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Over 500 Per Cent Increase in the Social at Vote!

National Returns Show Gratifying Re- returns from 10 counties, and 31 counties to hear from. It is esti- Capitalist Parties Aroused, and Now sults, and Socialists Elected in two State Legislatures---Ill. and Wis.

Reports received at national headquarters up to Saturday morning, Nov. 12, are sufficient to estimate the total Socialist vote cast on Tuesday, Nov. 8, throughout the United States to be at least 500,000. The first estimate sent out of at least 600,000 appeared to be justified by the first reports received, but these reports were not entirely borne out by subsequent ones. The compilation which follows is a conservative one and can be accepted as being as nearly correct as circumstances will permit. At first it was believed that New York and Pennsylvania would give 50,000 and 30,000 respectively, but later reports reduced the estimate to 45,000 and 25,000 respectively. This the state vote, 25,251, of last year, there is an actual decrease of 12,was compensated for by the higher estimates of the Ohio and Wisconsin vote, which was placed originally at 30,000 each, but it was found that 35,000 and possibly 40,000 each would be nearer the mark. It is difficult to estimate the Indiana vote, but it will probably reach from 15,000 to 20,000. The Illinois estimate was increased from 75. 000 to 100,000, the gain made in Chicago extending proportionately over the state.

Massachusetts and Colorado are the only states showing an actual as well as relative decrease. While the presidential vote of 1900 in Massachusetts is increased by over 3,000, yet the state vote of 1903 is cut in two. In Colorado the anti-Peabody revolt seems to have almost entirely obliterated all thoughts of Socialism from state secretary. Estimated total vote 10,000. the minds of former Socialist workers, and only a Spartan few stand forth as the real working class representatives in that state.

four assemblymen and one senator in Wisconsin marks a new era in the Socialist history of America.

The Socialist party vote increases particularly through the middle western states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, into Utah and Wyoming, and through the Pacific coast states of California, Oregon 15,000. It is estimated that St. Louis will poll 5,000 votes, against and Washington. New York state increases 10,000; Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine either hold their own or increase slightly over the vote of 1902. Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island have good increases. Montana, Idaho, Vote will probably reach 5,000. North and South Dakota increase slightly. Nevada casts its first Socialist vote this year.

The vote in the southern states is indefinite and extremely difficult to estimate. A newspaper report gives Texas 50,000, but the basis for this is unknown. The democrats appear to have used their old methods of fraud in a number of states, particularly Arkansas and

A feature of the election was the almost complete extinction of the Socialist Labor party vote, especially in New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois, where its adherents were the most active.

Altogether the result of the Socialist campaign is most encouraging and the comrades everywhere, even in those states where the vote did not materialize as it should, have reason to feel gratified at

REPORT BY STATES.

Alabama-No report from state secretary. Returns from four 9, Debs 48, Walsh 50, O'Malley publican, is 75, while E. Hunting-democrat, 867; Meyer, republican, gave us nothing where I know precincts in Jefferson county show 114 votes. State had no vote in 49. 1900. Estimate for state 2,000.

Arizona—Territorial Secretary Ryan reported Nov. 9: "Returns to hand indicate 600 per cent increase in total vote, estimate at 3,000. Arkansas-State Secretary Perrin reports "large increase in Debs

vote. Fraud in Jefferson county." Pine Bluff is in Jefferson county. The state vote in September was about 1,500, and it is not likely the national vote will exceed that.

California-State Secretary Helfenstein estimates 30,000 votes, of which San Francisco gave 7,241, Alameda county (including Oakland) 3,251, Los Angeles (city) 2,500, San Diego county 1,500. Party secures second place in several cities and towns. Union labor party

Colorado-State Secretary Cramton reports returns meager and difficult to get an idea how many votes were polled. A newspaper estimate gives 1,600 for Debs and this is probably correct.

Connecticut-State Secretary White says vote will increase 80 per cent over that of 1902, when 2,857 were polled. This should formerly been democratic, gave publican, 911; Norris, democrat, lican, 973; Smith, Socialist, 273. 48 we had a majority over both mean at least 4,600 this year. New Haven increased to 1,411 from 794, and Hartford to 529 from 302, the votes of 1902.

Florida-Reports indicate increase. Tampa gives 104 against 2 in 1900. Six counties give 481. There are 45 counties in the state. won the field by 124 votes against publican, 925; Romney, democrat, 735; Pray, Socialist, 465. Potter's Walsh 50, Lindsay 25, Toole 23,

Estimate, 1,000. Georgia-Reports from Georgia are only sufficient to warrant man, Socialist. Toole received plurality, 292.

estimating the vote at about 600.

Idaho-Former Secretary Workman estimates vote at 5,000. Re- Gormley 70. Two hundred and can, 934; Smith, democrat, 645; Fox's majority, 553. No republiports from locals have not been received.

Illinois-Illinois takes rank as the banner state, and Chicago the banner city for Socialism in the United States. The increase was now the complete strength of the general throughout the state and the vote is quoted in the newspapers Socialists in Silver Bow. The republican, 1,082; McRae, demo- can, 579; Moore, Socialist, 332. as reaching 100,000. This figure is probably correct in view of the Debs vote is estimated at 2,000, crat, 661; Peters, Socialist (this Normile's plurality, 120. remarkable increase reported from every county. Cook county's and the vote on county officers at being his home town), 373vote is reported as 46,127, of which Chicago alone gave 44,331. Two 1,500. The Socialist vote from pre- Athey's plurality, 421. members of the state legislature were also elected, J. A. Ambroz, a cinct 41 is as follows: Debs 87, machinist, from the fourth district, and Andrew Olsen, a stationary Walsh 67, O'Malley 159, Frinke publican, 926; Hall, democrat, Griffith, Socialist, 323. engineer, from the ninth. Both districts are in Cook county. The 64, Lynch 64, Pace 66, Peters 66, 628; Jackson, Socialist, 355. Ga-Ross' plurality, 79. vote through the coal mining regions advanced considerably. Rock Jackson 66, Olson 66, Phelps 67, len's plurality, 298, Island, Moline, Joliet, Bloomington, Peoria, Canton and Quincy led German 64, Langford 56, Kohl 59,

with increase. Indiana-Reports from nine counties show 4,652, and partial returns from 15 other counties give 987. There are 92 counties in all. The greatest increases are noted in Vanderburg county (including Evansville), which gave 1,800 as against 330 in 1900, and Vigo county (including Terre Haute) 800, as against 330 in 1900. Marion county (including Indianapolis) is reported as giving 1,400, an increase of 100 per cent. The vote in Indiana will probably reach 15,000.

