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The Non-Union Man Helpless, Workingmen Unite



THE STREET CAR STRIKE IN TACOMA.

The hand of a street car trust rests heavy upon the cities of Puget Sound. The Seattle Electric Co., The Tacoma Railway & Power Co., the Inter-Urban Co., are all branches of the Stone and Webster Combination of with them and are boycotting every one who helps the scabs.

The worst feature is that men can be found in Seattle mean enough to take the places of their fellow workingmen in Tacoma. For a bid of 20c an hour extra, conductors and motormen are said to be taken from their places on the Seattle lines and put to work in the places of strikers in Tacoma:

If they were all Socialists, no such thing could possibly happen. A Socialist will stand by his class or any organized portion of his class against the capitalist exploiter, no matter what the sacrifice required of himself. It is an outrage on class consciousness that any workingman should be found low enough in the scale of manhood to take advantage of the fight of a fellow workingman to get more for himself. We were ashamed we lived in Seattle when we read of these Capitalist hireling who were going from this city to scab on their brothers in

Our artist has well shown the merciless character of the street car companies in dealing with their men Who talks of "community of interests" between that hand and the crushed employe in his iron grip? Strike at the polls, boys. It is the only way to win every time and to win the whole thing. Join the Socialist Party and put a ticket for April 7, and all vote as you strike; then you will find they will give you snything you ask for. Nothing they are afraid of like votes, especially Socialist votes. STRIKE AT THE BALLOT BOX.

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town elections throughout the enormous profits. state the result of the big gains made

and its gaining strength in this state See? the legislators. In committee hear- Breathes there a man with soul so dead, ings, when petitions for various mat-Whe never to himself hath said-ters have been heard and opposition. This is my own, my working class. mitteemen have been threatend upon the matters heard the Socialist vote would increase, not ten per cent., but one thousand per cent., at the fall and at Valadosia, Ga., next day, my elections. The same sort of talk has audience was composed mostly of colthat if they did not report favorably

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by the Socialist Party has been clearly by the undivided attention almost on every tention of such subscribers to the offer occasion on which they have spoken at the head of our first page. We Since the town elections Socialism don't like to see you too lonesome.

been made in the sessions of the lower ored people, who were very apprecia branch, and not always by Socialist tive and enthusiastic. At Birming branch, and not always by Socialist tive and enthusiastic. At Birming members. At the hearing granted the labor organizations upon the referendum, the Socialist vote increase was again in evidence in the argument, and the Socialist members of the house have not falled to hold it forth upon all occasions."

Requests have been recommentation, and enthusiastic. At Birming return visit of Chase to All this will probably be arranged by the carpenters and tailors was successful. I spoke at Belle Sumter on the 5th, a large mining camp, to a big house and a local will result.

Rain prevented a large meeting at that party membership is creasing and the sale of ceeds all previous records.

Organize! Organize! you | Every man who works for the Se of the audience showed that Decatur | Every Socialist should strain every slaves of capital in the shape of the attle Electric Co., or the Inter-Urban is a good field for Socialism. A local nerve to organize the street car men

the 10th, but attendance was good. tion. ed local and provided for another at day, had a very large outdoor meeting, composed mostly of farmers, and was well received. Altogether, the "My meeting at Alabama trip was very successful and an much pleased with the situation. The Birmingham district especially sed mostly of col."

visit of Chase to Alabama, and this will probably be arranged.

New Jersey State Treasurer reports ill result, that party membership is rapidly in under the seting at creasing and the sale of stamps is quariers.

The Boston Globe says: "Since the them to disgorge a little more of their meeting arranged by local comrades. ta reports that "Hibbing, Minn., cast Rain interfered again at Bessemer on two Socialist votes at the last elec-"The Socialist" goes to hundreds of I returned here on the 13th by remonth ago, and on March 10 they held good prospects for the future. At Pat- for supervisor, 60; and John Hill, for rades F. P. O'Hare and Sol. Fieldman tunate lady. Great sport! ton Junction on the 11th, I addressed clerk, 154. Comrade Lucas of Minnetwo meetings, one of white people in the afternoon and colored people in campaign. This shows what organization campaign. This shows what organization can do. Hibbing will soon make well attended and enthusiastic. Form a Massachusetts record a massachu

the street car men of Tacoma! The

Comrade George D. Herron will leave for Europe next month, and his tour of the West under the direction of National Headquerters is postponed until after his return.

Comrade M. W. Wilkins, of San Francisco, will begin an agitation tour under the direction of National Head-quarters, through California, Oregon, Washington and other Western states. throne of things."—Carlyle.

IF YOU READ THE DAILIES, YOU DON'T GET THE NEWS



SUPPRESSING THE NEWS OF SOCIALISM

The dead silence of the dailies of Seattle concerning the great Hagerty meeting in the Grand Opera House ast Sunday afternoon, was really remarkable as well as funny. It reminds us of the remark of one man who office after the last election. He said he had been looking through the election returns in the daily papers ever since the day of election, and he had about concluded that he was the only man in the city who had voted the Socialist ticket. He was quite surprised and delighted, when he read in "The Socialist," that

In the same asinine manner the dailies ignored the biggest political meeting held in Seattle for the last six months. In fact, it was the largest gathering of men ever seen in the Opera House. It was probably the most significant and impressive audience of workingmen ever brought together in the city. Long before the doors were opened, the waiting crowd reached entirely across the street.

A magnificent speech was delivered there, a speech packed with scientific and revolutionary sentiments, a speech on a subject of the highest political interest concerning a party which is attracting the attention of the shole world, but these NEWS-papers had not a single word to say. Did they not know they were the laughing stock the next day of at least 2,000 people who attended that meeting and who looked in vain for a report of it? The absence of the report was the occasion of far more comment than its presence could possibly have been.

