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All non-attached Socialists who voted the Social Democratic ticket November 6 are requested to send their names and addresses without delay to Theodore Debs, national secretary, at the headquarters of the party, 126 Washington street, Chicago.

The Chicago Vote

The election commissioners of Cook county, Illinois, are now engaged on the official count of the vote of this city and county. The first three days revealed a state of affairs that discredits the entire work of the judges and clerks of election.

Scores of complaints have come to the Herald office from persons in all parts of the city who voted in precincts from which no returns were made.

Table with 3 columns: Ward, Police Count, Official Count. Total 234, Gain 152.

Our Great Encouragement

The true source of encouragement that comes to every Social Democrat, in contemplating the results of the election, is in the sense of duty well done.

The campaign has given our cause a distinct and irresistible advance; we have gained ground from which there will be no retreat; we have carried our principles right into the forefront in the political arena.

The future is ours as certainly as that capitalism approaches the climax of its mission.

tem itself, energizing and directing all human activities, are the elemental rights and wrongs which co-operate with us and compel all alike, consciously or unconsciously to ourselves, to see through the mirage of competitive strife the outlines of the co-operative commonwealth.

The Appeal of Bryan's Aids

No incident of the campaign reflects greater credit upon our candidate for president than his silent rebuke of those who, when his canvass was nearly ended, addressed to him an urgent appeal to "withdraw in favor of Mr. Bryan."

How plausibly they appealed to voters to support Bryan because he was a "Socialist," knowing that the statement was wholly false! They voted. And where are they now?

Capitalists are capitalists, but there are divisions and sub-divisions of them if you wish to engage in the idle sport of analyzing their varied outward appearance.

The Social Democratic party headquarters is still at 126 Washington street, Chicago, and no combination seems able to drive us out.

Next week's Herald will contain the list of nominations for the new executive board and a date fixed upon for the election.

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NOTES AND COMMENT

Prosperity! Now we have it in black and white. In a special bulletin just issued the United States department of labor presents a table showing the yearly fluctuation in the rate of wages paid in this country from 1891 to 1900.

There have been times when people were starving in New York and out in Kansas corn was being burned for fuel. Every day there are people dying because of poverty, while all about them are others who have a superabundance.

The vote cast for the candidates of the democratic party in the Arlington (Mass.) district ran about 175 for each, except that cast for state representative.

Comrade F. O. McCartney has challenged A. H. Washburn, the anti-Socialist of Massachusetts, to a joint debate on Socialism to take place as soon after election as possible.

A bright, new star in the galaxy of Social Democratic publications is the Utah Socialist, issued from Salt Lake City.

The Hearstical American has been showing its hand in great style since the election. The strike of the building trades was a blunder, Pullman was the friend of the laboring man.

We have just received a copy of Dr. Herron's address delivered in September under the auspices of the comrades at Rockland, Mass.

Ignorance is not bliss, though a hog may grunt approvingly as it wallows in the mud.

What Debs Sees

Capitalism Approaches Its Last Convulsions and Will Be Swept Out of Existence.

The St. Louis Chronicle of Nov. 7 printed the following telegram from Comrade Debs:

"Editor Chronicle: From all indications the republican party continues in power four years more.

"Overproduction, based upon underconsumption, will glut the markets and make the crisis inevitable, McKinley and prosperity will be swept over the precipice of commercial and industrial ruin.

"This will be one of the last convulsions of capitalism before the social revolution sweeps it out of existence.

"The personal friends of Mr. Bryan should congratulate him upon his defeat. Had he been elected his administration would have been overwhelmed with disappointment and disaster.

"Eugene V. Debs. Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 7."

ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES BY FOLKMAR

A New Book of Great Interest to the Student of Sociology—Critical Observations

By Isador Ladoff

Lesson in Anthropological Philosophy, Its Application to Positive Morality: Daniel Folkmar, Doctor of Social Sciences, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Rennes, formerly lecturer at University of Chicago.

Every builder needs building material, and it is certainly a useful occupation to make bricks, shape stones, prepare mortar, etc.