Iowa-Returns from 58 counties show a vote of 11,385, those Bunker 60. counties casting the largest vote being Scott, with 1,150; Polk (including the city of Des Moines) 700; Wapello 608, Boone 576, and commissioners finished the official Harmon, republican, 789; Ger-Woodbury 579. Partial returns from other counties give a total of canvass of the vote Saturday ev- man, Socialist, 318. Kay's plural-2,238 votes; Sioux City showing 637, an increase of 342 over 1903; ening, confirming the election of ity, 25. and Davenport giving 1,100, a gain of 90 per cent. This makes the both the democratic senator and District judge-Frank Henry, ticket 16 to 47. This is not cortotal vote in the state so far as received 13,623, with only partial representative. S. H. Glidden's 1,350. No opponent.

Kansas-Partial returns from 17 counties in Kansas give 5,581, with 89 counties to hear from. The greatest increase was registered in Crawford, Wyandotte and Wichita counties. Kansas shows at least 12,000 votes.

Kentucky-Returns from five counties give 2,109. These counties include the cities of Covington and Newport. Partial reports from other counties give 125, bringing the total to 2,234. State Secretary estimates 4,500, which is nearly correct.

Louisiana-No report from state secretary. Partial returns sufficient to warrant an estimate of 700. None in 1900.

Maine-State secretary estimates 2,500. This is probably correct, as partial returns from eight counties give 1,009 votes. State secretary's estimate will mean an increase of 300 per cent.

Maryland-Reports thus far received give 2013 votes. Indica-

tions are that the total vote will reach 3,000. Vote in 1900 was 908. Massachusetts-In 1900 the vote for president was 9,716; this Debs and Hanford is a surprise. Ransden, the Socialist member of two old parties. the legislature, was defeated for re-election by nearly 200 votes. Drew, legislative candidate in Comrade MacCartney's old district, was again defeated by 58 votes, the same as last year. Carey ran ahead of the ticket for congress in the sixth district, polling nearly double the heads of national and state tickets in Haverhill. Bellefuille, legislative candidate in the fifth district, which Carey formerly ahead of the republicans as the second party in the city.

represented, was defeated by 170 votes. Michigan-Four counties give 1,786 votes. Partial returns from 12 counties give 3,496, bringing the total up to 5,282. No report from in the state. The returns, however, show that they barely held their

Minnesota-State Secretary Nash reports: "Returns come in slowly, but indicate that Debs will poll at least 20,000 in the state. The election of two members of the legislature of Illinois and Partial returns from 20 counties give 4.371, with 62 counties to hear

> Mississippi, South and North Carolina and Delaware will to gether probably show about 900 votes.

> Missouri-No report from state secretary. Partial returns show a big increase over 1900. Vote received 3,478; will probably reach 2,458 in 1902; and Kansas City 2,000, an increase from 1,400 in 1902.

Montana-Meager returns from Montana and no report from state secretary. Returns received show a slight increase over 1902.

Nebraska-Complete returns from six counties give 4,099 and partial returns from seven more counties bring this total up to 4,208. This leaves 77 counties to hear from, and as nearly every report showed the vote multiplied from two to four and five times that of 1900, the total will probably be from 7,000 to 10,000. The greatest gains were made in Douglas county, including the city of Omaha, in

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Making Arrangements to Fuse to Crush Out the Socialist Party.

(From the Chicago Record-Herald.)

Milwaukee, Nov. 9.—One of the election results that attracts attention is the large Socialist vote in Milwaukee county, and even in the state at large. The Social Democratic movement has been under way here for nearly ten years, but attracted little attention until two years ago. At that time the party cast 10,000 votes in Milwaukee county and 15,970 in the state. It has now become a factor that year it is reported as 12,978, an increase of 3,262. In comparison with politicians in Milwaukee county must consider in making computations of probable results. It was not, however, until this spring that 273 votes. The slump is general all over the state. The light vote for it reached dimensions that nearly threatened the supremacy of the

> At the spring election the Social Democrats cast 15,333 votes, but the leaders said that of the 3,000 votes which were cast for the Social Labor party, an older organization, at least 2,500 belonged to the Social Democrats and were voted by mistake by their followers. This would have given them about 18,000 votes and placed them

> Before yesterday's election the Social Democratic leaders predicted a vote of 25,000 in the county and between 40,000 and 50,000 own in the city on the basis of their recorded vote of last spring. The reason for this seems to be that last spring there were many republicans who voted the Social Democratic ticket as a protest against the two old parties, but this time the Roosevelt wave caught them and swept them back into the republican party. On the other hand, the Social Democrats made inroads into the democratic party in a manner that had a far-reaching influence on the result in this county.

> Had they held their former vote and added what they gained from the democrats there might have been a different story to tell. As it was, they carried their candidate for congress in the city wards of the fifth district within 600 votes of Stafford, the successful republican, who was saved by the towns of the county and Waukesha county, which is included in the district.

In addition to this they have elected one state senator and four assemblymen in this county. This will be the first appearance of Social Democrats in the state legislature, though they have nine aldermen, who were elected last spring.

One of the peculiarities of the party is the manner in which it holds its officials in line. Each candidate for office, when nominated, immediately files his resignation with the central committee and takes his instructions from that committee on all matters coming

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Four Socialists Elected in Montana!

15. Debs 9. Jardine-Roosevelt 42, Parker vote. The returns are as follows: 26, Debs 11, Walsh 9, O'Malley 9.

West Boulder, Park county-Roosevelt 22, Parker 2, Debs 3, cialist, 308. Republican plurality, ton's plurality, I. Walsh 3. O'Malley 3.