Some have suggested that the omission was due to the late discovery that the local Catholic authorities were not favorable to Father Hagerty. This seems to have been the fact. Some one circulated the report among the faithful that the speaker was not a priest in good standing. This was absolutely false, but the lie served its purpose of frightening off some who otherwise might have heard some wholesome truths. Anyhow, it seems hardly likely the papers would suppress the news to please a few ignorant and interested bigots who were trying to prevent their followers from getting out of the old ruts.

Our artist has depicted the old fogies of the Daily Press of Seattle vainly endeavoring to throw the news of the greatest movement of modern times into oblivion.

have been secured as lecturers, and York City lodge March 13. The great- tion formed in Alabama.

have adopted to propagate Socialism.

"Labor must become a seeing rational Giant, with a Soul in the body of him, and take his place on the thomas of things"—Carlyla

The Greater New York lodges of the | Local Seattle City Central Commit- | Jas. F. Morton, Jr., of Home, Wash., Int. Ass'n Machinists have formed a tee will hold a basket social on Sat will speak at Carpenters' Hall next "Committee for Political Education," urday evening, Marche 28th, at the Sunday night in Seattle. He is the edcomposed of delegates from each of Headquarters, 509 Third avenue. The ladies bring lunches in baskets, which and of the new paper, "The Investi-

Every workingman of Seattle and est enthusiasm was manifested at each Tacoma should take up the fight of of these meetings, and several hundred to assert our opinions, and to bring our dred pamphlets were purchased by outward lives into harmony with our thinks he knows. But listen to Karl those present. Comtade Fieldman inward convictions. We believe it to will begin work next week. The ma-chinist comrades are to be congratu-we are completely severed from them. lated on the effective method they We do not wish to shock any one nor this dogma is an antiquated and exto offend any one's prejudice; and we call this "respecting the convictions of others"—those others who in return

itor of the suppressed "Discontent gator." He is the grandson of the au-thor of the hymn, "America," and has inherited much of his independent and Birmingham, Ala., Socialists have peaceable Anarchy, but Socialism long ago disposed of that individualistic scheme as a method of securing eco-

> "What determines Prices?" asks the beginner. "Wages," replies one who thinks he knows. But listen to Karl dogma, 'The prices of commodities are determined or regulated by wages, plodded fallacy. . It was the great merit of Ricardo that he fundament-"Value, Price and Prifit."

The Roadmaster's

By Father hagerty



I was sitting in the conductor's arm chair in the caboose of a mixed train tana when the conversation chanced to turn upon the burning question of the day, Socialism. The brakeman, who, with the fireman, does the hardest part of the train work, came in just as the word "Socialism" was mentioned and blurted out at me:

What t'ell do you take us for? Here I'm slaving away for twelve and often sixteen hours at the time, with a wife and five kids to take care of, and I tell you I don't get much champagne and porterhouse steaks on my measly sixty dollars a month. Do you think that I'm going to divide my hard-earn-



fore I had time to reply to the poor brakeman, interposed with a tirade of abuse against the section-hands and extra gangs who were making it more and more impossible for the division superintendents and roadmasters to show a decent record at headquarters out of their labor.

"When I've a bad stretch of track and I get orders to put it in shape, these d-n lazy 'snipes' won't do d-n bit more than they do any other time. They don't take any interest in the road; they don't put their heart into their work; and just as soon as they get enough ahead for 'booze' they goes off and leaves me in the hole Where in hell would they be if it weren't for Jim Hill? Who gives them their jobs? Who opens up all this new country and gives the workingmen of this country plenty of work? Aint it Jim Hill? Who's got more right to own this road, Jim Hill or a lot of 'snipes?'

"Your questions, my dear sir," I re plied, "cover a great deal more ground than you imagine, just as a professor in the final college examinations can put a simple-looking question which will take up ten hours' hard writing to answer, as, for example, 'Explain the origin, history and various developments of the science of chemis

"In the first place, if we are to measure the laziness of which you speak by the amount of wages which the 'snipes' receive as compared to the amount which you get, they are the most active, diligent, and strenuous

record out of other men's work? There are scores of 'snipes' on every fill the position of roadmaster as you crawling on your bellies in the dust did education, who, finding brains a of gilded hoboes with whom you have drug upon the capitalist markets, have been dividing up the hard-won product been driven by the lash of hunger to of your labor and to whom you have accept any sort of work which offers been voting silks and diamonds every bread and meat enough to keep them election day while your wives and kids alive. You ask me in what county in go in calicoes and brass jewelry." the nether regions they would be if it were not for Jim Hill's giving them a chance to work. I answer you that Jim Hill's stocks and bonds would not last as long as a snow-ball in Georgia if they did not derive their value from the stolen labor of the section hands,

or, perhaps, now and then a jack-pot. "You speak of the 'snipes' spending their money in 'booze.' Did it ever strike you that the conditions of their work, the sordid surroundings of the ordinary section house, the loneliness of the life they lead, the absence of the ordinary means of pleasure, and the contempt in which their position is held by the world at large have a good deal to do with driving them to drink? If you were a physician, you would understand that exhausting toil. exposure to all sorts of weather, and the lack of sanitary conveniences, coupled with the horrible monotony of the occupation, constitute strong predisposing influences to drink.

brakemen, switchmen, etc. Jim Hill does not open anything newer than Mumm's Extra Dry in his private car,

"The section hands really do the hardest part of the work on railroads and they get the smallest wages. Why should they love their work? Why should they put their heart into and make still greater exertions for the interests of the company? They fruit of their toil over and above mere existence anyway. A man is a fool, under the present industrial system of sas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa exploitation, to do any more work for and Missouri are distinctly agriculthe robber corporations than he can not help.

