America, where the Socialist aldermen among other things are interested in securing cheap gas for the small manufacturer. Also I have sent the same propaganda medium into Colorado, where Socialist editors, representing Socialist organizations, and union officials supposedly Socialists, prate 364 days in the year against a system that incubates Peabodys out of the right wing of capitalism, work and vote for a "good" man representing the left wing of the same system, thus deserting the Socialist candidate for governor, who has experienced the pain of capitalistic tyranny.

What other can I do? Aside from one or two Socialist papers, (I read them all) there is not one of the Socialist party papers, but by their silence endorse the irregularities in the S. P., and seemingly lack the moral courage to make comment, and point out the errors. Unfortunately the papers that are honest and outspoken suffer irretrievably, and are called to task for "knocking" by comrades who read more of the capitalistic exposures than real scientific Socialism and party tactics, and conclude that the latter is of no account.

The Socialist movement in this city is aggressive; the comrades keeping alive a constant and unremitting campaign. They have a hall rented here permanently for speaking once or twice a week.

H. LYNCH,
Spokane, Wash., Feb. 5, 1905.

Socialism and economic development go hand in hand.

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WILSHIRE'S DREAM.

The magazine of Gaylord Wilshire has always been considered very conservative, and it was only after the last fall election that the magazine digressed from this path, when jubilant, probably, with the great election returns, it stated, or prophesied a Socialist president in 1908.

Now it seems that Comrade Wilshire, in connection with a million circulation, has had a repetition of that dream. He says:
If I can get 400,000 new subscribers on my list for four years now, it is quite possible that March 1909, will mark the inauguration of the first Socialist president. These 400,000 subscribers by 1906 will mean a circulation of a million in 1908, and a circulation of 1,000,000 in 1908 makes the above prediction a probability.

The only thing to wonder at is the failure of his dream to reach the billion mark. Had Comrade Brack of Clancy, dreamed that dream, it is certain nothing short of a billion with the certainty of a unanimous Socialist electoral college in four years would have been permitted.

Another point is in the following paragraph:
Inasmuch as Wilshire's is essentially designed for propaganda purposes, I hope my fellow members in the Socialist party see the wisdom of my policy of putting "Socialism" rather than "party" as the prominent feature of the magazine.

A blind man could see the "wisdom of your policy." A million circulation or half of it cannot be reached by any paper that "cuts in" on party tactics. That which the comrades need most, they seem least to want. The Appeal is a living example of this. Never has an editorial opinion. Simply propaganda. Worshipped by its "army" whether right or wrong, but never wrong according to the "army." And this must be the line of the propaganda paper it appears. The people, even the Socialists, remind the writer at times of the neighborhood of boyhood days, when the little country weekly raised the ire of some one because it told truth—that hurt. If the news were flattering then it was pronounced a good paper. Of course it could deride other neighborhoods and all would say, amen!

This is the parallel of the paper on tactics and the one on propaganda.
What the party needs of men like Comrade Wilshire, is more on party organization; the field is well flooded with propaganda, but owing to the fact that the paper that takes up the party tactics side of the question, meets with hardship, shrunken circulation and possibly failure, many steer shy. However this will all be necessary before we establish Socialism and it will take over four years, too.

Now as to the dream of four years hence. Just look over the daily papers and see the trend of the capitalist class and it hardly seems possible that a person could even dream of such a thing as a Socialist presidential success in 1908.
While trade unions exist as they do today; while laboring men are

drawing comparatively high wages in thousands of places; while the west is being opened by the great national irrigation project; while the countless, small, mortgage ridden farmer remains a capitalist in mind; while employees are being given a certain per cent of the receipts of the business of some factory beside their wages; while Teddy is making the people (not the Socialists) believe that he is curbing the trusts; while the Gompers-Mitchell fake labor leaders stand at the head of organized proletarians, and are an expression of the intelligence of that class, and dine at sumptuous rich men's feasts and become the recipients of rich men's diamond offerings, Socialism is not within a possibility in four years to come.

Have another dream Comrade Wilshire, and make it a billion circulation, and barring the Utopian part of a Socialist president in 1908, the News will lend you all its assistance to further your propaganda magazine, and an education of the masses to Revolutionary Socialism when the proper time arrives.