Debs' vote in Park county will reach the 400 mark. Socialist jus-Socialist constable, Joseph Law- plurality 467. rence, elected at Aldridge.

Socialist, and A. Miller, constable, ley, Socialist, 299. Lindsay's plu-Socialist, elected at Clyde Park.

Chesnut-This camp, which has Roosevelt 81 votes, Parker 56 and 674; Frinke, Socialist, 329. King's Esselstyn's plurality, 244. Debs 57, and 3 for the prohibi- plurality, 237. tionists. Hon. Jerry McCarthy 38 for Newton and 28 for Free- 633; Lynch, Socialist, 343. Yoder's plurality, 114. 102, Lindsay 57, Dixon 74 and eight votes were cast.

Butte-The official count gives plurality, 289. ten 62, Davis 76, Stenberg 75, Olson, Socialist, 340. Rice's plu-democrat running. Goodwin 73, Comerford 73, Peter- rality, 291. son 73, Keefe 73, Pierce 73, Brom-Maury 69, Smith 66, McMahon 63, ningham's plurality, 312. Andrak 57, Dale 69, Ambrose 63,

Aldridge-Roosevelt 36, Parker plurality over W. F. Meyer, re-Electric-Roosevelt 38. Parker resentative, wins over McCul-den's plurality, 75. lough, republican, by just one

can, 1,130; democratic, 464; So- grieve, Socialist, 470. Hunting- ticket 187 to 286; members of leg-

tice of the peace, Wm. Ralph, and Walsh, Socialist, 323. Dixon's Woods' plurality, 229.

Governor-Lindsay, republican, John Uhl, justice of the peace, 879; Toole, democrat, 812; O'Mal-

rality 67.

Parr, Socialist, 346. Brantly's can running.

State treasurer--Rice, republi-

Morrison 61, Vanderheiden 68, 619; Phelps, Socialist, 349. Cun- 440. Underwood's plurality, 163. and legislative tickets. President State superintendent of public

ton, democratic candidate for rep- 792; Maryott, Socialist, 372. Glid- there were 16 straight votes cast

Representative in legislature-

Congress - Dixon, republican, locrat, 906; Johnston, republican, F. Fabert 268.-J. W. Reely, sec-1.048; Gormley, democratic, 581; 686; Northy, Socialist, 402. retary.

democrat, 951; J. F. Rich, republiard to beat the Socialists in this lican, 645; Wowsley, Socialist, precinct; they ran in four voters 358. Finley's plurality, 306.

Lieutenant governor-King, re- democrat, 729; Esselstyn, repub- all this we gave them a surprise,

Sheriff-M. W. Potter, repub-Secretary of state—Yoder, re-lican, 840; Bachelder, democrat, 9, Debs 48, Dixon 36, Gormley 10,

Chief justice-Brantly, republi- crat, 1,111; Burke, Socialist, 558.

Assessor-John Normile, demo- ticket nominated. Clerk of supreme court-Athey, crat, 879; Youngstrom, republi-

Attorney general-Galen, re- Imboden, republican, 780; Belle

Surveyor-W. F. Hine, republican, 1,049; David Lay, Socialist,

rect but will try and get it later. the democrats.

State senator-S. H. Glidden, The newspapers in lots of places for our ticket .- C. T. Monroe.

Missoula county-Debs 451, Huntington, democrat, 747; Mc- congressman 287, governor 284; Presidential electors-Republi- Cullough, republican, 746; Fair- state ticket 276 to 325; county islature, E. E. Bagby 267, George County treasurer--Woods, dem- Cubbage 288, J. N. Woods 282, T.

Monarch-Roosevelt 15, Par-County clerk-G. L. Finley, ker 3, Debs 18. The Reps tried who lived in other precincts and Clerk of district court-Davis, had them registered here. After the old parties.-J. M. Rector.

Aldridge-Roosevelt 37, Parker O'Malley 49. Socialist state ticket County attorney-Fox, demo- 33 to 49; county ticket 45 to 50.

Madison county—Debs 29 congressman 17, governor 13; rest of state ticket 16 to 18. No county

Fergus county-Debs about 135. McMillan runs ahead of his ticket. Can't get the rest as most County superintendent-Agnes of the precincts have not made B. Ross, democrat, 859; Jessie any returns on the Socialist vote. Winston, Broadwater county-Debs 25; state ticket 7 to 9.-

Frank Kucera.

Omaha—Probably complete returns will be required to deter-Lyons 61, Van Horn 64, Van Et- can, 933; Browne, democrat, 642; 622. Hine's majority, 427. No mine who is elected governor of Nebraska. Both sides claim vic-Coroner-J. A. Underwood, re- tory. Outside of governor, how-State auditor-Cunningham, re- publican, 807; E. T. Lube, demo- ever, the Republicans have made ley 73, Smith 75, Harrington 68, publican, 931; Goodwin, democrat, crat, 644; W. H. Allen, Socialist, a clean sweep on national, state Public administrator-E. B. Roosevelt carried the state by Ames, republican, 834; E. A. Bald- probably 75,000. The congressioninstruction-J. M. Kay, democrat win, democrat, 624; Rydberg, So- al delegation is solidly republi-Red Lodge, Nov. 14.—County (this being his home town), 314; cialist, 407. Ames' plurality, 210. can. All the Douglas county of-Chesnut, Gallatin county-Debs ficers are republican. The Social-57, congressman 71, governor 34; ist vote was a complete surprise rest of state ticket 16; county and affected the local tickets to a

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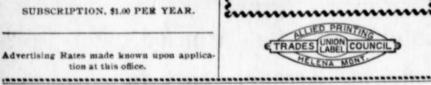
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WHAT THE ELECTION RETURNS SHOW.

The election returns so far as the Socialist vote is concerned are no different in Montana than in any other part of the country, barring the two exceptions of Massachusetts and Colorado. As a matter of fact and truth they are very gratifying to the Socialists, and while the vote is large as expected there is only one possible criticism to offer, and that is the lack of an apparent class conscious vote. The splitting of tickets that the voter might do something toward electing a "good man" shows conclusively that the breaking of the capitalistic ranks is near at hand; that the voter desires to be right, but as yet fails to understand just how to get right; consequently he is found splitting his vote with capitalist nominees or agents.

