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## THE DREAM THAT MUST COME TRUE

[John Spargo, in Social-Democratic Herald.]

A profound faith in the ultimate realization of human brotherhood and comradeship is implied by the very name we Social-Democrats bear. Good old Bronterre O'Brien, who in the rich mint of his powerful mind coined the phrase we so proudly write for name upon our banners, sounded the very depths of our philosophy and scaled the heights of our faith when he declared more than sixty years ago, that Brotherhood could never be realized in the world until Liberty reigned in the world; and that Liberty could never reign in the world until the system permitting private ownership of socially necessary things was destroyed.

So when we today declare for the social ownership of all socially necessary things; when we denounce the system which makes private property master of the common life; when we urge our demands that the means of the common life, produced as they are by the common labor and experience of the world, be owned in common, we are more than a mere political party aiming at political supremacy.

We are the apostles of the great universal religious impulse, the faith of Humanity that the Brotherhood of Man shall yet be universally recognized.

Thus we proclaim our faith in the highways and the by-ways of the world and sing it in our songs. We are the heralds of the Golden Age of Peace. "The day is coming," we cry, "when the cannon's roar will be silenced by the Peace-Song of a free and glad world. The day is coming, its dawning is at hand, when Socialism triumphant will break down the last barrier that keeps a single child from the fullest enjoyment of the vast heritage prepared for it through long centuries of pain and toil. The day is at hand when there shall be no man master of another's bread and life; when the words 'master' and 'slave' and all their hypocritical latter-day equivalents shall pass from human speech and memory. The day is nearer than most of us think or know when the ghoul's coining of little child lives into dividends shall cease and the tender babes be given their natural fellowship with bird and flower."

"Dreams! Dreams! Only dreams!" you say. Yes, we are dreamers and this is our great and glorious dream. But before you sneer at the dreamers or the dream, look at the great army of dreamers.

Yonder peasant on Russian steppe, bowed with oppressive toil, dreams that dream, sees that vision of a redeemed and revived world, and the load of his life is lightened. And that poor mother in Siberian exile, torn from the home where she was the love-crowned queen, could not bear the anguish of her lone exile but for the same vision.

In German workshops and garrison prisons tired workers and pallid prisoners dream the same dream and their faces are lit of the same hope-light.

From the vineyards of France and from her cities comes sound of glad songs: They are singing of the same hope. And Italy and Spain join in the strain.

From England's industrial hells and from the abysses of her great cities, those frightful dens of misery and squalor, a shout of increasing volume tells that they have seen the same vision and dreamed the same dream as that which inspires the workers of our own land from the crowded tenements of New York to the crowded tenements of San Francisco; on the small New England farm and the great prairie wheat farm; in the coal mines that lie in the heart of the Alleghanies and the metaliferous mines of the Rockies.

In far off Australia tens of thou-

## SOCIALIST VOTERS!

### Join the Party Organization and Back Your Vote With Deeds.

## DO YOU REALLY WANT SOCIALISM?

### Then Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel and Don't Be a Dead Weight to the Movement.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, you dealt a blow of unprecedented strength to the worn out capitalist system from which it will never recover. The Socialist vote of the nation was approximately 500,000 as against 88,000 in 1900.

In Iowa you have raised the vote from 6,479 last year to 14,847. You have demonstrated your character and intelligence by voting for yourselves, your wives and your children.

In your brave effort to be right, in your desperate antagonism to the system that feeds itself on your flesh and blood, you have raised a cry of contempt and of warning to the devouring monster of capitalism.

Single-handed if need be, you have determined to fight the enemy. Like heroes you have faced the jeers and the sneers of the capitalist hirelings.

To your surprise, you have found yourself one of many brave comrades in the coming revolution who, like yourselves, have registered their determination that the robber system of capitalism must go, and that Socialism must come.

You certainly feel that your vote did not go to help the enemy. You know that you have not thrown it away, for you have strengthened your position and weakened that of the enemy. All that you have done is well. What about the future? The answer is plain.

You must become stronger and YOU must do it for no one will do it for you.

Here are a few lines that will do us good to consider for future action.

sands of toilers, gathered from all climes and speaking all tongues, find inspiration in the same dream. It is life itself to them. And where Africa's millions gather in mine or factory, upon the cities' streets or the great karoo, the dream unites Boer and Briton, Kafir and White in one strong brotherhood.

And even mid the battles' din where Russ and Jap slave fight till their blood mingles in one red stream at the bidding of their masters, the vision appears and hatred, ignorant, blind hatred, is banished from many a heart.