WHERE THE RUB COMES IN.

The Western Clarion, a Socialist publication of Vancouver, B. C., announces in its issue of January 28 that it has resumed publication, and that it has come to stay, this time, after a strenuous life of up and down in the financial field.

In an editorial headed "The Lesson" the Clarion gives utterance to the following thought which our readers will see sounds the truth all around the world:
A considerable number of alleged Socialists are even now afflicted with the reform or palliative notions and ideas. They are still lead away with the delusion that the condition of the working class can be improved while the powers of government still remain under the control of the political henchmen of capital and the industries of the world still wear the garb of capitalist property. Such persons, however, well intentioned, do not belong in the camp of the revolutionary proletariat. They may upon occasion vote the Socialist ticket, but at the first succeeding opportunity are quite likely to desert and throw their support in favor of some particular movement that for the moment appears to promise the furtherance of their pet reform or patchwork hobbies. The clearly revolutionary vote, on the contrary, never wavers. Recognizing that the condition of the workers can be bettered only by and through the abolition of the present system, it can neither be swayed from its course by sentimental considerations, nor the prospective success of so-called remedial measures.

How true. And "opportunism," like a lie gets half way around the world before truth gets its clothes on. There is a great deal of thought in that short paragraph, for today, the world over, the power of the Socialist movement depends upon those principles stated, which depend wholly upon thorough and efficient organization.
To make a voter, even many of the workers, grasp the proletarian idea, or in other words to weld into their minds the class conscious proposition is tedious, and at times nearly a hopeless case.
An analysis of the vote everywhere shows this.
The "invincible" S. L. P., of this country fell short in Colorado. Economic development appears to be a great factor in producing the desired effect, with education and understanding of the class conscious revolutionary idea.

Like hope, "that springs eternal in the human breast," opportunism, reform patchwork for pet hobbies of the bourgeois mind, the promise, etc., appeal to the class who are not grounded in the Socialist philosophy.
The fall of their straw men and the vanishing of the Santa Claus dreams appear only to again awake after a lethargic stage for a time with more of that spasmodic whoop a la!—hope, that which the fellow had in his trunk when it was empty.

THEY SHOWED THE WHITE FEATHER.

The compromiser will always "turn-tail" when the real brunt of battle is met, and the incident that happened in Kansas recently when certain alleged socialists—bourgeois, preachers, etc.—were arrested on a criminal charge, was no exception to the rule.
The movement in Kansas like in Minnesota and many other places has become infested with a certain following of middle class freaks. This has led there, to a certain clash between what is known as the "impossibilists" or revolutionaries, and the opportunist, get-things-by-peace-meal, middle class. This conflict grew until recently a libel suit was instituted by the revolutionists against the bourgeois.
Here was where this middle class showed the white feather, according to their own story. Those arrested were: Granville Lowther, A. S. McAllister, Wm. Dye, J. P. Parkhurst, R. B. Ranson, E. Grinstead and Thos. E. Will.
A. S. McAllister was Socialist candidate for governor of Kansas in 1902. Until July last he was a member of the Kansas local quorum and is now national committeeman.
Granville Lowther was Socialist candidate for governor in Kansas in 1904. He is pastor of the peoples church, Wichita, editor and proprietor of Social Ethics and a member of the Kansas local quorum.
Thos. E. Will is associate editor of Social Ethics and secretary-treasurer of the Socialist party of Kansas.
Comrades Dye, Grinstead, Ranson and Parkhurst constitute the remaining members of the local quorum.
The crime with which each of these men is charged is punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or one year's imprisonment in the county jail.
But when it came to going to jail the silk-socks fellows cringed, and in the words of Thos. Will, the compromiser, this is what they did:
The journey to Kansas City in custody was avoided through the courtesy of the deputy sheriff in granting time, and by the prompt dispatching of a lawyer to Kansas City who arranged bond for the appearance of the seven accused men at the next session of the district court beginning March 6.
Had they been newspaper men, they would have known that the libel suit and jail sentence amounted to nothing except a boom for the paper. This would have saved the Appeal from loaning financial assistance to Social Ethics.
But this middle-class have "butted in" to a party they don't belong in and ought to get "on to themselves" and get out; line up with Bryan-Hearst-Watson, et. al. They Showed themselves to be anything but Socialists when they opposed the Kansas City proposition to submit all acts of local quorum and state committee to referendum of the party.
Comrades of the bourgeois stripe, little preachers, fake college professors, grafters, and all other exploiters of labor—get out of the Socialist party. You don't belong in the ranks of the workers; you can't become a proletarian except through economic grind; you are as big a curse and exploiter of labor as Rockefeller, and not a Moses to lead the blind worker out of his present wage slavery; you should not wait to get kicked out; you should get out while it is easy; you are, with all truth and honesty, trying to force Bryan-Hearst-Watson principles,—the ideas of a dying middle class—down the throats of the Socialists. It won't go. The Socialist movement stands for no fusion, compromise, political dickering whereby self-constituted "leaders" always of your class win the plums while the rank and file stand holding the sack—instance the "leaders" and rank and file of the populist party.
Adieu! Mr. Middle Class. Get where you belong; out of the revolutionary Socialist movement and into the camp of the Bryan-Hearst-Watson gang for if the bars of the jail send a shudder down your back now what would you do when the revolution arrives? If by ballot you would die of joy, if by bullet by fright.
Adieu! Mr. Middle Class.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