The proof that a majority of the people desire to be right is evidenced in the returns of Colorado, where Peabody met overwhelming defeat. The people there have declared against Pabody and his anarchistic rule, and having advanced this step it will be only necessary to advance them another step into the Socialist ranks, when they will see how to eliminate all this class struggle.

the encouragement of the Socialists: In Basin two years ago 2 Soago cast no Socialist votes and this year gave Debs 18 or as many as Parker and Roosevelt both received. The above reports are the same from many smaller places, and show an increase of from 100 per cent to many thousand per cent. No place yet heard from in this state has shown a shortage except that it be in Anaconda and when the comparison is drawn with the labor vote of that city previous to the "blue card" proceedings the shortage will be understood.

The wonderful healthy growth appears to be coming from the smaller places and farm districts, while the cities are holding their

own for about a hundred per cent gain. When the official returns are all in it is very probable that the vote of Montana will not be far from 8,000. The wonderful increase will not reach the million mark, possibly, for Debs, but the increase has been sufficient to arouse the fear of the capitalists and they are already heard talking of getting together to fight the new party. In these returns we also see the death of the democratic party, which brings the issue now before the two parties-the Socialists and the republicans.

All the returns are exceedingly encouraging for the Socialists and with a united front and a continued campaign for another two old parties will not take another chance, for while their papers suppress the Socialists returns they well know their significance and realize that it will take their united strength to defeat the only party of principle in another campaign.

MONTANA NEWS MUST HAVE YOUR HELP.

It becomes necessary at this stage of the game for the Montana News to make an appeal to the comrades over the state to loan us their work and also attract new ones to the volunteer service.

During the campaign which closed on November 8, only to be respeaking at nearly every principal town in Montana and also at many minor places, and the results in the line of subscriptions, while not what we expected in many places, on the whole was very encouraging, and especially so when the friendly feeling of the comrades toward the News was expressed. It is imperative now, comrades, that you get in and help out by sending in new subscriptions. A Socialist papers must be supported by subscriptions. Advertisers are relucpossibly for the good, because it allows of more space to publish the ideas of Socialism to the worker who must be aroused before the present graft system can be wiped out.

After closing the campaign as above mentioned, and returning to the duties of the office, Comrade Lynch took to the solicitor's field again in the interest of the News. Leaving Monday morning for the Judith Basin country, he will spend some time in the interest of the News, and also in trying to arouse a little more interest among the Socialist locals of that county, which appear to be rather dead. of the four locals.

However, comrades, two men cannot keep this paper going. We are sacrificing our time, without a thought of making a single cent, in fact scarcely making a living, and it is no more than the duty of the comrades over the state, that if they desire to have a Socialist and hustle subscribers in their locality.

Further than getting subscribers, is the machine proposition, which has been before the comrades for some time and as yet only \$130 is in the bank. We attempted to sell shares at \$10 each in order to create a fund for the purpose of buying a press; only 150 shares were issued, and so far 13 shares have been sold and paid for and the money is in the bank. The whole number of shares should have let us get in the machinery. Don't wait.

The great vote that has come to our party this fall will make it much easier for the comrades to get new subscribers, and with a It is important to act at once!

cumstances. They were hampered by the name 'Socialist' and could not win out under that banner."-Red Lodge Picket.

With a gain of about 500 per cent in the country it looks as if the people have no use for Socialism. Of course it is easy to see why an old party editor should pen such meaningless rot, when you note the expression "the best men in the county." It is not a question of men with the Socialists, it is a principle, and that principle cannot be established until the voters are educated to understand it. Such men as the author of the above can be made to understand it easier and quicker when they see the graft of the county printing leaving their offices. The Socialists are well satisfied with their vote in Carbon county, and if you will just keep your eye on them you will see them winning under the banner of "Socialism" when the time arrives that the people are educated to understand that the product of labor belongs to the laborer who creates it.

WHAT THE SOCIALISTS SHOULD DO IN MONTANA.

The closing of the Socialist campaign on the 8th inst., coupled with the enormous vote given the cause, shows to the active party members that there is a great amount of work in front of the party organization in preparing for the city campaigns in the spring elections, which will be here in a few months. Preparations of this kind only being incidental to arrangements preparatory to the campaign of two years hence, which will sound the signal of what the campaign of 1908 will be.

It appears to the average Socialist, we presume, that the first move to be made is with the individual members of the locals all over the state to renew their ranks by securing workingmen, now in sympathy with our movement, to join the local and take up the study of Socialism and loan their assistance in furthering the educational work. In securing these new members the receipts from dues to headquarters will be increased, and will then permit the placing in the field a permanent organizer, who should visit all unorganized places and establish a local wherever possible.

It strikes the News that Comrade J. F. Mabie of Chico would Let us see what the returns show in the state of Montana for be the proper man to put in the field as organizer, and with his efforts in the unorganized places, coupled with the efforts of the comrades cialist votes were cast against 96 this year for Debs. Saltese gave over the state and the tireless work of the present state secretary, one vote two years ago and Debs 17 this year. Monarch two years there is no reason why the Socialists cannot build up a powerful organization in the next few months.

> The wage worker and the farmer, the two who produce the wealth of the country, are fast learning that their interests are identical, and that they are the ones who must pay for this educational work. They are fast realizing that the money spent by the capitalists to carry elections is wrung from their toil shortly after each campaign, and as a result they are coming fast to the only working class party in America today.

> There is a great amount of work ahead of the Socialists in this country, and it behooves the members of the party in the state of Montana to be up and doing if they desire to keep pace with many other states in the union. Another great campaign has opened and the educational and organization work must be continued with re newed vigor. In order to do this an organizer should be placed in the field, and in order to place him in the field funds must be forthcoming. An increased membership will supply the funds and keep the organizer at work, and on will go the great Socialist educationa

Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and give a push for : stronger and larger organization, one that means success in the near years will land many offices in the hands of the Socialists. The two future. All together. Attend your local meetings regularly. Keep your dues paid up. Circulate literature. Get ready for Socialist speakers. Strengthen your organization.

