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DEVOTED TO MARXIAN SOCIALISM.

MOTTO: "He who does not work, neither shall he eat."

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SOCIALISTS OF OKLAHOMA BEWARE!

Do not be led by scheming politicians and Democrat Labor leaders, who have a little ax to grind and a nice cushioned office chair that they want to keep warm, into fusion or compromise.

The Socialist party cannot fuse or compromise with these henchmen on the political or industrial field under any circumstances. The minute we open our arms, and receive into the socialist movement these "Wooden Horses of Troy" filled with labor faking Tories, the function and mission of the Socialist party ceases. THE PROGRAM OF SOCIALISM IS TO ABOLISH WAGE SLAVERY AND THE ENTIRE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, ROOT, BRANCH AND ALL. NOTHING ELSE WILL SUFFICE.

It is far better for any socialist to tear his or her red card to pieces, to renounce their faith in the socialist movement, and cast them to the four winds of the heavens rather than vote for a single candidate on a capitalist ticket. The moment you fuse or compromise and help to put some hyphenated friend of labor on a capitalist ticket, you cease to be a socialist and become liable to expulsion from the party, and it is certain that you are no longer a member of the working class movement of the world that stands for the emancipation of the workers.

Beware! Comrades, let not Reconstruction Leaguers, who have nothing to reconstruct, and Democrats, and Republicans, good labor leaders, and good capitalists, lead you into fusion, to compromise with wage slavery.

They only seek to destroy the socialist party and movement in Oklahoma; they don't want you to put a ticket in the field this year. Their battle cry is, "The Socialist Party must cease to function in Oklahoma." Beware, and be not a tool to help destroy the only working class political movement in Oklahoma that stands for no fusion, no compromise; but for emancipation of the workers on the farm, mine and shop.

A class conscious Socialist could never dream of such a thing, and without class consciousness, Socialism and the "brotherhood of man" can never be realized.

Forget not your principles for which you have fought, have spent your time and money, for which many of your comrades have been thrown in filthy jails. These comrades are now calling to you with out-stretched hands from behind prison bars and beseech you not to desert them, or because of humanity for which they wear prison clothes and eat prison food.

Beware! Let not these labor fakirs lead you to betray your own comrades who have been jailed by these good servants of the capitalist class.

The socialist party has stood for that high ideal, "No state or local organization shall, under any circumstances fuse, combine or compromise with any other political party or organization, or refrain from making nominations, in order to favor the candidate of such other organizations, nor shall any candidate of the socialist party accept any nomination or endorsement from any other party or political organization."

The Oklahoma Leader and the "Big Boss," Oscar, would have you believe the socialist movement in Oklahoma is dead, now that they have bled you for thousands of dollars. It is no wonder they want you to change your name. Such traitors will receive their just reward.

The "Big Boss" Oscar, now wields his big stick, unfolds the Oklahoma Leader to your socialist optics and presents the profile of Mayor J. C. Walton, who, in the midst of Socialists, Republicans and Democrats speaking from the platform of the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League at Shawnee, Okla., makes this statement in his type-written speech in accepting their endorsement of him for Governor.

"It is with pardonable pride I refer to the fact that at the last national election, when men's minds were inflamed, and demagogues were abroad in our land, Oklahoma City and county rolled up the largest democratic majority in its history and gave to the democratic standard bearers their unstinted support toward the perpetuation of the policies of that matchless democrat, who has had more influence for good in moulding the thought and

shaping the destiny of this war-weary world, than any other mortal since the death of the lowly Nazarene. That matchless democrat, an antagonistic press described as 'The pillar of a people's hope, the center of a world's desire'; in whom the victorious found a 'Champion of Justice'; in whom the oppressed saw 'their hope of freedom, liberty, even life itself.' Needless for me to repeat the name of that matchless man—Woodrow Wilson."

As Walton looked into the eyes of the Farmer-Labor Leaguers, about thirty percent of whom was made up of old time socialists, ten percent Democrats, and sixty percent of Democratic squibs, he knew he must make the "best democratic speech possible for the rank and file of the Democratic party must be whipped into line. The socialists and republicans had fallen for the dope, hence a pill of faith must be administered to the "one hundred percent" democrats.

Comrades how do you like it? And still the "Big Boss" has the unmitigated gall to ask you socialists to go to your registrar and be registered democrats so you can vote for Walton for governor and forget that you ever were undesirable socialists. It is no wonder that many of you socialists left the convention hall with sheepish glances darting from your fiery orbs, you were about as much ashamed of yourself for being caught endorsing a democrat politician as he was to be found in the midst of Reds.

Comrades, it is not yet too late to wash your hands of this misrepresentation. Comrades, stand by your colors' be true to the cause you love. Study your books and acquaint yourselves with the ideals of the movement. Do not allow capitalist politicians to deceive you. Let us be not wiped from the map, but have a ticket whose banner shall stand for the emancipation of the working class. Fusion, no, never!

Capitalism is crumbling. You must be prepared to handle the reins of government when the final crash comes. Let every comrade come to the front. Do not be afraid to show your colors. Continue the battle till "Peace, Bread and Liberty" is ours.

NATIONAL OFFICE SPEAKS

An encouraging letter from National Executive Secretary, Otto Branstetter, to comrade L. A. Stanwood, Chairman of our State Executive Committee:

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17, 1922.
L. A. Stanwood,
Dear Comrade;

I have your communication of February 11th, regarding Comrade Hollis. We have not heard from him for months, and the last address we had was box 640.

The State Charter of Oklahoma has been revoked, and what few members at large remain in the state are paying dues directly to the National Office.

I note your statement that you are calling a meeting for Shawnee on Feb. 23rd, at the same time the convention of the Reconstruction League is held. I do not know whether you are in favor of the reconstruction league or not, and whether you intend to work in conjunction with them. If this is your intention, I wish to say frankly that the National Office is not interested in the success of your meeting.

We are, however, interested in having a Socialist Party ticket nominated and filed in Oklahoma this year. I would be very glad indeed to have the Socialists in Oklahoma who are interested in maintaining the Socialist Party have a meeting and take such steps as necessary to get out a ticket. The Reconstruction League is foredoomed to failure, and it is the height of folly for the comrades to lose our place on the ballot and our standing as a political party by not running a ticket this year. I sincerely hope that there will be enough socialists left in the state to put out a ticket. I would be glad to co-operate with

you or other comrades interested in this matter in any way possible. I had thought that a little later in the spring I would send an organizer through the state and call a state mass meeting at that time, and if possible, get a ticket in the field.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Comrade Moore, and would be glad to hear from either of you regarding conditions in the state and the prospects of filing a socialist ticket.

With best wishes, I am
Fraternally yours,
OTTO BRANSTETTER
(Executive Secretary)

Reconstruction League Politics

It is a clever trick the politicians are trying to put over for the purpose of trying to exterminate the Socialist party in Oklahoma. First, comes the advise from Pat Nagle to cease to meet in the locals, warning them that to continue to hold public meetings might cause the arrest and conviction of all who might be caught in a public meeting. Second, in 1920 we were told that in as much as we had no organization to function, and that it was impossible to get any part of the

republicans at out this dirty bunch of dems, and through them secure election laws that would give the socialists a chance. And the same bunch came advising us to join a Non-partisan movement to rescue the state from the vice republicans and restore it to the holy democrats, who have now been sanctified and purified? and who are now favoring state ownership of some of the public institutions in the state. They tell us that the socialist party is in bad repute. Who believes that a bunch of reactionary democrats will put the socialist party in good repute. Well, when we deliberate for a while, we remember that the socialist party has never been in any other condition but in bad with that bunch.

Comrades, are you really ashamed of your party and ready to part with it because those office seekers do not like it? They do not like our beloved Debs, they did not love Jesus of Galilee, neither do they love you. They tell us that they only want to fix things for us in the future, well, very true, and if you will only let them they sure will fix things for us by getting us out of the party and off the ticket, then we never can get back on the ticket again, and they will have accomplished their purpose; destroyed the socialist party completely.