"The whole system of industry today is one of dividing up. Here is this brakeman who raises such a howl

as she stands buttoning her gloveswhich he has helped to pay for out Socialist Review. It was to be exof his exploited labor-on the plat- pected, in view of his position as the form, he would forget to bring home the corned beef for the kids' supper.



ONE OF THE HOBOES.

"You fellows make me tired. You are, at best, nothing more than wageslaves, who are too confoundedly ignorant to know that you are being party had put itself in a very equivo-

take care of the kids. Do you know the feason? It's because you and men like you have been voting the world and the fulness thereof into the exclusive ownership of Jim Hill and his class; and voting hunger and all the wretched narrowness and uncertainty of poverty for your wife and lit.

"Here are some pamphlets for you wage-slaves to read, and here's a copy of The Socialist to which I advise of The Socialist The Socia Objections his class; and voting hunger and all the wretched narrowness and uncertainty of poverty for your wife and lit-

you to subscribe. When you shall ship. have finished them, you will know who are just as competent to more than Jim Hill and you will cease

- THOS. J.-HAGERTY.

THE HEADQUARTERS

Two referendums, those called for by the locals, fully explained in an-

will a: possible.

We believe that all three propositions of referendum No. 1 should receive an unqualified Yes, and all four propositions of referendum No. 2 should be given an equally unqualified vote of No. Voting No on the first proposition of No. 2 will give an opportunity to disapprove the summary manner of the removal of the old local quorum, while voting No on the second proposition will refuse to reinstate the old quorum. Voting Yes on the inree propositions of No. 1 will establish the headquarters at Chicago and name a new local quorum grouped in five states adjacent to Chicago.

We believe Omaha and the present quorum should be rejected for at least four reasons.

First.—Because the five states, Kan. sas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa and Missouri are distinctly agricultural states, casting a very light 50-cialist vote, and we are not ready to turn the Socialist party over to the control of men who represent, in the main, a farming constituency. Every ment of the section of location the only one yet least to the control of men who represent, in the main, a farming constituency. Every ment of the section is a fine proposition the only one yet least to the control of men who represent, in the main, a farming constituency. Every ment of the color of the policy of the parties in terested.

main, a farming constituency. Every one will say, and rightly, that the So-

this brakeman who raises such a how about dividing up his 'measly sixty per month with a lot of hoboes who won't work.' But you don't hear him raising any how about dividing up his monthly labor with a lot of richly dressed hoboes on Fifth Avenue, New York, who draw their income from stocks in this road, or in other words, from the toil of the laborers on this road.

"Ten to one, he would have an attack of acute megakephalitis—that's a medical term for the swelled head—if one of these same Fifth Avenue hoboes who is living off the sweat of his brow, should condescend to notice him swinging gracefully onto the last step of the caboose as his freight pulls by her private car. And if she should go so far as actually to speak to him should condescend to him swinging gracefully onto the last step of the caboose as his freight pulls by her private car. And if she should go so far as actually to speak to him should condescend to him swinging gracefully onto the last step of the caboose as his freight pulls by her private car. And if she should go so far as actually to speak to him should condescend to him swinging gracefully to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him should so far as actually to speak to him say, and rightly, that the So cialist party. Eactually, that the So openits in the referendum a far armine's actually, that the So openits ak to him Simons has declared in favor of Omaha

ardent supporters of this new move in favor of the "Rural Proletariat." Simons has declared in favor of Omaha in the last number of the international Socialist Review. It was to be expected, in view of his position as the patched, in view of his position as the author of "The American Farmer," which is an argument for the farmer to join the Socialist party. It will certainly be a Revolution in the Socialist party if it turns away from the wageworkers and commits itself, its headquarters and its executive management to the agricultural "Middle West."

Third.—Because the man who was most influential in securing the establishment of the headquarters at Class Struggle as the central element in our political program. The selection of Omaha will be regarded as the triumph of Walter Thomas Mills in the counsels of the party. He stands for an equal appeal to all classes. That is a more revolutionary position to take than to address the chief appeal to the farmers. The fact that the Omaha comrades themselves are class-conscious and clear, has no bearing. They have practically nothing to do with the local quorum. It is the general drift of this "New Departure" that is to be discovered.

Fourth.—Because it puts a very influential member of the national exceeding that this paper has until within a few weeks, utterly ignored the class struggle and stood for state socialism, it will appear to the man up a tree" as if the Socialist the committee were stored in the office of the "Appeal to Reason." Considering that this paper has until within a few weeks, utterly ignored the class struggle and stood for state socialism, it will appear to the man up a tree" as if the Socialist the committee were the committee of the committee were stored in th

for state socialism, it will appear to "a man up a tree" as if the Socialist

is purely clerical, is done by your feel half as sorry as if one of ms under-paid clerk. You do not exude much perspiration in signing your reports and trip passes and occasionally, possesting the monthly rake-off from section bosses. What right, in the estimates a have a big bank account wherewith to more reasons, (7) the farmer states for reasons, (7) the farmer states for self-bank and carriage horses went lame. The Employer's Liability Law would exempt headquarters, (2) the argument for the beadquarters of the party membersup the carriage horses went lame. The Employer's Liability Law would exempt headquarters, (2) the argument for the beadquarters of the party membersup the carriage horses went lame. The Employer's Liability Law would exempt headquarters, (2) the argument for the beadquarters of the party membersup the carriage horses went lame. The Employer's Liability Law would exempt headquarters, (2) the argument for the beadquarters of the party membersup to carriage horses went lame. The Employer's Liability Law would exempt headquarters, (2) the argument for the beadquarters, (3) and (4) the influence of the mational committee from the working the monthly rake-off from all, but it wouldn't supply him with a new horse free. Your widow wouldn't uncertain as to the working class.