CROOKED ELECTION WORK IN SILVER BOW COUNTY.

Butte, Montana, Nov. 13. Editor Montana News, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: Five days have already elapsed since election and yet there is absolutely no returns obtainable by which the comtheir undivided support in the effort of swelling the subscription list rades on the outside, or even at home, can form an approximate of procedure, and the worst of the whole condition is that it seems of the paper. Judging from the support accorded us in the past and estimate of the Socialist vote in Butte. In the face we are absolutely without recourse, though we may make a legal test the new names that are being added to the list there is no doubt but of such a condition many of the comrades on the outside, not knowing the comrades will be found doing their duty in the future, but suffice what we are up against here, are likely to think that the comrades to say that a word of cheer and encouragement from the office at this here have been remiss in not attending to their duties when the count time will not come amiss, but will serve to encourage the comrades in was being made; this, however, is not the case, as the following exthat they have earned. Four years ago, and in all county and city elections since that time, the Socialist party have had some of their members acting as judges of election; not so this time. The chairman of the board of county commissioners, who, by the way, arrogated to himself the exclusive right to name the judges of election. positively refused to give the Socialist party a single judge in any of the sixty-four precincts in the county; he was approached time after tant to place much business in the columns of a Socialist paper, and time by individual members of the party as well as by a formal committee, but to all our entreaties he turned a deaf ear, and by the way he is a good and true friend of the poor working man, and has proved so frugal and industrious during the last four years that he has managed to accumulate property in excess of \$100,000 during his term of office; he was elected as a populist on a fusion ticket, but since then he has deserted his party and is now a democrat of the kerosene stripe; he also took it upon him to redistrict the election precincts in the county, giving some of the precincts over 800 voters; inadequate provision was made to give the voters an opportunity to regis-While in that vicinity he will urge and look after the reorganization ter their votes; there were over 18,000 registered in the county and though it is said the returns are all in, there are less than 12,000 votes

Up to the time the Butte Miner went to press on Wednesday morning that paper reported incomplete returns from 40 precincts Old Parties will Unite to Crush Socialist Party would give Debs 1,261 votes, since which time there have been paper, that that desire be exemplified by their willingness to get out absolutely no returns upon which to base an estimate of the probable strength of the Socialist vote in this county. An evening paper, issue says Debs would probably receive about 2,000 votes in the county, and the local ticket about 1,500. It will take the official count to determine what vote has been recorded in our favor; and it may take eight or ten days to get the official count:

The disgraceful tactics resorted to by the political leaders of the for the next begins. been disposed of before this time and the machinery installed, which old parties, without exception, would bring the blush of shame to the would be a great saving to this office every month. Let us have your face of the veriest pariah out of hades. On the eve of election the Rose, in an interview today, said it was time for the old ones to consupport at once on these shares. Send us \$10 and take a share, and main thoroughfares of the city resembled "the council chambers of the damned" turned loose.

ported spellbinder clamoring and striving to hold the attention of the better orgnized. united effort on the part of the comrades the list should be swelled crowd by extolling the virtues of the party that paid him; on a platto at least 5,000 or possibly 10,000 paid readers. Now do not lay this form on Broadway the late general manager of one of the mining matter aside for "tomorrow," but begin to do something at once. If companies strove to hold the crowd by telling them what the g. o. p. lines some of them should have pulled through under ordinary cir- several precincts they had vote purchasing parlors running wide four years more the Socialist party will sweep the United States."

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open, and the boss informed the uninitiated of its location, and directed them to it; here the purchasable voter, for from \$3 to \$5, got a ballot that had already been voted, went to the polling booth, and after giving his name and qualifying to the satisfaction of the judges, received his ballot, took it into the booth, folded it up and put it in his pocket, voted the marked ballot he had received, took the blank ballot back and got his money. A certain tin soldier, representative of corporate interests, during the whole afternoon was stationed at one of the precincts, and busied himself by taking voters out of the line that stood waiting their turn to vote, and for a bare promise that they would do the right thing he paid them the lowest acceptable price for their promised vote.

Colonizing was resorted to by both the democratic and fusion parties. In one precinct up to 10 o'clock in the morning 67 voters had been challenged; it is a question whether or not the colonizing scheme was very much of a success.

When it came to counting the votes, our comrades scattered out among the different precincts, to watch the count, and stayed with their task as long as it was possible for physical endurance to hold out; the ballot was an unusually large one, and none of them were counted faster than ten or twelve ballots an hour; so it can be readily seen that where there was six or seven hundred ballots to be counted it took a longer time to get over them than one man could stay with his job; the regular judges had others take their places at stated intervals until the ballots were all counted. The Socialist comrades who watched the count tell of countless instances where the Socialist votes were entirely ignored by the judges, and others where Socialist votes were counted for the republican or democratic parties, while they were watching the dishonest judges, and when such action was objected to by them they were threatened with expulsion from the booth by men wearing badges as special deputies. We will be defrauded out of several hundred votes at the very least by this method

> Fraternally yours. G. H. MORRISON.

In the old party ranks there is always a lethargic stage existing planation will prove and may serve as a valuable future lesson to the after election, but in the Socialist ranks it is entirely different, and comrades here and elsewhere in guarding their interests, and taking especially so this year. According to the correspondence arriving sumed on the 9th, the editor of this paper made a tour of the state, all possible precautions in order that they may get the recognition and being published in the News, there appears to be a reviving intrest among all of the comrades over the state. In Chicago the comrades are already making arrangements to start a daily paper. And from every corner of the country comes the same encouraging reports. This feeling of sacrifice for a principle is what makes the Socialist cause what it is. Let us continue.

> There is one thing the comrades in Montana should not overlook. That is the perfecting of the organization. It is as important at this stage of the political fight that the party give as much attention to its organization as it is to the propaganda part. Judging from the split votes we have done more in the line of propaganda than we have organization. Watch your organization that your party cannot be swamped in the future by the advent to your ranks of a class of office seekers who are sent into the party by capitalists.