Reconstruction League, reconstruct (to build again). What do those old time democrats want to rebuild? What has fallen down and must be rebuilt by this gang? Are they socialists? No. They are socialist haters, unless the socialists will help them secure official power so they can skin the socialists. Comrades, beware! And trust only loyal socialists who are not ashamed of the name and are alive enough to stand by the noble cause that such comrades as 'Gene Debs, Stanley J. Clark, Kate O'Hare and hundreds of other brave and loyal comrades dared to go to prison. My God! Save us from cowards and office seekers who would send us into H... if only they could secure power, and eat a few crumbs that fall from their master's table.

Comrades, these are trying times, let us be found faithful at our posts. Rally! Comrades, Rally! Get together, form clubs and give what you can. Sell a few eggs or a chicken or two; a bushel of corn or oats, some old clothes just anything and get a little to help the cause. We must keep headquarters, and have a ticket in Oklahoma this year. Comrades, great things are being done, let us be up and in the firing line. We are the only party holding the truth sacred, and nothing but the application of the truth and the collective ownership of all things collectively used can bring relief. Do not be fooled, and follow your political enemies only to be betrayed again as we have been so often in the past.
LEONARD JOHNSON
(Lecturer and Organizer)

Notice To The Comrades Of Oklahoma

The reactionary element has succeeded in destroying the socialist party organization in Oklahoma. But are we going to die without a struggle? I say NO. Now there is only one chance left. We must have a ticket in the field.

There will be a state convention of the socialist party called to meet in Oklahoma City in the next sixty days. All true socialists that are interested in getting a ticket in the field are expected to attend. I will be more than glad to hear from all comrades that are interested in getting a ticket out.

Yours for socialism,
J. E. HOLLIS
225 West D St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

THE MINERS PSALM.

The mine owner is my master; I know only want.
He maketh me to go down in deep mines; he leadeth me beside the rich ores.

He thinketh not of my soul; he leadeth me in paths of danger for his profit's sake.

Yea, though I strike for more of the products of my labor, I receive only evil; for thou are with me; thy gummens and thy militia they are after me.

Thou preparest a courtmartial before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou brusest my head with clubs; by blood runneth in the street.

Surely poverty and misery shall follow me all the days of my life; if we allow private ownership of mines forever.

R. K. JANES.
Henderson, Texas.

SOCIALISTS DO NOT CHANGE REGISTRATIONS

Beware of the cunning politician who is daily admonishing you to change your registration from socialist to democrat.

The democratic party, almost from its organization has been ready to swallow up every new party that has ever sprung into existence. They have so regularly pursued this course that they could be very applicably called "The National Association of Kidnappers."

If their intentions were honest; if they had ever shown any sincere effort to crystalize into legislation, any of the reform measures worth while, that were advocated by the different new parties that they have by deceit absorbed, it might be that we could look upon, without so much distrust, their latest attempt to destroy and forever abolish the socialist organization in the state of Oklahoma. The tree is known by the fruit it bears. The trick they played on the Populist party is still fresh in the minds of

many of us. You know its history. You know that after the foul deed was committed, the democratic party still remained under the control of the old reactionary bosses. It was the death knell of the populist party, and with it went the measures of relief for which they had so gallantly fought.

After they have now retreated to every cause espoused by the working class; with this record staring them in the face, they are asking you, comrades, to commit political suicide. It is a very nice trick. How many of you are going to be fools enough to do it? Is this the result of years of education and agitation? Is this the pay that our comrades receive for being kangarooed and put in penitentiaries, some of whom are still there? It is up to us. What shall the answer be? As Woodrow Wilson, the hero and the idol of the Reconstruction League, wrote across the application of a pardon for Eugene Debs, REFUSED, let we socialists, one hundred thousand strong in Oklahoma, answer to the democrat invitation, REFUSED.

A COMRADE

Socialist Community Clubs

Comrades where you have not a socialist local, organize a socialist community club. Write the Bugle for information regarding community pledge cards. Can send you an organizer to spend a few days in your county to assist you in putting out a county ticket or organizing a socialist community club.

Subscribe for the Bugle, \$1.00 per year.

If you want a socialist paper in Oklahoma help the Bugle to secure 5,000 subscribers and we will give you a weekly paper.

The Bugle is not asking you to purchase stock in a corporation in order that we might in turn issue to you watered stock and leave us with a snug sum of money to use as we see fit. We are asking you to secure subscriptions in order that we may be able to secure mailing privileges and send you the Bugle once a month for a year. If we can secure 5,000 subscribers, we can publish the Bugle weekly.

Don't put it off, send in a dollar to the Bugle today.

Socialist Lectures

Comrades, do you want a lecturer or an organizer, if you do write the Bugle office. Get in touch with the comrades in your county, arrange for four or five meetings; more if you can, secure a hall, church, school house or other meeting places; get some comrade with a means of transportation to take the speaker to the next meeting place. The weather will soon be suitable for meetings out doors in your front yard or in an arbor. The

more meetings you arrange, the better the result to your county and you can save many dollars in car fare. We have lecturers and organizers that are ready to begin work. See your neighbor, get a few of the comrades together and arrange for a few lectures.

SPEAKERS & LECTURERS
Write to "The Bugle," 414 W. Fricso St., Oklahoma City, Okla. for a lecturer for your picnic or encampment.

HEART BEATS

Extracts from letters written by Dorothy Clark of Texas.

"I am glad you are going to have a paper and here is my hand and heart for your success.

"Are you not glad that Dear Debs has been released. I wrote to him to try to express my joy, but could not find words to tell how really glad I am.

"Stanley is not free yet and I am making another trip to the Capitol to find out the reason. They have dismissed alien enemies, German spies, I W. W. organizers, socialists who opposed the war and deserters from the army. I am anxious to learn Clark's crime. I want to face Harding with the evidence that I collected last summer and sent to Daugherty and that they have had all summer and hear him tell me his reason.

"So I am leaving New Year's night and I know you wish me success. Write me at the same old box when I return. I will let you know what success I have if any.

Yours loyally,
DOROTHY CLARK"

All socialists who want to vote the Walton democrat ticket, please shell out three dollars and fifty cents, join the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League and we your leaders will look after your every interest even to the fourth generation.

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LATEST WORD FROM NATIONAL OFFICE

Socialist Party National Office Chicago, Ill., March 9, 1922.

To the Socialists of Oklahoma: Dear Comrades:

The attention of the National Office has been called to both an article and an editorial in the Oklahoma Leader of Wednesday, March 8th, in which the Socialist Party is represented as being in favor of the Oklahoma Re-construction League and its policies. The Leader says:

"The political conference of the Farmer-Labor and the Socialist Party and others, held at Chicago a few weeks ago, paved the way for united political action for 1922, leaving it in the hands of each state or district to determine how to exercise such unity of action for the coming elections. In many states, the plan of action will be similar to the non-partisan plan adopted by the Shawnee convention, namely, to unite to enter the primary of the dominant party and nominate the farmer-labor candidates through this method."

This is a deliberate and intentional misrepresentation of the position of the Socialist Party members who attended the Farmer-Labor Conference in Chicago. The Socialist Party has been in existence, and its policy steadily in opposition to the influence and trickery of the worst description. In 1920 many of you voted for Republican candidates. The same men who urged you to vote for Republican candidates in 1920 are urging you to vote for Democratic candidates in 1922. How do you know that they are not paid for doing so? That they are not selling your votes like a Tammany ward heeler? You do not know—you cannot know. There is but one protection for the common people against political treachery of this kind. It lies in uncompromising, independent political action.