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THAT REFERENDUM ON

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

complete Report by Secretary Mailly. National Headquarters, Socialist Party

by the locals, fully explained in another column, are now to be submitted to the party vote. The forms have been sent to the state secretaries, and will be sent by them to the various local secretaries. The vote should be taken as soon as possible, and as many as possible of the party members should be got to vote, so as to have as full an expression of the whole party will at possible.

We believe that all three propositions of referendum No. 1 should regions of referendum No. 1 should regions.

N. C. CIRCULAR NO. 2.

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To the National Committee, Socialist Party; Comrades:—I herewith submit for your consideration and action the inclosed demands for a referendum, numbered respectively, Nos. 1 and 2, as they were received at this office. The Trenton, N. J., demand has not been received from Locals at this office. The Trenton, N. J., demand has not been received from Locals. Demand No. 1 was received from Locals. Workster, Matten, Chelsea, Salem, Worcester, Malden, Haverhill and Everett, Mass.; Portland, Mo.; Rochester, N. Y., Wille and Covington, V.; Philadelphia, Party on the National Committee, Socialist Party; To the National

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"DO NOT CHANGE THE NAME." Sioux City, Iowa, Mar. 18, 1903. The Socialist, Seattle.

Dear Comrade:—Re-name the pa-per? Why this destroying the name of THE paper that has from its birth stood firmly upon the platform of scientific class-conscious Socialism?

So do not change the name. It will always be The Seattle Socialist to us, a grand name of a TRUE paper, that advocates as pure a principle as ever found place in the hearts of men.
Yours for the cause,
E. J. HANSEN.

LECTURE FEES.

Editor Socialist, Seattle, Wash, The current issue of The Socialist Party who are very much opposed to is apt to give an exaggerated impression as to my lecture fees. It is true sponsible for the Californian and other that in some instances the fee is high. that in some instances the fee is high, entangling alliances. They have necessarily so, since it costs consider promulgated the idea that the Socialable money to journey to the Coast ist Party was simply a weapon where-and back again. But these instances by labor organizations can get their and back again. But these instances by labor organizations can get their organize the Socialists in the country are exceptions, and against them must demands of shorter hours and better tributary to Colby, and although it was are exceptions, and against them must be considered those points where no pay. Or, in other words, a tall for fee whatever, not even sufficient to the labor-union dog.

The companies of the comrades attended to enable me to complete the organization. A meetcover hotel expense, is collected. For instance, when I last spoke in Seattle condition would be that the Socialist you will remember that I received not party should be merged into the Union one cent and that I paid my railroad continue to wag the dog? fare to and from Seattle and all my personal expense. Neither did I rethat it came from her private pocket. Way, who, at any time, are willing to accepted under protest. At Elberturn the whole Socialist organization ton I received \$10.00 and this is all over to the Labor Party.

They way who, at any time, are willing to statement that anyone whose words or acts do not agree with those of the powers that be will be let out of their powers that be will be let out of their jobs. They say every other man is a that was paid me in the entire state. In my opinion labor unions are no it need scarcely be observed that I had more socialist than are bankers' to borrow money to carry me along. and that when the trip was completed amount of money for expenses.

cratic party at a nominal salary of even do not work for wages, who are \$1,200 per year. I never received, nor good Socialists. claimed, a dollar for such service and the records will show that I paid most borrowing money to pay my expenses while organizing, which has never been paid, nor ever claimed.

Prior to 1895 I never accepted a dolsions and in almost every part of the

It is not pleasant to tell what one has done for a cause. It savors of self-laudation, the peculiar quality of small minds. I have no desire to avoid criticism, nor to placate an ene my. I have been impelled to say this much in the interest of simple truth. ENGENE V. DEBS. Terre Haute, Ind., March 19, 1903.

LET US HAVE FACTS AND STUDY THEM.

Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 21, 1903. Editor Socialist

There is, I think, a manifest and without impugning the motives of opponents. The last issue of The Socialist, as well as many preceding is-sues, was a fine illustration of the

Socialists are beginning to appreciate the fact that free, open, fair discussion is essential to progress. This is encouraging, it is inspiring. When a statement is made, or a theory advanced, we do not ask: "Who is authority for this?": But we ask: "What thority for this?". But we ask: "What are the facts?" With us no amount of authority can dispense with a knowl-edge of the facts. Imperious, dogmar-complete abolition of the wage system members do not go any longer.

If such people expect to retain the of the co-operative commonwealth.

Sespect of the rank and file of our Commade Burgess made us an ex respect of the rank and file of our

serts "Omaha is the center of the revolutionary section of the United States ism, get the full benefit of its particand this fact is so well known that no ular product. For instance, if producargument need be adduced to prove this to a Western man," lends its aid to this view, but furn- making shoes, and the work of one ishes no facts in support of its contention, we refuse to be influenced by

the improved farm machine, which plowing. now stalks before him. I have found quite willing to listen to an exposition of Socialist philosophy, but I have failed to find farmers in large number who are willing to reinquish

ownership of factories, mills, shops and mines, for this would give them more than you."

It is impossible to tell how much ideas through the state. It is the and mines, for this would give them

cheap commodities, as they think 'And the city wage-worker could then buy each individual has produced. Read means of routing expensive and ig-farm products liberally and at "fair "Bellamv's Equality" norant speakers. The so-called Sofarm products liberally and at "fair prices."

The farmers of the Western plains say they are revolutionary, but their ideas of revolution do not agree with

by Socialists. These farmers would trebled.

smash the trusts, purchase the railI believe this would be ample for

Socialists do not regard such ideas as revolutionary

Socialist movement so long as they own anything; second, that farmers will ignore immediate material interests and join the Socialist movement. I suppose all Socialist wish they could endorse the second theory, but to many of us the facts seem to be against this theory, but in common with hundreds of others and, as I hope, thousands, I am ready to study the facts.