How vast the army of dreamers! Time was when only the lone prophet in Israel dreamed such a dream or saw such a vision. He saw through the centuries the time to be "when the swords shall be beaten into plow shares and the spears into pruning hooks." He told of his vision, but men derided and cried out, "Dreamer of vain dreams!" The number of the prophets grew slowly. The lonely Nazarene, homeless and poor; Campanella, the Italian monk; Sir Thomas More, Saint Simon and Fourier, Robert Owen and the brave German tailor, Wilhelm Weitling. So the "dreamers" grew and spanned the centuries. But not till the clarion call of

First. Local elections as a rule prove disastrous to a party like ours, which stands above the narrowness of such questions, as for instance: Shall it be this or that particular individual who shall fill this or that local office? Personal friendship and petty local political schemes tend to drag the voter down from his higher aims of working for a principle. We must learn to disregard personalities at all times, to fix our aim on the ultimate good of our entire class and our families. We must turn neither to the right nor the left, but push steadily on in the straight and narrow path that leads the worker to the co-operative commonwealth. At all elections, local or national, stand by your colors and the glorious victory is ours.

Second. You must know that the Socialist party work is not done by bosses like that of the capitalist parties, but by its dues-paying members in their respective local organizations. You can readily see the importance of our having you as a member of our local organizations. Do not dismiss this lightly, for upon your membership in the local depends the success of the principle for which you voted on November 8th.

If you really want Socialism, become a member, and your dues, 25c a month, will help pay for it. Small drops in large numbers make an ocean and you certainly do not expect Rockefeller and Morgan to pay for your freedom.

If you really want Socialism you must make your work count. The only way you can do it is by joining the local. A company of trained and well-organized soldiers

is worth more than a hundred of their number of unorganized men.

Scan the list of Iowa locals on another page and if your town has an organization attend its next meeting, sign an application card and become a real active force for human liberty. If there is no local in your town and not enough Socialists to form one (only five are required to secure a charter) make application to the state secretary and become a member at large.

Third. Subscribe for at least one Socialist paper and keep in touch with the movement over the United States and over the world. When you are through reading it, hand it to your neighbor. He will, perhaps, see the light and help you in your struggle for industrial freedom.

Now comrades, with a membership in our locals as large as our vote, the Socialist movement will assume a strength that will be unequalled. Will you help make it or will you retard it by your absence? Will you apply your shoulder to the wheel, or will you become a dead weight to the movement?

We are sure that the bravery and honesty of purpose that led you to break the ties of your old party affiliations will prompt you to join our ranks.

On to victory, comrades! Another charge, all together, and the Bastille of Wage Slavery will lay in ruins at your feet.

Come and clasp the outstretched hand of your comrades in this great movement for human happiness.

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### A Local in Every County.

Editor Iowa Socialist: In 1900, we had about half a dozen locals in the state of Iowa. By the end of 1902, we had in the neighborhood of thirty. We now have sixty-one. Some counties have more than one local. These sixty-one locals are located in forty counties. There are ninety-nine counties in the state. Consequently, there are fifty-nine counties in which there is no Socialist organization whatsoever. Before the next election rolls around, we should plant at least one local in each of those fifty-nine counties, to act as a center for organization and education. "A local in every county!" That ought to be the slogan of the Socialists of Iowa in the immediate future.

JOHN M. WORK.

We are satisfied with Gompers' re-election to the presidency of the American Federation of Labor. Until the majority of the rank and file become Socialists by thought or by experience, let a pure and simpler bear the responsibility for the ill results of pure and simple policy. Our real work is with the masses of the workingmen, not with the misleaders.—The Worker.

### Broken Pledges.

Both the old parties in Milwaukee declared in their platforms for a municipal electric light plant. The lights are now furnished by the street car monopoly that practically runs the politics of the city. When the matter came up in the council after the election the council voted against it—that is the republican and democratic members of the council. The Socialists voted for the measure as they were pledged. The Daily News (democratic) says that the democratic members of the council, as well as the republican members, "are self-confessed harlots, and are bound together for no other purpose than public plunder." After a while the people will learn that the Socialists are the only ones who are true to their political programme, and that it is folly to support a party to do certain things when it doesn't want those things done, or can be bribed by corporate interests not to do those things. Had this vote of the council been made before the election the Socialists would have elected their entire ticket, but they will elect it next spring, and then the rule of corporation interests over those of the people of Milwaukee will cease. The Socialists can feel jolly at the results. There is a tomorrow, and the pain suffered by the people will not have been in vain.—Labor.

### Who Is a Socialist?

I think the millions of Socialists in the world organized in the political movement have a right to make their own distinctions and lay down their own definition as to what constitutes a Socialist. I scarcely think we can safely call a man a Socialist, without any qualifying adjective, merely because he believes in the collective ownership of the means of production. Socialism today is not so much an ideal of the future as it is a fight, a struggle of the working class against the capitalist class. The material interests of the working class make it the mission of that class to bring in the social ownership which you mere collectivists desire; and it will come only by fighting out the class struggle to a finish in the complete victory of the workers. It is necessary to have a disciplined party—discipline democratically enforced by the rank and file of our political army, but strict discipline. We must consider ourselves an army, and an army can be effective only through discipline.—Courtenay Lemon, in an address before New York "Collectivist Society."

### The Foundation of Business.

Deception may almost be called the foundation of business. It is true that if all business men would altogether discard it matters would probably be far better even for them than they are, but taking the human character as it is, it is frankly avowed by business men themselves that no business could succeed for a single year if it were to attempt single-handed and alone to adopt such an innovation. The particular form of deception characteristic of business is called shrewdness, and it is universally considered proper and upright. There is a sort of code which fixes the limit beyond which this form of deception must not be carried, and those who exceed that limit are looked upon somewhat as is a pugilist who "hits below the belt." But within those limits every one expects every other to suggest the false and suppress the true.—Lester F. Ward.

Judging from the recent election returns the hod carrier who said he had a good job carrying brick up a three-story house and a man up there did all the work, has a good many brothers.—Chicago Socialist.

A man who is poor and intelligent at the present stage of the world's progress, and is against Socialism, is a monstrosity that no scientist can classify.—Common Sense.

Softly sweet as living springs  
Mighty hopes are blowing wide:  
Passionate prefigurings  
Of a world revived,  
Dawning thoughts that ere they set  
Shall possess the Ages yet!"

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## FINIS.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of The Iowa Socialist Publishing Company held on Wednesday evening, December 14, it was decided to discontinue the publication of The Iowa Socialist.

The paper has never paid its way from the start. The deficit each month has been made up by comrades at this end of the line.

But there is a limit and it has been reached.

The unexpired subscriptions on our list will be filled by other Socialist publications as soon as arrangements to that end can be made.

Subscription cards still in the hands of purchasers will be redeemed in Socialist literature if returned to this office before the end of this month.

The few outstanding bills will be promptly met. Those indebted to the company are requested to settle.

The printing plant consisting of body and display type, stone, job press, etc., in good condition, is for sale.

## WOMEN SLOWLY AWAKENING.

Surprises do come to us sometimes! Here is a group of women outside the Socialist ranks who are really taking objections to their republican classification.

Some of us have thought that so long as women were satisfied to be classed with idiots and felons, that is where they properly belong; yet it is hard on the few women who do use their brains beyond the capacity of the idiot.

The republicans have a little feminine rebellion on their hands, as you will see from the following clipping:

Des Moines, Dec. 9.—The Des Moines Women's club and Equal Suffrage organizations of the city will adopt resolutions protesting against the recent act of congress, which in providing for the admittance of the territories fixes the right of franchise and in specifying those who cannot vote names women along with criminals, felons, etc. The women resent the classification and in the seventh district of Iowa at least the congressmen will hear from them in strong terms. At the last meeting of the Professional Women's League of Des Moines the matter was taken up and the following resolution adopted and directed to Congressman Hull on the subject: "Resolved, By the Professional Women's League of Des Moines, that we record our protest against the proposed act of congress to disfranchise the women of the great southwest by classing them with felons, lunatics and idiots in the organization of the proposed new states. That while in many of the states women have been tacitly

ranked with these defective and dependent classes, never before has the insult been so open and flagrant; nor has it been by an act of congress; and we resent this injustice, not only to our sisters in the southwest, but to the womanhood of America."

Powerful magnifying glasses will not reveal any effect of such resolutions on political programs; they may bring a few amused smiles, but nothing further.

Congressman Hull knows that his tenure of office does not in any way depend on the approval of the women of his district.

Not many months ago our state legislature voted down two bills: one for equal suffrage, the other for the regulation of child labor. No resolutions from women of the state appeared at that time. Any woman who will keep quiet over the defeat of a measure for the protection of children ought to be classed with felons. It is where she belongs—she has proved herself unfit for any other place.

Women must first learn to stand for themselves—their womanhood, their motherhood. When they know enough to do this they will, by natural law, come out of the idiot and felon class without the trouble of appealing to congress. It is up to the women to lift themselves out of that class. They need expect no help from either of the old political parties—(Beg pardon, since November 8th there is only ONE old political party.)

The Socialist party is the only one that recognizes the equality of woman and grants her full membership, voice, vote and office in its ranks. It is time that all women who are not idiots and felons should recognize their friends and co-operate with them in the overthrow of a system that puts a stigma upon womanhood, and sacrifices her children for greed.

## THE SOCIALIST PRESS.

One of the ill effects of the large Socialist vote will be the springing up, mushroom-like, of new Socialist papers all over the country or wherever there is a comrade who thinks he would make a better editor than any of those who now push the pencil, and their name is legion. Their inability to learn from the experience of others is equalled only by their faith in their own enterprise. This faith is commendable, of course, but nevertheless doomed to be shattered. It is to be regretted that there are those who ought to know better who encourage these misguided souls in their mad careers. The enthusiasm and energy that is wasted in starting new papers would be more profitably expended in supporting those now struggling for a foothold. It is hoped the following from the Florida Socialist will be thoroughly digested:

It is painful to bid farewell to the few hundreds of subscribers whose names at least have become familiar. Several of them have shown zeal in behalf of the Florida Socialist which has been as refreshing as rain in a desert.

I have decided to resign as editor of the Florida Socialist. My companion in the enterprise, Comrade John T. Wilford, with whom my relations have always been of the most pleasant character, will assume full charge of the paper after this issue.

As publisher he has heretofore borne all the financial responsibility. Now he will take the full charge upon himself. I wish I could think that a word from me would help to lighten the added load.

If a score or two of our subscribers would work for the establishment of a state paper as a half dozen or so have it would not be necessary for me to say good bye.

But that is idle to expect it seems. As it is, the time has come when I must do something that will at least feed me. The need for three or at least two meals a day may be largely artificial. No

doubt it is. But when one has formed the bad habit of eating regular meals and persisted in it until middle age, it is often fatal to break off the habit too suddenly. And dead men do not make good editors.

Perhaps some reader may say that the Florida Socialist has seemed lately to be edited by a dead man. Let any such remember that unappreciated enthusiasm must become chilled in time. To the comrades who have freely expressed their appreciation of the efforts of Comrade Wilford and myself to give them as good a state paper as our slender means would allow, I give hearty thanks. Our policy has been to give the state Socialist news first place. For the rest, the editorial matter has often been hurriedly written, sometimes at the last moment, or in intervals snatched from the many details of office management.

The appreciation which takes the form of an increasing subscription list has been lacking, except in the case of a few of our subscribers. To them, the heartiest thanks. But certainly when a party can poll a vote of more than 2,300, there should be a subscription list of more than 250 for the party paper.

Perhaps I am one of the "fools who rush in where angels fear to tread." I haven't perceived any angels stepping gingerly around the borders of Florida, afraid to disturb the Socialist party therein. I never did claim spiritual vision, however, or clairvoyance or any of those queer things which some pretend to. Perhaps for that reason I did not see that angels, in or out of the flesh, were avoiding the task of giving Florida Socialists a state paper. If I had I might have taken warning.

I am sorry to have to quit editing the Florida Socialist for so weak a reason as that it prevents me from earning my daily bread. The spirit is willing but the prospective lack of shelter, food and clothing renders the flesh weak, very weak. Capitalism is trying to teach us all that these things are not really necessary to human existence. My attempt to practically accept this philosophy and turn it to the advantage of Socialism does not seem to bear fruit.

It may in the hereafter, for disembodied spirits, I'm persuaded, do not need to eat, and there's no mention of tailors, nor even of carpenters in the messages that purported to have come in ancient or modern times from "the other shore." No reflection intended on the estimable members of those useful trades.

So with the confession that I've been ruined for a Socialist editor by those bad habits of eating regular meals and wearing clothing, I remain,  
 Yours fraternally,  
 OSCAR EDGAR.

## Educate! Educate! Educate!

This must be the watchword of Socialists for the next few years. Organize a class in your local for systematic study. It will give interest to your meetings, effectiveness to your propaganda, strength to your organization, intelligence to all your activity. The following courses are now offered:

**SOCIALISM**, by May Wood Simons.  
 Not merely a re-hashing of propaganda pamphlets, but a series of lessons for those who really wish to know something of the fundamentals upon which Socialism is based. Some of the topics: Development of the Socialist Philosophy, Materialistic Interpretation of History, Class Struggle, Socialism and Art, Literature, Science and Educational History of Socialist Movement in Europe and America.

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## STATE PLATFORM

The Socialist party of the state of Iowa, in delegate convention assembled, at Marshalltown, Iowa, July 4th, 1904, call upon every member of the working class, to join with us for the purpose of capturing the powers of government by the ballot that we may take possession of the tools of production, abolish the wage system, and establish a system of production for the benefit of the workers.

Today the tools of production are owned by the capitalist class; they are operated by the working class, but only when that operation will make profit for the owning class. Ownership of the machines, the mines, factories and railroads gives the capitalist class control over the lives of the members of the working class, through the wage system.

The owning class can give or withhold employment at will. As a result of this absolute power, the workers, who perform all useful labor, must humiliate themselves by begging for jobs of a class that performs no useful labor. If this permission to work is withheld they and their owners must starve.

The wage system is the cause of starvation, disease, crime, prostitution, child labor, stunted bodies and warped minds for the workers, while it gives to the capitalist palaces for homes, the pick of the world's markets for their food, the finest raiment, culture, education, travel and all that makes life worth living.

Society is thus divided into two hostile classes, the capitalist class and the working class. This condition has brought into birth the Socialist party, the political expression of the struggle of the working class for power. This party owes allegiance to and is a part of the International Socialist movement.

With a system of industry owned and operated by the workers, the struggle for existence would be shifted from the individual to society as a whole.

The ownership of the means of production and distribution by the capitalist class gives this class control of the legislatures, the courts and all executive offices. Republican, democrat and reform parties are financed by the capitalist, and are, therefore, their servants, thus in effect, making the government the executive committee of the capitalist.

This fact demands, as an inevitable conclusion, the organization of the working class into a political party that shall be everywhere and always, distinct from and opposed to every political party not founded entirely upon the interests of the working class. The Socialist party is organized to meet this demand and is therefore the party of the working class.

The Socialist party, when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage slavery is utterly abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct. Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it does the Socialist party is for it; if it does not, the Socialist party is absolutely opposed to it.

In accordance with this principle, the Socialist party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs of this state in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class.

In conclusion, we appeal to the working class to study the principles of Socialism, to vote with their class at all elections until they overthrow the power of capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle, and inaugurate the co-operative commonwealth based upon this fundamental principle of justice:

To every worker the full product of his labor.  
 "Workers of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains! You have a world to gain!"

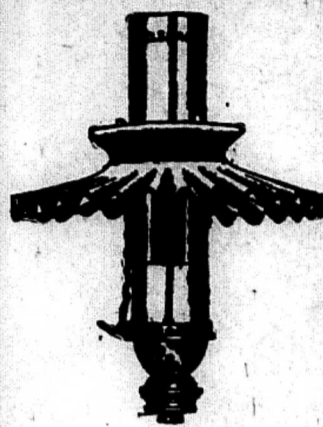
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out employment in the United  
States. You ask for the reason?  
It is simply this: Even now from  
San Francisco American machinery  
is being shipped to China in order  
to establish American industries  
there; and what will be the result?  
Why, when they can hire Chinese  
labor for \$4 a month, they have no  
room for you and the American  
worker will be left out in the cold.  
You know what that will mean;  
you know that it will mean starva-  
tion for yourself and family, and  
yet you hesitate to raise one finger  
to stem the flood of destruction  
which slowly but surely is bearing  
you on to the gulf of sorrow and  
degradation. Or are you of num-  
ber of those who deem the present  
system to be everlasting, and

"Think ye, that building can endure,  
Which shelters the noble and crushes the  
poor."

If you do, it's time you get this  
notion out of your heads for the  
present system of capitalism is  
even now crumbling to its fall.  
Yes, even now, is the distant battle  
cry of an oppressed and bleeding  
people smarting beneath their  
wrongs and demanding justice.  
And justice will not be demanded  
in vain; only let the curtain of ig-  
norance be torn from the eyes of  
the people, let them unite in one  
mighty effort and on their unfurled  
banner may these words be seen,  
"Each for all and all for each."  
Then, I say, then let the oppressor  
beware, lest the slave prove  
stronger than his master. The  
American people, like a wounded  
stag, stands at bay waiting the  
first onslaught of the enemy, fully  
realizing in the inevitable death  
grapple which must follow, that  
they have everything to gain and  
nothing to lose but their chains.  
My friends, today we are con-  
fronted with a far more serious  
problem than that which con-  
fronted Lincoln. Once more is  
tyranny and liberty being weighed  
in the balance, and it is for us to  
say what the result will be. Will  
we meet this emergency like brave  
men and women, or will we slink  
aside like craven cowards?

Liberty beckons us from yonder  
hilltop; tyranny yawns beneath.  
To attain that glorious summit we  
must tread paths that are weary  
and beset with perils; we may fal-  
ter, and ofttimes fall, but we are  
up again, imbued with fresh cour-  
age, as we see the lines of the  
enemy breaking into confusion and  
fleeing before us. The worker has  
learned by bitter experience that  
he must fight the capitalist with  
his own weapon if he would win,  
and that weapon is the ballot; and,  
indeed, so wonderful has the in-  
crease of Socialist votes been  
within the last four years that who  
can say what may not be accom-  
plished within the next four, but as  
we have worked nobly and well in  
the past, so we must continue to  
do in the future, if we would have  
success crown our efforts. The  
very fact that the old parties have  
ceased to treat us with that cool in-  
difference and contempt and are  
now taking the field against us  
proves that they are becoming  
thoroughly frightened at the rapid  
strides Socialism is making and  
are going to do everything in their  
power to check its advance, and  
the only thing for us to do is to  
unite in one mighty army to up-  
hold the cause of right and justice,  
the cause whose success means the  
emancipation of our fellow men.

Therefore, I appeal to all man-

hood in your nature, if not for  
yourself, at least for the sake of  
your wives and helpless children,  
give this subject which so vitally  
concerns not alone your welfare,  
but the welfare of the whole hu-  
man race, more than a passing  
thought. For if the American  
people are ever to be saved from  
the pitfall which capitalism is dig-  
ging for them, it must be through  
their own efforts; and until they  
have learned this they will be as  
they are now, abject and down-  
trodden slaves.—Lottie Burns.

The first article in the December  
International Socialist Review is  
one whose educational and propa-  
ganda value for the present time is  
especially great. Under the title  
of "Socialism and Human Nature,  
Do They Conflict?" Murray E.  
King has met and thoroughly de-  
molished the arguments against  
Socialism founded on the statement  
that it would destroy individuality,  
or that it is against human nature.  
He has done this in an entirely  
original manner, showing that the  
whole philosophy of Socialism  
springs directly out of the funda-  
mental characteristics of human  
nature, while the collectivist re-  
gime, in its turn would create a  
human nature infinitely better and  
stronger than that of today and  
one which will give particular  
scope to individuality. "Lessons  
from the Socialist Vote," by the  
editor, A. M. Simons, analyzes the  
causes that contributed to the in-  
crease in the various states.

"The Bohemian Social Democ-  
racy," by Charles Pergler, national  
organizer, gives for the first time in  
English a description of the So-  
cialist movement in Bohemia.

There are several other interest-  
ing articles and the usual depart-  
ments. Comrade Max S. Hayes  
gives a most striking pen picture  
of the San Francisco convention  
of the A. F. of L. and discusses  
the various movements within that  
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#### NATIONAL PLATFORM.

**I.**  
The Socialist Party, in convention  
assembled, makes its appeal to the Ameri-  
can people as the defender and preserver  
of the idea of liberty and self-government,  
in which the nation was born; as the only  
political movement standing for the pro-  
gram and principles by which the lib-  
erty of the individual may become a fact;  
as the only political organization that  
is democratic, and that has for its pur-  
pose the democratizing of the whole of  
society.

To this idea of liberty the Republican  
and Democratic parties are equally false.  
They alike struggle for power to main-  
tain and profit by an industrial system  
which can be preserved only by the com-  
plete overthrow of such liberties as we  
already have, and by the still further  
enslavement and degradation of labor.

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

By controlling all the sources of social  
venue, the possessing class is able to  
silence what might be the voice of protest  
against the passing of liberty and the  
coming of tyranny. It completely con-  
trols the university and public school,  
the pulpit and the press, and the arts  
and literatures. By making these eco-  
nomically dependent upon itself, it has  
brought all the forms of public teaching  
into servile submission to its own inter-  
ests.

Our political institutions are also be-  
ing used as the destroyers of that indi-  
vidual property upon which all liberty  
and opportunity depend. The promises of  
economic independence to each man was  
one of the faiths upon which our insti-  
tutions were founded. But, under the  
guise of defending private property, capi-  
talism is using our political institutions  
to make it impossible for the vast major-

ity of human beings ever to become pos-  
sessors of private property in the means  
of life.

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

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

#### II.

As an American socialist party, we  
pledge our fidelity to the principles of  
international socialism, as embodied in  
the united thought and action of the  
socialists of all nations. In the industrial  
development already accomplished, the  
interests of the world's workers are sepa-  
rated by no national boundaries. The  
condition of the most exploited and op-  
pressed workers, in the most remote  
process of the earth, inevitably tends to  
drag down all the workers of the world  
to the same level. The tendency of the  
competitive wage system is to make la-  
bor's lowest condition the measure or  
rule of its universal condition. Indus-  
try and finance are no longer national  
but international, in both organization  
and results. The chief significance of na-  
tional boundaries, and of the so-called  
patriotisms which the ruling class of each  
nation is seeking to revive, is the power  
which these give to capitalism to keep  
the workers of the world from uniting  
and to throw them against each other in  
the struggles of contending capitalist in-  
terests for the control of the yet unex-  
plored markets of the world, or the re-  
maining sources of profit.

The socialist movement, therefore, is a  
world-movement. It knows of no con-  
flicts of interest between the workers of  
one nation and the workers of another.  
It stands for the freedom of the workers  
of all nations; and, in so standing, it  
makes for the full freedom of all hu-  
manity.

#### III.

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

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

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

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

#### IV.

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

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

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

#### V.

To the end that the workers may seize  
every possible advantage that may  
strengthen them to gain complete con-  
trol of the powers of government, and  
thereby the sooner establish the co-op-  
erative commonwealth, the Socialist Party  
pledges itself to watch and work in both  
the economic and the political struggle,  
for each as the only conservative force  
of the working class; for shortened days  
of labor and increase of wages; for the  
insurance of the workers against acci-  
dent, sickness and lack of employment;  
for pensions for aged and exhausted  
workers; for the public ownership of the  
means of transportation, communication  
and exchange; for the graduated taxation  
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land values, the proceeds to be applied to  
the public employment and improvement  
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that may relieve the suffering and  
strengthen the hands of labor. We lay  
upon every man elected to any execu-  
tive or legislative office the first duty  
of striving to procure whatever is for the  
workers' most immediate interest, and for  
whatever will lessen the economic and  
political powers of the capitalist, and in-  
crease the like powers of the worker.

But, in so doing, we are using these  
remedial measures as means to the one  
great end of the co-operative common-  
wealth. Such measures of relief as we  
may be able to force from capitalism  
are but a preparation of the workers to  
seize the whole powers of government,  
in order that they may thereby lay hold  
of the whole system of industry, and thus  
come into their rightful inheritance.  
To this end we pledge ourselves, as  
the party of the working class, to use  
all political power as fast as it shall be  
entrusted to us by our fellow-workers,  
both for their immediate interests and  
for their ultimate and complete emanci-  
pation. To this end we appeal to all the  
workers of America, and to all who will  
lend their lives to the service of the  
workers in their struggle to gain their  
own, and to all who will nobly and dis-  
interestedly give their days and ener-  
gies unto the workers' cause, to cast in  
their lot and faith with the socialist par-  
ty. Our appeal for the trust and suff-  
rages of our fellow-workers is at once an  
appeal for their common good and free-  
dom, and for the freedom and blossom-  
ing of our common humanity. In pledg-  
ing ourselves, and those we represent, to  
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## NATIONAL BULLETIN

National Headquarters, Socialist Party,  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10, 1904.

The date of the meeting of the national quorum has been changed to Dec. 14.

The issue of the national headquarters' official bulletin for November is entirely disposed of and no more requests for copies can be filled.

### OFFICIAL VOTE RECEIVED.

The following is the vote officially reported as having been cast in the states named on Nov. 8, with the vote of 1900 appended for comparison:

State	1904	1900
Alabama	853	928
Arizona	1,985	.....
Arkansas	1,816	27
California	29,535	7,572
Connecticut	4,543	1,741
Delaware	146	.....
Florida	2,337	603
Georgia	197	.....
Idaho	4,949	.....
Illinois	69,225	9,687
Indiana	12,013	2,374
Iowa	14,847	2,742
Kansas	15,494	1,605
Louisiana	905	.....
Maine	1,960	878
Maryland	2,179	908
Massachusetts	13,604	9,716
Mississippi	392	.....
Missouri	13,003	6,138
Montana	5,529	38
Nebraska	7,380	823
Nevada	925	.....
New Hampshire	1,090	790
New Jersey	9,587	4,600
North Carolina	124	.....
North Dakota	1,945	518
Ohio	36,123	4,847
Oklahoma	4,443	815
Oregon	7,615	1,494
Pennsylvania	21,863	4,831
Rhode Island	789	.....
Tennessee	1,400	410
Texas	2,791	1,846
Utah	5,761	717
West Virginia	1,571	286
Wisconsin	28,220	7,095
Wyoming	1,574	.....

The reports from the southern states show that the most shameful frauds have been perpetrated against the party. It is incredible that the Socialist vote in Texas and Alabama has decreased in two years when the increased strength of the party organization and the activity of the comrades are taken into consideration. A vote of 21 is reported for the socialist labor party in South Carolina when that party had no ticket in the field and the Socialist party did have one. Southern comrades write that votes were not reported at all in some places and in other places, a much smaller number was reported than was known to have been actually cast.

### REPORT OF NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL SECRETARY.

The following is the complete list of nominations received at the national office up to noon, Saturday, Dec. 10, 1904:

#### FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

By Andrus, Alabama: John W. Slayton, New Castle, Pa.; John M. Ray, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; A. W. Ricker, Girard, Kas.; May Wood Simons, Chicago, Ill.; Max S. Hayes, Cleveland, Ohio; George E. Bigelow, Lincoln, Neb.; George H. Lockwood, Girard, Kas.

By Lowry, Arkansas: H. L. Slobodin, New York, N. Y.; William Maily, Chicago, Ill.; Chas. G. Towner, Newport, Ky.; B. Berlyn, Chicago, Ill.; John M. Work, Des Moines, Iowa; S. M. Reynolds, Terre Haute, Ind.; John Kerrigan, Dallas, Texas.

By Berlyn, Illinois: Robert Bandlow, of Ohio; John M. Work, of Iowa; W. R. Gaylord, of Wisconsin; Henry L. Slobodin, of New York; S. M. Reynolds, of Indiana; C. G. Towner, of Kentucky.

By Towner, of Kentucky: William Maily, Chicago, Ill.; B. Berlyn, of Chicago, Ill.; A. M. Simons, of Chicago, Ill.; Robert Bandlow, of Cleveland, Ohio; S. M. Reynolds, of Terre Haute, Ind.; John M. Work, of Des Moines, Iowa; John C. Chase, of Haverhill, Mass.

By Lamb, of Michigan: Max S. Hayes, of Cleveland, Ohio; Chas. Erb, of Detroit, Mich.; Ira Cross, of Madison, Wis.; A. M. Simons, of Chicago, Ill.; Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Wm. L. Bessie, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Jos. LaBarge, of Pine River, Mich.

By Hillquit, of New York: H. L. Slobodin, of New York; John C. Chase, of Haverhill, Mass.; B. Berlyn, of Chicago, Ill.; S. M. Reynolds, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Robert Bandlow, of Cleveland, Ohio.

By Caldwell, of Ohio: Alfred Swing, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Frederick G. Strickland, of Indiana; B. Berlyn, of Chicago, Ill.; Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, Wis.; A. M. Simons, of Chicago, Ill.; Ernest Untermann, of Chicago, Ill.; John M. Work, of Des Moines, Iowa.

By Boomer, of Washington: H. F. Titus, of Seattle, Wash.

The following have accepted the nomination for national executive committee: John M. Work, S. M. Reynolds, Henry L. Slobodin, Alfred Swing, B. Berlyn, Robert Bandlow, C. G. Towner, A. M. Simons,

Frederick G. Strickland and William Maily.

#### FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Robert Bandlow, Cleveland, Ohio, by Lowry, of Arkansas.

William Butscher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., by Work, of Iowa.

Winfield R. Gaylord, Milwaukee, Wis., by Caldwell, of Ohio.

Frank A. Kulp, Battle Creek, Mich., by Lamb, of Michigan.

Jack London, Oakland, Cal., by Andrus, of Alabama.

William Maily, Chicago, Ill., by Berlyn, of Illinois; Reynolds, of Indiana; Work, of Iowa; O'Neill, of New Hampshire; Hillquit, of New York; Boomer, of Washington.

James Oneal, Terre Haute, Ind., by Towner, of Kentucky.

#### DECLINATIONS.

William Maily has declined the nomination, which leaves the present nominees: Bandlow, Butscher, Gaylord, Kulp, London and Oneal.

Attention is called to the fact that nominations close on Dec. 22, and any names received after that date cannot be accepted. The election begins Jan. 1 and closes Jan. 22.

Fraternaly submitted,  
WILLIAM MAILLY,  
National Secretary.

## STATE NOTES

Polk City and Cresco locals have been added to the list of locals that have purchased Iowa Socialist sub cards. Better late than never.

If there is a city election in your town this spring, get busy. Keep on gaining in converts and members. Remember that converts don't make themselves.

Two of Iowa's best local secretaries have recently received their walking papers for organizing unions of their craft. Both of them write that their Socialist and trades union activities will be continued wherever they may find another master.

The Des Moines local is about to employ a business agent. At the last meeting by-laws governing precinct and ward branches were adopted and during the winter months the boys will be busy organizing the several sub-divisions of the city, after which the county will be given attention.

Three applications for membership were received last week from Keokuk, dues being paid for three months. As soon as enough members have joined the organization in the same manner to justify the formation of a local a call will be made for that purpose. The same plan can be successfully adopted in other cities. Apply for membership application cards if you are interested.

J. J. JACOBSEN, State Secretary.

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## LOCAL NOTES

This week's program went off smoothly, although there is marked hesitancy on the part of the participating comrades toward "appearing in public." We trust this will soon wear off, for each one should do what he or she can toward making our evenings together pleasant and profitable.

Next Tuesday evening the program will open with a song. Comrade Charles Holmberg will read a selection, and Comrade H. O. Dieterich will provide the oratory. Then we will listen to some music from Comrades Brandt and Blessing, and go home.

This is our last report. In future whoever wants to know what is going on at headquarters must come to the meetings. It is the foremost duty of the comrades to attend the local meetings. All others are especially invited and will be made welcome any and every Tuesday evening at Socialist Headquarters, second floor, corner Sixth and Iowa Sts.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Muscatine, Iowa, Dec. 11.

Editor Iowa Socialist: Comrade M. T. Kennedy, of Davenport, Iowa, visited Muscatine on Dec. 8 and would have spoken to a full house, but owing to the fact that a fakir or magnetic healer was having a free show at the Grand Opera House and he took the biggest crowd so we had to be contented with the crowd we did get. Anyway, we did some good and we believe the next time Comrade Kennedy comes down we will have a packed hall for him and that will be at the earliest possible opportunity. We are making great preparations for our big dance on Wednes-

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LEE W. LANG.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 12.

Editor Iowa Socialist: It may not be generally known that the secretary of this local met with an accident on the 8th of October which has confined him to the house since. So the local has been without a secretary, and I guess, like its secretary, is taking a rest. The few members worked hard and splendid results followed. We had more meetings and speeches than all the other parties, so admitted by our republican paper, the Times-Republican. Our vote, in 1900 was 27; in 1903, 96. So, in four years we gained 1600 per cent and

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