







SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AMERICA

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM

Adopted at the Indianapolis Convention, March, 1900

ATTITUDE TOWARD TRADE UNIONS
In accordance with our declaration of principles we declare that the trades union movement and independent political action are the chief emancipating factors of the wage-working class.

The Social Democratic Party of America declares that life, liberty and happiness depend upon equal political and economic rights.
In our economic development an industrial revolution has taken place, the individual tool of former years having become the social tool of the present.

Independent political action and the trade union movement are the chief emancipating factors of the working class, the one representing its political, the other its economic wing, and both must co-operate to abolish the capitalist system.
Therefore the Social Democratic Party of America declares its object to be:
First—The organization of the working class into a political party to conquer the public powers now controlled by capitalists.

control of government by the people irrespective of sex.
Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.
Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation, and communication; all water-works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

National Organization
Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Social Democratic Party of America, and its headquarters shall be located at such place as the national conventions of the party may appoint, or as may be fixed by the National Executive Board subject to a referendum vote.
Sec. 2. The Social Democratic Party of America shall be organized as follows:
First—Local branches limited to five hundred members each.

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From a Bohemian Miner
Comrade F. Svoboda of Chicago furnishes The Herald with the following translation of portions of a letter written to the Spravednost by a miner of Vanderbilt, Pa.
"Like some others, the organ of the United Mine Workers remains politically independent because in their opinion the only salvation of the working people lies in unionism. I agree with unionism because it is the bulwark of the working class. But our working class has had for over 100 years its political liberty, and in spite of it the conditions are from year to year worse.

Notes of the Movement
Germany—Recently the Socialists have scored a number of successes, a fact that is beginning to cause the government grave dismay. Herr Ledebour the Socialist who was elected by an enormous majority in Herr Liebknecht's old Berlin district, is an extremist, and a very forcible speaker. Herr Pens, another Socialist, was victorious in the very heart of the rural Brandenburg district. In the Thuringian states and Wurtemberg a number of Socialists have been elected to the local legislatures. At Coburg the Socialists have won a seat in the diet. This is the first time they have been represented in that body.
Indiana—Comrades O'Neal and Evinger of Terre Haute have been among the hardest workers in the campaign; always at it, day and night, they have done an incalculable amount of work in that district. The Federation of Labor has adopted the following resolution—a clear-cut declaration for Socialism: "The emancipation of the working class can only be accomplished by the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution."

present to the election judges if occasion warranted. A vote of 4,500 is looked for in Milwaukee county.
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Alabama, one.
Colorado, one.
Wisconsin, one.
Illinois, two.

The portrait of comrade Debs in the last issue of The Herald was from his most recent picture, which was taken by Klein & Guttenstein of Milwaukee. It is an excellent likeness.

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Being a man of simple tastes, Mr. Debs is not disturbed by the report that the White House is not in good repair.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
This is intended as a joke. If the Globe-Democrat knew how soon a Socialist president will enter the White House it would be seized with vertigo and the G. O. P. would have an attack of St. Vitus dance.

Socialists willing to assist in forming new branches of the Social Democratic party are requested to communicate with the secretary, Theodore Debs, 126 Washington street, Chicago.

What a campaign we made considering our drawbacks! Think of the money the old parties had to lavish, think of the literature and the speakers they furnished the people free of expense! Our speakers had to be given bread while they were in service, and our literature had to be paid for. But then, being paid for, it was used, without waste, which is more than can be said of old party leaflets.

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Voj Mulac.
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