Still Wilson will again be in the state in May. He will speak on "Life."

He will not permit discussion: he wants peace and harmony—so do we, but we can not tolerate the confusion he makes by infusing religion and opportunism into the few Socialistic unit of socialism. It would cause society to be divided into classes and castes, the same as at present.

that farmers will act as indicated, not because they are farmers, but because they are property holders or hope to be. All property holders seek to protect their immediate material interests, is our theory. Is this theory

Respectfully,
D. BURGESS.

"A FEW CRITICISMS."

Pullman, Wash., March 1, 1903. Editor Seattle Socialist: I have a few critisisms to effer which are as follows:

There is an element in the Socialist

fare to and from Seattle and all my continue to wag the dog:

personal expense. Neither did I re ceive any fee at Spokane, where I de livered two addresses and paid my own railroad fare to and from the city when the majority of such bodies have a local was to be formed there every way to get entire labor organizations. I spent the 7th and 8th in Bremer-ton, but without result, as the comparison of the party of the second to the second that so is a local was to be formed there every way to get entire labor organizations. own railroad fare to and from the city, when the majority of such bodies have At Olympia I received \$25.00 through very little conception of what social-the kindness of the Rev. Mrs. H. S. ism is, but have a vague idea that the kindness of the Rev. Mrs. H. S. ism is, but have a vague idea that Genevra Lake, and this, suspecting socialism is going to help them some that it came from her private pocket. way, who, at any time, are willing to statement that anyone whose words

unions

Socialism is not taught in either, and I had not only given my addresses free until very recently socialism, or politof charge, but was out a considerable ical action, dare not be mentioned in urge them to join. I considered they a labor union body.

Many other instarces might be cited The only reason that socialism is but I am simply making explanation now tolerated in a labor union body of a specific case, and not attempting is that many, or some, of the members any defense. For a full year I gave my entire cialists outside and independent of time and traveled constantly from the unions. There are also many who coast to coast for the Social Demodo not belong to any union, or who me kindly, but the weather was very ciples and that

This same element in the Socialist Party insist that the control of the of my railroad fare and personal expenses. Prior to this I did the same for the American Railway Union, like wise leaving my salary undrawn and borrowing money to pay my expenses. They oppose the headquarters being located at Omaha, for fear of the far-

mer influence. ,
This is all wrong. Farmers can be, lar from any source for any speech. and are, just as good Socialists, and lecture or address, although I had delivered hundreds on all kinds of occasocialism as any other class. ocialism as any other class. For my part, I think Omaha a good

place for headquarters. Perhaps the quorum acted a little hasty in locating the headquarters at Omaha, but they are justified in a and Port Blakeley to nominate the measure for so doing, because I con-

date was successful it was a sign that sider an emergency existed. he had the support of these companies The conditions were such that summary measures were adopted by the and it didn't matter which ticket he delegates in removing the old local was elected on. Just before election was elected on. Just before election large numbers of men are hired and brought to the county. They decide the elections at the behest of these quorum and the secretary, and I consider it perfectly justifiable to remove the headquarters away from the incorporations, and what is the result? fluence of St. Louis at once, without The man who has bought a few acre

waiting for a referendum.

Chicago was the headquarters of one wing of the old Social Democracy of land and spends most of his time working out and trying to pay for i growing tendency to discuss party and there is still an influence there matters in a spirit of fairness and that will breed anything but harmony. and support a family, pays heavy taxes nominal valuation. I believe a referendum should be taken, but I believe the quorum should be

sustained. George Boomer, who dues himself for \$500,000. It generally pays taxes "Our Uncle Sam," thinks that if a on a valuation of about \$20,000

is not a question of longer or shorter complete abolition of the wage system. ic statements by our prominent party so that each shall receive the full ben efit of his toil and the establishment

party they must give us facts in support of any position taken by them.

When the "Appeal to Reason" as
serts "Omaha is the center of the rev. line of industry would, under social.

Commande Burgess made us an expension of the rev. cellent speech last fall, but there is order for which send to my address one proposition on which he and I can subscription cards of your paper, can not agree. He stated that each as advertised in The Socialist of Feb. tive machinery were invented so that and when the work of one man would equal the International Socialist-Review work of fifty men in the old way of it. man would equal ten men at plowing, it would follow, under Comrade Burgess' plan, that the shoemaker would plea is that it serves to jar people I admit that the farmer of the plains get five times the remuneration for away from the old parties, but it only is becoming glarmed at the specter of the same time that the farmer got for jars them and fills their heads full of

This would not be equitable. I be-lieve in absolute equality in the diviall the would be to learn right and save both laborers, provided all have labored time and expense. I heartily approve country faithful.

Industry is already socialized to but it will bear watching yet. These farmers approve of collective such an extent that one worker can The condition of the Socialist Party

It is impossible to tell bow much

ideas of revolution do not agree with \$3.000 worth per annum and that uncussion at our meetings. We have the ideas of revolution as advocated der socialism this would probably be only had it about two months. Speak-

roads, large factories, mines, etc. To anyone. So that there would be no chairman to speak so long that there do these things would result in an up-heaval in a bloody war, and they ask:

"Ain't the revolution?"

anyone. So that there would be no chairman to speak so long that there is no time left for anything else. Although the chairman has been in-haustive labor. haustive labor.

Dr. Titus also said that Jim Hill, time and free discussion has even Bere are two theories: First, that chosen superintendent of the trans- local, but even that has not at all farmers, as, a class, will not join the nortation department and a non-social-times saved it.

Socialist movement so long as they ist asked the doctor if he thought Jim. Still Wilson will again be in the

McDEVITT ELECTED

would have any use for such men as Jim Hill in his present role. It is true, we would need a super-

Under socialism I don't think we

It will cost us about \$50. This seems a little steep, especially since five speeches we had last fall did not cost

us that much, one of them being ex-Mayor Chase, from Massachusetts.