If you will glance over the advertising columns of the News, you will see that they are fairly well patronized. In return for this patronage it is the duty of the readers of this paper to lend their support to those who support the paper.
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fake class is to be found in the columns of the News, and the best firms of Helena are here represented. Your trade to these people may be small but it will be appreciated, and when you write for their catalogues just mention that you saw their advertisement in the News.
Let us impress upon you again readers, that the advertising patrons of this paper are all responsible first class houses in their lines, and are deserving of your trade; the line up that keeps drawing tighter and tighter in the commercial field makes business keener, and shows conclusively that the liberal patrons of our columns are surely deserving of your trade.
Competition today has driven business to a point where but little deference remains between the different firms as to price or quality, and as a result the trade proposition resolves itself to a reciprocal affair. It therefore becomes the duty of our readers who desire to assist the News to give their trade to our advertising patrons.

The News would be pleased to get more short letters for publication from the comrades over the state. Get up a "scrap" and let us thresh out some of the matters of vital interest to the movement. Socialism depends upon publicity and collective thought for advancement. Secrecy is no good to our cause. Let us have short articles.

Subscriptions are what we need at this end of the gun, comrades. The News ought to have a 10,000 circulation, and we are making a desperate effort to get it. An organizer ought to be put in the field. In fact the organization proposition should be pushed exceedingly hard from now on.

Social Ethics of Kansas has, according to its last issue, about "reached the limit," and two Socialist papers in Oklahoma have thrown up the sponge. It is evident that there are two many Socialist papers

Did you really think that a legislature that elected Tom Carter to the U. S. senate, would pass a good initiative and referendum bill? Not on your life.

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Billings, Mont., Jan. 30, 1905.
The Montana News, Helena, Mont.
Please send me sample copy of the News that I may know what the subscription price is. I think I will want your paper as it is my kind of politics.

Yours Respt.
W. F. COOPER.

[The sample copies have been mailed per your request and the mails will be closely watched for the arrival of your subscription dollar, as it will be the only one from Billings since "Heck" was a pup. The comrades in that neck o' the woods need a spring tonic, little early risers or something of the kind to break-up that tired feeling and lethargic sleep. Parties like Mr. Cooper should have had the News long ago; other literature should have been

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put in his hands; he should have been visited by a comrade and induced to become a dues paying member of the party; all this work should be watched closely by the local. I assume from the above letter that the writer is one who is just becoming interested in the Socialist philosophy. Wake up, comrades! Organize more thoroughly and look after these matters. Thanks to you Comrade Cooper, and now let us get the other 999 during February. —Editor.]

We, the Socialists of Perry, Oklahoma local in meeting assembled, January 26 1905 adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, Brutal murder has again been the reward of the working class; this time the Russian autocracy has slaughtered workingmen, women and children while they were peaceably marching with a bourgeois priest at their head, to petition the czar for redress, and

Whereas, We have learned that all capitalist governments, be they "conservative," republics or autocratic monarchies, treat the workers to a lead and steel diet when they ask for better conditions.

Realizing the beast of capitalism can only be destroyed by the class conscious united action of the workers of the world, we send fraternal greetings to our Socialist comrades in Russia and with Pittsburg, Chicago, Homestead, Couer d'Alene, Hazelton and Colorado in mind we sympathize with the bereaved widows and orphans.

Campitalism must and will give way to International Socialism.

Onward, the Social Revolution!
W. C. BROWN, Chrm.
H. P. REIVES, Sec.

Deitz, Wyo., Feb. 5, 1905.

Dear Comrade: Yours of the 3d received, and was never so much surprised, for I have never received any sub cards from any place since I have been here; so I don't know how I could sell them when I never had any to sell. I have only received four papers since I have been here. That is of the Montana News. Well I have still got the job, but the work here is very poor, only two and three days a week; it is plenty of work, but very poor pay. Now it would be hard for me to sell very many sub cards, but if you send any I will do my best. I will send you a clipping from the Miners Magazine of a miner's life in Deitz; it was written by that noble young man, Randall, who was our delegate from Deitz to the convention of the United Mine Workers; that was man enough to tell John Mitchell what he was, and

you did not get half what he told him, for they did not print it in the press, but if you want it, I will get it for you, and I tell you it is good reading for he had it all typewritten and repeted it here word for word. He is one of our good Socialist members of our local here. We have now over 60 members in good standing and the largest local in the state of Wyoming. We rent the largest hall here every other Sunday night and have large houses; so if you are sleeping in Montana we are just coming out of our holes here in Wyoming. Now Comrade Randall says you can print the miner's life in Deitz if you want to, but his speech against John Mitchell is far better than anything I have read for a long time. Give my kind regards to all the comrades and I will try to get back to Montana next summer if providence permits.

Yours Fraternally,
Wm. DICK.

Havre, Montana, Feb. 6, 1905.

Dear Comrade: Enclosed find check for \$2.00 for subs sent in today. We had a good meeting last evening, but everyone is broke, now, so it is hard to sell any shares on the press, but I will stay with it until I get rid of one at least. Hope you will hold out; don't give up; there are better times in store for you and all others who will hold out to the last.

If you have any extra copies of the News this week address a few of them this way. You did not send any last week, or did they land in the republican postmaster's waste basket?

Fraternally Yours,
A. T. SWANSON.

[The papers were sent, and I will mail a bundle to you this evening, the 8th, which should reach you the morning of the 9th, and will also write the postmaster in regard to the matter. Keep you eyes on these matters comrades and I will see that the papers reach you. Thanks for the \$2; it is the only subscription money that has come in this month. Of course "I'll stay with it;" what would you do if you had the bear by the tail? It's a great graft, eh? Let us see as to subscriptions. On January 19 we received from M. L. Baker of Livingston \$2, and on the 24th \$2 of C. F. Caton, and today, the 7th of February the above \$2 of Comrade Swanson. What do you think of it? How long shall we stay with it? Can we awake the workers? There are surely better times in the future, for the present could scarcely be any worse.—Ed.]

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Helena Socialist Mass Convention Feb. 13.

A mass convention of the Socialist party of Helena will be held on Monday, February 13, at 8 p. m., at 22 Park avenue for the purpose of nominating 7 aldermen, one school trustee in the city of Helena, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

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La mode continues very elastic where sleeves are concerned. The gigot sleeve is much to the fore both in plain tailor made costumes and in dressy afternoon frocks. It is very pretty when shirred, gathered or plaited all the way up the arm.

The long tight fitting cuff is a distinctive feature of the new sleeves and comes as a welcome change after the enormously pouched draperies worn at the wrists. These deep tight fitting cuffs are very becoming to a well shaped arm.

Beautiful embroideries of suede and leather are among the winter's novel-



PEACH SATIN BLOUSE.

ties. The waistcoat is playing an important part on the XV. and XVI. cutaway coats, which are mostly seen developed in handsome velvets. A number of these coats are made of a contrasting shade of velvet from the skirt worn with them and are trimmed with frills and jabots of old lace and brocaded waistcoats, which fasten with wonderfully beautiful crystal and enameled buttons.

The fashionable blouse illustrated is of peach satin. The material is drawn slightly across the figure into a pointed effect and held on each side of the front by revers-like plaited pieces of the satin. The plastron is plaited crosswise and trimmed with two rows of clumsy lace medallions.

FOR WINTER DRESSES.

All sorts of materials are being used this winter. For evening frocks handsome silks and the most ephemeral gauzes and chiffon are equally in favor. As usual, the middle course is the safest, and a delicate, graceful silk is perhaps the most satisfactory.

There is a chiffon taffeta which makes charming party dresses for girls. This fabric recommends itself because it does not crush and always looks fresh and dainty. Then there are any number of muslins, nets and silk batistes. They come double width and make foamy, fluffy frocks.

In pale blue, pink and yellow, batiste is very attractive and has the merit of being inexpensive, costing generally about 75 cents a yard.

The new evening frocks are long all around, but made without trains. The



GOWN OF CLARET CLOTH.

skirts may be as much gathered, befrilled and beruffled as the wearer can stand provided the effect is not clumsy.

A white chiffon frock trimmed with ruchings of the same fabric and a little real lace to be worn with several different sashes and berthas is a splendid investment.

The smart dress illustrated is of a dull shade of claret cloth. The skirt just touches the ground all around and is finely tucked about the waist and trimmed at the hem with silk braid applied in graduated lines and finished

with conventional designs at the top. The bodice is tucked from the shoulder, and on either side of a chiffon emplacement are lines of the braided passementerie. Buttons ornament the vest. Two puffs separated by braid over a high cuff of cloth compose the sleeves.

EMBROIDERY IN COLORS.

One of the prettiest fancies to be recorded in the blouse world is that of hand embroidery done on the material itself, after the manner of treating the linen blouses of last summer. The materials so treated are usually French flannel, nun's veiling or fine cloth and the embroidery stitch is worked in some harmonizing or contrasting color.

A new waist of white nun's veiling has a wide center box plait and groups



VIOLET FAILLE HAT.

of small tucks on each side to give the required fullness. French knots and tiny sprays of flowers worked in pale blue decorate the front, cuffs, collar and shoulder straps. Tiny pale blue enameled buttons are sewed down the center front.

A blouse model that struck an original note by reason of its decorative treatment is of white cloth. The fullness at the top was disposed of in rather wide tucks dotted over with pale blue pin spots, the center box plait, shoulder bretelles, cuffs and collar trimmed with two inch lines of coarse machine stitching.

The illustration shows the sensation of the moment in the way of a dressy hat. It is made of violet faille, and the wide brim is faced with shirtings of violet tulle. A jeweled venetian cap lifts the hat at one side. Around the crown are several white feathers.

THE PASSING OF WHITE.

White as a costume color has been gradually passing out of the sartorial world. Indications in the early fall pointed to pink as the favorite shade of the season, and the prophecy has been perfectly carried out.

Pale blue tints in exquisitely flowered silken stuffs are winning the post of honor, particularly when made up into poupadour evening frocks.

Fluffs and frills are everywhere piled upon gowns in profusion and are the



MANTLE OF OYSTER WHITE CLOTH.

central dominating idea of a costume repeated in an ever widening ripple of trimming.

At the hems the width of skirts is enormous, but materials are so cleverly managed by the expert dressmaker that there is nothing but a soft picturesque mass of fullness not at all complicated.

Irish crochet laces and all the French laces share honors with the sheerest of silk laces in delicate tones of pink, blue or yellow.

Evening wraps are charming. An exquisitely beautiful creation is of palest sky blue velvet. There are about a dozen rows of gatherings around the shoulders that give the fullness necessary to the grace of the cloak. Over the gathering is a double row of silver ball embroidery and above this a high medici collar of ermine. This royal fur and silver embroidery ornament the fronts of the wrap. The sleeves are original and comfortable—large affairs of white satin brocade outlined with silver introduced from wide openings under the arms.

The chic mantle illustrated is of oyster white cloth, with vest and cuffs of pastel green velvet. The buttons outlining the vest are of the "new art" variety carried out in emerald and gold.

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The Socialist legislators in Illinois and the party organization did the right thing when they returned to the railroad companies the free pass books that had been sent them. The Socialist elected to serve the working class cannot and must not accept free railroad transportation bribes.

The small pox epidemic is about over and things at this office are being arranged preparatory to the illustrated lecture tour. It should be made a winner for the organization.

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and Percent of Total.**

The following table shows the official Socialist vote by states and each state's percentage of the total vote:

State	Debs vote	Per cent.
California	29,535	8.911
Montana	5,529	8.705
Oregon	7,619	8.45
Nevada	925	7.633
Washington	9,975	6.952
Idaho	4,949	6.818
Illinois	69,225	6.445
Wisconsin	28,220	6.373
Florida	2,337	5.945
Utah	5,767	5.674
Kansas	15,494	4.773
Minnesota	11,692	4.005
Ohio	36,260	3.619
Wyoming	1,077	3.507
Nebraska	7,412	3.298
South Dakota	3,138	3.093
Iowa	14,847	3.056
Massachusetts	13,591	3.025
North Dakota	2,017	2.874
Connecticut	4,543	2.384
New Jersey	9,587	2.232
New York	36,883	2.23
Maine	2,106	2.182
Missouri	13,008	2.027
Louisiana	995	1.836
Indiana	12,013	1.762
Michigan	8,941	1.721
Pennsylvania	21,863	1.604
Arkansas	1,814	1.558
Vermont	859	1.478
Rhode Island	956	1.402
Colorado	4,304	1.357
New Hampshire	1,090	1.211
Maryland	2,247	1.001
Texas	2,287	.985
Kentucky	3,602	.825
Alabama	853	.783
Mississippi	392	.672
West Virginia	1,574	.654
Tennessee	1,354	.557
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Socialist National Platform

I. We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose the democratizing of the whole of society.

To this idea of liberty the republican and democratic parties are utterly false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enslavement and degradation of labor.

Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the means of rooting out the idea of freedom from among the people. Our state and national legislatures have become the mere agencies of great propertied interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges of our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign and weaker peoples, in order to establish new markets for the surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy. They are gradually so invading and restricting the right of suffrage as to take unawares the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old laws, they are preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or think for himself or for the common good.

By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing class is able to silence what might be the voice of protest against the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls the university and public schools, the pulpit and the press, arts and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission to its own interests.

Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was one of the faiths in which our institutions were founded. But under the guise of defending private property, capitalism is using our political institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human beings to ever become possessors of private property in the means of life.

Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private property. Its development is through the legalized confiscation of all that the labor of the working class produces, above its subsistence wage. The private ownership of the means of employment grounds society in an economic slavery which renders intellectual and political tyranny inevitable.

Socialism comes so to organize industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

II.

As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of international Socialism, as embodied in the united thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial development already accomplished, the interests of the world's workers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the most exploited and oppressed workers in the most remote places of the earth inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world

to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal condition. Industry and finance are no longer national, but international in both organization and results. The chief significance of national boundaries, and of so-called patriotisms which the ruling class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these give to capitalism to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markets of the world, or the remaining sources of profit.

The Socialist movement, therefore, is a world movement. It knows of no conflicts between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all humanity.

III.

The Socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that economic development or world-process which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the things which he used, economic independence was possible. But production, or the making of goods, has long ceased to be individual. The labor of scores or even thousands, enters into almost every article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically everything is made or done by many men—sometimes separated by seas or continents—working together for the same end. But this co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners; and to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization.

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded in fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental and moral harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

IV.

The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society for its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the work of the world, or even to preserve itself. The captains of industry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capitalist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power

of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Socialist movement. The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society.

Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall be by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall be long to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

V.

To the end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increase of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of incomes, inheritances, and of franchise and land values, the proceeds to be applied to public employment and bettering the condition of the workers; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular government, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legislative office the first duty of striving to procure whatever is for the workers' most immediate interest, and for whatever will lessen the economic and political powers of the capitalist and increase the like powers of the worker.

But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance.

To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be entrusted to us by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to all the workers of America, and to all who will lend their lives to the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies unto the workers' cause to cast their lot and faith with the Socialist party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers is at once an appeal for their common good and freedom, and for the freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourselves, and those we represent, to be faithful to the appeal which we make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic freedom from which will spring the freedom of the whole man.