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## THE WEIGHT OF YOUR IDEAS.

By Joseph E. Cohen.

The world we live in is one of minority rule.

A class who are but a small minority of the people rule the rest. The ideas held by this minority of the nation sway the nation's thought.

We are used to minority rule.

Not only have we taken the ideas of the minority to be the ideas of the whole people; we quite naturally listen to one man's opinions and fall into the habit of thinking that this man's opinions are the opinions of a great many.

This fact has been an obstacle to overcome in our task of making the masses think for themselves and act for themselves. But this fact is also an asset for the cause of Socialism, an advantage for our propaganda.

It means that by uniting our members and joining our forces we who are now in the minority can start currents of thought going which will sweep enough converts into our side of our progress to carry us on to victory.

It means that we who are but a handful can match the class who oppose Socialism, because they, too, are only a handful.

If only we move as a unit!

This we must and will do.

Let us see why.

We shall see why when we come to realize what little organization, what little loyalty here is in the camp of those who are holding the road against us.

In 1905 the so-called "reform" wave began sweeping the country. The Philadelphia North American, which is the leading organ of the "progressive" movement, thought it was a good opportunity to start a permanent party to combat the Socialist party.

The North American called for donations of a dollar each for its cause of "reform."

Eleven dollars were contributed, and the basket was dropped.

More recently the North American tried to organize a Progressive League, with dues-paying membership, like the Socialist party. Certificates of membership were printed. But the organization never existed except on paper.

Now the North American is trying to raise funds for Judge Lindsay's campaign in Denver. The North American with its circulation of about a quarter of a million has not raised anything like the amount the Socialist party of Pennsylvania, with its membership of say, say seven thousand, raised for the Moyer-Haywood fight, also in Colorado.

Do you see the difference between the so-called "reformers" and the Socialists?

Have you ever had a doubt about the weight Socialist ideas carry even now?

Just one more illustration about Pennsylvania: In the coal strike of 1902 a few Socialists in Philadelphia, so few as to make one smile to think of it, organized a "bread fund" for the miners and sent about \$15,000 up the state.

Now, can there be any doubt as to what the Socialist party can and does accomplish?

As few as we are, as little actual governmental power as we wield, we are already a force that is changing the make-up of this nation.

And now we are one hundred thousand strong.

One hundred thousand strong, with one important lesson to learn—to make our one hundred thousand act as one man.

Socialism means solidarity, cohesion, the collective way of taking care of our bread and butter question.

We can reach Socialism only as we are united in our party, with a common platform and purpose.

An army of one hundred thousand strong cannot all have the same ideas. Yet one idea they can all have, and that is to differ among ourselves only when we discuss the most effective tactics to use, and then to march as one man when the party has made its decision.

When our one hundred thousand agree upon this fundamental point, then the weight of the Socialist ideas held by the hundred thousand will readily add another hundred thousand to our list.

This is something we can do and which we will do.

It is what organization consists of.

And we must have it.

## ANNA MALEY IN WEST VIRGINIA.

We gave a brief account last week of events happening to Anna Maley, national organizer. Comrade Maley was fined \$20, although they failed to show that she was speaking on politics (a crime in the minds of the coal barons), and failed to issue a warrant, yet Comrade Maley is subjected to the annoyance of appealing the case, even though her persecutors knew they had no legal warrant for conviction on any charge.

Our wire to Governor Hatfield was answered immediately by a wire, followed by the following letter:

State of West Virginia.

Executive Department.

Charleston, August 20, 1913.

My Dear Sir:—I have your telegram of August 20, and note what you say relative to the arrest of Miss Anna Maley.

I will take the matter up with the authorities of Marion county and investigate the grievance of which you complain.

With best wishes, believe me,

Yours very truly,

H. D. HATFIELD.

Walter Lanfersiek,  
Secretary Socialist Party,  
Chicago, Ill.

We serve notice on the petty officials of West Virginia that the national organization of the Socialist party will protect its representatives. Let them also remember that we are working with the governor of West Virginia to maintain the right of free speech and free assemblage.

Local Tustin, Cal., sends in nine Lyceum sub. cards to be cancelled as a help toward the debt.

The coral insect, which builds the coral reefs, is an infinitesimal insect. But it builds and never stops. To it, building and living mean the same thing. Many a blooming isle, with waving palms, has been built this way. You can build a happy co-operative commonwealth in time if you will help build, even if you do no more each day than the tiny coral. Just build anyway.

## REFERENDUM "A" DEFEATED.

All propositions submitted under Referendum "A" were defeated by decisive majorities.

The first proposition referred to the stenographic report of the National Executive Committee; it was proposed to eliminate the expense of this report; the second proposed to raise the salary of the Executive Secretary from \$1,500 to \$1,800; the third proposed to increase our representation on the International Bureau from one to two.

The vote follows:

## RESULT OF VOTE—NATIONAL REFERENDUM "A." 1913.

STATE	Amendment to Article VI Section 2		Amendment to Article VII Section 1		Amendment to Article XII	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Alabama	79	23	69	36	64
Alaska	11	36	11	36	9	38
Arizona	62	69	78	54	66	65
Arkansas	26	56	19	47	26	40
California	485	306	363	423	422	362
Colorado	77	153	47	182	58	172
Connecticut	114	67	72	109	105	78
Delaware	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dist. of Colum.	24	18	26	17	21	19
Florida	31	20	24	27	28	23
Hawaii Ter.	3	4	6	0	5	2
Georgia	..	..	..	..	..	..
Idaho	43	83	31	94	71	56
Illinois	391	508	286	636	355	454
Indiana	184	321	93	417	179	328
Iowa	40	59	21	77	20	78
Kansas	149	145	63	232	118	174
Kentucky	29	26	26	30	25	31
Louisiana	49	25	35	39	43	31
Maine	38	68	6	94	39	64
Maryland	..	..	..	..	..	..
Massachusetts	444	407	236	612	318	537
Michigan	200	119	119	226	209	135
Minnesota	309	339	170	478	379	265
Mississippi	9	9	2	16	4	14
Missouri	174	222	113	284	162	233
Montana	100	56	73	87	92	65
Nebraska	65	50	47	64	54	60
Nevada	63	100	57	105	55	107
New Hamp.	43	14	28	29	33	35
New Jersey	395	351	374	385	336	417
New Mexico	..	..	..	..	..	..
New York	1122	939	925	1136	850	1181
North Dak.	102	97	110	90	149	50
North Caro.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ohio	269	358	133	490	252	373
Oklahoma	68	182	33	217	50	199
Oregon	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	576	758	492	867	645	701
Porto Rico	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rhode Island	18	19	13	24	25	12
South Caro.	13	13	10	16	5	21
South Dakota	37	39	28	48	33	43
Tennessee	18	56	18	56	13	51
Texas	29	142	17	148	45	125
Utah	15	5	5	7	14	5
Vermont	51	20	45	26	53	19
Virginia	..	..	..	..	..	..
Washington	138	597	64	693	182	570
West Virginia	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wisconsin	363	192	248	313	265	293
Wyoming	31	22	23	30	29	24
Memb. at Large	11	9	16	4	17	3
Totals	6478	7102	4675	9001	5923	7561

## CORRECTION.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE RULES.

Our attention has been called to the fact that Rule 9 of the Rules of the National Committee was changed to read as follows:

"Section 9. All elections of officers, delegates, committees, etc., shall be conducted by ballot, a majority being necessary for a choice. In the event that a second ballot is required, the two highest for each position shall be submitted for final election."

Please correct rules as printed last week.

# Labor's World-Wide Battle Line

## CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN INDIA.

Some very interesting data on the co-operative societies of India has been gathered by the International Bureau of Labor. The figures are for but one province, Madras, and are as follows:

"The first co-operatives were started in 1905, when there were 25 organized, with a total membership of 2733. These have grown in the seven years following until in 1912 there were 966 co-operatives with a membership of 66156. This rapid development is largely due to the fact that the co-operative societies laid themselves out especially for money-lending which for the impecunious Indians means such a lot. The co-operative societies at first loaned money to their members, but they are now encouraging their members to live without borrowing. This in itself is working a great benefit to the people.

## DISTRESS IN BULGARIA.

Comrade Dimitroff, secretary of the Bulgarian Trade Unions, sends a report to the International of conditions in his country. He says in this report that their worst fears of war have been realized. Great things were promised the common people of Bulgaria when the monarchy was seeking to arouse the patriotism and war spirit of those in the army. Among other things, the Federation of the Balkan states was promised. Bulgaria has been crushed and humiliated because the monarchy, not satisfied with defeating Turkey, tried to become a big empire. Comrade Dimitroff points out that for ten years the Social Democrats have been agitating for a Balkan republic, the only thing that will bring peace and security to the oppressed people. He says that almost half of the male population have been killed in battle or by persecution. When gazing upon the horror which the war has left, one recognizes how capitalism leads nations to ruination, and that these horrors will not cease until the international proletariat has overcome capitalism.

## IN FAVOR OF CO-OPERATION.

The following letter is from a comrade who lives in Fort Dodge, Kansas:

"In The Party Builder of August 16 is an article captioned, 'The Hungarians Own Their Own Daily,' which is worth to me the price of a year's subscription. It shows that at last the foreign section of the party realizes the necessity of the party owning its own publications. I have been advocating a collectively owned and democratically managed paper for over four years. I have been writing articles and sending them to our papers, advocating this, but our papers will not publish what I write.

"A year ago Comrade Debs sent an article of mine to five of our papers, with the request that it be published. One only, a miner's paper in Denver, Colo., published it. We have 300 papers preaching collective ownership of public utilities, but nearly all of them are privately owned.

"Recently several articles have been printed in The Party Builder which greatly please me and show that the light is beginning to break. Comrade Lanfersiek's article on 'Democracy' is especially good, while that on the 'Democratic Management of Irrigation,' by Francis Elliot, hits the nail on the head.

"The principles laid down by Comrade Elliot are just as applicable to party organization and propaganda as they are to irrigation.

"The Party Builder is the beginning in the line of a party-owned press. It seems to be thriving. Here's hoping for success." G. F. HUNT.

## 1,000 COPIES TO SCHENECTADY.

The campaign committee of Schenectady, N. Y., ordered 1,000 copies of the "Truth About Socialism" to be used in the campaign, which includes not only the re-election of the Socialist city administration, but the county campaign and the return of Merrill to the Legislature.

Comrade A. B. Callahan is about to start a Socialist journal at Juneau, Alaska, which will be called "The Alaska Sunday Post." In addition to being a Socialist paper it will also be used as an organ of the Western Federation of Miners in the Northwest.

The Finnish Socialists are mourning the death of Alex. Coleman, one of the editors of "Raivaaja," a daily Socialist paper published at Fitchburg, Mass. Coleman was largely responsible for the creation of this daily.

## HEAVY POLL OF SOCIALIST VOTES AT DAYTON.

Since our last issue there has been a charter election at Dayton, Ohio. The proposed charter was framed by the business interests of the city and opposed by the Socialists. The charter carried by a heavy majority, but the Socialists were able to poll 6,094 votes against it. The Socialists claim that the business interests spent over \$100,000 to carry the election.

## IGNORES THE REFERENDUM.

Last December at the city election in Portland, Oregon, the people voted to establish a municipal fuel yard and sell fuel at cost. Eight months have now passed and the city authorities have refused to comply with the referendum. It is of little use to pass laws by the referendum, which are opposed to capitalist interests, and then expect a capitalist government to enforce them. Working class laws to be effective must be executed by Socialist officials.

## A GOVERNMENT BANK.

The labor party of Australia has established a government bank. The first day that the corner stone of the principal bank building was laid in Sydney the institution could already count nearly 74,000 depositors with a total of about \$11,500,000 to their credit. The government bank is already a great success. In this country the working people still vote for capitalism and they still have private banks which use the people's money to create trusts and monopolies. If the Socialists were in power in this country we would make the postal savings banks the depositories of the people. We could use the money thus provided for municipal and state ownership of public utilities.

The people could borrow their own money for all public improvements—state, county, city, township and school districts. We would solve at once that problem, "How to get possession of industries."

## RUSSIAN CO-OPERATIVES.

A recent congress of Russian Co-operatives which was held at Kief shows that this movement is making great progress in that country. The reports from 25,513 local societies show a total membership of 6,564,194, an increase of almost two million during the last year.

## MERRILL RENOMINATED.

Herbert Merrill, the Socialist member of the New York Legislature from Schenectady, has been renominated. Both city and county conventions have now been held and the Socialist ticket is complete.

## SCANDINAVIAN ORGANIZERS.

Two new Scandinavian branches has been organized in Kenosha, Wis., and Worcester, Mass.

During October, November and December Scandinavian organizers will be sent through the following states: Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire.

Comrades in these states, who are interested in getting the Scandinavian workers organized in the Socialist party, should communicate with the Scandinavian translator, Secretary N. Juel Christensen, 111 N. Market street.

## BUTTE ADMINISTRATION A SUCCESS.

The Socialist administration of Butte, Mont., has issued a compiled statement showing that this year \$300,000 worth of public work is being done, or is contracted for. Sidewalks are being built in the working class districts where before people traveled in the mud, and sewerage provided for the working class section. This work is all being done under the direction of the Socialist city engineer and by home labor. Three years ago Butte was a bankrupt city. Today its credit is as good as any city in the nation.

The financial report for the state of California has just been published by State Secretary T. A. Williams, which shows total receipts for the year of \$18,288,96, of which amount \$13,536.73 was for dues, and \$2,134.46 for literature. The financial dimensions of this report correspond to that of the National Office, ten years ago. The state office is conducting an energetic organizing campaign.

SUB CARDS good for 40 weeks' subscription to THE PARTY BUILDER are now ready. Price, 25 cents each; 7 for \$1.50; 30 for \$6.00.

## SO SAY WE.

Philadelphia, July 1, 1913.

Mr. B. W. Huebsch, Publisher,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:—As a Socialist soap-boxer and seller of brain developers—Socialist books—I write you in regard to Benson's new book, "The Truth About Socialism." I know that radical books are mostly written for the few and that their publishers do not feel justified in spending any money to push them. I believe, however, that Benson's is a radical book written for the many and that even at the low price at which it comes to the reader in the paper cover it would pay to advertise it to the limit. Why not try out Pennsylvania, at all events? It is one of the best organized states in the Socialist movement; its sales of literature are large, and if the book secures a large sale in this state then you can repeat your campaign of advertising in other states.

While it is true that Socialism has a great scientific literature it is also true that the great mass of men and women who toil for an existence wage have had no time to devote to the science of economics. The only economics that they have had a chance to learn is that enforced upon them by the system of wage slavery. They feel that they are being robbed somehow, somewhere, but how it is being done and how they are being done is a thing they do not know.

Why have we convinced so few of our fellow toilers that the putting into practice of the theories of Socialism would mean freedom for themselves and those dependent upon them? BECAUSE WE HAVE TALKED TO THEM IN A STRANGE TONGUE. Not that we have been too scientific, but that we have lacked simplicity. Darwin was a great scientist, but it was Huxley who delivered Darwin's message to the English-speaking world. HUXLEY TALKED TO THE PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN TONGUE. I believe that Benson in his new book has done for the great gospel of industrial freedom what Huxley did for the great truths of evolution. The vital, the dominant note of Benson's book is the HUMAN NOTE. Science is there but it is HUMANIZED.

It is small wonder that Debs has said of it, "The very clearest and cleverest of all," that Victor Berger has said, "The best statement of Socialism for non-Socialists that I have ever read," and that those engaged in spreading the doctrines of Socialism have welcomed it as a promise of what we may expect from a new school of Socialist writers. I trust you will see your way clear to push this book to the limit in this state, as I feel sure that your efforts will result in sales that will pay for both the energy and cash expended.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) CHARLES W. ERVIN.

## SUB. CARDS NOW READY

Sub. cards for 40 weeks' subscriptions are now ready. The price is 25 cents each. We will make the following quantity prices:

Seven for \$1.50; fifteen for \$3.25, and thirty for \$6.00.

The latter rate is 20 cents per card, and this price will hold good on all cards ordered in quantities of thirty and upwards. Yearly subscriptions are at the rate of 50 cents, but we have issued no 50-cent sub. cards, believing that nearly all subscriptions will now be at the 25 cents for 40 weeks rate. We have decided to keep the three months for 10 cents rate in force to be used as trial subs. on Socialists who do not belong to the party, also for the benefit of those who wish to pay for trial subs. to near-Socialists. For this purpose, sub. blanks will be furnished free on request.

Your local should buy a supply of sub. cards for the convenience of the literature agent, and for the use of the individual members

# Information Department

111 NORTH MARKET STREET, CHICAGO

## PURPOSE

To collect, classify and make available for the members of locals and officials of the Socialist Party all possible data and information on economic, political and social problems. To assist the Socialists elected to office with such information as may be required in their official capacities on Municipal, State and National Problems of Administration and Reconstruction.

**CARL D. THOMPSON, Manager**

FLORENCE MAY SWAN, ETHELWYN MILLS, ELEANOR SPAETH, Assistants

## AMERICA'S FIRST MUNICIPALLY-OWNED STREET CAR LINE SUCCESSFUL FROM THE FIRST DAY.

### The San Francisco Municipal Railway.

At last we in America have made a start. San Francisco leads the way. The municipal ownership and operation of a street railway is at last an actual fact.

We are about the last nation on earth to get started. But we are off. And it looks as though the race would be swift and strong.

The city's line began operation in a regular way last January. It has been in full operation only a little over two months. The reports for June are before us, printed, it is interesting to note, in a municipal newspaper—the San Francisco Municipal Record.

In response to our request, Comrade E. Backus has sent us the following account of the situation:

By E. Backus.

"One concern—the United Railroads—controls about nine-tenths of the street car trackage of San Francisco; and is reputed to furnish the very worst service in the United States. It operates fewer cars now than it did before the disaster of 1906, when the city was a quarter less in size. It is capitalized at over \$800,000 a mile (double track), and takes out of the city over \$4,000,000 a year in profits.

"The new municipal road, with the very latest and best equipment, cost \$139,000 per mile of double track.

"The municipal road is due directly to the agitation of the Socialists, and incidentally to the splendid efforts of a few of the comrades in fighting three hard campaigns, extending over nearly 13 years, before the bonds were authorized and the construction work actually started. After being authorized the bonds could not be sold until the labor unions began investing their reserve funds in them, when the bankers reluctantly came after the rest.

"From the start the road has been in the hands of a hostile administration, which paid nearly \$50,000 more for the first lot of cars than the bid of a reliable (but 'pull-less') Eastern firm, and also a great bill for street paving was saddled onto the road. All admit, however, the excellence of the equipment and the efficiency of the service at present. One point of considerable satisfaction to the people of this strongly union town is to see the Carmens Union buttons prominently displayed by practically all motormen and conductors. This emphasizes the point that the United Railroads had the business of the city paralyzed for seven weeks, in 1907, while they starved the carmen's union out of existence. This private concern pays its men at the rate of \$3 for 12 hours' work, while the city pays \$3 (minimum) for eight hours—and forbids a man to work longer than that.

"Last winter the United Railroads commenced to rip up all of the cross seats out of their cars, leaving a bench along each side, and a liberal number of straps to hang onto. The supervisors were appealed to to stop this, but by one of the administrations famous 'compromises' the company was permitted to take out only half of the cross seats, and to install the cattle-car type in all new or rebuilt cars put into service. The municipal cars are full of seats—comfortable ones. The big gray city cars are built to carry people sitting down.

"The city line started a few days prior to the first of last January, and exactly six months later the first cars actually ran 'from bay to ocean.' Before that time the line was in so uncompleted a form that an analysis of receipts, expenditures, passengers carried, etc., would be misleading. Yet I am enclosing a report for the last month, showing a profit (total) above expenses of \$61,672.62. The bonds for construction of the road are not charged up against it, but the interest and sinking fund on them up to date amounts to only about half the net profits turned into the city treasury so far.

"The road as it stands today represents an outlay of about \$1,900,000. It operates 16 miles of single track, employing 140 men, divided as follows: Platform, 115; track men, 5; repairers, 10; inspectors, 6; master mechanic, 1; office force, 5. There are 43 cars on hand, about 34 in operation each day.

"The city is today in the throes of a campaign to authorize \$3,500,000 more bonds for the further extension of the car system. Two daily newspapers are fighting the proposition very bitterly, two are supporting it, and the rest are ominously silent.

There is no doubt that the bonds will receive a majority vote, but they may fail of the necessary two-thirds. If they are authorized, it is openly threatened that the bond agencies and banks will refuse to handle them, in which case they will probably be issued in small denominations and offered to the citizens. The proposed extensions will doubtless be taxed to their full capacity to carry visitors and workmen to the World's Exposition to be held here in 1915, but the projected lines all run through thickly populated districts, and will doubtless repeat the record of the first (Geary street) line, which more than paid operating expenses from the first day."

## TYPICAL QUESTION.

From the international secretariat of the National Trade Union Centers of Berlin, Germany: "Could you furnish me with the figures relating to emigration from the United States to Canada during the last few years, as well as re-emigration from Canada to America for the same period?"

Answer (secured from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, and from the Canadian Immigration Service, through the commissioner-general of the U. S. Department of Labor): Emigration into Canada from the United States during the years ended March 31, 1903, to 1910, inclusive, compiled by the Canadian Immigration Service:—1903, 49,473; 1904, 45,229; 1905, 43,652; 1906, 57,919; 1907, 59,273; 1908, 58,312; 1909, 59,822; 1910, 103,798.

Immigration into the United States from Canada, quoted from Statistical Abstract—1906, 5,063; 1907, 19,918; 1908, 38,510; 1909, 51,941; 1910, 56,555; 1911, 56,830.

Q. At present what do you estimate to be the number of unemployed in the United States? A. About 3,000,000. The census of 1900 estimates that there are 6,458,964, or 22.3 per cent of all employed who are out of work sometime during each year. Thirty-nine per cent of the male workers, or 2,069,546 persons, were idle from four to six months of the year. (See National Campaign Book, 1912, for careful study of statistics of the unemployed.)

## YOUR CO-OPERATION, PLEASE.

Frequently it becomes necessary for us to refer inquirers to our many experts on matters specific and technical. May we ask that when information is thus directly sought the inquirer enclose with his letter a self-addressed, self-stamped envelope? We ought not to involve our specialists in any expense. The fact that they give us the benefit of their knowledge and experience is sufficient.

## WANTED—BLUE BOOKS OF ALL STATES.

### Attention, State Secretaries.

In order that the Information Department may be equipped with information and ready to answer all necessary questions relative to the government and affairs of the various states, and more especially to give the party an official record of whatever part the Socialists have taken or are taking in the various state governments.

We respectfully request the state secretary of each state organization of the Socialist party to secure and send to us as soon as convenient a copy of the blue book of his state. These may be easily secured, as a rule, by any resident of the state by applying to the representative or the state senator from his district.

Or, if this should fail, write to the secretary of state at your state capitol. At all events, get us a copy of the blue book of your state.

## WANTED—U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR REPORTS.

The Information Department has an almost complete file of the bi-monthly reports which were published by the United States Bureau of Labor from November, 1895, to May, 1912. The following numbers are lacking, however, and as we especially desire the entire collection, we shall appreciate it if some comrade who has one or more of the missing numbers would like to contribute them to the department, or can tell the department where we could secure them. The missing numbers are 46, 49, 50, 52, 53, 60, 61, 65, 66, 67, 70, 71, 74 and 78.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES IN CITIES OF OVER 10,000 POPULATION.

In answer to numerous inquiries, and in order that the comrades everywhere may have the list for study and comparison, we publish the following list. There may be omissions, and the list is constantly growing, of course. The department would appreciate any additional information or corrections.

We are preparing a table showing the rates charged in various cities before municipal ownership and after. The data is coming in slowly, but we shall publish what we have shortly for the benefit of many inquirers. We hope others will send us additional information from time to time, so that we may enlarge the table.

STATE	CITY	POP.
Arkansas	Little Rock (M)	45,941
California	Alameda	23,383
	Pasadena	30,291
Connecticut	New Britain	43,916
	Norwich	28,219
Florida	Jacksonville	57,699
Illinois	Aurora	29,807
	Bloomington	25,768
	Chicago (4 plants)	2,185,283
	Decatur	31,140
	Elgin	25,976
	Jacksonville	15,326
	La Salle	11,537
	Galesburg	22,089
	Springfield	51,678
Indiana	Anderson	22,476
	Fort Wayne (M)	63,933
	Hammond	20,925
	Huntington	10,272
	Logansport	19,050
	Marion	19,359
	Muncie	24,005
	Richmond	22,324
	Indianapolis	233,650
Iowa	Marshalltown	13,374
Kansas	Topeka (M)	43,684
Kentucky	Henderson	11,452
	Owensboro	16,011
	Paducah	22,760
Maine	Bangor	24,803
	Lewiston	26,247
Maryland	Cumberland	21,839
	Hagerstown	16,507
Massachusetts	Chicopee	25,401
	Holyoke	57,730
	Peabody	15,721
	Taunton	34,259
	Westfield	16,044
Michigan	Bay City	45,166
	Detroit	465,766
	Grand Rapids (M)	112,571
	Kalamazoo (M)	35,437
	Lansing	31,229
	Marquette	11,503
Missouri	Hannibal	18,341
	Joplin	32,073
	Kansas City (M)	243,381
	St. Joseph	77,403
	St. Louis (M)	687,029
Nebraska	Lincoln (M)	43,973
New York	Dunkirk	17,221
	Jamestown	31,297
	Watervliet	15,074
Ohio	Ashtabula	18,266
	Cincinnati	363,591
	Columbus (M)	181,511
	Cleveland	560,663
	Hamilton	35,279
	Marietta	12,923
	Newark	25,404
Pennsylvania	Chambersburg	11,800
	Easton	28,523
	Meadville	12,780
	Norristown	27,875
	Pittsburgh (M)	533,905
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	14,094
Tennessee	Nashville (M)	110,364
	Jackson	15,779
Texas	Austin	29,860
	Fort Worth (M)	73,312
	Galveston (M)	36,981
	Sherman	12,412
Vermont	Burlington	20,568
Virginia	Alexandria	15,329
	Richmond (M)	127,628
	Danville	19,020
Washington	Seattle	237,194
	Tacoma	83,743
West Virginia	Wheeling (M)	41,641

(M) Power used for municipal purposes only, such as lighting of city buildings, street lighting, etc. It is probable that some of the cities not marked (M) do not use power for commercial purposes.

# Lyceum Department

The Lyceum Department is a combined subscription agency and lecture bureau, run not for private profit, but for the special purpose of securing for the Socialist party in its propaganda and organization work the advantage of the fact that **THERE ARE A GREAT MANY OF US.** Full particulars furnished on application.

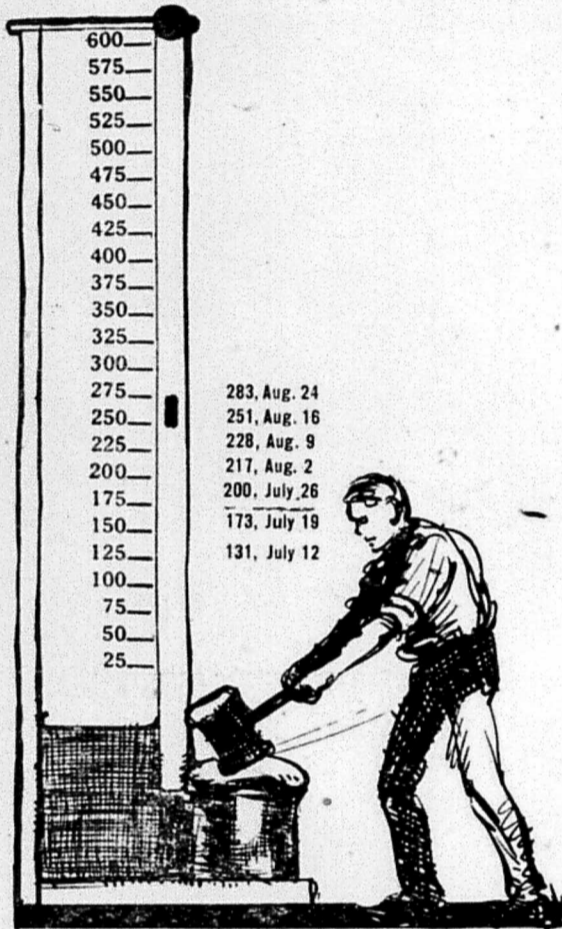
L. E. KATTERFELD, Manager

111 North Market Street

Chicago, Illinois

## PLACE YOUR BETS ON JIMMIE.

Jimmie has been training faithfully all week and is now in the pink of condition for the big fight which is scheduled for the first of September. His trainers say that he never was in better condition and that he is improving daily. The many letters of encouragement containing lyceum agreement blanks that Jimmie is receiving from his friends all over the country seem to have a wonderful psychological effect upon him. Send along your agreement, and add one pound to Jimmie's blow. With which he'll lay the champion low.



## ADDED TO THE ROLL OF HONOR.

The following locals have sent their signed lyceum contracts since last report, and should be added to the list of live ones published last week:

ARIZONA, Tucson; ARKANSAS, Argenta; CALIFORNIA, Elk Grove (2), San Bernardino, San Ysidro; ILLINOIS, East St. Louis, 18th Ward Chicago, 21st Ward Chicago; MASSACHUSETTS, Abington, Pittsfield; MICHIGAN, Boyne City, Grand Rapids (2); MINNESOTA, Mankato, New Ulm; NEW JERSEY, Passaic; NEW MEXICO, Raton; NEW YORK, Branch 7 Buffalo; NEVADA, Elko; NORTH DAKOTA, Center, Velva; OHIO, Cleveland; OKLAHOMA, Kingfisher; PENNSYLVANIA, Easton; TENNESSEE, Memphis; UTAH, Murray, Salt Lake City; WASHINGTON, Bellingham, Hoquiam, Pomeroy; WISCONSIN, LaCrosse.

Reported last week 251; this week 32; total August 24, 283.

## NEED IT WORSE THAN EVER.

"I congratulate you upon your untiring efforts in behalf of the Lyceum. I hope and wish with all my heart that we will land it. We need it worse than ever before. At present the comrades who have been asleep here have had a good shaking up through the free speech fight in Minot, but we need the Lyceum to educate them and wake up the rest of the people who are asleep. The struggle is coming pretty close to home here. It is certainly terrible in Minot. The comrades up there ought to be congratulated upon the stand they have taken and are holding. They are putting up a clean and straight fight, and with Comrade Le Sueur—he is a prince—at the head, they will surely win.

"Enclosed find the agreement signed. It was acted upon by the local last Sunday, but the Minot trouble and my business has kept me so busy that I forgot to send it.

"Well, here is hope again, comrade, that we get the 600."

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR ANDERSON,  
Velva, N. D.

## LINE OUT OF ORDER.

Have you ever tried to call somebody on the phone when the line was out of order?

You talk into the thing. No answer.

You push the little thingamabob up and down. No answer.

You talk into it some more. Still no answer.

You say intensely all the cuss words you can think of, until you are impressed with the uselessness thereof, but **THERE IS NO ANSWER.**

The secretary of the local is the line that connects your phone with the rest of the Socialist world.

Nearly all secretaries do their duties faithfully and well. They take time that they might spend with their families or congenial friends or on pleasure bent to do YOUR service. They use up time that they might use for their own profit in doing the work of your organization. They do this without pay, without hope of reward, and oftentimes without even appreciation from you. They are the men and women who are laying the foundation stones of our Socialist temple, unseen by those who worship heroes. But they are the real heroes of the Revolution.

But occasionally there is an exception. Occasionally the "line is out of order."

There is one certain local from whose secretary we received a rather insulting reply when the Lyceum was first established, two years ago. After that never an answer came to any of the numerous communications that were sent from the Lyceum Department to this local in common with all other locals. When the costly Lyceum package was sent out a year ago, nothing was ever received here to show that it reached its destination, in spite of the fact that a stamped reply card had been furnished.

Later in the fall an advance organizer was dated to this particular local. He found that the local had never received one line of all the communications that we had sent. He explained the Lyceum plan to the local comrades. They took it up enthusiastically, went to work with a vim, and made good financially as well as in every other way. At the close of the season they reported a gain of seventy members because of the Lyceum.

When we went to balance this local's accounts we found a discrepancy. The fifty sub. cards that we had sent to this local were charged up on our books against them, but had not been received by them in the summer with the "Lyceum package." We wrote the Lyceum secretary how they had been addressed. The committee looked the matter up and found the sub. cards, together with our communications, at the old secretary's house. He had "ditched" everything.

We have sent the Lyceum proposition this year to every secretary on the National Office mailing list. If it has not yet been brought before your local, please write us at once so that we can send agreement blanks and full information direct to you, so that you can bring it before your organization yourself.

## MORE COMING.

Judging from the replies we are receiving to the special call sent out last week we'll add over 100 locals to this list next week. Everywhere there is a spirit of determination that the party shall not fail in this effort, even though this is the month of August, the determination to prove that the Socialist party can make good with what it undertakes.

## OMAHA FINDS IT GREAT HELP.

"We want to urge you comrades to take up the Lyceum course. Local Omaha has taken it for several years, and we have found it a great help in our work here. Last year it was also a financial success. It is not very much work. If all the comrades will agree to put in a few hours each week, you can readily dispose of the subscriptions. Surely, every Socialist ought to be willing to do this much for the cause.

"We have agreed to take two courses, and suggest that you take the matter up with your local at once and get them to sign and send in the agreement immediately. I am sure you will not regret it."

ETHEL J. SHAFER,  
Secretary, Local Omaha.

The above is an extract from a letter being sent by Local Omaha, Nebraska, to nearby locals. What could be better proof of the worth-while-ness of the Lyceum?

Why not put the Lyceum to work in YOUR local? Read this Omaha letter at your next meeting. Then ACT.

## BEST PLAN YET DEvised.

"Local Grand Rapids has profited by each Lyceum course since they were first put on. Our experience has proven the Lyceum plan to be the best yet devised. It combines the essentials of propaganda by lecture and printed page in such a way as to leave no doubt as to the practicability and assures success, as the undesirable features of occasional 'hit and miss' efforts are eliminated.

"Local Grand Rapids engaged the first lecture course when it cost \$300, and \$40 a meeting was paid for hall rent, and made it pay on that basis. With the cost reduced to \$100 worth of subscriptions, the smaller locals can make a success of it.

"Here's to the continued success of the Lyceum plan, and a widespread agitation on a business basis, which will shake the old system from stem to stern. Enclosed you will find our contract properly executed for two courses this trip."

G. G. FLESER,

Lyceum Secretary, Local Grand Rapids.

## MAKE YOUR KICKS SPECIFIC.

Every once in a while we receive a letter from some comrade like this:

"A lot of people are complaining because they don't receive their papers, although they have sent their Lyceum subscription cards in months ago."

A complaint like this is merely an expense to you writing it, causes us to feel bad, and doesn't do anybody any good.

To enable us to look up complaints and remedy them we must have: The full name and correct address of the subscriber, exactly what he ordered, and as nearly as possible the date on which he sent us his subscription cards.

Whenever you hear anyone complain about non-receipt of Lyceum subscriptions, please send us this definite information, and we'll see to it that the subscriber gets what he ordered.

Please remember, however, that the Lyceum is not responsible for subscriptions that we had already forwarded to papers that later suspended. The Appeal to Reason is responsible for Coming Nation subscriptions.

## BE A TROLLEY, NOT A TRAILER.

What a tremendous momentum we shall have, what a POWER we shall be, when once we ALL move at the SAME time in the SAME direction.

Six hundred locals making good with the Lyceum course next winter will be the greatest demonstration of the "GET TOGETHER" idea that the world has ever seen.

The tremendous majesty of the FACT ITSELF would do more to impress the people of the United States with the vitality, the importance, and the IMMINENCE of the Socialist movement than a thousand years of street corner diatribes.

The Lyceum will be the greatest there has ever been, or there will be none at all. It is for YOU to say which it shall be.

Send your agreement. It will help build your local. It will help the party MAKE GOOD.

## KEEP RIGHT ON.

Do not wait to see whether we'll have the 400 contracts on September 1 or not. Keep right on with the campaign to secure the remainder of the required number. Remember that the vital mark to reach is 600 by October First. No matter whether we have 400 September 1 or not, unless we make the 600 mark by the first of October there will be no Lyceum.

Of course, we must have the 400 next week. I personally think we shall pass the mark. But I'm not sure. We can't count contracts until they actually reach this office. If you know of one lying around loose, get it signed up and mail it right away, so that it will help us pass the 400 mark if necessary. And then let us all push toward the final goal.

## M. J. B.

Little Lyceum contracts,  
Little grains of "sand,"  
Make the Socialist Party  
Triumph in the land.

The party begins to grow as soon as you begin to ACT.

It takes three minutes to sign a Lyceum contract, and the benefits to the party accumulate for all time.

## A 50-CENT LYCEUM TICKET WILL DO—

Buy a book or paper that will make a Socialist of every one that will read it, as long as the paper in it lasts.

Admit to course of lectures that will be remembered till the millennium is ushered in.

Give courage and backbone to the workers who sell it and inspiration to the one who buys it.

## SOCIALIST SYLLOGISM.

Major Premise: You can't afford to be inactive.

Minor Premise: The easiest and best thing to employ yourself in is Lyceum work.

Conclusion: Therefore, you should subscribe at once for the course.

# Woman's Department

This department has charge of all propaganda and organization work among women. Its purpose is to make Socialists, unionists, suffragists, and intelligent voters of women, and to secure their active membership in the Socialist party. Address all communications to

WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER, General Correspondent

111 North Market Street

Chicago, Illinois

## Do You Know Why?

The following communication is going forward this week, to every local in the United States. If your secretary does not read it at the next meeting of your local, call for it. With this letter we are enclosing sample leaflets and ORDER BLANK. A word to the wise is sufficient. Send in your order:

**Please Read at the Next Meeting of Your Local.**  
To the Local Secretaries of the Socialist Party:

Dear Comrade.—Suffrage has been granted to the women of four states during the past year. **DO YOU KNOW WHY?**

Organized capital wishes to use the conservatism of woman to offset the advance of labor on the political field. For this purpose suffrage will soon be given the women of every state in the Union.

We have been so busy building a working-class political party that we have overlooked the women, or at least one-half of that class which we would emancipate. We have been so close to the situation that we did not see it in all its phases, but the enemy, ever watchful, ever alert, saw it.

Skillfully, adroitly, they have planned their nationwide campaign for the woman vote. By their advocacy of woman suffrage they have enlisted the active support of thousands of earnest women. These women do not know that they are becoming the political serfs of a corrupt and retrogressive organization whose sole purpose is to check the forward march of labor, to pit sister against brother, wife against husband, female worker against male worker, at the ballot box, as they have done in shop, mill and factory.

**THE CRISIS IS UPON US**—we are about to reap the fruits of our own folly and ignorance.

The situation we are facing is not child's play, neither is it "old woman's folly"—it is a most vital problem, one which menaces the workers at every point, which jeopardizes our every victory, and threatens the growth and progress of the Socialist party.

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT, COMRADE?**

How CAN you stand idly by and see the deception of millions of inexperienced women voters?

You comrades of the North and West, who consider no punishment too severe for the deceivers of woman, you chivalrous comrades of the East and South, who would burn at the stake the debauchers of our sex, what will you do about the deception and political enslavement of our women by a corrupt and prostitute political party?

**NO—IT IS NOT TOO LATE IF YOU ACT NOW.**

While the old parties are tossing bouquets of remedial messages and subtle flattery to the potential voter, we will carry her the message of real liberty and freedom—freedom from the sordidness and drudgery of endless toil—industrial freedom as well as political freedom, without the hope of which the ballot is like a child's bauble.

**WE MUST CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO EVERY WOMAN IN AMERICA.** Can we depend upon your local to do its share? If so, instruct the secretary to write to us for special instructions and Plan of Work for Women. Give us an opportunity to assist you.

Elect a Woman's Propaganda Committee to take charge of special work among women. Keep this committee supplied with our special leaflets (see enclosed order blank). They will do the rest.

If there is a live wire in your local he will recognize the importance of this educational work and will see to it that I receive a reply to this letter.

Fraternally yours,

WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER,

General Correspondent, Woman's National Com.

### TEACHERS, TAKE NOTICE.

The National Educational Committee will meet in Chicago, August 30. All communications pertaining to the work of this committee should be addressed to May Wood Simons, Chairman of Committee, Brisbane Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.

The school season for 1913-14 is approaching. We still have a few applications both for teachers and for positions. If your board has not signed contract for coming year, let us assist you. Write to National Socialist Teachers' Bureau, 111 North Market St., Chicago.

### Y. P. S. L.

If you have a Y. P. S. L. in your city we will appreciate your reporting to this office. October 1st a Y. P. S. L. Department is to be established in the National Office. We should have reports from all local leagues, in order that this new department may start its work with a knowledge of just what has been done in the United States along this line. Send us copies of your constitution, by-laws and literature.

The Woman's National Committee has elected Theresa Malkiel and Lily Lore, both of New York, as members of the Sub-Committee on Foreign Relationship. Each language federation will elect one member of this committee. Mrs. Rozie Polovina, 2318 Clybourn avenue, Chicago, has been elected to represent the South Slavic Federation.

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## Wasting Human Life

By A. M. Simons

The National Office now holds the copyright to this remarkable book—and an edition of 10,000 is just off the press. By close figuring, we have been able to get out this 25 cent book for a dime. Profits are cut both to the National Office and to the locals, but at 10 cents per copy you can sell ten where you could sell one at a quarter. This book is so good that it ought to have a million sale right off the bat.

Prices to Locals and Agents	
200 or more copies by freight, f. o. b., per hundred	\$5.00
100 express prepaid	6.50
50 copies by express, prepaid	3.50
25 copies by express, prepaid	1.75
12 copies by mail, prepaid	1.10
Single copies	.10

Address, **SOCIALIST PARTY**  
111 N. Market St. Chicago, Ill.

### WOMAN AND SOCIALISM.

By August Bebel.

"Woman, too, and especially the proletarian woman, has been called upon, not to lag behind in this struggle that is being fought for her liberation and redemption. It is up to her to prove that she has recognized her true position in the movement, in the struggle of the present for a better future, and that she is determined to participate. It is the steady fall of drops will finally hollow the hardest dices and to take part in the great struggle. Let no one under-estimate his help and think that his help is of no consequence.

"In the struggle for the progress of mankind, no power, not even the weakest, can be spared. The duty of the men to help her to cast aside all prejudice. Many drops make a brook, the brooks make a river. Finally no obstacle is strong enough to stem the stream's majestic course.

"It is the same with the development of man. If all who feel called upon devote their whole strength to this struggle, the ultimate victory will be certain. This victory will be all the greater, the more eagerly and unselfishly each one pursues the mapped-out path. Doubts, whether the individual may still live to see the dawn of a new, more beautiful period of civilization, must not affect us, nor must they prevent us from pursuing the chosen path. We can neither determine the length, nor the nature of the phases of development, that this struggle for the highest aims must still pass through; we can do this as little as we have any certainty in regard to the duration of our lives.

"But as we are dominated by the joy of living, so may we also cherish the hope that we may live to see this victory. We are living in an age that pushes forward 'with seven-league boots,' and that makes all enemies of a new, higher order of society tremble."

The above extract is taken from Bebel's "Woman and Socialism." Price \$1.50 prepaid from this office.

### FOREIGN LITERATURE FOR WOMEN.

#### FINNISH.

**Wimmin Ain't Got No Kick**, by Kate Richards O'Hare.

**To Wives of Toilers**, by Meta L. Stern.  
**Socialist Party and Woman's Suffrage**, Lena Morrow Lewis.

Price of above leaflets, \$2.25 per 1,000.

**Law and White Slavery**, by Kate Richards O'Hare, 15 cents per copy.

**Woman in Home and Industry**, by Selma Jokela, 15 cents per copy.

#### SLOVAK.

**Slovak Women and Their Duty**. Price 5 cents; to branches, 3 cents per copy.

#### POLISH.

**Votes for Working Women**, by Meta L. Stern. Price 50 cents per 100.

#### BOHEMIAN.

**To the Young Proletarian Woman**. Price 5 cents per copy.

#### HUNGARIAN.

**To the Wives of Toilers**, by Meta L. Stern. 3 cents per copy; \$2.50 per 100.

**Why You Should Be a Socialist**, by Theresa Malkiel. Price 5 cents per copy; \$4.00 per 100.

#### GERMAN.

Leaflets are on the press; will be ready for distribution in a few days.

#### JEWISH.

**To You, Working Woman.**  
**To You, Who Were Out on Strike.**  
**Down with the Hands, Debs.** \$1.60 per 1,000, prepaid; single or assorted.

#### FREE.

**A Beautiful Photo Card of Our Late COMRADE AUGUST BEBEL.**

If you will return this coupon and six cents postage, we will forward you a photo card of August Bebel, and our **EDUCATIONAL SET OF LEAFLETS.**

This set consists of 20 **SPECIAL WOMAN'S LEAFLETS**, 5 **ORGANIZATION LEAFLETS**, the **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION** and **PLATFORM** and **PLAN OF WORK FOR WOMEN IN SOCIALIST LOCALS.**

This is a splendid opportunity to land that new convert. Send us his or her name and the above set of leaflets will do the rest.

SEND NATIONAL SET OF LEAFLETS and AUGUST BEBEL PHOTO-CARD to  
Name.....  
Address.....  
City.....  
State.....

# THE PARTY BUILDER

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Walter Lanfersiek, Managing Editor.

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No. 43 Chicago, August 30, 1913

## WEST VIRGINIA ORGANIZATION FUND.

Total to end of August 16.....	\$743.39
S. S. Osasto, Gardner, Mass.....	1.55
Lettish Branch, No. 2, Boston, Mass.....	7.40
Socialist Local No. 1487, Orange, Tex.....	5.00
26th Ward Branch, Chicago, Ill.....	3.10
6th Ward Branch, Local Essex Co., Newark, N. J.....	3.75
Isaac Santti, Bisbee, Ariz.....	4.00
2nd Ward Branch, Milwaukee, Wis.....	3.00
M. Mattela, Worcester, Mass.....	4.60
Local Troy, N. Y.....	4.95

Total to end of 23d.....\$780.74

## OUR OPPORTUNITY.

Next year a new Congress will be elected. No doubt strenuous efforts will be made to secure a Socialist candidate in every congressional district of the nation. This should be done. There will be no difficulty in naming candidates in every Northern and Western state, for we doubt if there is a congressional district north of Mason and Dixon's line that has not now some kind of Socialist organization. The Southern states are still missionary territory and will have to be aided.

Increasing our membership and strengthening our organization is the all-important thing, but before we can give missionary aid we must get out of debt. "Get out of debt" should become a "hailing sign" with the party organization. Debt paralyzes, whether it be nations, organizations or individuals. Our debt has not paralyzed the National Office but it has hamstrung us.

"Money talks" is an old adage and true. With cash we can discount our bills. With cash we can go into the market and buy our supplies at the lowest figure. With cash we can run the business of the National Office much cheaper than it is now being run. With cash we can mass our strength where the tide of battle rises. The National Office should be out of debt and have money in its treasury and supplies in its warehouses. Thus equipped, we are armed for battle. Let us settle this debt question NOW, so that it will not dead-weight us when we get into the political battle of 1914, when we will have an opportunity to harvest at least 2,000,000 votes.

## 1912-1913 SUB. CARDS NO LONGER GOOD.

Those who hold Lyceum tickets are reminded that they expire on September 1st. You will find this limitation printed on the cards.

The National Office is obliged to enforce this limitation because thousands of cards have not been accounted for by locals which had the course, and if all cards were to be honored indefinitely, we would fill many subscriptions for papers that were never paid for. Those who hold tickets have had at least six months to send them in.

Members will see the wisdom of having a time limit on the Lyceum cards, as all cards are furnished on credit, and in many cases it is impossible to get an accounting from those to whom tickets have been given to sell. If we had received cash for all outstanding cards they would be honored without question.

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## INDORSES THE PARTY BUILDER.

The Party Builder has received the following letter from the General Secretary of the Federation of the Young People's League in the state of New York:

"The Y. P. S. L. of New York state met in convention at Schenectady last week and among other things we did was to indorse The Party Builder as the official paper of the Socialist party. Two or three propositions were made to the convention to have a federation paper, but after some discussion on the matter we decided that in view of the fact that the National Office was going to establish a Young People's Department soon, the best thing we could do was to take up The Party Builder. I hope that you will be able to give a page to the Y. P. S. L. soon. The party members at the convention saw that our move will have a far-reaching effect. We have hundreds of members in the leagues who are not yet Socialists, neither are their families; so here is our chance. By getting the leaguers to subscribe for The Party Builder, Socialism adapted to the mother and sisters (through the woman's page), Socialism for the father, news of the party doings, and, if we get a Young People's column again, we will have something for the whole family.

"So, here's my plan Get the league members to subscribe as recommended by the convention, provided that you will promise to open a column for us. I can have the press committee of each league to send regular reports of their doings. If you approve of our plan, I can send officially a bundle of your subscription cards to each league. I am very anxious to have this plan go through, because it will have a far-reaching effect."

JOHN HUGHES.

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## REPORTS FROM STATE SECRETARIES.

### MISSOURI.—By Otto Vierling.

"Two speakers are now touring and organizing—M. M. Aldrich and William L. Garver. The former is in the southern section and the latter in the northern section. Both are doing good work and meeting with success. A charter has been granted to Local Eldon, in Miller County.

"Thomas E. Greene begins a tour in northeast Missouri August 31.

"The state secretary urges all locals to appoint a dues collector who will see delinquent members whether they attend the local or not. This will relieve an already overburdened secretary."

### INDIANA.—By Wm. H. Henry.

O. M. Thomason, Bloomington, Sept. 1; Harrodsburg, 2; Martinsville, 3; Spencer, 4; Cloverdale, 5; Sparksville, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Lotta Burke, Linton, Sept. 1; Staunton, 2; Brazil, 3; Clay City, 4; Cloverdale, 5; Indianapolis 6; Muncie, 7; Richmond, 8.

S. S. Condo, Claypool, Sept. 4; Burkett, 5; Warsaw, 6; DeKalb, 7.

James Oneal, Louisville, Sept. 1; Jeffersonville, 2; Georgetown, 3; Corydon, 4; Milltown, 5; Huntingburg, 6; Evansville, 7, 8.

Ira C. Tilton, Hammond, Sept. 1; East Chicago, 2; Indiana Harbor, 3; Gary, 4; LaPorte, 5; South Bend, 6, 7, 8.

Florence Wattles, Tipton, Sept. 1; Hillsburg, 2; Lebanon, 3; Crawfordsville, 4; Lafayette, 5, 6; Winamac, 8.

Comrade O. M. Thomason, one of the state speakers, spoke in Indianapolis Sunday to an extra large audience, and spent several hours with the state secretary. Comrade Thomason gives a good report of the locals in the northern part of the state, with but few exceptions. He is a good speaker.

Besides the speaking campaign that is being carried on by the comrades in Indiana, a campaign of literature is also being carried on. This is one of the most important, if not the most important, work to be done.

Ballots have been sent to all the locals for the election of a state chairman, and the comrades are urged to see that they are returned in time. Locals not receiving ballots should write to state secretary at once, and ballots will be sent.

### IOWA.—By M. F. Wiltse.

J. E. Snyder, speaker and organizer, will come into the state at Hamburg on September 2, and will come east over the C., B. & Q.

Comrade I. S. McCrillis is at home nursing rheumatism, which it is hoped will soon disappear.

Comrade O. C. Wilson is at Sioux City doing good work. I am in hopes that he will tour the northwestern part of the state.

Comrade Frank Bohn of Chicago will speak at Ogdon, Iowa, on Labor Day.

Comrades and local secretaries, Lotta Burke can be had for the month of September, commencing about the 15th. All that want a date, send in their

order at once. If you want a date, don't delay, but act at once. Rates \$3 and expenses.

### NEVADA.—By J. E. Taylor.

Local Fernley had a social dance after the meeting August 11, and raised three dollars selling ice cream.

Local Reno has organized a Young People's Socialist League. Other locals can follow suit. It will give us a tremendous advantage when we begin to educate the boy and girl that will vote tomorrow. None of the old parties recognize any use for the young folks except to exploit them. When we educate them they are ours. Five young folks for a starter is all that is needed. Start the five and they will do the rest.

Fernley offers the following amendment to the motion of Local Yerington: "That a special assessment of 30 cents be levied on the membership of the state, 20 cents to go to the county where there is a county organization; where there is no county organization then the whole 30 cents goes to the state."

### WYOMING.—By A. Carlson.

Wyoming with its mountains and large stretches of semi-desert plains is not going to be behind in the procession towards the co-operative commonwealth. Three locals organized in the month of July, one thus far in August and a general stirring up all along the line.

The Information Department is doing good work giving lots of useful information that will prove beneficial to the membership.

Let us all boost The Party Builder.

### LOUISIANA.—By W. F. Dietz.

R. P. Fleming delivered his lecture, "The Economic Interpretation of History," Friday, August 8, at New Orleans. Comrade Fleming keeps eternally at it, and is doing a splendid work for Socialism.

Comrade Roy Harrison, Calhoun, La., sends in an application for charter for a local, and says: "We have been some time in getting these, as I had to convert them, but we are ready to do business now." Comrade Harrison was formerly a member of Local Oak Grove and he sets a good example for those moving to a new locality.

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## GETTING OUT OF DEBT.

State Secretary H. M. Sinclair of Oklahoma has submitted a financial report covering his tenure of office—February 15 to August 1 of this year. The report shows that on the 15th of February the party was in debt to the amount of \$3,253.25. This was certainly a discouraging problem for the state secretary to assume where hot suns, hot winds and drouth have played havoc with the people for the last two or three years. Sinclair went manfully to work on the job, and the Socialists of Oklahoma are loyal though poor in purse. By August 1, \$2,330 of the indebtedness had been wiped out, leaving less than \$1,000 still out. This certainly is a creditable showing, and speaks volumes for Oklahoma.

M. F. Parker of Oklahoma made the National Office a pleasant call last week. He was on his way to Wisconsin, where he will put in several months agitating among the farmers. The success of the Socialist party in Oklahoma in organizing among the farmers led the Wisconsin state organization to import a native Oklahoman with the hope that he will show Milwaukee how to reach the rural "deestricks."

## BOOMING THE PARTY BUILDER.

The Buffalo Socialist is booming the circulation of the Party Builder, and every week in its columns urges its readers to subscribe, and thus keep in touch with the affairs at the national office. The Buffalo Socialist takes the position that The Party Builder is not an injury, but an aid to, local propaganda papers.

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### REVOLUTIONIZING WISCONSIN.

In the year 1904 the Socialist party of Wisconsin elected its first members of the Legislature. Five representatives were elected from the city of Milwaukee and took their seats at the January session of 1905. In 1906 six members were elected. In 1908 five were elected, among the number being one senator, W. R. Gaylord. In 1910 the delegation was increased to 14, this being the year the Socialists carried Milwaukee county. In 1912 six representatives were elected who, with Senator Sophy, a hold-over, made the delegation seven.

It will be remembered that all parties combined last year, in Milwaukee, to beat the Socialists, which accounts for the reduction in the Socialist delegation. Summing up, the Socialists have been represented in the Wisconsin Legislature through five consecutive sessions.

Our delegation has at each session introduced bills covering the Socialist program of immediate demands. Our members have introduced more bills than all other parties combined. They, of course, were never able to carry any measure through by party vote, but they have forced action on many bills, and have had the support of farmer members who are connected with the various farm organizations of the state, and occasionally from the Lafollette progressives. As a result of the persistent pounding of the Socialists, the Wisconsin Legislature has appointed many commissions, enacted several revolutionary laws, and on the whole is justly entitled to its claim of being the most progressive state in the Union.

We lack space to give anything like details of the work of our members, but, briefly, there are four revolutionary changes in the laws of the state for which the Socialists are directly or indirectly responsible.

The first is the state insurance law, whereby the people of Wisconsin may take out life insurance from the state itself.

Second, the minimum wage law for women, which is to be established by the labor commission.

Third, a mothers' pension law. Through the operation of this law the courts will decree a pension to mothers based on the size of the family and its income. Wisconsin thus becomes the first state to throw protection around the home.

Fourth, a commission has been appointed to construct and report a measure for passage at the next session of the Legislature providing for old-age pensions.

Wisconsin Socialists are to be congratulated on the record they have made. The workers of that state are setting a pace soon to be followed throughout the Union.

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### KEEP COOL.

Sometimes the influence of one man or woman is large for good or evil. Locals have been disbanded because of the fault of one individual; others have grown and prospered through the activities of one individual. The Lyceum Bureau has shown the latter to be true in a number of instances.

Before you make trouble about anything in your local, examine carefully and be sure you are right before you start anything. It may be that you are wrong. If you love the party you should swallow a lot of personal grievances in quiet before you raise a disturbance. You will find it will be better both for the party and for you. Things that seem big when we are right against them look mighty little when they are some distance away. Remember that the next time you are hot under the collar.

## Party Buttons

In ordering your Labor Day supplies, don't overlook Party Buttons. We have them as follows:

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CIRCULATION REPORT FOR WEEK  
ENDING AUGUST 20.

Last week.....	11,411
Expirations.....	None
New subscriptions.....	1,751
Total.....	13,162

"We told you so." Last week's falling down was only a lull before the storm that struck us later and snowed the brown-eyed stencil girl clear under. We had to call on the union for more help, but we got the names on the list all right and the papers went out on time. Another encouraging thing is that more than one-half of the new subs were yearlies.

Comrade Read of Halcyon, Cal., sends a list of 10, five of whom are Socialists not party members.

Local Yuma, Ariz., sends two lists, which arrived on the same day, one of these being from Yuma and the other gathered from outside of the city. The latter being a list of Socialists not party members.

G. Yaeger of the Twenty-fourth Ward branch of Pittsburgh, Pa., sends a list of subs and says: "We think The Party Builder is just what the party needed for a long time, and we hope it will continue to improve."

Brush Valley branch, Orange, Mass., sends a list of 14 through Secretary Sumner H. Baker. He promises another list before the first of the month.

Eric Nordin of Mora, Minn., sends a list of 10, all Socialists not members of the party.

Howard Mesnard, organizer of the Twenty-third Ward branch of Cincinnati, Ohio, sends a list of 13, and says: "If there is a local in the United States that ought to make use of The Party Builder it is Cincinnati. We have about 6,000 Socialist voters and only 300 party members. Our ward branch intends to keep on the job until every Socialist voter in our territory is on the sub list of our party-owned paper."

Henry Hannig sends a list of 12 from Gary, Ind., and asks for more subscription blanks.

Langdonale, Pa., is a new postoffice on The Party builder list, with a total of 14 through Comrade Allen Eichelberger.

Even from the far-off islands of the sea come subs to The Party Builder. Our latest is a remittance of \$4.00 from Charles M. Albrecht of Honolulu. The list is for both yearlies and quarterlies.

Oscar C. Peterson puts Hollister, Idaho, on the map with a list of 10.

E. C. Stuck of Garrison, N. D., who attaches M. D. to his name, contributes a list of 20.

Grant Miller, Socialist attorney of Reno, Nev., writes as follows: "I wish to testify in meeting that I am a convert to The Party Builder. For years I have been opposed to a party-owned paper, and the first few months of The Party Builder did not appeal to me, either; but the new form and method now followed gets close to me."

R. W. Tillotson of Erie, Pa., says: "I congratulate you on the size of The Party Builder. Make it still larger if possible. I consider it excellent propaganda among the sympathizers. Thousands of party members are thoroughly disgusted with the management of the privately-owned press and are openly quitting them for our party press. I am one of these. I will drop all other papers and get from The Party Builder more information concerning the party doings than from all the other score of papers I had been taking."

Charles Minti of Worcester, Mass., sends a list of eight, all party members. He says: "At our next meeting we will try to compile a new list."

Justus E. Taylor of Reno, Nev., says: "I had nothing to do last evening, so I went out and rounded up a bunch of eight, all for a year."

Comrade Otho Sullivan of Worcester, Mass., sends a list of three. He says: "Our branch has voted to give a Party Builder to every new member."

E. M. Finney, McArthur, Idaho, comes with a list of 16 subs.

Branch Two, New York City, sends a list of 20.

J. C. Harkness of Hillyard, Wash., had no time to solicit Party Builder subs himself, so he put another man on the job. The other man sent 31, and then Comrade Harkness felt ashamed of himself and went out and harvested nine more.

Harry Hansen of Portland, Ore., sends a list of eight, and says: "I am going to get more subscribers and do all I can for the welfare of The Party Builder."

The Tenth Ward branch of Williamsport, Pa., sends \$4.00 to be applied on the West Virginia organization fund. Comrade J. R. Ducher, secretary, says: "The comrades of this city are very busy now on local matters; but we find time to help spread the gospel of Socialism. We are getting our subscription blanks for The Party Builder started in circulation and will have a list soon."

Dr. I. A. Wesson of Wingo, Ky., sends a list of 10 and says: "The Party Builder fills the hole O. K."

Sac City, Iowa, local sends a list of 14, all for a year, through H. F. Crocker, secretary.

Port Angeles, Wash., increases its list with an additional 26 quarterlies and 20 yearlies.

E. R. Clanin sends a list of 20 from Canton, Ill., and says: "The Party Builder is O. K. in every way. I am well pleased with it."

John Brandstetter sends a list of nine from Cincinnati, Ohio, and says: "We must make the 100,000 mark. It can be done. Don't raise the subscription price unless you must by force of necessity. Don't try to make profit out of us." [The subscription price of The Party Builder will be based on the price of production. We must allow for a very small margin of profit in order to meet possible slumps. If we do make profit it will belong to the party; so what's the difference?]

Pawtucket, R. I., is placed on The Party Builder list with a total of 20, by Comrade Frank Taylor.

J. W. Ammon of Garrett, Ind., sends a list of 44 quarterlies. He says: "The Party Builder is great. It is just the thing we need. We have 200 Socialists in Garrett, and most of them are keeping their politics in a bandbox, where it does the party little good. I am past 73 years of age and am a Socialist every day and hour."

H. C. Erick delivers a list of 20 from Bucyrus, Ohio.

The comrades in New Britain, Conn., have ordered a bundle of 100 copies for two weeks, and expect to get more when these are gone. They are planning to give them away at their open-air meetings.

N. A. Cabet of Branch No. 7, New York City, sends a list of 12, which, by the way, is his second list this month. He says: "I will get at least ten more by August 1. Keep up the good work. It is just what the comrades have wanted for a long time."

J. B. Salutsky, general secretary of the Jewish Federation, sends a list of 21, and writes as follows: "It took me just 20 minutes to get these. I believe that if every active comrade will devote even one hour once a month to The Party Builder, the party would build up as it could in no other way. I am glad we have the paper. It is good and it is ours."

Comrade L. Gottschalk, organizer of Local Stockbridge, Mass., sends a list of 20. He says: "Four are party members, sixteen are sympathizers. You send me three sub blanks. We will fill out the remaining two lists, and in the meantime, send us more blanks. I am sending this one in a hurry, because I want the subscribers to get their papers."

Comrade L. T. Buse, financial secretary of Branch No. 1, Portland, Ore., sends \$3.00 for 300 copies of "The Usurped Power of the Courts." He says: "I find some trouble with the courts here, as the result of a free-speech fight. There is no law in the state of Oregon denying the right of free speech, but the local mayor and the sheriff have taken upon themselves to make a law to suppress Socialist activity."

W. L. Triplett, La Junta, Colo., sends a list of subs and says: "I think the P. B. is just what we have always needed. I will surely make use of it. You may look for more subs in the near future, for I won't stop until every member of La Junta is a subscriber." I hope the above comrade will not stop even then, but will keep busy until every Socialist and every sympathizer is a subscriber.

C. W. Wheeler, secretary of Local Tucson, Ariz., sends a list of 41 annuals, and writes as follows: "Since receiving your communication in regard to The Party Builder, I have been hustling to the best of my ability to get subs. But when the thermometer runs up to 110 degrees, as it has in the last few days, I find it impracticable. In addition to the following list I send in another equal to this. Local Tucson has just been put on the map and I believe that if the management of the P. B. will put the facts, of what Local Tucson is doing with the paper, before the membership of this state, every comrade in Arizona would subscribe with the idea of not letting the newest local in the state get ahead of all of the others." We have published the letter, and now it is up to Arizona to get busy.

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Comrade Greeley Baker writes as follows: "Find enclosed 50 cents for my renewal to The Party Builder. Tell the dark-haired subscription clerk to cut a new stencil for me and to kick my expiration number up 52 points. Tell the bulldog to keep a careful eye on the stencil cabinets, and tell the mailer to swat a Party Builder each week with my label. I like the new size of The Party Builder, but believe that a national referendum should be initiated to amend our constitution to enable the National Office to make The Party Builder a national Socialist paper containing the news of the Socialist movement. I note that the comrades in Buffalo, N. Y., are placing the registered Socialist voters on the subscription list of The Party Builder. These new converts need something more than it is possible to give them through the columns of The Party Builder under its present policy."

W. D. Chipley in sending a list of subs from Chipley, Fla., says: "We have a lot of Socialists in my county who do not belong to the party. The greatest need of the hour is speakers, as a good many of our people are very illiterate and do not read much. The last Legislature passed a law requiring all voters to register every two years and state their politics. They think this will scare the Socialists into staying away from the polls. We are all pleased with The Party Builder."

Comrade T. G. Hartnutt sends a list of 14 from Nezperce, Idaho, and says: "This entire list are men who have belonged to the party, but who have become delinquent."

Norwood, Ohio, sends a list of 14 through Peter Yockey.

Lloyd Henard increases the Muskegon, Mich., list with an additional 20, 15 of whom are Socialists not members of the party.

Geo. Grob of Camden, N. J., sends a list of 20 not members of the party. He says: "The paper is fine. Keep it up to the standard and make a dash for the million mark."

Comrade N. D. Pritchett, secretary of Snyder, Okla., fairly takes away our breath with a list of 39.

Comrade Robt. Zelms of Roxbury, Mass., has evidently been busy for some time. When he rounded up his sub list he had a total of 50.

Bessie Leon of Brooklyn, N. Y., sends a list of 25 and says: "Kindly send us 25 additional sub blanks as our branch is making a sub campaign to secure subscriptions from every Socialist in our Assembly district."

Owosso, Mich., distributed 3 months' sub blanks among the workers, and when the result was totaled 38 new readers were on the sub list.

Fairhope, Ala., which is a single tax colony, has some Socialists. Jno. E. Kuri has evidently been busy and sends a list of 16.

Comrade G. W. Shauers of East Dubuque, Ill., says: "I am sending a list of 17 Socialists with the hope that The Party Builder will make them see the necessity of organizing a local."

O. E. Musselman sends a list of 18 more from Scranton, Pa., and asks us to send him more sub blanks.

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