In the dominion of science there are hosts of useful workers who diligently engage themselves in collecting and stating facts, observing phenomena, experimenting—in short, in preparing the raw materials, the bricks, stones and mortar, of the noble edifice of science.

Dr. D. Folkmar's book belongs to that class of architectonic structural work, the facts, the observations—in short, the raw material, does not represent anything new. But their combination and the light in which they are put in the "Lessons" is new and original.

The table of contents of the book will show the scope of the subjects treated by the author. "The necessity of a positive system of morality. The new anthropology as a basis. Classifications of sciences and arts. Contributions of non-anthropological sciences. Division of anthropology. Classifications of human activities. Method and materials. Criticism of anthropological and social sciences. The soul. The individual. The primary activities. The secondary activities. Syntheses and hypotheses. Applied anthropology. System of positive morality."

Dr. D. Folkmar is a materialist in philosophy, and recognizes only a national basis for conduct. He coined a

new term for the science of human conduct—the science of praeology. The author's conception of social science is quite original and new. It is a conception leading to Socialism, if not Socialistic in itself.

As to critical remarks, I must limit myself to two points. It seems to me that the book would only gain if the material could be better digested. There are quite a few unnecessary repetitions in the book. Another that struck me was the too literal, I am almost tempted to say vulgar, conception of the so-called principle of the survival of the fittest, as it appears in some places in the book.

Capitalist Slave Labor

Since all people in common depend upon the sources and tools of production, there can be no individual liberty save these sources and tools belong to the people in common.



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.

- First—Join the union of your respective trade.
Second—Assist in building up and strengthening the trade union movement.
Third—Support the union labels of all crafts.
Fourth—Educate your fellow-unionists on the question of Socialism and the labor movement, on economic and political lines.
Fifth—It shall be your duty to work for the unity of the labor movement, thereby recognizing the fact that the emancipation of the working class can only be achieved by the united efforts of this 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. The individual tool was owned by the worker who employed himself and was master of his product.

Capitalism, the private ownership of the means of production, is responsible for the insecurity of subsistence, the poverty, misery and degradation of the ever-growing majority of our people; but the same economic forces which have produced and now intensify the capitalist system will necessitate the adoption of Socialism, the collective ownership of the means of production for the common good and welfare.

The present system of social production and private ownership is rapidly converting society into two antagonistic classes—i. e., the capitalist class and the propertyless class.

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.

Second—The abolition of wage-slavery by the establishment of a national system of co-operative industry, based upon the social or common ownership of the means of production and distribution, to be administered by society in the common interest of all its members, and the complete emancipation of the socially useful classes from the domination of capitalism.

The working class and all those in sympathy with their historic mission to realize a higher civilization should sever connection with all capitalist and reform parties and unite with the Social Democratic Party of America.

The control of political power by the Social Democratic party will be tantamount to the abolition of all class rule. The solidarity of labor connecting the millions of class-conscious fellow-workers throughout the civilized world will lead to international Socialism, the brotherhood of man.

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:
First—Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to complete

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.

Fourth—The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, coal, and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

Fifth—The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production.

Sixth—The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose.

Seventh—Useful inventions to be free, the inventor to be remunerated by the public.

Eighth—Labor legislation to be national, instead of local, and international when possible.

Ninth—National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

Tenth—Equal civil and political rights, for men and women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women.

Eleventh—The adoption of the initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall of representatives by the voters.

Twelfth—Abolition of war and the introduction of international arbitration.

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.

Section 2. The Social Democratic Party of America shall be organized as follows:
First—Local branches limited to five hundred members each.

Second—A National Executive Board of nine members, five of whom shall be chosen from territory convenient to the national headquarters, and shall be called "resident members," and the remaining four shall be chosen, so far as possible, from other parts of the country. All members of the Executive Board shall have equal rights and powers; but the resident members shall have power to act and a majority of said resident members shall constitute a quorum.

Third—The form of state organizations shall be left to the branches in the respective states.

NATIONAL PAPER OF THE PARTY:

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NEW BRANCHES

Illinois, two.
Mississippi, one.

