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

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## Successful State Convention In Oklahoma

### Socialist Party Re-organized and State Ticket Nominated.

The Socialist State Convention was held in Oklahoma City on Sunday, April 9, 1922. Arrangements had been made for holding the Convention in the Courthouse, but upon arrival we found that the County Commissioners had revoked the permit, and Convention was therefore held in the Eagles Hall, 119 1/2 North Broadway.

The Convention consisted of 56 delegates from about thirty towns in sixteen different counties. Seventeen of the delegates were from Oklahoma City, and thirty-nine from other towns.

The counties represented were: Alfalfa, Beckham, Blain, Canadian, Cleveland, Garfield, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Ottawa, Payne, Pottawatomie, Roger Mills, Stephens and Wagoner.

The following State ticket was nominated:

For Governor, O. E. Enfield, of Shattuck.

For Lieutenant-Governor, O. A. Pottswald, of El Reno.

For Attorney General, W. T. Banks, of Okemah.

For Insurance Commissioner, J. E. Hollis, of Oklahoma City.

For Corporation Commissioner, D. Cobb, of Oklahoma City.

For State Examiner and Inspector, A. G. Carver, of Durham.

For State Superintendent of Instruction, Stella Brumfield, of Aline.

For Judge of Criminal Court of Appeals, J. M. Bishop, of Elk City.

For Clerk of Court, Myrtle Blackwell, of Oklahoma City.

For Commissioner of Charities and Correction, Mrs. Flora C. Pilcher, of Hobart.

Nominations for Justice of the Supreme Court, and Chief and District Mine Inspectors, were left in the hands of the State Executive Committee, to be filled, with the advice of the party members in the mine district.

The 1914 State Platform was re-adopted with a few minor changes, as was also the 1916 Party Constitution.

H. M. Sinclair of Oklahoma City, was elected State Secretary, with L. A. Stanwood of Stroud as State Chairman, and the following State Executive Committee: First District, C. H. Odebrecht, of Miami; Second District, to be filled; Third District, E. L. Moore, Wagoner; Fourth District, T. J. Bowling, Tecumseh; Fifth District, J. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City; Sixth District, Louis Trotter; Seventh District, A. G. Carver, Durham; Eighth District, G. F. Brumfield, Aline.

H. C. Guest of Aline, Oklahoma, was elected delegate to the National Convention; Comrades G. A. Preston, C. Salathiel and Clarence Lewis as Party Trustees.

The Convention adopted resolutions for the release of political prisoners, in support of the strike of the United Mine Workers, and instructed the State Executive Committee to provide at the earliest possible date for the publication of a Party-owned bulletin or paper to keep the membership informed, and state the position of the Party Organization. The following was also adopted:

#### Resolution No. 3.

"Whereas the Oklahoma Leader, avowedly an independent non-Socialist publication has assumed to speak to and for the Socialists of

Oklahoma.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the State Convention of the Socialist Party of Oklahoma repudiates the Oklahoma Leader and warns the Socialists and general public that it has no authority to represent and does not represent the opinions or policies of the Socialist Party."

A communication addressed to National Secretary Branstetter from Mr. Chas. O. Rhoades, secretary of the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League of Oklahoma, requesting that an opportunity be given Mr. George Wilson, state manager of the League, to address the Convention, was read. The Convention voted to give Mr. Wilson the floor for twenty minutes at 5 o'clock on Sunday, but he did not put in an appearance.

In reply to the efforts of the Oklahoma Leader to convince the Socialists of Oklahoma that the National organization or the individual Socialists who attended the Conference for political action at Chicago, were in favor of the Leader's policy, National Secretary Branstetter reported that the National Executive Committee had by motion approved his action in calling a State Convention, and had instructed him to make every effort to secure the nomination and filing of a full Socialist ticket.

A telegram was also received from Comrade Morris Hillquit, who is unofficially representing the Party on the National Committee of Fifteen of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, as follows:

"I am absolutely opposed to Oklahoma plan of having Socialists register or vote as Democrats. Unless workers and farmers unite with Socialists for independent political action in opposition to old parties I favor nominating straight Socialist ticket."

The State Executive Committee held a meeting on Monday, following the Convention, at which tentative work was outlined, and arrangements made for the opening of headquarters. Rooms 420-421 Scott-Thompson Building, Oklahoma City, were rented, and all mail should be sent to that address. Comrades interested in the re-organization of the Party should immediately pay up their back dues, if they are able to do so, and if not should make application for admission as new members. Applications for charter or for membership at large, with all remittances for dues, and all correspondence dealing with the Party work in Oklahoma, should hereafter be sent to the Socialist Party, 420 Scott-Thompson Building, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The attitude of the Leader and the question as to what extent it represents the wishes of the Socialists who have contributed money to its establishment and support, naturally occupied considerable time at the Convention. I am enclosing herewith a Questionnaire asking you whether or not you own stock or bonds in the Oklahoma Leader, and whether you favor its present policy. Please fill out this Questionnaire immediately and forward it to the National Office, 220 S. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

I am enclosing an additional copy of this Questionnaire, which I wish you would hand to any comrade you know in your community, who invested money in the Leader and has not received the Questionnaire from headquarters. A prompt com-

pliance with this request will furnish us with some much needed information necessary before any intelligent steps can be taken regarding the Leader.

The first contribution to the State Organization and Campaign Fund, a check for \$10.00, was received from Comrade Kolachny of Fort Cobb, and turned over to the State Secretary. Other comrades who are in a position to do more than pay up their dues, should send such contributions as they can afford to the State Office to meet the necessary expenses of an immediate and aggressive organization campaign.

The National Office has done about all it can do for you under circumstances. It is now up to the Socialists of Oklahoma whether they go forward and make good. I am satisfied that it can be done. I AM SATISFIED THAT IT WILL BE DONE.—If all the comrades who have written to the National Office, and others who are loyal to the Socialist Party will get back into the Party organization and do their share of the necessary work. You have a splendid State Secretary and a splendid Executive Committee, but they cannot reorganize the State. They can only encourage, assist and direct the comrades who do the work. Those comrades who must do the work are the comrades scattered throughout the State in every town and precinct. They are —yourself and the thousands of comrades like you. The National Office is leaving the whole matter in your hands. I believe you want a Socialist Party. I believe you will have it. Any assistance or co-operation which the National Office can give your officials at any time will be cheerfully given.

With best wishes for the success of your work, and the re-building of the Socialist movement in your State, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
OTTO BRANSTETTER,  
Executive Secretary.

### O. E. ENFIELD ACCEPTS NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR

Comrade O. E. Enfield, our candidate for Governor, was not present at the Convention. He was nominated without assurance that he would accept, but a telegram just received from him states that he accepts the nomination and will forward a statement to the membership in the near future.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO REMEMBER

Send all money for dues or campaign fund, applications for charter, and communications regarding the Socialist Party and its work in Oklahoma, to:

The Socialist Party, Room 420 Scott-Thompson Bldg., Oklahoma City.

Send the Questionnaire regarding stock ownership in the Oklahoma Leader to:

The Socialist Party, 220 S. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

### REGISTRATION

Did you cancel your registration certificate? If you were persuaded into doing so, when the books are opened, go to your registrar and re-register as a Socialist.

Go to the primary and help roll up a good Socialist vote.

Subscribe for The Bugle, \$1.00 per year.