I believe some of the Socialists have a wrong idea about W. T. Mills being

against the wage-laborers' interests. I took his lessons and in them he urged all Socialists to belong to their

KITSAP COUNTY, WASH.

Dear Comrade:- l have just gottep

As I have been making my head-

quarters in Burley I organized the first local here. On the evening of March 6th I held a meeting at Long Lake to

cast a total Socialist vote of 39 for judge of the Supreme Court

up their sleeves to make Port Gamble

It has been the usual game for the sawmill companies at Port Gamble

while those two companies pay on

You have all heard about the Port

Blakely mill being sold a while ago

Fraternally,

ANOTHER WORD FROM DENVER.

Enclosed find \$2.50 in postal money

the hands of every Socialist of the

state we would soon have a clearer movement. There is a demand for a

paper with more Socialist articles in

lation in this city and state; the re

sult is a Utopian movement. Their

dreams which it is impossible to dis-

ers come here who can not stand dis-cussion. They are allowed by the

ideas through the state.

The "Appeal" has had a large circu-

Editor Socialist.

S. P. WALSH.

local there in a few weeks.

obligations were

home from a trip around Kitsap Coun

Editor Socialist, Seattle, Wash.

Burley, Wash., Mar. 17, 1903.

Yours truly, J. F. BAYMILLER.

respective trades unions.

intendent of transportation, but there are, perhaps, thousands who could fill the vote for State Court the place better than Jim Hill could. We will have Father Hagerty here The Local Quorum has canvasse vote for State Committeeman with



WILLIAM McDEVITT.

	tributary to Colby, and although it was a stormy night a sufficient number of the comrades attended to enable me		M Smart		Craw- ford	2.0000000000000000000000000000000000000
i	to complete the organization. A meet-	Cedarhome	**	. 5		**
	ing was arranged for the evening of	Arlington		2.4		8
Ë	the 14th , after which the application	Lake	5			
ļ	for a charter was sent in, bearing four-	Freeland	**	7		
	teen signatures.	Lyman		5		
Ė	I spent the 7th and 8th in Bremer-	Tacoma	8			
	ton, but without result, as the com-	Yelm		16		
	rades there are of the opinion that if	Echo		**		
۱	a local was to be formed there every	Fairhaven				
١	man that joined who worked in the	Aberdeen	5	2	3	
į	navy yard would be discharged.	Norh Yakima		7		
t	They claim to have evidence of their	Renton				
١	statement that anyone whose words	Skamokawa		5		
Ľ	or acts do not agree with those of the	Burlington	2	9		
	powers that be will be let out of their	Clarkston	7			
•	jobs. They say every other man is a	Hoquiam				18
•	sny and that full information concern	Seattle	6	29	1	3
	ing the membership of the local would	Classe		1		
ı	be at once placed at the disposal of		-	-	-	-
	the commandant. Of course, I did not	Totals	47	103	4	29
	I take I sensidered their				and the same	

There were in addition 7 votes cast were the best judges of what their by some Local-which one the Quorum was unable to determine. Last year Charleston and Bremerton

U. G. MOORE,

bad, so the organization was not com-pleted, but I expect they will have a ate the tactics of the party, as can be seen by the history of the party in I organized a local of five members the last two years, but we can not at Poulsbo the evening of the 12th and stand the results which have followed expect to see a membership of at least the teaching of ignorant or design-twenty there soon, as there are many ing teachers bringing large numbers of unmanageable elements into the Socialists in the vicinity.

There is a loyal and enthusiastic lot of comrades at Breidablik and they they raise the cry of heresy hunters cheerfully organized and are rolling and say we are trying to use a club. Stitt Wilson ordained Carl D. Thomson as bishop of this state. The a Socialist precinct. The local has a charter membership of fifteen. Kitsap County politics have been about as rotten as can be found in this land of working-class ignorance. and it was said that you could not tell

the difference between them.

Eugene V. Debs has put his oar. into the mixup here by lauding the Crusaders. It might have been bets ter policy for him to stand by a clear cut movement and the workingmen. but as present there isn't a hundred dollars a speech in that. He was through the state by Wm. Wise, the national secretary of the Crusaders, thus ignoring the state committee and yet using the locals of the party to further his ends. Yours for the cause

WASHINGTON REPORT FOR FEB. RUARY.

WILLIAM HUFFMANN.

Seattle, March 16, 1903. Editor "Socialist": Following is re-port of receipts and disbursements by

Clarkston, \$6.45; Silvana, \$1.40; Anacortes, \$1.50; Granite Falls, \$1.60; Lyman; \$1.20; La Conner, \$1.00; Spanaway, 80c; Echo, \$3.60; Mt. Pleasant, \$2.10; Washougal, \$2.00; total, \$80.70.

Charter applications-Local Jordan, 60c; Burley, \$1.00; total, \$1.60. Members at large, 30c: supplies, \$2.10. Total receipts, \$84.70; balance from January, \$15.19. Total cash, \$99.89. EXPENDITURES.

Postage, \$2.25; stamp and pad, 65c; letterheads, \$2.50; telegrams re. Father Hagerty, \$1.65; expenses of Secretary-Treasurer to Spokane and return, \$29.00; February dues to National Committee, \$40.35; total, \$76.40, Balance on hand, \$23.49

The comrades are improving in the matter of payment of dues, although several locals are still delinquent. The list of members at large is inmembers to begin an organization at each point before many months roll Comrade Cameron is at work in

Skagit and Whatcom counties, but of from all the Secretary can learn his financial support is not what it should occooccoccoccoccoccocc be. Many times a Socialist speaker

is left by the comrades to shift for himself, no attempt is made by the members of the local to find out whether he has a place to stop, how his expenses are to be taken care of, over every one clears out and leaves the speaker to himself. Ask yourselves whether this is what is due from you to the Socialist movement. "The man who foots the bills is the one who controls the office holders."