The Socialist Party has been organized in Oklahoma for twenty years. It has a long and distinguished record. It has been influenced or bought by the politicians of either old party. In those days it was impossible for the leaders of the Socialist Party to sell out the membership, even if they had desired to do so. The policy of the party made it impossible. This policy was for the party to nominate a complete Socialist Party ticket and to expel any member who voted or advocated voting for the candidates of any other party. No Socialist leader could get money from another political party for advocating the running of a full Socialist ticket. It was a settled fact that the party would run such a ticket. No politician would be fool enough to buy the influence of a Socialist leader to get his party to do something which was a foregone conclusion it would do anyway. No politician could bribe a Socialist leader to urge the Socialist Party not to put out a ticket because to do so would expose him to the membership and brand him as a tool of the old party. No Socialist leader could urge his county convention not to nominate a candidate for sheriff, for example, without being under the suspicion of having been bought up by one of the old party candidates for that office.

In other words, the policy of the party made it impossible for its leaders to barter its votes in any manner. They would have been unable to deliver the Socialist vote for anything except a straight Socialist Party ticket. Under these circumstances they could not sell out the membership, even if they desired to do so. The old party politicians knew that they could not deliver the Socialist vote, and would have refused to bribe them if they had made the offer. It was a positive guarantee against treachery by the party leaders.

Now, the Socialists of Oklahoma have apparently adopted a new policy. You support the Republican Party one year, and the Democratic Party the next. You nominate some Socialist Party candidates, and you fail to nominate others. You have no means of knowing, and you never will know whether the leaders who advocate these policies are honest or dishonest. You will never know when you cast your votes under this leadership, and in this manner, whether your vote has been bought and paid for. There is only one way in which you can be sure that no capitalist interest or old party politician has not paid some Socialist leader for your vote. That is for you to vote only for a straight, uncompromising, Socialist Party ticket. No Wall Street interest is paying anybody for straight Socialist votes. They are paying for Democrat votes and Republican votes and split votes, but never for Socialist votes.

The National Office is preparing to re-organize the Socialist Party in Oklahoma on this basis. We intend to call a mass convention in the near future for the re-organization of the party and the nomination of a complete ticket for the coming election. If you are interested in reviving the Socialist Party in Oklahoma on the basis which will make it impossible for any leader to sell your vote to the highest bidder, and which offers the only possibility of building a working class party which, when it is successful, will be of benefit to the working-class, please write to the National Office and assure us of your interest and support.

democrats and that this plan, if successful, offers them an opportunity of securing nominations to public offices which their own membership refuse to give them. It is possible that the success of the Re-construction League may make the Oklahoma Leader respectable and prosperous, and give jobs to a number of democratic politicians now down and out, but by no stretch of the imagination can it mean any improvement in the lot of the farmers or workers of Oklahoma. A proof of the impossibility of organizing an independent political party the Leader cites the fact that Roosevelt's Progressive Party and Hearst's Independent League were failures. They fail to cite the fact that the Republican Party at the time of its organization, was a new third party, and that it succeeded; or the fact that the Socialist Party met with a large measure of success until it fused with the democrats, which meant its finish.

A large number of Oklahoma socialists supported the republican candidates in 1920, under the same influence and leadership which is now trying to take them into the democratic camp. By 1924 they may be leading you somewhere else. If you are to be led in this manner, it does not really make much difference where you are led, as the results will be the same so far as you are concerned. Your leaders will switch you from party to party, from faction to faction, and sell your votes to the highest bidder. This does not mean that all the individuals connected with the organization of the Re-construction League are dishonest or are at present planning to sell you like droves of sheep. It does mean, however, that this will be the inevitable result of the policy on which they have embarked and into which they are trying to stampede you. Once you accept the policy of participating in old party primaries, and of nominating or not nominating socialist candidates according to conditions, you lay yourselves open to political fraud and trickery of the worst description.

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Yours for Socialism, OTTO BRIANSTETER, Executive Secretary, 220 S. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

The old line politicians who are chief leaguers are whispering and cooing to the socialist to be nice and quiet cussing them, "Lay down your socialist policies and Industrial Democracy, join with the farmer and craft union working stiff and help us build up the Walton democrat party of Oklahoma, for we THINK that we will capture their political machine, providing we spend enough money and buy their voters. If we democrats succeed it is possible that we may be able to give you a few co-operatives, with as much capital as your working stiff and the state can afford, to enter into the competitive game with capital. Hurrah! Socialist! Lay aside your politics, destroy your party, our leaders don't like it any way, come on join our political party and watch us make Wall Street smile." No wonder a certain man said "What fools we mortals be."

Socialists of Oklahoma Own No Oklahoma Leader Stock?

The Bugle is not interested in the controversy between John Wilkinson and Alexander Howat, as that is a matter for the miners organization to settle.

We are with Howat in fighting the Kansas Industrial Court law and believe every fellow unionist is opposed to that law. We are interested in the statement made in the Oklahoma Leader of March 9th that the REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OKLAHOMA LEADER STOCK. The Leader says that he believed that the Oklahoma Leader stock. The Leader says that the representatives of the Leader knew that Ross owned stock in the SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, another corporation. After asking comrades that we sold Oklahoma Leader stock to and finding that they received the same kind of a bond that Mr. Ross received. We are now requesting the comrades to look at their stock, if it is a Socialist-Democrat Publishing Company Bond, you OWN NO OKLAHOMA LEADER STOCK. Every comrade ye editor sold stock to was to receive Oklahoma Leader stock and not Milwaukee Social-Democrat bonds. Comrades, from the facts that the records are showing I am doubtful if many Oklahoma Socialists have a voice in the Oklahoma Leader. One fact seems to be very plain and that is, that you do not own the Leader, nor do you control the Leader.

Ye editor is doing a little fishing stunt of his own and in our next issue we are going to tell you of the facts and records we have found. Meantime get your stock out from the bottom of the old trunk, read it over and note in what corporation you have stock or a bond.

Millionaire Hobo Calls.

James Eads How, known as the Millionaire Hobo stepped in to see ye editor (yes by the front door) partook of refreshments, and told us of his labors in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver and Pueblo where the unemployment problem was demonstrating the sickness of our system.

Comrade How rounded up a few workers, secured a hall at 514 South Robinson Street, and told us to get busy. His lectures were a treat and all are looking forward to his return dates.

Comrade How has a great big heart that is full of love for his fellow man. To him, "Life is a flower of which love is the honey."

The Oklahoma Leader and The Reconstructionist, conspicuously omit the typewritten speech of J. C. Walton delivered at the Shawnee convention. We would like to sedately ask the Revolutionary (?) Comrades of Ameringer, Hogan, Saelden and Co., if they were not just a little ashamed of his soap-bubble conclusion? Ye, bourgeois gents, ask J. C. Walton and the candidates to endorse the program handed to the delegates at Shawnee, and we believe it only fair that you back the speech of your leader. The socialist must hold that you endorse the mayor's speech until you have repudiated the same. No use trying to hide your rats from the Oklahoma socialists; sooner or later you must come out

in the open and face the music, which has a little jazz in it, but you are going to have to step to the tune whether you like it or not. Come on Dan, strike up the Marseillaise; 'twill comfort you in your present Walton democrat environment.

A leaflet called the "Agitator" recently issued by the Oklahoma City Trades and Labor Council carried this statement, "The constructive agitator became a labor leader and instead of agitating his people, led them through proper channels to better things. The professional agitator drifted to communism, socialism the I. W. W. and other weird and impractical movements and beliefs, and there continues his hymn of discontent." These modern labor fakirs came to the socialist farmer and after spitting in his face ask him to take their arm and register as a democrat.

Comrades, we can't believe that you will be lead as sheep to the slaughter. Kindly tell these ward healing, office seeking two-bit politicians to peddle their candy on down the street. These Trades Council politicians remind us of what a friend of ours once said of certain public officials, that "Men with heads as small as chipmunks and pockets as big as balloons have been elevated to public office."

You socialists who have asked for and stood for respect of present law, do you want to unite with certain politicians, violate the spirit of the law, enter the democratic primary and attempt to place certain democrats on the democratic ticket? What is it to you as to whom their leaders are? You know that who ever they are, they do not stand for the things you do, and they do not want the things you want. They only hold out a promise for you to swallow, and you have been living on promises for many years.

Don't waste time trying to smash craft unions. Save your energy and cash, the boss will turn the trick for you. Educate, organize build an industrial union that he can't smash. Lend your energy and spend your money for industrial and political emancipation

The Shawnee Convention

The convention is now history. The workers have returned to their "weight of Centuries," the politicians to their building of fences, the little ward and precinct henchmen are in a mad rush for pie counters, seeking crumbs that fall from the masters' tables. As it is as old as old abundance.

Ye editor looked at the list of many bourgeois socialists, and we are sure that you are true men and women. Woodrow Wilson democrats, a few dissatisfied republicans, rebelous democrats and a goodly number of loyal socialists who were in hopes the workers on the farm and in the shop were ready for a proletarian movement that would mean the end of WAGE SLAVERY. The delegates assembled in the convention hall were led in prayer by Rev. Taylor, received the address of welcome, elected W. A. Villines as chairman and proceeded to expedite the business of the convention. Many toilers from the farm and wage slaves from the city were there with honest hearts, desirous of throwing off their yoke of bondage. It was noticeable that these workers and producers of wealth wanted to unite on the political industrial slavery.

The first rap of the gavel brought forth the old labor fakirs scheme of appointing committees which went through with a hurrah.

One socialist objected to the appointment of committees, he had been educated in pure democracy at socialist conventions, but his objection did not get far with these old labor politicians, who did not intend to have any cracks or dents put into their slate.

The credential committee reported without a roll-call. To their solemn look ye editor smiled, for amidst that delegation was a number of Oklahoma City policemen and Walton delegates who had no legal right to sit in the convention of farmers and laborers. Ed Reger admonished the delegates that they must be "conservative in their deliberations," and pledged the co-operation of the farm forces to Edgar Fenton. Fenton replied, "The Farmers and laborers have met for one common purpose. We will be bound to support the action of this convention. We can restore the powers of government to the people in this state." Edgar Fenton failed to realize that the people of this state never held the powers of government in their own hands and that there would be no program offered the convention that would stand for the abolition of wage slavery or for a pure political democracy. Earl Witt gently confessed to the innocent and unsophisticated workers that the executive board had a platform and program already prepared but that they might have a few minutes to look at it and offer suggestions.

While the platform committee was out, Dan Hogan was called to the platform and said in part, "The Oklahoma Leader will back your candidate and when we have won in the primary, the Oklahoman and Times with all the other Oklahoma papers will be supporting the republican ticket and the Oklahoma Leader will be the only democrat paper in Oklahoma." Help yourself Dan, if you want to sail under

the democrat flag, may the joy be all yours. One favor we would ask, take the balance of the yallow socialists with you into the Walton democratic ranks that the socialist movement might be purified of these political high-binders, bourgeois socialists and parasites.

Dan said, "The Leader can't go crooked, for it is owned by too many people." The Leader has put out that hot air so much they ought to choke every time the statement is made.

J. S. Estes, Oklahoma City attorney, staunch supporter of J. C. Walton, relieved himself of no little amount of political hot air and proceeded to tell the workers what to do. Estes, don't you know that when a lawyer tells a class conscious worker what to do that the worker has sense enough to know he should do the opposite? Mr. Estes, the socialists and republicans each have political parties that represent their ideal of government and they are not going to be trapped into your Walton democrat primary and allow their own political parties to be wiped from the map. The republicans and socialists are not going to change their registration, Mr. Estes and they are not going into the democrat primary, we will attend to our own business and put over our own ticket.

When the platform committee reported and a "red" got the floor and tried to inject into the platform a demand for the initiative, referendum, and recall, he soon found that as far as he could get the bourgeois who dominated the convention, to go, was that they would go on record as FAVORING the recall. The initiative and referendum was too strong for the Walton democrats to take home with them to get votes with. The socialists were supposed to have fallen; hence like the Passion Play in the hands of vaudeville artists. Now just wait a minute for this is no joke, ye editor closely watched the drama, as a colored man approached the platform with a large artistic picture of J. C. Walton, candidate for governor, and proceeded to tack the same on the wall. A negro seated as a delegate in a convention with so many democrats was about the most revolutionary spectacle of the Farmer-Labor League convention.

The convention will go down in forgotten history as an honest effort of farmers and wage slaves trying to emancipate themselves from political and industrial slavery, whose every effort was thwarted by craft, cunning and designing politicians.

We determined with many other loyal comrades to return home and make our efforts to put a socialist campaign in this campaign. We are sure that you are true men and women. Woodrow Wilson democrats, a few dissatisfied republicans, rebelous democrats and a goodly number of loyal socialists who were in hopes the workers on the farm and in the shop were ready for a proletarian movement that would mean the end of WAGE SLAVERY. The delegates assembled in the convention hall were led in prayer by Rev. Taylor, received the address of welcome, elected W. A. Villines as chairman and proceeded to expedite the business of the convention. Many toilers from the farm and wage slaves from the city were there with honest hearts, desirous of throwing off their yoke of bondage. It was noticeable that these workers and producers of wealth wanted to unite on the political industrial slavery.

And jest holds out in his two hands As warm a heart as ever beat Betwixt here and the judgment seat."

THE SITUATION

I am filled with socialism From my heels up to my head And I love my fellow man And that little flag of red

But there's nothing I can accomplish Just fighting alone And all except a handful Are contented with the big bugs on the throne

They never stop to think about it, Or try to understand How they gouge us each year harder All o'er this great big land

They will even let the plutocrats Hold title to our land That has been here for ages And was not made by man.

They might as well hold a title To the sun that gives us light, Or take possession of the air And call it just and right.

For the Big-bugs never farm a farm, They only scheme and rob But they do that to perfection And are always on the job.

If every worker would wake up And do some thinking of his own, He could see why you and me Do not have a Happy Home.

Then we could soon take possession Of every foot of land And operate it souly For the benefit of man.

But there are a few loyal comrades Who are foremost in the fight, That never seem to get weary Of struggling for the right.

But we are coming, surely coming We are coming and to stay And we will drive the hypocrites and grafters And plutocrats away.

Then we will write civil laws Upon the people's heart And form a loving Brotherhood That can ne'er be torn apart.

J. E. BLACKWELL GATES.

Stanley J. Clark.

We have not forgotten the days of democracy that tore Stanley J. Clark from our midst and placed him behind prison bars with many other loyal comrades. We cannot forget that he has a loyal wife who is putting forth her every effort to secure his release from the Federal prison at Leavenworth.

Comrades, when you wanted some one for a debate to clean up on some old party politician, you sent for Clark. He came. Clark never failed you. He skinned your enemy and played with him as a cat plays with a mouse. When you wished to be entertained with a socialist lecture that would be an intellectual treat, you sent for Clark, he came, and you went home from the lecture happy because your neighbor who was your guest at the meeting received an eye opener. Comrades, Clark never failed you, he fought and bled for you and so long as he is behind prison bars the Bugle will continue the fight outside where loyal comrades like Comrade Clark left it. Were we inclined to give up the fight, we would not be such cowards to do so until our comrades and fellow workers were free.

We would like to request of our Walton democrats that if they want to do some real work in the interest of the farmers-laborers that they line up in the fight to help us free Stanley J. Clark and many other loyal comrades deprived of their liberty.

Clark you may be in prison but your spirit is marching on, and on to victory. May our votes and work speed the day.

REGISTER.

You can not serve the socialist movement, nor can you pose for the emancipation of your fellow workers registered as a democrat. If, for any reason, you have registered as a democrat now is the time to show your colors, get busy during March or April hunt up your precinct registrar, have the certificate "cancelled," during July 11th to 21st, register as a socialist, go to the polls at the primary and vote a socialist ticket. Don't be a backslider or traitor to the cause for which many of your comrades are giving the best of their lives. Roll up a vote that will put Oklahoma back on the map.

We are expecting that every comrade will do his duty toward the working class and see that his neighbor as well as himself is registered as a socialist.

DENIES RIGHT TO LIFE.

If you have no right to work, you have no right to life, because you can only live by work. And if you live in a system that denies you the right to work, that system denies you the right to live. Now man has a right to life because he is here. That is sufficient proof, and if he has the right to life it follows that he has the right to all the means that sustain life. But how is it in this out-grown capitalist system? A working man can only work on condition that he finds somebody who will give him permission to work for just enough of what his labor produces to keep him in working order.—Eugene V. D. ebs.

The better wage and working conditions of the Typographical Union members created a self-styled aristocratic body of wage earners, separate to, and distinct from the great masses of unskilled and semi-skilled workers. Their fight with the open shop boss in two hundred or more cities is portraying to their sensitive optics that there is a class struggle on this side of the pond, and that they belong to the wage earning class, the working class. That they are neither Ladies nor Gents, but men and women. The eye opener is doing splendid work.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common."

The farmers and laborers must organize a socialist party that will function both politically and economically. Both of these arms must be attached to the solar plexus of the same body.

We wonder how many tenant farmers will follow Oscar Ameringer's plutocratic scheme and shell out \$3.50 to have the blessed privilege of voting the democratic ticket? And say, old top, we would sure hate to be your friend and have you recommend that we run for office and sit on the altar of the democrat party, while the fagots were being applied. We'll just wager you a little that Henry and Old Beck will haul in enough wood to build a fire under your Golden Calf that will be hot enough to smoke you and your labor fakirs out into the view and scorn of all honest wage slaves, who demand emancipation from their chains and not just a few crumbs from the table of the Boss or Landlord.

The Oklahoma Leader tried to convince the editor and the Oklahoma City socialists last April that we should vote the democrat ticket, because their candidates were friends of labor. We remembered the story of a man by the name of Judas, and did not deem it advisable to follow the voice and advice of those who once called us comrades.

One of the great needs of socialist movement today is a means of communication. The Bugle will try to serve that need. We still have faith in the socialist and the socialist movement of Oklahoma and that the comrades have nerve enough to stand by their colors.

For good socialist books, pamphlets, song books or leaflets, write to Charles H. Kerr & Company, 341-349 East Ohio St. Chicago, Ill.

The numbers of the proletariat continue to grow. Their solidarity must be strengthened, as the struggle with their exploiters becomes more acute. The improvement of technique, concentrating the means of production and socializing the process of labor, is preparing the ground for the social revolution.

A few labor skates take pride in the idea that they are boring from within. Say, old pard, your gimlet is too small.

There is a legend of universal liberties being won with the defeat of Cornwallis. Proletarians be on your guard, for they are coming back after the legend.

The worker must sweep the field clean of a capitalist government. If he captures industry, the political state must not be left in the hands of the Boss to again enslave him.

The skilled workmen rarely show more or less solidarity than other classes of workers, but they are harder to replace than the unskilled.

Now comrades, if you want to vote the democrat ticket this fall and have a permit to do so, we won't ask you three and a half bucks to do it, for really we don't think it worth that much, but send us a one dollar bill in the next mail and we will send you the Bugle for one year which will "stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance" and permit you to vote for your emancipation, your wives and babies.

To follow Ameringer and the Oklahoma Leader, it will cost the 100,000 Oklahoma Socialists \$350,000 to vote the Walton democrat ticket, for some friends that would be endorsed at the primaries on the good old capitalistic party ballots. Gee! but these Milwaukee crumbs are getting to be revolutionary.

Comrades, you dug up thousands of dollars for a socialist daily. Yep, Oscar, the "Big Boss," from Milwaukee, said, "She will boom-boom six days a week for the cause of socialism. Her boom-boom" died as soon as their coffers were filled. How to spend it was the next question? How to create easy jobs? How to become respectable? How to put out a little daily that would be sedate and elite enough to please the worker of refined taste, the farm-owner, the skilled mechanic, the little business man, to become respectable and to seek a soft cushion for many pie counter hunters. Her boom-boom for socialism has been lost in the coffers where you socialist farmers and workers poured your money thinking you would have a paper that belonged to the producing class, but you were double crossed and evolved out of your ranks a few weaklings and yellow reactionaries which after all may be good for the socialist movement of Oklahoma, but we paid a good price to find these Judases.

Oklahoma socialists dug up the coin to put the Oklahoma Leader on its feet, but the Leader found the Oklahoma socialists too radical to continue a paper in their behalf, hence the Leader is a daily paper owned and controlled by Milwaukee interests, without a political principle, or an industrial goal "save as offered by the A. F. of L. Boys, she sho" am some revolutionary sheet; maybe de "big boss," Oscar, has lost his Marx and won't let Uncle Dan write any of that proletariat stuff. The Bugle wants to ask you 7,000 farmers who own the Leader (?) are you all ashamed that you started a socialist paper? When did you vote to change the policy of the Leader and to support nice democrats and good friends? Oh, the "big boss" didn't consult you? Well, I guess you don't own any daily paper. Say, Henry, you have been sleeping long enough, better "wake up while it is yet day."

In our next issue the editor will tell you of some experiences that were our lot while in the Muskogee federal jail during those days of educating the reds in the democratic schools of democracy. They kept us locked in foul cells so that when the teacher rang the bell we would all shout "bean hole."

Socialists Picnics and Encampments

Why not begin now to arrange for an early picnic in your community? Summer will soon be here, call the comrades together and arrange for a two-day encampment. The Bugle will help you to secure various stands and entertainments to help you pay the expenses of the encampment.

Write The Bugle for a lecturer or organizer to spend three or four days in your county. Better still, arrange for him to spend ten days or two weeks touring your county.

The Kansas City Sentinel, edited by Comrade John T. Goings, reached our desk just brim full of socialist activities in Kansas City, which makes us think of those old soap box days and the many nights on the streets of Kansas City. The Comrades are putting on a good campaign in Kansas City. Let the Comrades of Oklahoma do likewise.

SOCIALIST LECTURES. IN OKLAHOMA CITY

You are invited to attend our lectures every Saturday night, 7:30 o'clock, at 514 South Robinson street. If you are interested in organization work, come and bring a friend.

EPIGRAMS BY DEBS

The capitalist does not hire you. You hire the capitalist to take care of what you produce.

Socialists make many mistakes—and profit by them. Every defeat means added strength.

Concentration of capital "means combination; combination means death of competition, and death of competition means socialism."

Socialism is the only international political party. It casts ten million votes and has fifty million adherents, men, women and children.

Every great movement has had its martyrs. The minority has always been right and the majority wrong. Anybody may belong to the majority. It takes a man to belong to the minority.

When the capitalist employs a man or advertises for help he asks for hands. The workman is the hand. The capitalist believes, probably, he is the brain. But hands the factorymen remain.

The railroads are the arteries of commerce. The capitalists who own them do not run them. They employ superintendents and managers and two million men. Why should the railroads be owned by a few men? Why should not the people own the railroads and employ managers and superintendents, paying a commission of experts to conduct them in the interests of the whole people and not for the benefit of a few?

There are 25,000,000 wage workers in this country. Six million of them are women and two million of them children. There are a round million tramps, 600,000 thieves and burglars, 80,000 divorces are granted every year. Our insane asylums are full, as are our jails. ~~Ability is increasing at a most alarming rate.~~ All this is the fruit of a decaying social system and this system ought to be abolished.

Socialist rule means to put an end to class rule. Politicians will tell you there is no class in this country, that every man is equal. Stop a minute and think. The manufacturer does not associate with his employees; he does not live with them. The hands live in one section of the city, he lives in another. The factory man who employs girls is the very man who ostracizes them from society.

SOCIALIST HEADQUARTERS.

When in the city you will find socialist headquarters at 414 West Frisco street. Phone Maple 4796.

A SOCIALIST

Who is a Socialist? It is a man Who strives to formulate or aid a plan To better earth's conditions. It is he Who, having ears to hear and eyes to see,

Is neither deaf nor blind when might, rough-shod, Treads down the privileges and right which God

Means for all men, the privilege to toil, To breathe the pure air; to till the fertile soil—

The right to live, to love, to woe, to wed, And earn for hungry mouths their need of bread.

The Socialist is he who claims no more Than his own share from generous Nature's store.

But THAT he asks, and asks, too that no other Shall claim the share of any weaker brother,

And brand him beggar in his own domain To glut a mad, inordinate lust for gain.

The Socialist is one who holds the best Of all God's gifts is toil, the second rest.

He asks that all men learn the sweets of labor, And that no idler fatten on his neighbor

That all men be allowed their share of leisure, Nor thousands slave that one may seek his pleasure.

Who on the Golden Rule shall dare insist— Behold in him the modern Socialist. —By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Whoever produces anything by weary labor, does not need a revelation from heaven to teach him that he has a right to the thing produced. —Robert G. Ingersoll.

WHAT LABOR DOES

Labor sows, but others reap. Labor creates capital, but has none. Labor builds palaces, but lives in hovels.

Labor garners the grain, but eats the chaff. Labor weaves fine vestments, but is clothes in rags.

Labor manufactures guns, and is shot down with them. Labor elects representatives, but has no representation.

Labor builds palace trains and automobiles, but walks. Labor has the ballot, but doesn't know how to use it.

Labor manufactures pianos, and plays the jews-harp.

Labor makes books and libraries, but reads penny newspapers.

Labor builds labor-saving machines, but labors harder than ever.

Labor builds schools and universities, but remains in ignorance.

Labor digs coal from the bowels of the earth, but shivers with the cold. Labor makes furniture, but eats a cold meal out of the "cool dinner pail."

Labor builds streets and public highways, but is not allowed free assemblage upon them.

Labor digs diamonds and precious metals from the earth, but wears glass beads and brass jewelry.

Labor has brains, ability and the power to remedy and change all this but is afraid of its power.—J. C. Zaenglein.

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM

Questions to Put to Anti-Socialist Clergymen and Ministers.

If St. Basil said, "The rich man is a thief?"

If St. Chrysostom said, "The rich are robbers; better all things in common?"

If St. Clement said, "Iniquity alone has created private property?"

If St. Paul said, "If any will not work, neither let him eat?"

If St. Ambrose said, "It is the bread of the hungry thou keepest; it is the clothing of the naked thou lockest up; the money thou has buried is the redemption of the poor?"

If St. Ambrose said, "Nature created community; private property is the offspring of usurpation?"

If Isaiah said, "Woe unto them that join house to house, and lay field to field, till there is no place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth?"

If St. Jerome said, "Opulence is always the product of theft committed, not by the actual possessor, then by his ancestors?"

If they will preach from these texts for the next few Sundays?—Social Democrat, Australia.

A REAL MAN

I honor the man who is willing to sink Half his present repute for the freedom to think,

And when he has thought, be his cause strong or weak,

Will risk the other half for the freedom to speak.

Caring naught for what vengeance the mob has in store,

Be that mob the upper ten thousand or lower.

—James Russell Lowell SERIOUS.

"What's the charge, officer?"

"Vagrancy, your honor. He was loafing around a street corner."

"Ah, impersonating an officer."—Puppet (Carnegie Tech.)

There are and can be but four methods: (1) Purchase; (2) confiscation; (3) competition; (4) pension. When you vote socialists into power you do not even consider these four methods. You simply decide to turn all the natural resources, factories, etc., over to the people, but do not say how.

RECONSTRUCTION MEETINGS.

When the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League speaker comes into your town or to your schoolhouse, just ask them if they will make a place on the program for a Socialist speaker to offer the program of the Socialist Party. We have speakers who would be delighted to meet a few of these gents.

The editor of The Bugle would consider at a "jolly picnic" to have the pleasure of meeting "The Big Boss" Oscar Ameringer, Dan Hogan, or L. N. Sheldon, editors of the Oklahoma Leader and the Reconstructionist, in joint debate.

You Socialists put the proposition in front of their noses and ask these "De-struction" fakirs of the league to meet the Socialist in joint debate.

O Pittsburg Observation—"What shall be say of Senator Smugg?"

"Just say he was always faithful to his trust."

"And shall be mention the name of the trust?"—Pittsburg Observer.

THE LABOR PARTY.

The desire of Socialist Party members for a united Labor Party is based upon a realization of the fact that the Socialist party can never become a really powerful factor until it has the endorsement and support of the organized labor movement. What makes the British Labor Party and the Socialist parties of other European countries powerful and influential is the fact that they have the support of the labor unions.

It is for this reason that the National Convention at Detroit adopted the resolution regarding the proposed labor conference and that influential members of the party recently attended such a conference called by the railway organizations. We should not, however, allow our wish to be father to the thought, and imagine that a powerful Labor Party is possible in this country at the present time. The result of the recent conference and our knowledge of the labor movement shows conclusively that organized labor is not yet ready to do so, the Socialist Party must maintain its present policy, and not be led to destruction by chasing "will-of-the-wisps."

The Farmer-Labor Party is a failure.

The Forty-eighters never got started and never will. They are a committee of leaders without followers.

The Non-Partizan League is in the process of disintegration.

The Communist and near Communist parties have no following. They will receive none, and do not offer serious competition on the political field.

The Socialist Party stands alone as the only political organization of the working class, with any important following. It is a recognized political party and has a place on the ballot in forty states. It has a record to be proud of, and a prestige which is steadily growing. Of all the present existing political organizations, it is the only one which alone, unaided, has any prospects of increasing its following and becoming a real political force. With this unquestioned superiority of position, it would be the height of folly for the Socialist Party to sacrifice either its independence, principles, program or organization, without being sure of being succeeded by a bigger and better organization than we have.

This is impossible until the more powerful labor organizations are ready to seriously consider the formation of a bona-fide Labor Party, recognizing the class struggle, and organized for independent political action on a working class program. Until organized labor is ready to consider this kind of labor politics, the Socialist Party must continue its activity as an uncompromising Socialist Party with the slogan "No compromise, no political trading."—The Socialist World.

Job Printing

Let us figure with you on your job printing. Better still, send your orders in and we will satisfy you in price and quality.

Write us for advertising rates in THE BUGLE.

The Socialist Daily?

I have been wishing for a long time (to be exact, since the 1920 Socialist party convention) for an opportunity to say a few words to the socialists of Oklahoma. I am one of several who went over the state imploring the socialists of Oklahoma to "give till it hurt" to establish a socialist daily. The Oklahoma Leader, at Oklahoma City. We painted in glowing colors the possibilities of the working class politically in the state through the socialist party with a paper all their own. Personally, I put in about seven months, during a period of two years. The rest of that time the work was shut down because of certain regulations. During this seventeen months I was run out of town by a mob of "the best citizens." At another time I was taken out of bed at midnight, placed under arrest and asked to furnish my own transportation to the county jail that night, about twenty-one miles away, by driving my own car. This I did the next morning. I was placed in federal jail and at the preliminary hearing bond was made by some of my good comrades of the county in which I was arrested and the county in which I was in jail. As soon as I got out on bond for my appearance before the federal grand jury, I went back to where I was arrested and again went to work. I did all this because I thought I was helping to establish a real socialist paper in Oklahoma; a paper that could always be relied upon to fight the battles of the working class. Let your answer be felt as well as heard.

I have no regrets, however, for my personal inconveniences during this time, but there are two things that I do regret very keenly: First, that the paper could not have been what the thousands of Oklahoma socialists thought they were establishing with the blood money turned over to the Leader solicitors, and second, that I did not learn earlier the facts regarding the kind of paper it was to be so I could have at least had my own hands clean of any part in the robbery. Robbery? Yes Robbery, that is what I consider it. I wish it were some way possible for me to reimburse the hundreds of loyal comrades over this state to whom I unknowingly lied to and caused to rob themselves and families of the absolute necessities of life to do their bit to establish a paper which they thought, and which I thought, could always be relied upon to make an uncompromising fight for the farmers and wage workers and their party—

(The Socialist Party)

passed the lie on. I wish it were some way possible for me to reimburse the hundreds of loyal comrades, in several counties in which I worked; I remember the kind of houses the landlords furnished you to live in. In some of the cotton districts a large per cent of the houses have no windows. I remember the various schemes and tricks and methods of force that were used during the war by certain so-called patriotic organizations, to rob you of the little some of you had been able to accumulate, or force you further into debt and intimidate you so you were afraid to protest. I cannot forget all this and the sacrifices it meant for you to help the Leader under such circumstances. You all remember the ring of bankers, merchants and local politicians that used these methods and you know that these tactics were endorsed by both the democrat and republican parties from the president, Congress and Senate on down, and the worst of it is, Comrades, that the paper you worked so hard to establish, and made such heroic sacrifices (sacrifices which I know to many of you meant actual hunger) to make possible, because you were expecting it to be a true genuine socialist paper that would fight capitalism and its political parties and institutions has betrayed you. You expected it to use every possible means to build up the socialist party in Oklahoma and to fight the old parties and all their politicians, but the opposite has been true.

Several of those connected with the Leader in some of the highest positions did everything in their power to destroy the Socialist Party in Oklahoma which they accomplished very successfully. Do you remember of ever having seen an article in the Leader during its entire existence where it advocated the Socialist Party as a political weapon of the working class? I believe not. Do you ever remember seeing an editorial or article asking socialists of Oklahoma to join the party or telling where a local met, or discussing any business of the Socialist Party in Oklahoma? I believe not. Now, the Leader comes out after taking your money under the pretence that it did and advocates and boosts old party politicians for office, some of whom are now in office and some who have recently been in office, as the friends of labor.

The Leader is now working for the candidates nominated by the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League (or would probably more appropriately be called "Disintegration" League). So far as I have been able to learn, not a person claiming to be a socialist is endorsed by the league. Yet the Leader endorses them and expects the socialists of the state to endorse them and vote for them. We are to get socialism by voting for the enemies of socialism.

Mayor Walton of Oklahoma City, after receiving the endorsement for governor, made a speech in which he is said to have said that Woodrow Wilson was the greatest man that had lived upon the earth since the lowly Nazarene. Think of socialists by the thousands sacrificing as the socialists of Oklahoma did to establish a paper to endorse a man for the highest office in the state who would make a statement like that! Who is to blame for them furnishing the money? Who is responsible for the paper changing its policy so radically from the kind of paper you were told it was to be? Are you going to fall into the trap of men so unscrupulous and irresponsible as the men must be at the head of an institution that would commit such criminal inconsistencies?

There is a move on to reorganize the Socialist Party in Oklahoma. While the war and the things that have transpired since the war have given the movement a great set-back they have both been of wonderful value in one way. They have let us know who is who. There are certain detrimental elements that we need not be bothered with in the future. The Oklahoma Leader of March 7th plainly requests all socialists in Oklahoma to register as democrats so they can support the "Disintegration League" candidates. It asks you to "lay aside your party beliefs and prejudices." This would mean that the Socialist Party would lose its place on the official ballot and it would cost thousands of dollars for us to regain our place on the official ballot by petition. Are we going to do this? What are you a socialist or a democrat?

CLARENCE A. LEWIS.

The Socialist Program

All political parties are the expression of economic class interests. All other parties than the socialist party represent one or another group of the ruling capitalist class. Whether the democrats or republicans win politically, it is the capitalist class that is victorious economically.

The socialist party is the political expression of the economic interests of the workers. The socialist party is founded on the science and laws of social development. It proposes that, since all social necessities today are socially produced, the means of their production and distribution shall be socially owned and democratically controlled. The socialist party is the party of the present day revolution, which makes the transition from economic individualism to socialism, from wage slavery to free co-operation, from capitalist oligarchy to industrial democracy. We advocate and pledge ourselves to the following program.

1. The collective ownership and democratic management of railroads, wire and wireless telegraphs and telephones, express services, steamboat lines and all other social means of transportation and communication and of all large-scale industries.
2. The immediate acquirement by the municipalities, the states or the federal government of all grain elevators, stock yards, storage warehouses, and other distributing agencies in order to reduce the extortionate cost of living.
3. The extension of the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells, forest and water power.
4. The further conservation and development of natural resources for the use and benefit of all the people:
 - (a) By scientific forestation and timber protection.
 - (b) By the reclamation of arid and swamplands.
 - (c) By the storage of flood waters and the utilization of water power.
 - (d) By the stoppage of the present extravagant waste of the soil and of the products of mines and oil wells.
 - (e) By the development of highway and waterway systems.
5. The collective ownership of land wherever practicable, and in cases where such ownership is impracticable the appropriation by taxation of the annual rental of all land held for speculation or exploitation.
6. The collective ownership and democratic management of the banking and currency system.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The immediate government relief of the unemployed by the extension of all useful public works. All persons employed on such works to be engaged directly by the government under a workday of not more than eight hours and at not less than the prevailing union wages. The government also to establish employment bureaus; to lend money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works, and to take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class.

INDUSTRIAL DEMANDS

The conservation of human resources, particularly of the lives and well-being of the workers and their families:

1. By shortening the workday in keeping with the increased productivity of machinery.
2. By securing every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half in each week.
3. By securing a more effective inspection of workshops, factories and mines.
4. By forbidding the employment of children under sixteen years of age.

5. By the co-operative organization of the industries in the federal penitentiaries for the benefit of the convicts and their dependents.

6. By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor and of all un-inspected factories and mines.

7. By abolishing the profit system in government work, and substituting either the direct hire of labor or the awarding of contracts to co-operative groups of workers.

8. By establishing minimum wage scales.

9. By abolishing official charity and substituting a non-contributory system of old-age pensions, a general system of insurance by the state of all its members against employment and invalidism and a system of compulsory insurance by employers of their workers, without cost to the latter, against industrial diseases, accidents and death.

POLITICAL DEMANDS.

1. The absolute freedom of press, speech and assemblage.

2. The adoption of a graduated income tax, the increase of the rates of the present corporation tax and the extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the value of the estate and to nearness of kin—the proceeds of these taxes to be employed in the socialization of industry.

3. The abolition of the monopoly ownership of patents and the substitution of collective ownership, with direct rewards to inventors by premiums or royalties.

4. Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women.

5. The adoption of the initiative, referendum and recall and of proportional representation, nationally as well as locally.

6. The abolition of the senate and of the veto power of the president.

7. The election of the president and vice-president by direct vote of the people.

8. The abolition of the power usurped by the Supreme Court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by Congress. National laws to be repealed only by act of Congress or by a referendum vote of the whole people.

9. The abolition of the present restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that that instrument may be made amendable by a majority of the voters in the country.

10. The granting of the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia with representation in Congress and a democratic form of municipal government for public affairs.

11. The extension of democratic government to all states territories and possessions and the measure of the Bureau of Education to provide for the education of all children.

12. The extension of further measures for the improvement of health. The creation of an independent bureau of health, with such restrictions as will secure full liberty to all schools of practice.

13. The separation of present Bureau of Labor from the Department of Commerce and Labor and its elevation to the rank of a department.

14. Abolition of all federal district courts and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. State courts to have jurisdiction in all cases arising between citizens of the several states and foreign corporations. The election of all judges for short terms.

15. The immediate curbing of the power of the courts to issue injunctions.

16. The free administration of the law.

17. The calling of a convention for the revision of the constitution of the United States.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of socialized industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

LANGSTON SAYS SOCIALIST PARTY IS DEAD.

The above is credited to J. Luther Langston in the February issue of the Oklahoma Statesman.

We admit Langston is a corpse, like many other "yellow" socialists of his species with one foot in the grave. It took but a gentle touch from the lucrative hand of a Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League Democrat to send Luther to the cradle of a sumptuous sleep. Better tag him, comrades, so that if he tries to play a come-back you will not forget his number. Mr. Walton, "the pleasure is all yours," take him along.

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Whether Goeth We?

This pertinent question should be considered seriously; if it is impossible to answer it with certainty it surely demands our best thought. There are but few, however, who consider this question at all. With a practical inanimity our people avoid and ignore this question. It is not considered practical. In this state and elsewhere it is material success, the accumulation of money, success in politics and other means for the gratification of selfish desires.

This fearsome principle has imbedded itself in the vitals of our society. It permeates our national, state and city governments, it has gained complete control of our economic and industrial systems—they are operating for profit only; it has obtruded its noisome principles into our schools, and has often dared to mount the altar of God.

The most successful man is he who has done most for the gratification of his material desires. The man who fights against great odds for the exaltation of his fellow man is considered a simpleton, or if a man of ability, a dangerous citizen—many such are now in jail. Selfishness is exalted, altruism scorned. Selfishness is rewarded with a mansion; altruism with the jail. The man who best represented the one went to the White House, the man who best represented the other went to a dungeon in Atlanta. Avarice is defied; self-denial is despised. After death Lazarus goes to Hades; Dives to one of the highest seats in Heaven.

Can the people make progress under this load of injustice? Can the man who must be perpetually giving the limit of his physical energies in order to live be a good citizen in our Republic? Can he who is hungry and without employment, therefore desperate, advance the cause of democracy? Can the man who lives in a mansion and views the wretched hovel and its wretched occupants with cold indifference—can the destinies and hopes of our people be entrusted to him and his kind?

To the intelligent and honest citizen these questions need not be asked. He knows such a state of society is the forerunner of a society far worse. The mansion and the hut cannot fraternize. Our society is rapidly creating a few millionaires and millions of tenants and tramps—the anthitheses and antipodes of our social fabric.

The soup house nor crumbs of charity can equalize nor satisfy. The porch climber nor the highwayman can be stayed, either by prayer or jail while the cravings of hunger of self or crying babe goes unsatisfied.

Open shoppers, although backed by bayonets cannot stop the move to change this frightful, senseless jumble of ignorance and iniquity. From the masses are arising those who clearly see the approach of doom to the workers unless the pathway of capitalists, open shoppers and recreant politicians is blocked. This these clear-headed, strong-hearted souls from ranks of the disinherited shall do. All other methods, plans and principles fade before this plan—and its name is Organization.

Once every worker and every farmer grasps the full significance of this word—its true meaning, the robber behind the law MUST cease and the robber operating against the law seeing justice prevail will WANT to cease. The workers will own the machinery of production and distribution and the world will be theirs.

JOHN J. CARNEY.

TAG 'EM.

The socialist movement has been burdened in the past year in the state of Oklahoma with a number of bourgeois socialists, petty politicians who have been leading the workers in a vicious circle along the path of wage slavery. Our ranks have been the dumping ground for liberalism, laborism, "yellow" socialists, and a few more "isms" that they have tried to bring along with them from the capitalist system. They merge into each other and differ only in degree but not in kind.

"Liberalism is represented by such organizations as the Committee of 48, the People's Council, Municipal Leagues; etc. Laborism is represented by the FARM-LABOR PARTY, which is a fusion of the non-partisan league, FARMER-LABOR RECONSTRUCTION LEAGUE and the more radical elements of the American Federation of Labor. "Yellow" Socialism is represented by the reactionary socialists, who once carried a red card hoping that they might be elevated to office, but who were never socialists, and the Socialist Labor Party. All these groups and parties

stand for Capitalism and Wage Slavery in some form or other. They impede the workers in their struggle for complete emancipation from Capitalism and Wage Slavery. They all stand for reform as against proletarian revolution. They teach the workers to depend upon their parliamentary or union leaders and not upon themselves. Government control—government ownership—patching up the old rotten capitalist system, is the limit of their activities and propaganda.

When these politicians come to you just "tag 'em," so that in the future when they come sneaking into the socialist movement you will know them by the tag. Get busy, Comrades, there are many of these birds that need tagging.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY AS AMENDED BY THE DETROIT CONVENTION JUNE, 1921.

Article 2, section 3. No person holding an elective public office by gift of any party or organization other than the Socialist Party shall be eligible to membership in the Socialist Party without the consent of his state organization; nor shall any member of the party accept or hold any appointive public office, honorary or remunerative (Civil Service positions excepted), without the consent of his state organization.

Article 2, Section 6. Application for membership in the Socialist Party, "I the undersigned, recognizing the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class, and the necessity of the working class organizing itself into a political party for the purpose of obtaining collective ownership and democratic administration and operation of the collectively used and socially necessary means of production and distribution, hereby apply for membership in the Socialist Party.

"I have no relations (as member or supporter) with any other political party.

"I am opposed to all political organizations that support and perpetuate the present capitalist profit system, and I am opposed to any form of trading or fusing with any such organizations to prolong that system.

"In all my political actions while a member of the Socialist Party I agree to be guided by the constitution and platform of that party."

Article 8, Section 10. All national platforms, amendments of platforms or constitutions submitted by any member of the party shall be submitted to the membership.

Article 9, Section 1. (a) No state or local organization shall under any circumstances fuse, combine or compromise with any other political party or organization, or refrain from making nominations, in order to favor the candidate of such other organizations, nor shall any candidate of the Socialist Party accept any nomination or endorsement from any other party or political organization.

(b) No member of the Socialist Party shall, under any circumstances, vote in any political election for any candidate other than Socialist Party members nominated, endorsed or recommended as candidates by the Socialist Party, or advocate voting for them. To do so will constitute party treason and will result in expulsion from the party.

Article 12, Section 1. Motions or resolutions to be voted upon by the entire membership of the party shall be submitted seriatim by the executive secretary to the referendum vote of the membership.

GOOD MEN.

We are so often reminded to vote for good men that it becomes necessary to find who is backing these good men and if their interest is our interest. The following story about illustrates what we socialists think of good men. There was an old man who had three boys and a bunch of goats; the youngest boy was considered foolish but was a great lover of fine goats, especially one old billy that he had grown up with from childhood. All the time he wasn't busy in other ways he was out playing with billy. Finally the old man died and left the goats to the three boys. The other two, knowing the younger boy's love for billy, divided up the goats and put billy in with all the sorry goats and divided the good ones in the other two pens, then they told their brother as he was the youngest they would give him picking choice, he went out and looked in at billy and says, "Billy, I love you; you are a good goat; I would love to own you; but I can't stand that bunch that you are in with."

So it is with us. We may like you ever so well, but we can't stand that bunch that is backing you. We would rather have a dishonest man with an honest policy, than an honest man with a dishonest policy, in fact we don't thing much of a man's honor that backs the modern politician.

BEG PARDON.

While getting out this issue of The Bugle, the editor has had to take care of his baggage and transfer business, When in the midst of our writing we have often been called to transfer a trunk, move some one or attend to some other labor, hence we must beg pardon for mistakes.