O. E. ENFIELD, for Governor

### TO THE SOCIALISTS

I hate that drum's discordant sound,  
Parading round and round and round.

To me it speaks of ravaged plains,  
Of burning towns and ruined swains.

And all that misery's hand bestows  
To fill the catalog of human woes.

—John Scott.

"It will avail us nothing to crush Prussianism abroad if we fail to put down Socialism at home."—Gov. Harding, of Iowa, in fall of 1917.

"I will smash the German lines if you will put down that damnable Hun propaganda at home."—Gen. Pershing, in the spring of 1918.

"It is with pardonable pride I refer to the fact that at the last national election, when men's minds were inflamed and when demagogues were abroad in our land, Oklahoma City and County rolled up the biggest democratic majority in 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 mention the name of that matchless man—Woodrow Wilson."—J. C. Walton, in speech accepting the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League, indorsement for Governor.

And some of the Socialists are paying \$3.50 and registering "democrat" in order to enjoy the blissful consolation of voting for a life-long democrat on the democrat ticket. Walton is a Wilson Democrat in spite of the effort of some of his friends to cover up that blunder of his in the Shawnee convention. He does not even come to us favoring even the policies of Tom Gore. He is a Wilson Democrat and makes his boast to that effect. Wilson in 1912 for one term of office, in 1916 for two terms, in 1914 for "neutrality," in 1915 for "preparedness," in 1916 for "peace," in 1917 for "war," in 1918 for the "fourteen points," in 1919 for the "League of Nations" and now Walton is for Wilson and you are for Walton.

The friends of Walton tell you that he is a friend of labor. Is he? What has he done for labor?

he try to save labor from the shell holes and hell holes of France? Not at all. He stood right where he stands now with his faith pinned to the sleeve of Woodrow Wilson. One of the LAST official acts of the great hero Wilson, was to refuse amnesty for Debs, yet you are for Walton who is for Wilson. Surely, Socialists you have not reflected upon this step properly. How can you forsake your principles for a conglomerated mess like this. I don't believe that many of you will. Even though you have registered "Democrat," I still think that you will ponder this well and stay at home on the day of the primary, but whether you do or not there is no certainty of your man receiving the nomination, although if he does and is elected there is no certainty of you receiving anything more than you did when you voted for Wilson in 1916 because he "Kept us out of war." Wilson was a friend of labor then because he wanted labor's vote. What assurance have you that those who now clamor for your votes as friends will not fail you in the end? —O. E. Enfield.

### TRADES COUNCIL CONDEMNS GATES

The above caption with an article appeared in the Oklahoma Leader.

The Trades Council of Oklahoma City not only condemned the editor of the Bugle for his political views, and asked the Teamster's Union to recall him as a delegate, but made some strong threats as well.

Some of the Trades and Labor Reconstruction Leaguers contend that the Central Labor body by majority vote has the power to bind its members to any political party or program that they may so decide to follow. If that is Unionism, we sure let them slip one over on us and we will have to bow to their mandate, for there is one thing certain and that is we are not surrendering our Socialist principles or quitting the Socialist movement. They may throw us out of the Trades Council, or take our Union Card from us, but they can't make us follow the League into the Democrat party of Mr. Walton.

The Leader stated that as a delegate from the Teamster's Union to the Shawnee Convention that we should have protested there on the floor of the Convention. They forgot the fact that when they learned that we were elected as a delegate they sent word to our local Union that they did not want any of our Socialism or personal views presented from the floor of the Convention for they wanted Oklahoma City to appear solid and strong for Walton.

We pledged our local Union that we would attend the Convention as their delegate and would not take the floor in discussion and every delegate from Oklahoma City and those at the Convention know that we kept that pledge, as we felt we were in duty bound to do so, though there were many times our feet itched for the floor.

This action is the respect and thanks shown us, and demonstrates the brand of Unionism some men carry. Gag a man so he can't express his opinions, and then cuss him or threaten to beat him up because he don't stand by his convictions. That is the Unionism some of the Oklahoma City Leaguers carry in their hip pocket. But we have a better opinion of the labor movement and know these gentlemen do not voice the sentiment of the masses in the organized labor movement of America.

We are not asking the central body to do any thinking for us, to

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pick out the political party we shall  
follow, or to tell us what religion  
we shall or shall not believe in, we  
demand the right to decide these  
matters for ourselves.

If the Bugle and our speeches  
are tight-fitting shoes, don't blame  
us for the corns you wear, go to a  
Corn Doctor.

Well, boys, we know it is all in  
the drama, so come on with the  
next act, you will get the hook  
when Capitalism taps your bread  
basket.

**NATIONAL OFFICE SOCIALIST  
PARTY**  
Otto Branstetter, Executive Secre-  
tary, 220 South Ashland Boule-  
vard, Chicago, Ill.

**UNITING FARMER-LABOR**  
The Socialist Party is eager to  
help in uniting the farmers and  
workers in support of their com-  
mon interests. From the action of  
the Detroit Convention it is ap-  
parent that we are willing to make  
such concessions in our methods  
and tactics, not inconsistent with  
our principles, as may be necessary  
to secure that unity.

No member of the Reconstruc-  
tion League or of the Oklahoma  
Leader staff is more anxious for  
unity than we are. We are in favor  
of uniting Farmer-Labor but—

We do not want to unite them in  
support of Capitalism.

We do not want to unite them in  
support of Capitalist wars;

We do not want to unite them in  
praise of Woodrow Wilson;

We do not want to unite them to  
give jobs to professional politi-  
cians;

We do not want to unite them in  
support of either the Democrat or  
Republican parties;

We do not want to unite them as  
support of the Oklahoma Leader as  
an independent, free lance, non-  
Socialist publication;

We want to unite them in sup-  
port of their own class interests,  
for that and nothing else

We believe they can advance  
their class interests politically only  
through the organization of an in-  
dependent, uncompromising class  
Party. When the Farmer and Labor  
organizations are ready to consider  
such an independent working class  
political party, we are ready to  
consider unity and cooperation  
with them. Until such time, we  
must go our way as a straight, un-  
compromising Socialist Party. We  
will not unite with other groups to  
participate in old Party Primaries,  
or to vote for candidates upon the  
old party tickets. Such unity is not  
unity in the interests of the work-  
ers. It is a betrayal of them and  
their interests, and leads to the  
destruction of such independent,  
political organization as already  
exists.

**THE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE  
PLAN.**

The Oklahoma Reconstruction  
League is modeled after the Non-  
Partisan League of North Dakota.  
A. C. Townley, who originated the  
idea and organized the Non-Parti-  
san League, is convinced of its  
futility and is now advocating an  
entirely new method, which he  
calls the "Balance of Power." This  
is causing a split in the Non-Parti-  
san League. The group which is  
opposed to Townley has also awak-  
ened to the futility of the non-  
partisan method and is now consid-  
ering the nomination of candidates  
as an independent political party.  
The Oklahoma Leaguers are five  
years behind the times, and are  
starting in on a policy already  
abandoned by its originators.

**THE GOMPERS A. F. OF L. PLAN**

The Gompers plan of "rewarding  
your friends and punishing your

enemies" by voting for candidates  
of the old parties, has been tried  
by the labor organizations for  
twenty years. The only result has  
been to keep labor politically di-  
vided and prevent their undertak-  
ing independent political action.

**THE OKLAHOMA RE-CONSTRUC-  
TION LEAGUE.**

The plan of the Reconstruction  
League seems to be a combination  
of the two futile and discredited  
policies outlined above. They are  
going into the Democratic Primar-  
ies to capture the nomination for  
their candidates, but instead of  
nominating a ticket of Union men  
and "dirt" farmers from their own  
membership, they have picked their  
candidates from the "friends of  
Labor" in the Democratic Party.

**A FEW MISTAKES**

The Oklahoma Leader admits  
that the Reconstruction League  
may make some mistakes in the  
selection of its candidates. I'll say  
they may, and did! Their candidate  
for Governor is Mayor Walton, who  
praises "That Matchless Man"  
Woodrow Wilson and his policies.  
The candidate for Lieutenant-Gov-  
ernor declined their nomination  
and endorsement. Their candidate  
for Attorney-General was so little  
in sympathy with the aims of the  
League members and such a rabid  
Democrat that after the publica-  
tion of his speech, the Leader de-  
manded that the endorsement be  
withdrawn and another candidate  
selected. These are the candidates  
for the three highest offices in the  
State: Governor, Lieutenat-Gov-  
ernor and Attorney General, and in  
selecting their candidates the  
League made three mistakes. If  
the same percentage is maintained  
for the other offices, it is certainly  
a fine bunch they are asking the  
Socialists to support. If the judg-  
ment of the League leaders was so  
bum in making these three nomi-  
nations, why should you place any  
confidence in their judgment re-  
garding the others?

**AFTER THE PRIMARIES WHAT?**

A few comrades sympathetic  
with the League write in that the  
League does not propose to lead  
the Socialists into the Democratic  
Party, but that if they are victor-  
ious in the primary election and  
capture the Democratic nomina-  
tions, it will no longer be the Demo-  
cratic Party, but in reality a Far-  
mer-Labor Party. They say that on  
the contrary, if the League ticket  
is defeated, they will not ask their  
membership to support the Demo-  
cratic candidates, but they will  
boycott the Democratic Party and  
run their candidates as independents  
or as candidates of a new independ-  
ent Farmer Labor Party. It is even  
suggested that they might resort  
to the re-organization of the Social-  
ist Party and the nomination of a  
Socialist ticket. The latter propo-  
sition will be taken care of by the  
Socialists. We want a Socialist  
Party and a Socialist ticket in  
Oklahoma, but we do not want it  
organized or controlled by the  
Oklahoma Leader or the Demo-  
cratic politicians in the Reconstruc-  
tion League.

There will be a Socialist Party  
and a Socialist ticket in Oklahoma,  
but it will be our Socialist Party,  
not Mr. Walton's.

As to the running of independent  
candidates or the formation of a  
new party in case of defeat at the  
primaries, I prophesy that they will  
do neither. To begin with, most  
of their following belonging to the  
Democratic Party will stay with  
the Democratic Party in spite of  
hell and high water.

If you think for one moment that  
Mr. Walton will bolt the Demo-  
cratic Party and be an independent  
Farmer-Labor candidate, you have  
another think coming. I suggest  
that you write to Mr. Walton ask-  
ing him if he will support the can-  
didates nominated in the Demo-  
cratic Primaries in case he is de-  
feated for the nomination. Put the  
gentleman on record. Find out  
where he stands. Is he out in an  
honest fight for Farmer-Labor and  
willing to go clear down the line  
with them, regardless of where it  
takes him, or is he making an at-  
tempt to lead Farmer-Labor into  
the Democratic Party in the inter-  
est of his personal candidacy?  
Make him "come clean." Force a  
statement from him as to whether  
or not he is going to support the  
Democratic Part in the fall elec-  
tions, regardless of who is nomi-  
nated in the Primaries.

No, if the Leaguers are defeated  
and undertake the formation of a  
new party and the nomination of  
independent candidates, they will  
not have Mr. Walton with them. He  
will still be with the Democratic  
Party. So will most of the other

Democrats in the Reconstruction  
League.

The argument the Leader is ad-  
vancing against the formation of  
an independent Party at this time  
is the difficulty offered by the elec-  
tion laws. All right, if the election  
laws make it impossible for them  
to get the ballot as a new party  
nominee, there is some enthu-  
siasm and support for their organ-  
ization. What chance will they have  
if forces are scattered and de-  
feated by defeat in the Primar-  
ies? They are in a much better  
position to organize a new party  
now than they will be then. The  
fact of the matter is that they do  
need a new party. The bulk of  
their membership are Democrats  
first and Leaguers second, and will  
not support the Democratic Party un-  
der such circumstances. There will  
be no new party organized by the  
Leader under its present manage-  
ment.

**OPPOSING LABOR**

In the issue of March 27th, the  
Oklahoma Leader asks if the So-  
cialists are going on record as op-  
posing the sixteen standard rail-  
way organizations and other Labor  
Unions represented at the Chicago  
Conference? Certainly, we are, so  
long as they continue their policy  
of voting for their "friends" on the  
Democratic and Republican ticket.  
We have been opposing them in  
this policy for twenty years, we  
will oppose them twenty years  
more if necessary. When they are  
willing to break away from the old  
parties and organize an independ-  
ent labor party, they will find us  
willing to meet them half-way.

**THE OKLAHOMA LEADER**

Some comrades feel that the no-  
mination of a Socialist ticket will  
defeat the League plans, and result  
in the death of the Oklahoma Leader  
and the loss of the money in-  
vested by good comrades in that  
publication. This is not an argu-  
ment that appeals to a good Social-  
ist. We certainly want to defeat  
the plans of the Leader to deliver  
the Socialist vote to Mayor Walton  
and other Democratic candidates.  
If this results in the death of the  
Leader, that is their fault, not ours.  
We would be sorry to see the com-  
rades lose the money they have in-  
vested in the Leader, just as we are  
sorry to see them lose money they  
have invested in wildcat mines,  
fake oil or other confidence  
games. We want to see good So-  
cialists investing in such invest-  
ments. No one has ever before  
suggested that the Socialist Party  
should support such schemes in a  
hopeless attempt to save the com-  
rades. The Party organization  
is much interested in helping to  
save the Oklahoma Leader if it was a Social-  
ist party.

It is not interested in supporting  
or saving a paper which opposes  
the Socialist Party and supports  
Woodrow Wilson, Mayor Walton  
and politicians of that ilk.

**DESTROYING THE SOCIALIST  
PARTY**

Comrade Nable of Kingfisher,  
thinks that the Socialist Party will  
be held responsible for the death of  
the Oklahoma Leader, and this will  
create so much antagonism that it  
will be impossible ever to organize  
the Socialists in Oklahoma again.  
This may be true, and it may not  
be. It is certain, however, that if  
the Reconstruction League and the  
Oklahoma Leader have their way  
there will be no Socialist Party in  
Oklahoma. It will be destroyed  
beyond any doubt.

If Pat is interested in saving the  
Socialist Party in Oklahoma, he  
should be in the Oklahoma  
Leader and its management, who  
have destroyed the Socialist Party,  
rather than in the Socialist Party  
Officials who are trying to  
save it, while the thousands of  
Socialists throughout  
the State, who are ready now, as in  
the past, to support their loyal,  
devoted and genuine Social-  
ist Party.

Franz  
O.  
ANSTETTER,  
Executive Secretary.

**THE OKLAHOMAN**

We have been criticised by some  
good comrades for sending articles  
to the Daily Oklahoman. We have  
no apologies and expect we  
would do the same thing again if  
the conditions present itself.

We edited the philosophy of Socialism  
in 1903 and with the old time  
Socialist have chipped  
in many places to pay capitalist  
presses the Socialist articles.  
That was the reason of the country  
where the Socialists were wide  
awake and doing things.  
The Socialist tactics has always

been to use the press whenever  
possible.

The Oklahoman is true to their  
class interest, and you can't say  
that about the Oklahoma Leader.  
We admire an enemy that fights us  
in the open and tells us on the  
front page what they think of us  
and our programs. But the traitor  
who stabs us in the back as a mid-  
night assassin and cowardly pre-  
tends to be our friend and for our  
class, with such we want no more  
dealings or association than we are  
compelled to have.

A means of public information  
we have not had here in Oklahoma  
for the past two years and the  
Bugle hopes to fill that need.

Pat Nagle of Kingfisher, thinks  
we should not oppose the Leader  
in this effort to betray the Social-  
ists into the camp of the enemy  
because it will appear that we are  
supporting Wilkerson in his fight  
against Howatt and the Kansas  
miners. It may look that way to  
Pat, but it doesn't look that way  
to anyone who thinks straight. All  
over the United States, the Social-  
ist Party, the Socialist press and  
Socialist speakers are supporting  
Howatt and his cause. Nowhere  
else, however, has it been suggested  
that Socialists should scuttle their  
organization and vote for a bunch  
of reactionary democrat politicians  
as proof of their loyalty to Howatt.  
The best thing we can do for  
Howatt, the coal miners and the  
working class generally is to build  
a bigger, a stronger, a more mil-  
itant and uncompromising Socialist  
Party.

If the Oklahoma Leader thinks  
that every person who endorses its  
fight for Howatt thereby has to  
accept its political program, its  
health hints and fashions, it has  
another think coming.

Any attempt to use our sympathy  
for Howatt as a whip to drive us  
into the Democratic party is apt  
to lose Howatt as well as the Lead-  
er, a good many friends and sup-  
porters.

It would be a wise thing for  
Howatt to tip the Leader off to the  
fact that men and organizations  
are at liberty to support him in his  
fight against the Industrial Court  
in Kansas and against reactionary  
elements in the United Mine Work-  
ers without accepting either their  
morals, religion or politics from  
the Oklahoma Leader.

OTTO BRANSTETTER,  
Executive Secretary.

**SOCIALIST CONVENTION**

In spite of the slurs thrown at us  
and the light made of the Socialists  
at the Socialist State Convention  
by the Oklahoma Leader, we had a  
good Convention. Many earnest  
comrades were there who honestly  
wanted to see a real Socialist Party  
organized, a ticket placed in the  
field and the Socialist movement  
crystallized as it should be into a  
militant organization of the work-  
ing class. Many breakers are  
ahead, but we still have faith in the  
Socialist movement in Oklahoma.

The immediate demands and the  
economic ills which confront the  
farmers and laborers of the state  
were covered by the Socialist Party  
platform and program.

Yes, our name was mentioned for  
the state ticket, but we declined,  
as we were not seeking a place on  
the ballot. All the part we were  
ready to accept is, as a comrade,  
to help build the Socialist move-  
ment of Oklahoma. Comrades, let's  
go forward and answer all foes  
with a good vote at the primary  
election.

**THE BUGLE**

Comrades, we are not putting out  
The Bugle because we want to get  
into the newspaper game, or be-  
cause we believe in a privately  
owned press, but for the sole pur-  
pose of having a Socialist paper as  
a means of communication between  
comrades and for the dissemination  
of Marxian Socialism.

We can't bear this burden alone,  
we need money to mail this issue  
out to the names on our mailing  
list, money for printing bills. If  
you want the Bugle to live and be-  
come a fighting force for the cause  
of humanity, you must subscribe,  
and get your friends to subscribe.  
We have a subscription list in  
order to secure mailing privileges,  
or continue to affix a one-cent  
stamp to each paper sent out.

Our only source of income is  
from our Baggage and Transfer  
business. We go out and haul a  
few trunks, move some one, do  
some other menial labor, return  
home and try to write for the Bugle.  
When we leave our work and go  
out over the state for meetings, we

must hire some one to drive the  
transfer truck and labor while we  
are gone.

We are willing to do more than  
our part but if the Bugle is to be a  
force we must have your help and  
subs.

**PERSONAL LETTERS**

Comrades, if you don't get an  
answer to your letter, perhaps it is  
because you did not enclose a  
stamp for reply, or we were so hard  
pressed for time that we could not  
get to it, however, we will do the  
best we can with the time and  
money we have at our command.

**NAMES**

Comrades we have a pretty good  
mailing list of Oklahoma Comrades,  
but some of these addresses are  
old and perhaps the comrade has  
moved, we mail him a Bugle, he  
does not get it, the paper is lost,  
money spent and energy gave to  
no purpose. You can help us by  
sending in a list of names and ad-  
dresses of comrades you think  
would likely subscribe if a sample  
copy was sent them.

**5000 BUGLES**

Five thousand copies of this issue  
of the Bugle have been printed and  
we want you to help us mail them  
out. The forms will be held for a  
few days in case we should need a  
few more copies. Seven thousand  
copies of the first issue were sent  
out.

We don't want to drop under the  
5000 mark if we can help it and  
won't with just a little help from  
you. Comrades, don't delay but  
send in a list of subs at once.

**TO THE NATIONAL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dear Comrades:—

I am glad to report that the  
Farmer-Labor Party and the Labor  
Party of Mexico, have accepted our  
invitation to send fraternal dele-  
gates to the Convention. Max  
Hayes of Cleveland is representing  
the Farmer-Labor Party.

In accordance with the action of  
your Committee on Motion No. 6,  
I attended the Convention at Okla-  
homa City on April 9th, at which  
time we re-organized the State  
Party and nominated a State ticket.  
A full report of the Convention has  
been forwarded you under separate  
cover.

Despite information to the con-  
trary, the Oklahoma Leader is still  
telling its readers that the Social-  
ist Party is committed to the plan  
of the Re-Construction League, and  
John Hagel of the Leader had the  
effrontery to write Johnston and  
Howe of the Conference for Politi-  
cal Action protesting our action in  
nominating a ticket. I do not yet  
know what reply they have made,  
or whether they consider the mat-  
ter at all.

The following letter was sent to  
Wm. H. Johnston:

"Dear Comrade Johnston:

"I have just returned from Okla-  
homa, where I attended the State  
Convention for the purpose of re-  
organizing the Socialist Party in  
that State. While there I was in-  
formed by Mr. Hagel of the Okla-  
homa Leader, that he had written  
you, protesting against the nomi-  
nation of a Socialist ticket in Okla-  
homa this year as a violation of  
the declarations adopted by the  
Conference for Progressive Politi-  
cal Action at Chicago. In protest-  
ing or appealing to you Mr. Hagel  
implies that the Socialist Party is  
bound by the decisions of the Chi-  
cago Conference, that we have  
violated those decisions, and that  
you have some authority over us in  
such matters. It is needless to state  
that there is no ground for such  
assumptions by the Conference for  
Progressive Political Action.

"The plan of action adopted at  
Chicago was in the nature of recom-  
mendations to the participating or-  
ganizations, each of which retained  
its complete autonomy and freedom  
of action. The position of the So-  
cialist Party was made quite clear,  
which is, that we will not partici-  
pate in any campaign to capture old  
party primaries, or in support of  
old party candidates. We are in  
favor of an independent Labor  
Party, and attended the Conference  
in the hope that some such organ-  
ization would come out of it. When  
we found this was impossible, we  
remained in the Conference and  
Comrade Morris Hillquit accepted  
the position on the Committee of  
Fifteen in order that we might keep  
in touch with the other organiza-  
tions and ultimately perhaps, partici-  
pate with them in the formation  
of such an independent party as we

desire. We are satisfied that the attendance of our representatives at such conference and committee meetings will have a tendency to break down the mutual prejudice and distrust which exists between our own and other participating organizations, and will ultimately make a better understanding and closer co-operation possible. Closer co-operation can only come in this manner. It cannot be forced. Any attempt to force any of the participating organizations into a position or policy to which they are opposed would result only in their withdrawal and the lessening of what prospect exists for closer understanding and co-operation.

I sincerely hope that in justice to our organization you will inform Mr. Hagle that in nominating a ticket in Oklahoma the Socialist Party violated neither the letter nor the spirit of the conditions under which we participated in the Chicago Conference; that our organization retains complete autonomy, and that you have no authority to take any action in the matter. We would deeply regret any action which would tend to mar the harmony which has so far existed, and destroy what progress has been made towards an understanding between the organizations participating in the Conference.

Fraternally submitted,  
OTTO BRANSTETTER,  
Executive Secretary.

LETTERS TO THE BUGLE

Letters from comrades are welcome. Those of two hundred words or less have the best chance of publication. We reserve the right to edit or condense. The Bugle is not responsible for opinions here expressed.—Editor.

I have often heard it said that necessity was the mother of all invention. Since I received a Bugle through a friend yesterday, I am forced to believe the old adage, that the above is true. The birth of the Bugle may save the real Socialists from being sold out to the Democratic Party. I have not forgotten the words of Debs spoken about ten years ago, that he would not lead the workers out of the ditch of oppression if he could, because if he could lead them out, someone would come along and lead them back into it. Let them climb out through their own efforts of oppression and education.

I was at the first meeting of the Farmer-Labor League at Shawnee. If ever I witnessed a disgusting bunch it was the speakers composed of the gentlemen from Dakota, a school teacher from Maud and J. Luther Langston. After the call for membership to the League with the \$3.50, I asked my old friend Langston what they were trying to do. Langston said, "we can get nothing under the name of Socialism, come on and get in." I told Langston that it was impossible for those who never had a thought for themselves to do my class any good. Langston replied that we had many strings to pull before that time. Poor Luther, I fought for him to be reinstated in the Socialist Local in Oklahoma City, where I formally belonged, and now Luther has been led astray again.

I took out my first red card August 18, 1906, and have been fighting the battles for my class ever since and will not now at this late date be traded to the Farmer-Labor League by the Oklahoma Leader bunch or anyone else that believes in getting into the old party band wagon.

Yours for Pure D. Socialism,  
W. W. MOORE,  
Pittsburg Co.

Your Little Sheet Came in on Last Mail—Thanks.

You can bank on me being against the fusion with the hybrid thing hatched at Shawnee. I had made up my mind to have nothing to do with the thing, either at the primary or general election. But the thing that bothered me most was the fact that we would lose our standing as a political party by this scab move. I hope you will keep right at this thing until we have a ticket in the field. It is of little moment to us at this time as to whether our candidates have a running chance of being elected or not. What we are doing just now is simply biding our time. It will come, too, and that sure. When the mugwomps have had their try-out with the reformers, and find that the plutes still manage to get the swag, they will surely see that the only thing to do is to do away with their opportunities to exploit the workers.

I have four shares in the Leader, and intend to make a desperate effort to get it out. Mine are certificates of stock in the Leader Co., Preferred, of course. I have received no dividends, however. I will do my best to hold the comrades here in line. We have some, of course, that will go with the mongrel bunch. Never were thoroughly indoctrinated in our faith, you see. Think they were Socialists, but did not know just why.

How we can arrange for an encampment, or at least some speaking. My own way of agitating, if I were an agitator, would be canvass the counties, from school house to school house, and stay several nights at each one, until there was a local organized in every precinct. But, of course, we could not do that at this time. The financing would be out of the question. I want to keep right up on this move and will do all that I possibly can.

I am sending the dollar. Will get everyone to chip in that I can. Keep me posted.

Yours in the work of emancipation,  
G. W. BUCKMASTER,  
Beaver Co.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO DO IT

The Socialist movement has arrived at the critical stage of its existence, and upon what happens during the next few months depends its future usefulness as a militant, class conscious worker's political party. That this condition exists is an undeniable fact and to meet it squarely is the task that now lays before us, to ignore it would be unwise. The capitalist class becoming aware that persecution, ridicule and abuse only served to strengthen the ranks of Socialism, have changed their tactics to an attempt to assimilate the Socialist party into the ranks of that arch-enemy of the working class, the Democratic party, thereby destroying its entity as the entity of the people's party of another day was destroyed, leaving the political field free to the proponents of the capitalist system of exploitation. Thus was the death of the Socialist party, the political expression of the working class, planned by its enemies.

It is a common fact that in all movements of the common people that have passed into history, the self appointed "leaders" have been the prevailing factors in their dissolution, and this attempted dissolution of the Socialist party is no exception to the rule. It is no uncommon thing to hear the former big guns of the Socialist party in this state advising the proletariat to cease the fight for economic freedom through the Socialist movement, join the ranks of a political party whose main tenets of faith are diametrically opposed to the basic principles of Socialism, and trade the emblem of International Brotherhood for one composed of the likeness of an animal, whose name is often used as a term of ridicule—an ASS. How fitting an emblem for the congregation it represents!

These self appointed "leaders" assure us that the Farmer-Labor League stands for all that we have stood for in the past, and that the Democratic party, upon receiving the baptism of the League, will immediately destroy the capitalist system and its attending evils and usher in the Brotherhood of Man without more ado. How simple a plan and how simple are those who fall into the plot. The working man, realizing that his interests and the interests of the capitalist class are diametrically opposed, who digs up \$3.50 of his cash to join the League and vote the Democratic ticket, certainly deserves to be named after the emblem of the Democratic party for he is indeed an ASS.

The basic principles of the Democratic party, being founded on the institution of private property, is diametrically opposed to the principles of Socialism, which are based on collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. No juggling of political principles can refute this undeniable fact, that the statements of some of the "big guns" to the contrary notwithstanding. There is no plan whereby the working class can acquire a single benefit by compromising the principles of Socialism. Either we must fight the capitalist system without compromise and without a single political trade, or we must surrender completely and unreservedly to the capitalist class and proclaim ourselves the most docile of all slaves, asking

for nothing to have our masters are willing to do. Comrades, are you willing to do that?

WALTER PANNELL,  
Caddo Co.

FROM THE LEADER AND FILE

I happened to see a copy of the Bugle through the mail. I admire the paper and am glad we have a Socialist paper in the state.

I have been a subscriber to the Leader since 1906 but it is not a Socialist paper though good for its kind, but it is not a good Socialist paper as the State and National.

I am sending a few subs and want a bundle of Bugles.  
GRAEBER,  
Caddo Co.

I am a Socialist of 20 years standing, have spent time and money for the cause and am not going to be steered into the Democratic party.

The Leader has been swallowed by Walton and is now asking the Socialists to go into the primaries and register a lie. It seems that the Leader's morals are at a very low ebb.

Enclosed find one dollar for the Bugle and a Hip and Hurrah for its success.

J. M. PRIOR,  
Ellis Co.

Am enclosing 50c for which send me the Bugle six months. I am gratified to know that the principles of Socialism are not dead, and that there is still a considerable remnant of true Socialists remaining in Oklahoma that are immovable by the Re-Destruction League or any other name except the name of Socialism pure and simple.

W. B. BAIN,  
Marshall Co.

A congressman from Washington, D. C., sends in his sub and says he wants the next issue. Comrades let them hear no uncertain sound from the grass roots.

Walter Pannell of Dewey county gets in a sub and says he is extending best wishes for you may be sure I am sincerely glad that there is one Socialist in the state besides myself that has not fallen for that Democrat hybrid—the Farmer-Labor League.

The woods are full of good, loyal comrades and all we need to do is reach them and the Bugle is here for that purpose. Your subs will help us do it.

Comrade S. A. Frakes from Pottawatomie county sends in a yearly sub and asks where he can pay dues. Requests of the kind demonstrate the need of the Bugle.

Comrade Lee from Carter county gets in with a sub.

Comrade John from Jefferson county sends in a sub and says he likes the Bugle. Says he is one of the 1000 stung to the tune of \$3.50 by the Leader misrepresentation. But concludes that that he is not got the Socialists as yet.

Comrade Lewis D. Lee of Kiowa county sends in a dollar to help the Bugle along and says "to shoot it to them if we can do no more than to keep them stepping on thorns along their dirty way."

Comrade G. F. Brumfield of Alfalfa county gets in with a sub and says he is still standing for the emancipation of the working class.

Oscar Davis of Grady county sends in his sub and asks for a bundle of Bugles. Says he is a Socialist, not a Democrat, no fusing for him. "The Leader stung me for \$24.00. God pity me, I am minded."

Comrade O. E. Sammons from Woods county sends in a sub and says that he hopes this Bugle get adjusted upon a sound basis. The Bugle will push us through to that end.

Comrade B. F. Barnes from Marshall county takes the Bugle for the first month's subs. Says, "I have just read the Bugle and it is music to my soul."

Comrade John F. Payne from Payne county writes with the Bugle and a full sub. No fusion or politics.

A letter from Comrade Attates way of Comanche states

that it sure made him feel good to read Comrade Branstetter's letter stating that there would be a Socialist ticket in the field.

J. H. Dunn from Marshall county writes that he wants to see a state ticket so that the Socialists will not lose their identity as a party and that we will be ready for the National campaign two years hence.

J. E. Worley from Murray county writes us that he is pleased with the Bugle and that they would like to have a speaker in their county to re-organize. We placed the matter in Comrade Leonard Johnston's hands and trust he will soon have something good to report.

SEVENTH DISTRICT ALIVE

That the Socialists of the Seventh Congression District will not follow their leaders into the Farmer-Labor League is the desired result of a movement now on foot to place a full ticket in the field in each and every county in the district. The sentiment in favor of maintaining the party organization is rapidly growing despite the propaganda of the Democratic League, and representative and senatorial candidates will be named in the near future. The movement which is rapidly gaining adherents is being backed by Walter Pannell, Taloga, O. E. Enfield, Shattuck, and other representative Socialists of the district, who will greatly appreciate it if you will give them your support and co-operation. First perfect your county organization. See the local Socialists and get busy; there is no time to lose by waiting for the other fellow to do it. WE MUST save the legal standing of the Socialist party of Oklahoma, and the unstinted co-operation and assistance of each and every true-blue Socialist is necessary.

STATE OFFICE NOTES

The State Office of the Socialist party is located at 420 Scott-Thompson Building, Oklahoma City. Comrade H. M. Sinclair was elected secretary. Comrade Cobb and Comrade Stiles were engaged by the secretary to do immediate work. The office is receiving many letters from old comrades all over the state stating that they are going to stay with the organization and refuse to register Democrat. They say they cannot, yet, quite swallow the party of slavery, of Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson.

Several locals have been organized since the State Convention. Everywhere the pioneers of Socialism are getting back into the party and signifying their willingness to get to work with the old spirit.

The only thing that handicaps us is the lack of funds. Some few comrades have made us donations of five and ten dollars, but we need about two hundred more like them. This office appeals to every Socialist in the state to help us in a financial way all that they can. We are in need of funds to carry on our propaganda work. Comrades have been misinformed, and as the truth can reach them they are alright.

We intend to put a few speakers in the field just as soon as possible. Comrades everywhere are urged to organize locals. The party organization is very important at this time. Comrade McVicker comes to us from the National Office for a series of dates, commencing May 15th, and ending June 15th, probably June 18th. She will begin her tour at Locust Grove in Mayes county on May 15th.

Do not be discouraged Comrades, I am going to keep this office open and do the work as honestly and efficiently as I know how for Comrade Sinclair, who I believe has sent in his resignation to the Executive Committee, until that matter has been settled and his successor appointed.

Debs said correctly, that the press was more dangerous than the sword. The Socialists in Oklahoma realize it more fully now than ever before. We were without a press to get our message to the people, and during that time, they were deceived and deluded into thinking everything had gone to smithereens.

We now have Oscar smashing Socialism in the columns of the Leader. We wonder if he will be more successful than his predecessors, Peter Collins and Davy Goldstein. He now joins hands with Sammy Gompers, the inveterate foe of Socialism. Sammy sees red morning, noon and night. His latest tirade is against Soviet Russia. According to Sammy it would be a surrender of American liberty for the United States to be represented

in Genoa. How things do change. Politics make strange bed-fellows. Well, I guess this going backward is evolution.

D. COBB,  
Acting Secretary.

HEAVY SOCIALIST VOTE IN WISCONSIN

With the Republican and Democratic parties and the capitalist newspapers united against them, the Socialist candidates of Milwaukee in last week's election made a showing that was characterized as "surprisingly good" for non-partisan political circles.

BIG PERCENTAGE

Tuesday the Socialist cast 47 per cent of the total vote and the anti-Socialists 53 per cent. In 1921 the percentages were 46 and 54 respectively, and in 1918 they were 43 and 57.

That is the way the Socialist vote in Milwaukee is "fast diminishing."

And remember: The anti-Socialist ticket here is the combination of the Republican and Democratic parties and their political machines.

The heavy Socialist vote in Wisconsin was not confined to Milwaukee. Two Socialist aldermen were elected in West Allis, and two alderman and a police judge were elected in Cudahy. Reports indicate that the Socialist candidates ran exceptionally strong throughout the state where we had tickets in the field.—Socialist World.

STATE SECRETARY SEIDEL OF WISCONSIN REPORTS

"The latest Wisconsin elections have been going our way. There were two candidates for Supreme Judge, Jones, an arch reactionary, and Kleist, Socialist. Out of 71 counties, 63 have completed their count, giving Jones 247,989 and Kleist 161,232, the largest vote ever recorded by a Socialist candidate in this state.

"This election has electrified our movement and things are beginning to stir. Now for a finished job in the fall."—Socialist World.

MONTANA STATE CONVENTION

A State Convention for the purpose of reorganizing the party and nominating a state ticket, has been called at Billings, Mont., for Sunday, April 30th. Indications are that the Montana movement is ripe for reorganization and that the local comrades will put up a good campaign. The election in Livingston, Mont., resulted in a tie vote between C. H. Paugh, Socialist alderman seeking re-election, and the Republican candidate, the Democrat being a poor third. It was a hot contest, the Republicans polled their full strength, and tried to run in fraudulent voters, but were defeated in their purpose by Socialists on the election board. The Socialists feel confident of seating Paugh, as the election judge counted two spoiled ballots for the Republican candidates, thereby creating a tie vote. Paugh's vote increased 30 per cent over the vote he was elected with two years ago.—Socialist World.

SOCIALIST MEETINGS

By E. H. H. Gates.  
Since this bark was launched on the rough sea of fortune the editor has held several very interesting meetings in different parts of the state and Arkansas.

MIDLAND, ARKANSAS

At Midland, Arkansas, we found a few loyal comrades who had not been led into backward steps by the Leader, but were loyally standing by the platform and program of Socialism.

We spoke to the miners who were assembled in a district get-together convention to talk over some matters pertaining to their internal troubles. We had a splendid meeting but found some of the Arkansas miners following the gospel of Ameringer and Hogan who would not believe us when we told them the Oklahoma Leader was started as a Socialist paper. We told them that they in time would learn to their sorrow, the truth about the Oklahoma Leader. We told the miners that if the Oklahoma Leader would betray the Oklahoma Socialists, that they had better step on the carpet gently or the Leader would hand them the same kind of a lemon.

A goodly number of the miners subscribed for the Bugle and said they wanted to keep posted on the situation in Oklahoma and some of the Oklahoma miners expressed their good feelings for a Socialist ticket.

**DEWAR, OKLAHOMA**

A good crowd of miners and fellow workers met us at the Majestic Theatre ready to hear both sides of the case with Comrade Doyle in the chair.

They, like many others had been led to believe that there was a fusion with other labor groups to try and capture one or the other of the old parties and that the Socialist party was a thing of the past, that the capitalist, open shoppers, and labor fakirs with our traitors from within had preached our funeral and laid our bodies away to rest. But when they were informed that the American Socialist movement was still a Socialist movement, and that the Socialist party was still a Socialist party till that day when the workers could take independent political action separate to and distinct from all parties organized by the capitalist class they were with us, as of old and pledged their support to the Socialist party and the emancipation of the wage class.

The spirit of the meeting was fine and a good list of subs for the Bugle was secured.

**COALGATE, OKLAHOMA**

Much has been said by the Oklahoma Leader about the Coalgate meeting. Oscar Ameringer and Freda Hogan were there to report the meeting and we don't see any excuse for their willful and malicious misrepresentation of the facts. Unless like their policy to build public sentiment through the press whether true or false. The Leader's story was far from the truth and we charge them with knowing it before the article was sent out. Come across Oscar, be honest for once in your career of misrepresentation.

We were given an opportunity to present our side of the Leader controversy and were given the floor first in order that the balance of the afternoon could be used by the miners' officials to present their side of the controversy within the miners organization, which is a matter for the miners to settle within their own ranks, and out of the jurisdiction of the Socialists.

The Oklahoma Leader followers were so prejudiced, or as it looked like a frame up and the carrying out of well-laid plans to not hear us, or to break up the meeting, to confine it to debate with the Leader crowd choosing the subject, with the result that they must carry their point in another meeting or break it up, for they could not face the facts.

Ameringer well knew his hand would be exposed and he did not want to face the music or smell the cheese of his own making, hence he must endeavor to disrupt the meeting, lead the crowd out in a loud, noisy and boisterous manner. The Ameringer who has claimed he stood for free speech and peaceful assembly, the hypocrisy of his being, and the yellow of his blood was brought to the light of all honest people.

Say, "Boss," why did you help to disturb the meeting? Why did you help lead a number of the miners from the theatre? Why did the Leader state there was 800 present when 500 would have put it strong? Is your eyesight poor, Boss? Well, you have led a strenuous existence and perhaps your vision is a little dim. Boss, we were about to tip the pot of beans, but will let 'em rest or leave that job for you if you wish it. Why did the Leader give out the impression that 700 followed you out of the theatre to the Union Hall above? Possibly 250 left the theatre for the hall above where with stamping of feet for a few minutes they tried to disturb our meeting. No sheriff was called, the chief of police who was in the meeting quieted a few who got loud, and should have been arrested.

The 200 or more that remained gave us splendid attention and say, Boss, you did not tell them that some of the crowd that followed you out left your meeting and sneaked back into our meeting. As is always the case when such tactics are used against the Socialists, we make friends.

We had a good meeting and several subscribed for the Bugle. Arrangements were made for a return date. Only a few of the Socialists in Coalgate have fallen for the Leader dope. Now, "Boss," please don't run away from us next time, because we've got a few things we want to say to your face. Just want to talk over old times for a little while for the amusement and edification of our friends and comrades. Come on in, Oscar, "the water is fine."

**STEPHENS COUNTY**

Comrade Hart of Comanche had arranged a few dates for us, but guess the good Lord was on the side of our opponents because we were rained out every night but one. At the consolidated school house out near Comanche, in spite of the threatening rain we had a fine crowd and a good meeting was held. The Bugle will keep the comrades posted as to the Socialist movement in that neck of the woods. Stephens county is coming to the front. We need more loyal workers like Comrade Hart.

**QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING OWNERSHIP AND POLICY OF THE OKLAHOMA LEADER.**

The comrades investing or contributing for the promotion of the Oklahoma Leader, have received different kinds of certificates. Some of them got Common Stock, some Preferred Stock, and some of them got bonds. These certificates were also sold in two different companies. Some of them have a stock or bonds of the Oklahoma Leader Publishing Company, and some of the Social Democratic Publishing Company of Milwaukee. Some of the comrades have both. Be sure and examine your stocks or bonds and see just what you have, before filling out the blanks below.

- How much did you invest in the Leader? \$.....
  - Have you received your stocks or bonds? .....
  - State the number of bonds or shares of stock you received in the following:  
 Oklahoma Leader Pub. Co. ....  
 ..... Shares common stock  
 ..... Shares preferred stock  
 ..... Bonds par value.....  
 Social Democratic Pub. Co. ....  
 ..... Shares common stock  
 ..... Shares preferred stock  
 ..... Bonds par value.....
  - Are the stocks or bonds you received, as shown above, what you understand you were to receive when you paid the money? If not, what did you expect to get?
  - Did you make the investment with the understanding that the Leader was to be a Socialist paper? .....
  - Were you consulted about its change of policy? .....
  - Do you favor its present policy of urging the Socialists to register as Democrats and to vote in the Democratic Primaries? .....
- Date .....
- Signed .....
- Address .....
- City .....
- City .....
- Fill out and send to the Socialist Party, 220 S. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

**THE SOCIALIST PARTY**

The Socialist Party was not re-organized in Oklahoma for the purpose of fighting the Reconstruction League, or for the specific purpose of fighting any certain individual or thing—except capitalism. We were organized and in existence fighting the battles of the working class twenty years before the Reconstruction League was known or heard of.

It was not re-organized by anyone local individual as has been charged, by some "sore head" to get revenge.

We seemed to be up in the air for a long time. We were fought by enemies from without, and betrayed by traitors from within until our ranks were depleted. It seemed from all information at hand that the party through their proper officials had lain down and agreed to go into the League or some other thing. But upon this we were misinformed. We know now purposely and knowingly misinformed.

Some members of our party did meet in Conference with other organizations for the purpose of determining if it were possible for us in connection with them to figure out some plan upon which we could unite a movement having for its basis the class struggle, organized into independent political action along class conscious lines, separate and distinct from old capitalist parties. In this we failed. Those representing the different groups, it seems had not yet arrived at that degree of class consciousness and independence. In fact the psychology of the American working man has not yet evolved to the place where he is ready to take that step. He has not yet gotten over the theory of "rewarding his friends and punishing his enemies."

So the Socialists decided they would continue to go it alone until

the workers had developed sufficient class consciousness to separate themselves from the old capitalist political parties and proceed along independent political lines. It has been thrown at our door that we are trying to divide the workers. The American Socialist movement has a record covering a period of twenty years trying to unite the workers. However, not to uphold capitalist political parties and perpetuate capitalism, but to overthrow capitalism. It is untrue that we are trying now to divide the workers, or that we are unwilling to unite with the workers in an independent political organization for the purpose of ameliorating their condition. Of course the final goal of the Socialist is the complete emancipation of the working class, emancipation of the wage system. We reserve the right, to at all times, point the worker to this objective. This is the final aim, and there can be no permanent place between employer and employee until this has been accomplished. Therefore, we hold this to be most important.

But this does not mean that we will not work for and assist the worker on the farm and the worker in the shop to improve his condition under capitalism. On the contrary, we are with them in their fight for shorter hours, more sanitary surroundings and better wages. We are opposed to the discrimination against the farmer in the marketing of the products of his labor. The wage worker in the city sells his labor power directly, the farmer sells his labor indirectly in the form of raw material produced on the farm. They are both skinned by the same bunch. We are most assuredly against the skinning bunch.

As much as we are in favor of these things, and as much as we regret that the forward looking organizations in America cannot get together at this time, we can not lay aside the fundamental principles upon which we know rests the emancipation of the enslaved workers. We are not going to be swallowed up by the forces of the old reactionary moss backed Democratic party. The Populist party, three times stronger than the Socialist party attempted to capture the machine, result, they got captured. We are a little afraid of the machine, especially when practically every candidate, including those endorsed by the League, are old line Democrats of life standing.

D. COBB.

**COAL STRIKE**

There is a strike among the miners, and the drama of years gone by must be re-enacted.

The miners are wretchedly housed in their shacks and hovels, irregularly employed, poorly paid and are asking their masters for but a little better condition. The miner faces death every time he goes down into the mine to dig "black diamonds." The miner takes the risk in order to earn bread, some kind of shelter and a few clothes for wife and babies.

Some day the wage slaves will awaken from their sleep of ages and will take possession of the mines, own their own jobs and receive the full fruits of their labor. Strikes will be no more, nor shall wage slavery be in the land of plenty, and want shall be remembered only in the books of history.

"It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of producers must be organized not only for the everyday struggle with capitalism, but also to carry on production when capitalism has been overthrown."—Solidarity.

**JOHN FIELDS FOR GOVERNOR**

The Republicans have brought out a strong man for Governor in the person of John Fields. But we need not expect much campaign from that quarter till after the primary.

The Republicans are not doing any scrapping among themselves, but are watching the Democratic bout and the Walton scramble to entice a few Republicans into the Democratic primary that will vote their own ticket in November, a few Socialists who would slaughter their own party for the sake of following a supposed friend of labor.

It's a nice little movie with Walton's yamerville act that most any Republican would give a dime to see.

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Thousands of plants to begin shipping April 15th to June 10th. Sweet potatoes, improved Nancy Hall's, Yellow Yam or Yellow Nanson and Porto Rico. Price 40c per 100; 75c per 200; \$1.50 per 500; \$2.75 per 1,000; in 5,000 lots \$2.50 per 1,000.

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The State Office of the Socialist Party will be found at rooms 420-421 Scott-Thompson Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

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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.

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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.

**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 meeting 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 go. Write your neighbor, get a few of the comrades together and arrange for a few lectures.

**SOCIALIST HEADQUARTERS**

When in the city you will find Socialist headquarters at 414 West Frisco street, home Maple 4796.

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.

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

**NEW PUBLICATION**

A new publication devoted to the welfare of Socialism is The Bugle, edited by E. H. H. Gates and published at 414 W. Frisco street, Oklahoma City. It is to be issued monthly, and from the appearance of the first number should meet with hearty approval of Socialists throughout the country. The subscription price is a dollar a year.—Appeal To Reason.

Here is hoping that our party dues will be reduced to 25c per month, taking effect July First. It will mean a great deal to the comrades of Oklahoma who are enjoying narmalacy.

Right will prevail. We believe in this good old saying to the extent that oftentimes we are compelled to stand on a proposition almost alone. But the first thing that the editor of this sheet does is to try and find out the facts, second if true and they stand for the best interests and rights of humanity, we are for them and no matter how dark the cloud that looms up before us we know that somewhere, there is a "silver lining."

**INTERNATIONAL CURRENT EVENTS**

By Adolph Eisner.

**IRELAND:**—The different fighting factions of the Irish race, have declared themselves to a truce. Well that is fine. Let us hope that they will as they have quit fighting among themselves for good and celebrate May Day jointly and then fight Capitalism and its henchmen to a finish, the real enemy of the workers of Ireland.

**FRANCE:**—According to a message received from London, France has called or will call to its colors the reservists from 1918, 150,000 men to enforce the reparation payment upon Germany, which comes due May 31. To feed another 150,000 soldiers of the present great standing army of France costs a lot of money. France is bankrupt and so is Germany, only that the Bellhops of these two countries have not as yet told us that officially. Supposing these 150,000 reservists answer the call, which is very doubtful, but if they do, it means that the German working class will have 150,000 more policemen against them composed mostly of the French working class, to keep the German workers in wage slavery and to prevent the establishment of a real working class government in Germany or elsewhere.

**TURKEY:**—Italy and Turkey, it reported, having signed a treaty, that means that another branch has fallen off the Allied Apple Tree, and Soviet Russia is busy picking up the apples.

**AMERICA:**—According to statistics, out of every dollar or hundred cents worth of wealth produced by labor and the farmer in the United States of America is divided as follows: Figuring on an average base, labor receives 18 cents in form of wages, balance for the capitalists, 82 cents on the dollar. The farmer received 35 cents out of which he has to pay taxes, balance for the capitalists, 65 cents on the dollar. This was a few years ago. Now comes the news from the State of Oklahoma, which is largely owned and controlled by Wall Street bankers and financiers, who also hold in their grip the Republican and Democratic parties of that state, that the farmers and laborers have joined hands to stop being robbed who live in that state, by endorsing candidates on the Democratic ticket. Some intelligence!!!

**GERMANY:**—The treaty made between Germany and Soviet Russia, which means that Russia will be developed for its own people and Germany is, of course, not very pleasant for the allied Capitalists, but they knew all about it before the treaty was signed and it is their own fault for not recognizing Soviet Russia and exchange commodities sooner, they have had all the chances previous to the Germans, especially American Capitalists.

The extent of political action conceived by the larger part of the railway organizations is to endorse some friend of labor on the Democratic ticket, while the Socialist desires independent political action with a revolutionary program.

The Non-Partisan League and the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League will continue their folly of "the Blind lead the Blind," in attempting to name their candidates in the old party primaries.