Fraternally, U. G. MOORE, Secretary-Treasurer. New address: 4325 Phinney Ave., Fremont Station, Seattle.

FROM THE SOCIALIST CANDIDATE

FOR GOVERNOR OF OHIO. Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Jan. 25, 1903. The Socialist Educational Union, Seat-

tle, Washington. Dear Comrades:-It is only during the last ten days that my attention has been directed to the quality of the work you are doing by publishing "The Socialist." My excuse is that there are so many papers and I have been studying history and scientific sociology in every spare minute. I wish to congratulate you upon your diagnosis of the various Socialist paitforms. The enclosed copy of Cincinnati Platform" is submitted for your criticism. This has been much affected by your work in recent numbers of "The Socialist."

I have handed my subscription to one of your agents here and will look forward with interest to the receipt of succeeding issues.

Yours fraternally HARRY C. THOMPSON.

PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CINCINNATI.

We, the Socialist Party of Cincinnati, in presenting our candidates for municipal office to the working class oters and those in sympathy with them, base our appeal upon the following historic facts:

committees of the capitalist class. All the resources of this nation are now held as private property by financial Trusts which care nothing for human life and happiness, but only for enormous dividends. Labor has produced all wealth and capital is but that portion of wealth in use to produce more wealth. The working class has always been used to produce wealth for others and their share has always been a mean and uncertain subsistence while dependent for employment upon the owning class.

In view of these facts, we declare that all natural resources and all capital which gives power over the lives of others, should be the common inheritance and the property of the whole nation. We declare that every citizen has an inherent right to the use of land and machinery, so that by bishop then went on the platform with individual and united effort, poverty a leading follower of Henry George and suffering may be removed and prosperity become universal. We de clare that the system of manufacturing for private profit must be displaced oy manufacturing for use and consumption.

Therefore, we pledge that when our party is in public office, all legislative power shall be used to advance the interests of the working class and tend toward the establishment of a co-operative commonwealth , based upon the completed scientific organization of industry, in which every citizen shall have equal rights in the control and use of an undivided national es-tate and be secure in the private possession of all the wealth he or she creates. The Socialist Party is the party

of the working class.
Unanimously adopted in convention.

January 24, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Dues—Local Aberdeen, \$5.80; Clayton, \$1.00; Jordan, \$1.80; Edmonds, \$1.60; Spokane, \$10; Brush Prairie, \$1.10; Tacoma, \$5.70; Ferndale, 40c; Olympia, \$4.25; Orchards, \$1.80; Arbitage one of the attempt to bribe one of the employees of the "Vorwaerts," that paper now carries the following notice: "We have at our office Sixty Marks, which were paid to one of our messengers on January 13th, in the Schiller restaurant, as an inducement to brook falls. end of the coasting steamer's run and Olympia, \$4.25; Orchards, \$1.80; Ar- in the Schiller restaurant, as an inis away from the immediate espionage lington, \$1.80; Fairhaven, \$6.00; Yelm, ducement to break faith with us and \$1.50; Burlington, \$1.10; Seattle, reveal secrets to the political police. \$10.60; Tumwater, \$1.10; Freeland, \$1.60; Hoquiam, \$1.10; Kenton, 50c; the same on receipting for it and provthe same on receipting for it and prov-

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There's a kid out there in Frisco That used to write "Advance," Who has got to belly achin'

'Cause they swiped him in the pants,

the California comrades can not tolerate candid criticism, their backing is not complete, and, by the way, say, the ex-Advance man expresses his soul fear that the middle class agranian element will dominate the S. P. and denlores the location of various in the state of the capitalist mind, these things are hard—ye again!" "Whither whence?"

dominate it or make trouble for their to the gullet of slave collars

Omaha comrades are preparing for a warm city campaign. The invincibles of the second precinct of the sixth that Boomer, he's a slim jim, but he ward are giving the C. C. C. cards and strikes out from the shoulder. spades on how to organize. They keep their kitchen conventions at white heat, have captured nearly every-thing worth while in sight and will soon run out of territory. Get a move on, 519. N. 16-or the second precinct. sixth ward, will move on you un What it Teaches' at Platsmouth, Neb, awares and batter down the walls of the 12th. Held business meeting at the capital. Shall we move the headquarters out to the sixth ward? Call for referendum.

AN OBJECTOR TO SOCIALISM



Are the Socialists doing business? church ridden, capitalist-cursed vis-lage, and me and the Lord—or the Drop into rooms 9 and 10, Arlington Lord and I—have got to stand in the afford several wives, and probably Block, Omaha, and watch National Secretary Mailly and Comrade W When in "upstart" dense obtusion Wierdly wailed his fond delusion As he howled for votes by "fusion" get in a word on any other subject Cause they had so good a chance.