> The Socialists have broke into two state legislatures-Illinois and Wisconsin, and we elected four Socialists in Montana. This added to an increase of over 500 per cent in our vote in the country looks as if Socialism was "dying out"

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before him in a legislative capacity. Should he at any time refuse to published in the interests of the fusion ticket, in Saturday night's do so or vote contrary to what the leaders hold to be the interests of the party the date on the resignation would be filled in and the resignation filed, creating a vacancy.

Another peculiarity of the party, from which it gets much strength, is its constant work. The moment one election is over work

So dangerous has the party become to the old parties that Mayor sider the question of uniting to crush it out, as was done when the labor party became so strong sixteen years ago. It will not be so On every street corner there was a tally-ho wagon with an im- easy a task as that was for the reason that the Social Democrats are

Debs Is Encouraged.

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 9.-Eugene V. Debs says the Socialist vote in every part of the country has been enormously increased, and you desire the publication of the News it is up to you, each and every would do for them if they would only vote for that party; the crowd, that, while it is too early to make an estimate of the total, enough is one, to assist in its publication by securing new subscribers. Let to show their contempt for the speaker, turned loose in his direction known to warrant the statement that from this time forward the reus have your assistance! Send in new subscribers! Don't delay! some decayed eggs, when he leaped from the platform and commenced publican party will have the Socialist party to reckon with, and that to clean up the crowd single-handed, when he was rescued by his the coming alignment will be between the republicans, representing friends; rockets, rotten eggs and jawbone was the order of the even- capitalistic interests, and the Socialists, representing the working "This election has demonstrated that the people have no use for ing. On the day of election the mine boss was in evidence at every class. As for the democratic party, he says it can hardly be pulled Socialism as a political doctrine. Some of the best men in the county one of the precincts, whipping his men into doing his bidding, and together again to serve as a twin to the republican party to divide were candidates on that ticket and in the general wiping out of party those whom he could not intimidate he had the money to bribe. At the working classes. "It is entirely possible," he said today, "that in

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Rochester, Mont., Nov. 10. Dear Comrade Walsh: I inclose returns for Rochester precinct No. 13; have delayed hoping to hear from other comrades from other portions of Madison county, but have not heard as yet. Will forward the complete county vote as soon as received. Fraternally, JOHN E. DENO.

Kalispell, Nov. 13. Comrade Walsh: I suppose you were waiting for the election returns, but as yet am not in position to give you satisfaction. The of Stevensville. With this assistcomrades were only watching the head of the ticket, which I could not get until Wednesday evening, too late for any of little value to the News. The Socialist vote in inactive? Arouse, comrades, our county four years ago was 23, arouse! If you have not taken a two years ago it was ranging from share, take one at once and let us 103 to 230, but I believe a por- forge ahead in this matter. We tion of this was sympathetic more have won. Nearly 8,000 votes are or less; while this year the vote standing back of our movement in for Debs in this city as far as I this state, which means that at am able to tell is 82; outside pre- the next election the fight will be cincts are not yet known. I will between capitalism and Socialism,

Stevensville, Nov. 12. J. H. Walsh, Helena.

Dear Comrade: I send you \$4 Editor Montana News: you will see that this pays for it, won out by increasing the Social-tion that if he does not endeavor

want to buy your press with, and averaged about 400. Fairgrieve to facilitate matters, if you so wish for representative got 470; Spray, to do, I would be willing to loan sheriff, 465; Maryott, for senator, you that amount for as long as 372. We ought to have done betyou would want it, which you can ter, but the farmers have not been secure to me on your plant. Now oppressed enough yet; they are you could set your own time as afraid of having to divide up with to payment from ten minutes up those who, like themselves, are to ten years. I only ask security struggling for a mere existince, as a matter of form, for if we gain but are willing to divide a little the day that we are working for while longer with those parasites it will nulify all that. You recol- who are taking four-fifths of what lect I mentioned having some they create. They are in need of money from my father's estate. I more education, which they will have not yet got it, but I no doubt receive at the hands of the repubsoon will. I have always intend- lican capitalist ere another eleced to use this money to advance tion rolls around; but we will have Socialism and it seems to me this to forgive them this time, and would be a good use of it to start commence our work for two years with. Further than this, I have in hence. The fight in this county mind the starting of a farmers' waxed warm between the two old Socialist paper, and which I parties; their senatorial fight be might arrange with you to do the tween two representatives of the printing of when you once get in capitalists simmered down to your new press. I might put this which one had the most capital to out as a running mate to the buy votes with; both campaigned News, I believe I could convince with bands and booze wagons; farmers as fast as any one of the one has a national reputation for need of Socialism for the farmers; kissing and hugging any lady he but we can discuss that later. Just happens to meet on the street or write and tell me what you think who may have to go into his ofof my first proposition. Frater- fice on business; the preachers of IAMES ETTIEN.

(Comrades, how does the tone force to defeat him, and apparentof the above suit you? Is it not ly worked for the other half of the time for you who have been sleeping to go out at once and hustle \$10 and take a share on the press? taken an interest in this fight can't You will notice an editorial in this see where the church was justified issue written in regard to the in assisting either one of them. press proposition, and following Glidden left a trail of drunkenness our suggestion for the comrades and debauchery wherever he to rally to the support comes the letter by Comrade James Ettien This is the acceptable system of ance at hand shall we make the Montana News one of the best Socialist papers in the United States or shall we still continue to be send you complete returns as soon with Socialism the winner. Will as possible. Yours for Socialism, you help at once by sending in FRED HELM. for a share? We must have your help if we win.—Editor.)