THE CAMPAIGN FUND

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Custom Journeymen Tailors Union, St. Louis; Geo. H. Strobel, E. Newark; F. Baumann, Chicago; H. R. Wacker, Chicago; C. G. Levau, Manchester; Fred Morris, Manchester; Previously reported.

FROM THE WORKERS

The Vote in Massachusetts

In all probability the Social Democratic party in Massachusetts becomes an official party this year. The candidate for governor will poll, I estimate, 12,000 votes, and 11,000 is the necessary 3 per cent this year.

Comrade MacCartney was re-elected by a largely increased plurality. Last year his plurality was 102 in a total vote of 1,100. This year the total vote was 1,800 and his plurality 218.

The vote for Debs will certainly reach 10,000, probably 11,000. With Boston and 50 towns still to hear from it amounts to over 8,000. There are many interesting things about this vote.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Lynn; Worcester; Cambridge; Haverhill; Lawrence; Brockton; Rockland; Whitman; Fitchburg.

Among the cities Boston has made the greatest gain, having jumped from 664 for governor last year to 1,600 this year.

no doubt, because the people have at last learned our name.

While the total vote in the state has increased about 50 per cent, it has fallen off in certain districts. Great gains have been made, however, in all those places where the campaign has been carried on by the organizing committee of the loyal branches, in the same earnest, systematic and business-like way in which the whole campaign was carried on last year, and which has been proved to be the right way to reach the people of this part of the country at least.

Boston. MARGARET HAILE.

Trade Union Ingrates

To the shame of Terre Haute, Eugene Debs only received about 350 votes in this county, which has over fifty trades unions, many of which owe their existence entirely to his efforts.

When Eugene Debs was elected secretary of the then all but defunct B. of L. F., there were, I believe, three trades unions in this city—the typos, cigar-makers and the Sons of Vulcan, now the A. A. of L., S. & T. W. He not only built up the organization which he represented, but assisted in organizing various crafts in his home city.

A Trader Expelled
At a meeting of the Denver Branch of the Social Democratic party, held Friday, Nov. 2, it was unanimously voted to strike from our membership list the name of Chas. M. Davis, congressional candidate for First district, on charges of violating the constitution of the organization by accepting nominations from other non-Socialist parties.

The secretary was also instructed to publish the notice of the expulsion of C. M. Davis in the Denver daily papers and in the Social Democratic Herald. Alfred Hick,

Vigo County Vote

The official count gives Debs 331 votes in Vigo county; 27 votes were given to the S. L. P., 20 of which I am confident were intended for our ticket, as there are not over five or six De Leonties in this county, who are located at Fontanett, a small mining camp, where a section of the S. L. P. existed some years ago.

Fraternally, JAS. ONEAL.

Attention, Virginia

The Socialists of Norfolk, Portsmouth and vicinity will, beginning with Monday night, the 12th of this month, hold meetings on the same night of each and every week.

C. W. Breedlove, 419 Clay avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Montana Socialists

All those who voted for our party are requested to send their names to G. Frankel, state organizer, Butte, Mont., 71 East Park street.

\* Subscribers whose term of subscription has expired will please note the number of this issue. A prompt renewal will facilitate work at headquarters.

We have received a copy of a new song written by Thomas H. West, entitled: "Stick to Your Union," and which was adopted as the official song of the American Federation of Labor.

The Debs-Herron pamphlet is positively the finest propaganda literature ever gotten out in this country.

About 4 o'clock one of the judges left his office, saying he had no more blanks to swear in unregistered citizens with. So we lost a number of votes.—J. P. Malcor, Spring Valley.

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.

We are about to start a class in sociology, and you will hear from this county in the near future.—A. L. Roecker, Chilton, Wis.

Among the five-cent books, Debs' great speech on "Liberty," his address on "Prison Labor," and Hyndman's Socialism and Slavery, can be used effectively in propaganda. This office.

Get your friend that you are trying to convert to read The Co-Operative Commonwealth, by Lawrence Gronlund. You can have it for fifty cents by sending to this office.

The existing system is unspeakably cruel; the life currents of old age and childhood are the tributaries of the bottomless reservoir of private profit. The face of capitalist society is blotched with the effects of its diseased organism.—Debs.

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