Sectiant fair word of a few hours. If you're herited "Blessed are the poor, for the words distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when herited can't see the distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't see the distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't here words distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't see the distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't see the distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't here words distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't here words distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't here words distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't here words distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't here words distinction." If a they shall inherit the earth, "when an can't here words distinction." If a they words distinction. If a they shall inherit the words distinction. If a they word of the words distinction. If a they word distinction is the word of the words distinction. If a they word distinction is the word of the Cause they had so good a chance. between the hours of the The "six kicks" of the ex-editor of "Advance" have the ring of the bulls lers up there in the Arlington Block eye that's been "hit" Lud the ire of a Presbyterian whose creed has been formation seekers. "Attending to S. P. business," we reply: "Well, how in the situation and have unjustly criticated Comrade Harriman, I beg pardon. I said but little of Comrade Harriman and nothing personal. If we do not stop to explain other than don. I said but interest that the California comrades can not toler ejaculating: "To those who sit in

and deplores the location of national headquarters at Omaha; now "whence al committeeman for the State of come those thinks" from the Advance Washington, gave three addresses at man? Has he forgotten the California state convention? Was there a very conspicuous agrarian element in that convention? Did they dominate the party? Did the Advance man "shriek" world and expose the fallacy of sentiparty? Did the Advance man "shriek" world and expose the fallacy of sent-out his soul-fears of middle class and domination when shrieking was in or-der? Did he? I do not know, but if not, whence this change of heart? "Whence come these shrieks?" Echo Omaha. This is the judgment of the writer. The Omaha comrades, as a rule, are very clear, thorough students No. I can not pose as an "intellect-ual" "as far as school-teaching allows one to be," as hints the Advance man. Tho' I have spent some years teaching school I am a ragged, homeless revolu-tionary proletaire, as far as slaving in the shops, rolling mills on the section—(tamping fies and shoveling in the ditch) permits one to be. My con-clusion is that the working class—the worksolled ones, not the respec-table—cologrescented—ones—must the work-solled ones, not the respec-table, cologne-scented ones—must dominate the Socialist party and will down like poison pills or codliver oil the finer-haired brethren with the gilded "Christian Socialist" or "social refor who "bitterly opposes CLASS LEGISLATION" and longs to help the working class without injuring the business of the capitalist class. Yes, he raps you, you will think that he has smashed you with a boulder. If it

> Spoke on "Socialist Philosophy and close of talk. Invited all the working men not Socialists, who cared to do so, to remain for business meeting. Explained our method of organization, cards and due stamp system. The seven working men who remained for business meeting not Socialists all joined that night.

> Moral: Not speech-makers, but or Windy are the wind jammers for they createth a commotion in the ele ements, but blessed are the organizers they are even now at work on the foundations of the Co-operative Commonwealth, and their work createth sternation in the capitalist camp.

ORGANIZE!

Here we be wallering around in the mud at Brock—every other fellow here a Socialist and no organization. Afraid of the 10c due system. Another in stance of waiting for Socialism to appear on a platter. Will the slaves have vigor enough to work their jaws when eating-time comes? Spoke in the street last night. Only one hall in town and six churches. Tried to ren this measly hall for Sunday night this measly hall for Sunday night, but the little hunchback merchant who owns it said: "Sir, it is the Lord's day, NO. SIR, you can't have my hall." So me and the Lord, or the Lord and I (to please the intellectuals) talked and laughed the matter over last night and after comparing the modern pharisees who keep "the Lord's day" sacred to hypocrisy alone—with the ancient pharisees who permitted the same of the lord of the l with the ancient pharisees who per-secuted him for breaking the Sabbath. Shall we sell it? Shall we keep it for we fixed it up to occupy a street corner Sunday p. m., which, with a soap box for a pulpit, we will proceed to it off again?

dedicate to the Lord and Socialism. Boomer says: six churches in this poverty-stricken, now is, most men are content if they mud and rain, and preach salvation to would permit, no matter if some other the working class, the world's disin- men should go wifeless. For the life

N. B.-Comrades, we need money to

"I hope that President Roosevelt Oh; ye pharisees, how I love you. As will get a hustle on himself, and pre-Boomer says: "My heart bleeds for vent this matter of men having more One hall, one school house and than one wife being popular. As it thing else he has or needs, and turn him and his wife and babies out on the help organize the state. Write us at highway to perish."—Walter Price in headquarters.



CONCESSION TO SOCIALIST GROWTH.

But This Is Not Socialism. This Is State Capitalism. Some Call It "State Socialism." Anyhow This "Government Ownership" Is Not Socialism. (Leading Editorial from Collier's Weekly, Jan. 31, 1903.)

The chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, Mr. Jenkins of Wisconsin, has introduced a resolution calling upon that committee to report to the House its opinion as to the power of Congress to seize the coal mines and coal railways. The resolution is not likely to have immediate results of far-reaching importance. This is not the Congress for radical action. The less it does the better its leaders will be satisfied. But the cupies a high position in the section of Congress that is supposed to be most deeply concerned for the rights of property and against the progress of Socialism. The chairman of the Judiciary Committee is a good deal more radical than most of his associates. But he is a stanch Republican and head of one of the most important of Congressional Committees. The interesting feature of his action is that it should be taken by a Republican and in a Republican Congress without arousing a hurricane of indignation from all parts of the country. A few years ago Mr. Jenkins would have been denounced as an anarchist or worse: he would have been gibbeted with Debs and the late Governor Altgeld. To-day his resolution is discussed with respectful toleration when it is noticed at all. The fact is another symptom of the growth of the idea of government ownership of natural monopolies. In less than ten years it has ceased to be treated as the obsession of dangerous enemies of government. It is discussed with every evidence of amiability by notorious patriots. In a mild form it is mildly advocated by the professors of colleges. It finds its way into bils in Congress without causing the roof to cave in. It even colors the public utterances of cabinet officers and federal judges. In short, it has become respectable. We mention this merely as a political phenomenon worthy of the attention of all our readers who care to indulge in the luxury of political philosophy. It may come to nothing in the end. We have seen many instances in our own generation of the rise of a political doctrine from obscurity, and its relapse into oblivion within a few years. Possibly, we may even say probably, this is what will happen to government ownership. Private ownership is more faithfully defended here than in any other country in the world. This will always be true while the abundance of the land makes it possible for individual industry and intelligence to crown itself with riches. But in the meantime it is interesting to observe that such a resolution as that introduced by Mr. Jenkins should not arouse the fathers of the party from their graves, and that government ownership should become a subject for rational discussion between persons who admit each other's patriotism and good faith.

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