Red Lodge, Nov. 13

for four of the six cards you left | With this letter is sent a tabu- justice and go on with our work means of carrying on the work of with me; will still keep the other lated account of the vote of Car- of economic and industrial eman- organization and education. Any the county and organize locals two; think I can dispose of them bon county. We thought it best cipation of the toilers, never fal- local having any suggestions to soon; one card was sent in by a to wait until all returns were in tering, but actuated by a desire to offer will please send same into party and I don't know his name; before giving anything out. We educate the worker to a realiza- headquarters. Fraternally,

so send the paper to the name that list vote from 18 in 1900 to 303 for to throw off the voke of economic Debs in 1904; in 1902 the Social- slavery which the kings of capital Now I wish to mention a sub- ist state ticket received 29 votes in are welding around him, that soon ject which was on my mind when Carbon county. Red Lodge in he will be far worse than the black you were here, but which had not 1902 gave Sproule 22 votes; this slave of the south or the serf durjust fully matured; it is some- year Debs got 192. O'Malley for ing the dark ages; let us all get thing like this: When you get to governor, 182; Walsh for con- our shoulders to the wheel and the within \$500.00 of the amount you gress, 208; and the county ticket 1,000,000 votes cast against this OVERCOATS AND SUITS slavish system in 1904 can be swelled to millions more ere 1908 s ushered in. -Local Red Lodge of the Socialist Party of the World. Livingston, Nov. 13.

Comrade Walsh: Your favor received this morning. It seems that there is an understanding among the newspaper men of both parties to keep the Socialist vote rom the public or to give false figires, making it appear that the ocialists cast less votes than they eally did. It is so rank that almost any one can see it; however, we must make an effort to get the exact figures from the official count, in this way we will come nearer getting the exact figures.

I think it is about time that we Socialists quit taking old party daily and weekly papers. We are a heavy contributor to the receipts of old party papers and if we cut them out they might quit lying

The quorum will meet in the near future to lay out a plan for systematic organization.

Comrade Mabie reorganized Chesnut local with 13 members, seven of whom are farmers.

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capitalist party, for Mr. Glidden

was elected, and we who have

went. Booze was as free as water.

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fellow men; a hard working far-

mer, one who commands the re-

spect and esteem of all who know

him, but who did not spend money

Hamilton local reports A. K. Grow and E. E. Stockman expelled for participating in old party politics. A report of all receipts and expenses during campaign, along with report of Comrades Kennedy, Hazlett and Walsh lecture tours will be sent each local in a few days.

Comrades having campaign fund lists who have not reported will please return lists with money collected to headquarters.

Comrades are requested to pay up their dues and to see that their forget their condition on election local is in good standing. There day. The Socialists gave the far- is a number of locals in arrears; mer an opportunity to elect one if all pay up we will be in shape to of their own class, a man who has pay off all bills against headquara high moral standing amongst his ters and be in shape to carry on an aggressive winter campaign of education.

There is a large amount of organizing work to be done in this supplied by corporations, or dis-state if we intend to be successful pense booze furnished by the at the polls, and this work will resame source, but now that the quire money; every dues paying RICHARD A. HARLOW, President smoke of battle has cleared away member counts.

The local quorum will meet for this time, it is our duty as Socialists to gird on the armor of Nov. 27 to consider ways and

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Helena, Montana

Kalispell, Nov. 13.

to send an organizer throughout your determined stand .- Editor.) wherever possible. You may have noticed that our county is far from being on a level with the rest and we are determined to bring it up to that level. As you well know, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link; this must be true with a state also. Now to accomplish this task we must have a man who is able to pound into some men's heads that organization is a necessity, and as you seem to take with the people here more than any other speaker that ever addressed an audience in this city, I was instructed to ask you to assist us in this work for about a month, and if you can accept our invitation please let us know when and about how much it would cost us. One of our comrades has promised to take you from place to place with his team, so you would not have to depend upon railroad and stage, and would always have his assistance. Any time between now and March is acceptable to us. Now don't dis-

appoint us. Yours for Socialism, FRED HELM, Sec. (Comrades: Your idea is just the right thing at the right time, and while I appreciate your invitation. I hardly believe that it will be possible for me to leave the editorial staff of the paper, and further, of course, you understand, that the party chosen to do the work of organizer in any county will be by the authority of the ocal quorum at headquarters. However, I assure you, comrades, that the state committee will look after this matter in the near future and a man will be placed in the field, and probably one more UNION MADE

capable of handling that work Comrade Walsh: We are about than myself. Success to you in

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which there were cast 1,537 in 1902 and 3,548 this year, an increase of 2,011.

Nevada-No ticket in 1900 or 1902. Partial returns indicate good vote. Will probably go 500.

New Hampshire-Reports from the townships of Claremont Farmington, Hamstead, Exeter and the city of Concord give 201 votes against 129 in 1900 and 159 in 1902. On this basis 1,500 should be reached in this state.

New Jersey-Partial returns from five counties give a total of 2,996. The vote of Hudson county is in the vicinity of 3,000 and will bring the total up to about 6,000. This leaves 15 counties to hear from, and the total vote will be in the vicinity of 10,000; in 1900 Debs this received 4,609. Newark increased from 992 in 1902 to 2,040; and

Jersey City from about 1,700 to 3,000.

New York-Complete returns have been received from only three counties, giving 3,231 votes. Partial returns from 19 other counties give 8,896, bringing the total reported thus far 12,127. This does not include the city of New York, which it is estimated will poll 25,000 give 1,240 votes and indicate that the total vote will probably reach votes, and 39 counties which have not been heard from. State Secretary Chase estimates the total vote of the state at 40,000. Jamestown shows a great increase, from 89 in 1902 to 535 in 1904; Oneida county from 147 in 1902 to 371 in 1904; and Brooklyn from 4,381 in didates are workingmen, there being three cigarmakers, one machinist 1902 to 6,500 in 1904.

North Dakota-Thirty-three out of 64 precincts in Cass county give Debs 120 against 57 in 1900. Rolettle county gives 85 against 35 in 1902. Two precincts in Walsh and Ward counties give 30 against none in 1900, and three in 1902. Estimate for state, 3,000.

Oklahoma-No returns from state secretary. Partial returns from 19 precincts give Loudermilk, for delegate to congress, 563 votes, showing an increase in every case. Total vote will probably reach 3,000.

