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#### CORRESPONDENCE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., May 1, 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—Relating to a communication of inquiry addressed to Local St. Louis of the Socialist Party, having to do with the conduct of their recent municipal cam-paign, I submit the following letter from Comrade Kaemmerer, secretary of Local St.

St. Louis, Mo., April 29, 1909. Dear Comrade—In compliance with the re-quest of our National Executive Board for information relative to our recent municipal election, I am sending you by express a report that covers the entire poceedings of our municipal election. This matter was gathered by a committee specially elected by our local executive board. The report of the committee was concurred in by our local and copies, ordered forwarded to you.

For your convenience I am sending suffi-cient copies for all the Executive Board members, and kindly request that you send them each a copy to read at their leisure. Hoping this will explain matters satisfac-

torily. I remain. Fraternally yours,

(Signed) OTTO KAEMMERER, Secretary.

In accordance with the above I also transmit, under separate cover, copies of the re-port as submitted by Comrade Kaemmerer. Said report is in the form of a folder con taining samples of literature used during the campaign both by the Socialist Party and the Committee on Municipal Charter Revision, and includes extensive clippings from the St. Louis Labor, which, together with the typewritten statement, would make a volume of considerable size if put into print. Chicago, May 11, 1909.

Chicago, May II, 1809.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—This is to advise you that the latest book by Comrade Karl Kautsky, entitled "The Road to Power," has met with the highest praise of the party press of Germany, and so far as I know, it has the approval of all comrades who have read it in the original. Comrade A. M. Simons has undertaken the translation for publication seri-ally in the Chicago Daily Socialist.

No doubt satisfactory arrangements can be made with the management for the use of the type for book purposes. Permission has been secured from Comrade Kautsky for its republication in this country. I enclose gal-ley proof of the first chapter for your inspection and judgment.

The question submitted is: Shall the National Literature Bureau, upon securing fa-vorable terms, reprint "The Road to Power," by Comrade Karl Kautsky?

Chicago, Ill., May 13, 1909. To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades-I herewith transmit a copy of a motion adopted by the Woman's National Committee and comment thereon as submitted by the Committee:

MOTION BY THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

"That we request the National Executive Committee to instruct the National Secretary to pay for the publication of such leaflets and pamphlets as the Woman's National Committee may prepare or approve of, after such propaganda material, has been regularly passed upon and endorsed by the National Executive Committee."

COMMENT BY THE WOMAN'S NATION-AL COMMITTEE.

"The funds used by our Committee have been voluntary contributions. The building affirmative; Comrade Spargo voted in the up of local interest in our work, and the election of Local Woman's Committees will draw from the Woman's National Committee condition is the very thing we are striving herewith submitted: after, local interest in the woman's question, it will prevent our publishing in the future such valuable propaganda matter as may be submitted to us. As this propaganda material is valuable to further the interest of women In our cause, its discontinuance because of the lack of funds would be greatly regretted. Therefore we ask that the National Executive Committee give us its financial assistance in the publication of such leaflets and pamphlets as will aid the comrades in their attempt to increase the interest of women the principles and program of the Socialist

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the action of the National Convention upon the report of the Woman's Committee. Recommendation No. 5 reads as follows: "That all moneys needed to carry on the work of the Woman's Committee out-side of the maintenance of a special organbe raised by the Committee."

Motion No. 1 of the Woman's National Committee was approved by you and its provisions carried out. Following is the mo-tion: "That an appeal for funds be made through the party Bulletis and other Social-

ist publications, such funds to be used in the publication of leaflets for women."

Chicago, Ill., May 25, 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—Herewith is report of the action taken upon the question submitted under date of May 11th, namely, the republication by the National Literature Bureau of "The Road to Power," by Karl Kautsky:

Comrades Berger, Floaten, Hillquit and Simons voted in the affirmative; Comrade Spargo jvoted in the negative; Comrades Hunter and Work not voting. The question is, therefore, decided in the affirmative. Letters of the respective members are herewith submitted:

HETTER OF COMRADE BERGER, DATED MAY 18th.

"I desire to vote in favor of the National Literature Bureau reprinting "The Road to Power," by Karl Kautsky, if this can be done upon favorable terms."

LETTER OF COMRADE FLOATEN,

DATED MAY 15th.

"Shall we reprint "The Road to Power,"
by Kautsky? Yes, have it printed in both
paper and cloth cover."

LETTER OF COMRADE SPARGO, DATED

MAY 18th. "I vote in the negative on the proposal to issue the Kautsky book. I do so for various reasons, only two of which I will give here:

(1) I am opposed to the National Office entering the business of publication, feeling quite certain that it cannot do so economically or efficiently; (2) only as a last resort should such a book be issued through the party agency. All possible effort should be made to have it issued by a regular publishing house and distributed through "trade" channels. If the party issues it, only party members practically will know of it; the libraries will not buy it; the press will not review it; the general public will never see it. By issuing it through the party we effectively bendien the book and restrain fectively handicap the book and restrain its usefulness. We should request Comrade Simons to make every effort to get the book published by a regular publisher, and only in case of absolute failure to get such a publisher should we undertake it." LETTER OF COMRADE WORK, DATED

MAY 14th. "I am unable to vote intelligently upon the question of publishing Kautsky's "The Road to Power" until I have had an oppor-tunity to read it in full. Some of our writers have a way of dragging in their personal views on matters extraneous to Socialism and thus giving color to charges such as those made by Roosevelt. Probably Kautsky's book is not vitiated in that manner, but I cannot tell until I have read it. Any book published by the National Office will and ought to be looked upon as authority. On such an important matter I cannot accept any second-hand opinions."

Since submitting the question for the re publication of this book I have found that very little would be saved in holding the type from which it is now being printed serially. Shortly the serial will be concluded and you will be able to judge of the document as a whole before publication.

Chicago, Ill., May 27, 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—Herewith is report of the consideration given to the question submit-ted under date of May 13th, relating to the publication of such leaflets and pamphlets as the Woman's National Committee may

negative; Comrades Berger, Floaten, Hunter and Simons not voting. Less than a quorum having voted, the question fails of action. voluntary contributions. While this The letters of the respective members are

LETTER OF COMRADE SPARGO, DATED MAY 17th.

"I regret that I must vote 'No' on the motion submitted by the Woman's Committee The regulation adopted by the National Convention leaves me no option in the matter.

"Still, I believe in the justice of the de-mand and am disposed to help the women get what they ask, if possible. And it seems to me that a request framed differently might meet with success. There is nothing to prevent our publishing a special pamphlet for women, I take it, and then supplying the Woman's Committee upon any terms we

I also have to advise you that the Wom an's National Committee has elected Comrade Anna Maley of New York City to the position of Woman's National Organizer. The selection made by the Woman's National Committee requires your indorsement, and the ques tion submitted is the indorsement of Comrade Anna Maley for the position of Woman's Notional Organiser. Fraternally submitted.

J. MAHLON BARNES.

## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH

National Headquarters, Socialist Party,	W. F. Deitz Thos. N. Fr
Chicago, Ill., May 29, 1909.	Geo. H. Goe
RECEIPTS.	W. B. Killin
National Dues from State Committees-	T. J. Lewis
Alabama \$ 14.20	A. Litman .
Arkansas 20.00	Mila Tupper
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California	John H. Wor
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Idaho 26.00	Printing Bulleti
Illinois	Rent (May)
Indiana	Insurance
Kansas 40.00	Washington New
Louisiana 15.00	Neues Leben
Maine 12.00	Buttons
Maryland	Premium on box
Michigan 72.60	Light
Minnesota 118.00	Russian and Me
Missouri 50.00	Reserve mileage
Montana 6.00 New Hampshire 11.25	Total expe
New Jersey 100.00	- Total expe
* New York 250.00	
North Dakota 2.90	Balance on hand
Ohio 103.50	Total receipts fo
Oklahoma 70.00 Pennsylvania 115.00	·
Rhode Island 10.00	Expenditures fo
South Dakota 15.20	(
Tennessee 8.00	- Balance Ju
Texas	Reserve mileas
Vermont 2.90	
Washington 41.00	Cash on hand
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Wyoming 24.45	Party buttons Supplies, statio
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Georgia \$5.50	Office furniture
North Carolina 5.00 South Carolina 3.00	Sub. cards, Dai
Virginia 2.50	ning Call
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Members-at-large 7.00	I
Total dues\$1,836.55	
Supplies 89.90	
Literature 208.41	J. W. Brown
Buttons 82.43	
Campaign fund	Bassett Co
Minnesota primary law 27.07	Brotherhood Pu
Postage	
	Chicago Tel. Co
Total receipts\$2,276.21	
* EXPENDITURES.	A. B. Dick Co. M. Fry Co
Exchange 3.35	Galbraith Press
General expense 10.41	Geraghty & Co.
Express and freight 22.71	Greenduck Co.
Postage	
Wages-	Pettibone & Co.
J. Mahlon Barnes3125.00	Saul Bros
J. C. Chase 100.00	L. C. Smith & C
D. Fleming 90.00	U. S. Press Clip
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5	Cash on hand Accounts outstanding—Locals, States, Literature in stock Party buttons Supplies, stationery, account books, etc. Office furniture and fixtures Sub, cards, Daily Socialist and Evening Call	524.40 4,650.16 647.31 985.31 477.33
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3	Bassett Co	37.56 75.00
7	Bowman Addressing Co	13.97
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1	Chicago Tel. Co	12.42
	A. B. Dick Co	24.30
5	M. Fry Co. Galbraith Press	20.35
1	Geraghty & Co	303.00
6	John F. Jordan	10.00
5	Pettibone & Co	38.68 20.89
	Saul Bros	33.00
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Sep. 120	Wilshire Book Co	108.97
	Total liabilities	932.76 ,404.16
		,336.92
	Fraternally submitted, J. MAHLON BARNES,	

#### PLATFORMS.

Party Platform, in English, per 1,000, post-. \$1.50

Platforms in Foreign Languages-Bohemian, Croatian, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Jewish, Lettish, Norwegian, Danish, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Spanish and Swedish, per 1,000, post-

## tary to the International Socialist Bureau. National Committee Motion No. 6 Submitted.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party.

Chicago, Ill., May 21, 1909. To the National Committee.

Comrades-Herewith is report of the nominations by your committee of an additional secretary to the International Socialist Bureau. The call was issued April 23d.

Nominated by J. Mahlon Barnes. Murray. New Hampshire Victor L. Berger... Thompson ... Wisconsin Eugene V. Debs...Lee ......New York
McAllister ...... Kansas A. H. Floaten....Hibner ......... Kansas Ben Hanford......Block ...... Oklahoma Hubert Langerock. Jensen ..... Washington Herman ..... Washington Austin Lewis ..... McDevitt .... California T. J. Morgan......Voss ....... Tennessee A. M. Simons..... Haynes ...... Texas John Spargo...... Maurer ... Pennsylvania Morrison ...... Arizona

Carl D. Thompson. Pope ......... Missouri Comrades Berger, Floaten and Spargo accepted the nomination. Ballots are herewith

Vote will close June 14th. Fraternally submitted.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

#### PREFERENTIAL BALLOT.

Rules of the National Committee.

RULE NO. 10 .- "Each National Committeeman voting shall write the figure " opposite the name of his first choice, the figure 2 opposite the name of his second choice, the figure '3' opposite the name of his third choice, and so on indicating his relative preference for each and every candidate on the ballot. IF HE FAILS TO VOTE ON ALL CANDIDATES HIS BALLOT SHALL NOT BE COUNTED. The candidates receiving the lowest sum total of numbers opposite their names shall be elected. In case of a tie the same shall be decided by lot between the tied candidates, under direction of the National Secretary.

CANDIDATES FOR AN ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO THE INTERNA-

TIONAL SOCIALIST BUREAU. 

> National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., May 25, 1909.

To the National Committee. Comrades-Herewith is submitted National Committee Referendum No. 5, Motion No. 6, by George F. Hibner, National Committee member for Kansas, and supported by the following members of the committee: Berlyn, Ill.; Burton, Nev.; Barzee, Ore.; Block, Okla.; Voss, Tenn.; Herman, Wash.; Jensen,

Wash.; Berger, Wis.:
MOTION NO. 6.
"That the National Committee places its emphatic stamp of disapproval upon any and all enterprises of a commercial or speculative character where Socialists are primarily appealed to and the Socialist movement made the means for the exploitation and graft, and upon the indiscriminate use of the word COMRADE in making appeals for commer-cial, speculative and stock-jobbing enter-

COMMENT.

"The need for this is evident. In this time of severe contest for place and life there may easily be those who would use the word COMRADE for private profit and advantage.

"The last few years have seen the party membership and subscribers to Socialist papers circularised many times by commercial and speculative companies, addressing with the word comrade.

'Whether such companies are successes or failures there is injury to the Socialist move-ment. We should at least stamp their using the movement with our disapproval."

COMMENT BY C. W. BARZEE, NATION-AL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF OREGON.

"I support the motion of National Commit-teeman G. F. Hibner of Girard, Kan., which relates to the practice of some Socialist party members using the comradeship confidence of the party to farther any business scheme.

"We are not prepared to say all of thes propositions made under fraternal greetings are grafts or frauds, but we do assert that business matters and the social fraternity of the party have no relation to each other and should be kept as separate as capitalism and Socialism.

"It may be suggested that members should be possessed of the scientific principles of Socialism to the extent of understanding but pure, simple, straight individualism, and that the fraternity thereof is only for the need of helping each individual to fully mature their individuality.

are, however, within the party many half-baked, undeveloped members that should have all the foreknowledge obtainable presented by those more advanced in

social science. "Let us get away from the co-operative

commonwealth idea into the practical col-lective ownership plan and encourage indi-vidual thinking.

COMMENT BY ARTHUR JENSEN, NATIONAL COMMITTED MEMBER
OF WASHINGTON.

"The circularizing of party members and subscribers to Socialist papers for speculative purposes has become a most damnable traffic in Socialist sentiment.

"Many a loyal soldier in the "Appeal Army" has undoubtedly been stung by the Girard airship schemers. It is a well known fact that many devoted, and perhaps blind, supporters of "Wilshire's have become victims of the Bishop Creek gold mining tims of the Bishop Creek gold mining schemes.

"Let us not lose sight of the class charac ter of the Socialist movement by diverting it into a conglomeration of 'fake' commercial enterprises."

Vote will close June 15th. Fraternally submitted.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN SUPPORTED BY THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF MEM-

Doluth, Minn., May 9, 1909.

WHEREAS, The Chicago Daily Socialist
and The New York Evening Call appear to be, and from their frequent pleas are, finan-

cially crippled; and WHEREAS, The liquidation and discontinuation of both or either of these dailies at this time would be construed by many-friends and foes—as an evidence of the retro-gression of Socialist thought among the

people; WHEREAS, Sufficient time has elapsed to demonstrate to many Socialists that private ownership, or mere locality ownership, does not and will not bring with it a full and earnest support of the membership outside of such locality, the one thing which is absolutely essential to further the circulation of a daily paper that will honestly and earnestly advocate uncompromising Socialist

WHEREAS, It has been evidenced by the recent vote in the city of Chicago that the ocal movement is hampered by the burden of carrying the Dally Socialist—so much so as to use up much of the spirit and energy necessary for the propagandizing of Socialist thought in the endeavor to put the Daily on a paying basis, something impossible to be realized without questionable matter be-ing accepted for advertising purposes; be it

RESOLVED, That the National Committee take steps looking toward national owner-ship or control of both these organs—the Daily Call and the Daily Socialist—and that as a preliminary means to attain that object a committee of twelve men be appointed, comrades who are conversant with the details of newspaper work and also business matters; that this committee meet together one week after appointment and proceed to investigate thoroughly the actual condition of affairs, financial and otherwise, under which these newspapers are now operating, and then report their findings to the Na-tional Secretary, who in turn is to notify the National Committee, the National Executive Committee and the various state secretaries. Be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Executive Committee work out a plan in detail for presentation to the general party membership as to how best to take control, etc., etc. (Signed) MORRIS KAPLAN,

National Committeeman for Minnesota

In consideration of the provisions of the National Constitution relating to the party press, Section 2 of Article V, and Section 2 of Article IX, supports to the above motion are required as per rules of the National Committee—Rule No. 7: "No motion declaratory of the principles or policy of the party shall be submitted unless seconded by one-sixth of the members of the National Com-

#### Resolution Adopted by the Woman's National Committee

Whereas, It has been moved that the National Constitution of the Socialist Party be amended, Sec. VII, Art. II, as follows:

"Women members of the Socialist Party who are not engaged in gainful occupation and who are not in receipt of an independe ent income from any other source shall, at their option, pay as dues one-third of the regular amount charged for that purpose by the National body and the local and state or-Special quarterly dues stamps shall be issued for such members which shall be equal in cost to the regular monthly dues and privileges of such women members of the party shall be equal to those of other members." And stamps of the other members, and the rights

Whereas, The Socialist Party has ever b true to its principle of equal political rights for all and special privileges for none, admitting women to membership upon the same basis as men; and

Whereas, This proposed amendment to the National Constitution provides for a special privilege, with its implied inferiority and subservience, and smacks of that old chivarry which has ever granted to women these Resolved, By the Woman's National Com-

### Nominations by National Committee for an Additional Secre- Socialist Party Vote in the United States 1900-1908

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Alabama	928	2,812	1,853	300	1,899
Arkansas	27	*****	1,816	3,164	6,842
	,572	9,592 .	29,583	17,515	28,659
Colorado	684	7,177	4,304	16,938	2,974
	,029	2,804	4,543	1,05	5,118
Delaware	57		146	149	240
Florida		*****	2,387	2,530	3,747
Georgia			197	36	584
Idaho		1,567	4,954	5,011	6,400
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	,742	6,360	14,847	8,901	8,287
	L605	4,679	25,494	8,796	12,420
Kentucky	770	1,683	3,602	1,819	4,185
Louisiana	••••	*****	995	603	2,533
Maine	878	1,978	2,106	1,553	1,758
Maryland	908	499	2,267	3,106	2,323
	716	33,629	12,004	20,699	10,781
	,826	4,271	8,941	5,994	11,586
	,065	5,143	11,692	14,445	14,527
Mississippi		•====	393	173	978
	,128	5,335	13,009	11,528	15,481
Montana	708	3,131	5,676	4,638	5,855
Nebraska	823	2,157	7,412	3,763	3,524
Nevada	<u></u>	*****	925	1,251	2,103
New Hampshire	790	1,057	1,090	1,011	1,299
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North Carolina	518	1.245	124 2.017	******	845
North Dakota	847	14.270	36,260	1,689	2,421
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Oklahoma	495	8.771	7.651	17.033	21,779
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South Carolina			22	82	100
South Dakota	169	2,738	8.138	2.542	2.846
Tennessee	410		1:354	1.637	1.870
	.846	8.615	2,791	2.065	7.870
Utah	717	8.069	5,767	3.010	4.895
Vermont	371	2,005	844	512	547
Virginia	145	155	218		255
	.006	4.739	10.023	8.717	14.177
	268		1.572	2.611	3,679
	.095	15,970	28,220	24,916	28.164
Wyoming		552	1,077	1,827	1,715
Arizona	452 200	510	1.804	1.995	1.912
New Mexico	10 A 10 A	•••••	162	211	1,056
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petty privileges and withheld from them responsibility with men in civic and political affairs; and

mittee of the Socialist Party, That we urge all members of the party to use their vote and influence to defeat this proposed amendment; and be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be

sent to the party press.

(Signed) WINNIE BRANSTETTER,

# PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY of the General Demands. A Amend the National Platform by inserting the following paragraph in the Principles, immediately following the words "and have fitted them for collective use and operation": "There can be no absolute private title to simple or otherwise, are and must be subor-

tional Constitution by substituting the fol-

lowing:
The National Executive Committee shall National Executive Committee shall imposed of seven members from the strain of the party, and they shall hold for two years. The members of the tive Committee shall be ejected by refuse vote. The call for nominations shall need on the 1st day of October in years answer numbers. Each local shall be do nominate seven candidates. Thirms shall be allowed for nominations, ten ty days shall be allowed for nominations, ten for acceptances and declinations and fifty for the referendum. Nominations from five locals shall entitle a candidate to be placed on the ballot. The seven candidates receiving the highest vote shall be elected. Va-cancies shall be filled in a similar manner. Members of the Executive Committee may be recalled by a referendum vote in the manner provided for referendums in Article XI here of, except that in such cases the initiative shall not be held open for thirty days, but shall be sent out immediately.

Amendment proposed to Article VII, Section 1, of National Constitution: Amend Section 1 to read "bjennially" in-stead of "annually."

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) CARL P. DIETZ, Secretary of Local Milwaukee.

#### PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFER-ENDUM.

Des Moines, Ia., May 3, 1909.

1. Amend Article VI, Section 1, of the National Constitution by substituting the fol-

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members, elected in each odd numbered year by preferential referendum. The call for nominations shall be issued on the first day of October. Each local shall be entitled to nominate seven candidates. Thirty days shall be allowed for nominations, ten for acceptances and declinations, and fifty for the referendum. Nominations by five locals shall entitle a candidate to be ed on the ballot. The names of the candidates shall be prepared for printing in al-phabetical order. The ballots shall be printphabetical order. The ballots shall be print-ed in as many equal portions as there are candidates. On each successive portion after the first the top name shall be transferred to the bottom. Each member voting shall place the figure "1" oposite the name of his first choice, the figure "2" opposite the name of his second choice, and so on, voting on each and every candidate. If he fails to vote on all candidates his hallot shall not be on all candidates his ballot shall not be counted. The seven candidates receiving the highest vote, preferentially computed—that is, receiving the lowest sum total opposite their names-shall be elected. Vacancies

shall be filled by the next highest.

2. Amend Article VII, Section 1, of the National Constitution by striking out the word "annually" from the first sentence and substituting the word "biennially." 3. Amend the National Platform by strik-

land. All private titles, whether called fee simple or otherwise, are and must be subordinate to the public title. The Socialist Party strives to prevent land from being used for the purpose of exploitation and speculation. It demands the collective possession, control or management of land to whatever extent may be necessary to attain that end. It is not opposed to the occupation and possession of land by those using it in a useful and bona fide manner without exin a useful and bons fide manner without ex-

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) J. J. JACOBSON, JOHN M. WORK, W. C. HILLS, Committee of Local Des Moines

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFER ENDUM.

Aberdeen, S. D., May 15, 1909. Amend Article VI, Section 1, of the Na-tional Constitution by substituting the fol-

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members elected annually by referendum of the membership. Call for nominations shall issue October 1st, thirty days shall be allowed for nominations, fifteen for acceptances and declinations, and forty-five for the referendum. Each local may nominate seven candidates, but candidates must be nominated by five locals in two states to have their names appear on the ballot: names shall be printed in alphabetical order. In voting each member shall place the figure "T" before his first choice, "6" before his second choice, then "5," "4," "3," "2" and "1," respectively. In counting ballots these figures shall be counted as that many votes and the seven candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected, except that in case of two or more members being elected from one state, only the one having the most votes shall serve and such vacancies, and any others, shall be filled by the next highest from states not represented on this commit-

(Signed) E. FRANCIS ATWOOD, County Secretary.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFER-ENDUM.

Aberdeen, S. D., May 21, 1909. Amend Article III, Section 2, of the Na tional Constitution by substituting the fol-

lowing:
"Each candidate for national official posi tion must have been a party member three consecutive years and not have been an officeholder or a nominee of any other political party for five years next preceding. These provisions shall also apply to delegates to national conventions or congresses, except that length of membership shall be ignored for representatives of a state organized less than three years previously. Each candidate and delegate shall sign a statement, testifying to his eligibility as here required, with two witnesses knowing the facts;

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failure to do so to be considered as a declination."

To Article XII, Section 8. add:

"Each candidate for state official position must have been a party member in the state nominating him for two consecutive years and not have been an officeholder or nominee of any other political party for three years next preceding: these provisions shall also apply to delegates to state conventions, but shall in no case apply as to organizations, local or state, less than two years old. Each candidate and delegate shall sign a statement certifying to his eligibility as here required, with two witnesses knowing the facts; failure to do so shall be considered as

party. It has been tried and when carried on systematically shows results.

WHEN YOU HAVE SECURED A WOMAN MEMBER PLAN TO KEEP HER.

Make her feel she is necessary to the local. Give her work to do. Make her a member of the committee. Set her to work to educate and secure more members. If she makes errors in the business meeting help her to correct them.

The National Office new maintains a National Organizer. As soon as possible every state should put a woman organizer to work.

The working women of the country are ready to learn of Socialism. If they are not brought in now it is because the locals have not done valuable work that should be done.

Leaflets suited for distributing at meetings have been printed by the National Women's Committee.

Special meetings should be held in every required, with two witnesses knowing the facts; failure to do so shall be considered as a declination." Fraternally,

(Signed) E. FRANCIS ATWOOD, County Secretary.

AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM

Relating to the constitutional amendment proposed by Local St. Clair County, Ill., first published April 10th, which provided for a new section, Section 7 of Article II, the foilowing amendment is submitted:

Aberdeen, S. D., May 15, 1909. "Strike out the word 'women' and add: 'In case husband and wife both belong to the same organization and so desire, one card may be issued for both, and each shall have all the rights of other members of the party." Fraternally,

(Signed) E, FRANCIS ATWOOD, County Secretary.

The present requirements, and the trend also is all toward organization and in this connection your local needs the several documents here named, and you need them for party members as well as the non-Socialists. Platforms:

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#### TO SOCIALIST WOMEN

cles by Debs and a dozen THE SOCIALIST PARTY NEEDS

"In our opinion the Woman's National Committee and National Organizer was created as a committee of the Socialist Party, and their efforts should be directed toward increasing the membership of the women within the party organization and not to the formation of separate organizations."

The function of this committee is to advise and outline methods by which women may best be interested in Socialism and brought into the Socialist party, and to keep the need of agitation for suffrage for women before the locals.

HOW TO INTEREST WOMEN IN SOCIAL-How to interesting and educating women should be taken up systematically by every local of the party. Let every local appoint a committee consisting of women who are already members of the local. If no women are at present members let the secretary of the local act as a committee. Arrange a lecture or entertaipment which it is believed would interest women, and make an effort to get as many women as possible to be present, wives of Socialist members, teachers, clerks, trade union women, etc.

Secure the address of all the women present. Then make it a point to see them within a few days and invite them to attend the Socialist meetings. Have some literature to give them.

Follow this work up and finally urge the women to become members of the local. This method works. It will bring women into the

Special meetings should be held in every local for women and to agitate for the ballot for women. Will you not begin this work

at once?
WINNIE BRANSTETTER, Secretary,
Estancia, New Mexico.
MAY WOOD-SIMONS, Chairman,
180 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

#### Resolutions Adopted by Local New York, Socialist Party

That it is the opinion of Local New York that the National Executive Committee take in consideration the condition of the franchises as far as it affects the male popula-tion of the working class, and the tendency of the ruling class to restrict and nullify the political power of the workers. This tendency manifests itself particularly in our naturalization laws under the provisions of which it is made practically impossible for hundreds of thousands of working men to become citizens.

While we realize that the right to confer the franchise is reserved to the states, and in some states earlier legislation enabled the residents who were not yet citizens to cast their votes at the polls, there has been of late a marked and concerted effort to amend the election laws in the interest of the propertied class, and to the detriment of the workers. This has mostly been done under the pretext of reform. Thus educational tests have been introduced, the time of residence has been lengthened, poll taxes and fees for the registration of candidates have een imposed, and the methods of registering voters have been made to work against the shifting working population. All these socalled checks in the name of reform and of preserving the purity of the ballot are ac-tually designed to extend the power of the property holding classes and to curtail the

In the south prominent representatives of the propertied classes boast openly of their success in nullifying, by indirection, the franchise conferred upon the colored people. The infamous laws passed for that purpose in many of the southern states rob not only the negroes, but also the poorer element of the white race, of their political rights, and

We urge the National Executive Committee to bring this matter, in all its consequences, to the attention of the party, and

#### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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#### National Notes

By recent referendum J. B. Osborne, 1421 direct primary law which contains a filing E. Oak St., Stockton, Calif., was elected a member of the National Committee, and N. Richardson, San Bernardino, and Wm. McDevitt, 1260 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, were re-elected to the same position. H. C. Tuck, 528 Seventeenth St., Oakland, was re-elected as State Secretary. Frank N. Prevey, 162 S. Main St., Arkon, Ohio, has been re-elected a member of the National Committee.

Local Trinidad (Colo.) reports the expulsion of M. E. White. White has been prominent as an organizer for the American Labor Union and the Western Federation of Miners. It has been discovered that he has been for years an employe of the Thiele Detective Agency. He was also expelled by the Western Federation of Miners.

Local Denver (Colo.) reports the expulsion of Mardocia Larkin and Fred Montrose for voting for candidates other than those of the Socialist Party.

By recent referendum Wm. Sheffler, 410 "H" St., Linton, was elected State Secretary of Indiana. John Kelley of Marion was elected a member of the National Committee, and Stephen M. Reynolds, 309½ Ohio St., Terre Haute, was re-elected to the same

#### THE FINNISH ORGANIZATION.

The Finnish organization is now in bet ter standing financially and otherwise than it ever has been. The general activity in the organization is shown by the following

first four months of the year is presented in the receipts of \$4,225.51, and disburse-ments of \$4,015.33, thus leaving a balance of \$210.18.

According to the rate of Finnish special ssessment stamps for the said period, the membership of the Finnish organization averages 5,245 members in good standing for each month, whereas in 1908, for the same period, it amounted to only 4,088 members.

Three district organizers have been con-

tinuously agitating, educating and organ-izing, and as a result fifteen new locals have been established since January 1st and enthusiasm aroused in the old ones

In order to awaken the Finnish speaking railroad and woodworkers of the States who are suffering unspeakable exploitation of the fraud companies, the Gen-eral Committee of the Finnish organization has decided by recent referendum to declare a competition among members for writing a pamphlet of about 30 or 40 pages. The writer of the most descriptive article will receive \$25 in gold.

By referendum, which closed on April 26th, it has been decided to hold the convention of the Finnish organization in August at Hancock, Michigan,

State Secretary Tuck of California reports: legislature and seems to meet wi "The the legislature of that state passed a proval of both the old political pe

fee system that will make the nominating of a state and county ticket cost the Socialist Party about \$8,000 in fees, and involve an expense in securing the required signatures of nearly as much more. The State Committee of the party has decided to bring suit to test the constitutionality of the law."

The State Committee of Connecticut has appropriated \$8.07 to assist in the legal contest relating to the Minnesota primary law This sum represents one and one-half pe cent per member, which will amount required to cover the liability of the National Office according to National Com-mittee Motion No. 4. Connecticut is the first state that has subscribed its full pro

John M. Jewell of Proctorsville has been elected State Secretary of Vermont, vice John Ogg, resigned.

State Secretary Bell of Texas submits the following: "That all speakers and agitators are hereby requested to make no appointments in Texas except through or by the advice of the State Committee." He also reports the expulsion by Local Fort Worth of Marcus Maritzer for absconding with funds of the local.

The State Convention of West Virginia will be held in Parkersburg July 3d and 4th.

Local Nome (Alaska), reporting for the first quarter, shows steady progress and a total membership of sixty-two. On the first of April individual members of that local launched a weekly publication entitled "The Arctic Appeal." A permanent headquarters is maintained by the local at the office of publication.

The members of the Mexican Liberal party-Ricardo Flores Magon, Antonio I. Villarreal, Librado Rivera et al., who were first arrested in Los Angeles August 23, 1907, at the instance of the Mexican government, having been tried a number of times on varying charges in Califorina, were finally con-victed on May 15th in Tombstone, Ariz., up on the charge of violating the United States neutrality laws and sentenced to a prison term of eighteen months. The jury recom-mended clemency. The attorneys for the defense have moved for a new trial.

The Socialist convention of the state of Virginia will be held at Dabney's hall, S. E. corner Third and Broad streets, Richmond, on July 4th.

The citizens of Maryland in the fall elec tion will pass upon an amendment to the state constitution which aims to limit the suffrage of the entire working class, al-though ostensibly aimed at the negro voters. The amendment was formulated by legislature and seems to meet with the

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

Political campaigns, important as they may be in indicating or making record of the rising spirit of revolt, are, after all, of little moment in comparison with that work which results in substantial and permanent organization. Names on the roll do not count;
only the active, ever-watchful members

National betretary is not at an activation of the same of th make for progress, and this is true of locals as of individuals.

Upon lack of monthly reports from locals constant complaints are received from nearly every state office, and there is no effort put forth by the party or its officials that brings such meager returns as the effort to secure these most essential records.

The local is the unit of the organization, and the absence of a report from it is felt all along the line. Information is lacking, the records are broken and Mills is a member in good standing of the the whole tendency is toward disintegration. In the scheme of organization monthly reports from locals to the proper officers are of fundamental value and may be considered among the first steps to success. - Extract National Secretary's Annual Report.

#### Letters Submitted by Local Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo., May 21, 1909. National Committee, Socialist Party.

"Dear Comrades-About two weeks ago May 7th-I wrote to our National Secretary, according to instructions received from my local, for information regarding standing of Walter Thomas Mills. I am inclosing a copy of the reply received by us from Comrade

"In view of the fact that we have since been furnished a copy of the National Bul-letin for November, 1908, in which was pub-lished resolutions adopted by the State Com-mittee of Washington condemning certain states for using Mills on Socialist platforms after his expulsion from Local Seattle, we feel that the information furnished by our National Secretary is not at all satisfactory,

cal, and received the unsatisfactory and discourteous reply that "Mills was admitted to Local Milwaukee for the same reason every other member was admitted, because he was a Socialist.

"Local Kansas City believes that it is our right to know about all things concerning the party, and we hope that you may be able to clear this matter up. "Yours for Socialism,

"(Signed( ELIZABETH THOMSON, "Secretary Local K. C."

"Chicago, Ill., May 10, 1909.
"Elizabeth Thomson, 1022% Frost Ave., Kan-

sas City, Mo. "Dear Comrade 7th with inquiry regarding the standing of Comrade Walter Thomas Mills. Would say although I had report before, under date of April 30th, I received official notification from the state office of Wisconsin that Comrade

"Comrade Mills was a member of Seaftle Local at the time its charter was withdrawn by the State Committee of Washington. This occurred about two years ag

"Hoping this information will be satisfactory,

"Fraternally yours,
"(Signed) J. MAHLON BARNES, "National Secretary." (Copy.)

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