Ohio-Returns from 15 counties show a vote of 23,571, the largest number of votes being cast in Cuyahoga county (including Cleveland), 7,823; Hamilton county (including Cincinnati), 7,071; Lucas county (including Toledo), 2,425; Mahoning county (including Youngstown), 1,960, and Montgomery (including Dayton), 1,100. Partial returns from 13 other counties giving 2,133 bring the total vote, so far reported, to 25,704. This leaves 60 counties to hear from and the vote will undoubtedly reach 35,000. The greatest gains were made in Cleveland, from 1,297 in 1903 to 7,316; Cincinnati, from requiring that all new applicants be considered for thirty days before 3,803 to 6,232; Youngstown, from 72 to 1,621; and Akron, from 205 being accepted or rejected by the organization. This will give the to 893.

Oregon-State secretary estimates 12,000 Socialist votes in state. Partial returns received at this office show a great increase over last spring. Multnomah county, including the city of Portland, polls 2,400.

Pennsylvania-Complete returns from 21 counties give a total of 11,121. Partial returns from seven other counties giving 1,867 bring the total to 12,988, with 39 counties to hear from. The city of Toole and other non-union men while union nominees were in the Reading increased from 169 in 1900 to 1,153 in 1904; Erie gave 1,062, field, to get yourselves aligned now with the movement of your class. as against 462 in 1900, and Mercer county, including the city of Sharon, increased from 153 in 1902 to 950 in 1904. All indications fellows who voted for him a rented \$10 shack. How about getting point to a slight increase over the abnormal vote of 1902, and the total in now? will probably amount to the neighborhood of 25,000.

Rhode Island-No presidential ticket in 1900. In 1903 the vote for governor was 309. This year it is 789 for Debs. The S. L. P. vote declined from 943 last year to 444 this year.

South Dakota-Returns from Brown, Clark and Beadle counties tighter.

Tennessee-Four counties and nine towns in other counties give 937. The Memphis comrades report fraud in their county, the returns only giving them 75, the same vote cast in 1900, when nearly 500 was assured. Estimate for state, 2,000.

Texas-Reports from nine precincts and towns that polled 14 in 1900 and 164 in 1902 show 512 for 1904. At the same ratio the vote should reach 10,000.

Utah-Returns from Utah show an increase all over the state. Salt Lake county will give 3,400, an increase of nearly 300 per cent, and as other localities make like increases, the total will be in the neighborhood of 5,000.

Vermont-State Secretary Anderson reports estimate of 1,000. Virginia-Newport News reports increase from 37 in 1902 to 61 year. Estimate for state, 500.

Washington-State Secretary Martin reports conservative estimate of 15,000 out of a total vote of 130,000. Three counties alone aggregate nearly 5,000. In Spokane the party polled 10 per cent of

West Virginia-No report from state secretary. Partial returns 3,000. Ohio county increased from 117 in 1900 to 372 in 1904.

Wisconsin-In Milwaukee county, four members of the state assembly and one state senator were elected. All the successful canand one painter. Comrades Berger and Gaylord made a great run for congress, Berger being beaten by only 1,632 and running ahead of the democrat; Gaylord by less than 4,000. The vote was increased more than 2,000 in each of these congressional districts. The total vote of Milwaukee is 18,362, which is more than Parker received. Partial returns from the state warrant an estimate that the total vote will reach 45,000. The names of those elected are: Ninth assembly district, Edward J. Berner, cigarmaker; 11th district, Frederick Brockhausen, cigarmaker; 12th district, Wm. J. Aldridge, machinist; 16th district, Andrew Strichlow, painter; and for state senator, Jacob Rummel, cigarmaker.

Wyoming-State secretary sends no report. Returns slow in coming in, but all give good increase. Total vote will probably reach 1,500. Incomplete returns give 815. Laramie county increased from WILLIAM MAILLY, Nat. Sec. 186 in 1902 to 250 in 1904.

The Helena Socialist local adopted a rule at their last meeting new member an opportunity to be present at four meetings before he becomes a part of the organization, and during this time he will have an opportunity of learning what is required of a workingman to become a member of the only class conscious party in existence.

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utterly false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by the world, or the remaining sources of profit. an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete ther enslavement and degradation of labor.

freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the humanity. 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 appoint- nomic development or world-process which is rapidly separating a ments 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 conquer tunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does foreign and weaker peoples, in order to establish new markets for the the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physisurplus 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 unawares the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old laws, they are division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or

think for himself or for the common good. the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely conand literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically

to its own interests.

Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was one of the faiths in which our institutions were founded. But under the guise of defending private property, capitalism is using our politi- and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradiccal institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human tions of our civilization. beings to ever become possessors of private property in the means

Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private propthe 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 intellectual 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 of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is of inhering forces that will soon destroy them. We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our ap- to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal

The Socialist movement, therefore, is a world movement. It Our American institutions came into the world in the name of nations; and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all

The Socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that ecoworking or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opporcal and intellectual misery as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of the fact of the class conflict.

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

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this erty. Its development is through the legalized confiscation of all that class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded in fundamental injustice. 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.

The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society for the earth inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power freedom from which will spring the freedom of the whole man.

Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind To this idea of liberty the republican and democratic parties are capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markets of of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society.

Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still fur- knows of no conflicts between the workers of one nation and the common depend shall by the people in common be owned and adminworkers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all istered. 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 opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

To the end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increase of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of trans-This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means portation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever of incomes, inheritances, and of franchise and land values, the proclass is able to silence what might be the voice of protest against man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the ceeds to be applied to public employment and bettering the condition things which he used, economic independence was possible. But of the workers; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the trols the university and public schools, the pulpit and the press, arts production, or the making of goods, has long ceased to be individual. prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of The labors of scores or even thousands, enters into almost every strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular government, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners; and of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legisto this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; lative 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 increase 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 commonwealth. 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 intrusted to us by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its all the workers of America, and to all who will lend their lives to destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to work of the world, or even to preserve itself. The captains of indus- all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the try are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly unto the workers' cause to cast their lot and faith with the Socialist principles of international Socialism, as embodied in the united socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The uni- is at once an appeal for their common good and freedom, and for the development already accomplished, the interests of the world's work- versal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capi- freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the talist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades selves, and those we represent, to be faithful to the appeal which we most exploited and oppressed workers in the most remote places of unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic