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MASSACHUSETTS NOMINATES.

George H. Wrenn Heads the State Ticket of the United Party.

Well Attended Convention at Boston—Two Days' Sessions—Vote to Change Name to "Socialist Party."

Here is the state ticket for which the United Socialists of Massachusetts will fight this fall:

For Governor—George H. Wrenn of Springfield.
For Lieutenant-Governor—Charles W. White of Westfield.
For Secretary of State—Alonso H. Bennett of Middleboro.
For State Treasurer—Wendell F. Bosworth of Brockton.
For Attorney-General—Clarence E. Spelman of Westfield.
For Auditor—James J. McVey of Boston.

The state convention was held in Paine Memorial Hall, Boston, last Sunday and Monday. The nominations being made on the latter day. There were in all 138 delegates present. Comrade Wrenn presided over the first day's session, while Comrade Carey was in the chair on Monday.

IOWA SOCIALISTS ARE AT WORK.

Hold State Convention at Des Moines—Endorse Acts of Unity Convention and Nominate Full Ticket.

The state convention of the Socialist Party of Iowa was held in Des Moines on Thursday, Sept. 6. The following ticket was nominated:

For Governor—James Baxter of Hildesheim.
For Lieutenant-Governor—W. A. Jacobs of Davenport.
For Judge of the Supreme Court—A. F. Thompson of Centerville.
For Railway Commissioner—H. C. Middlebrook of Rock Rapids.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction—E. E. Stevens of Burlington.

FULL TICKET IN SAN FRANCISCO.

6:00 P. M. Party Enters the Field for the Fall Campaign, and Will Be Heard from on November 5.

The Socialists of San Francisco have nominated a full ticket for the coming election and will make a lively campaign from now till November 8. The ticket is as follows:

For Mayor—Charles E. Ames.
For Auditor—N. C. Anderson.
For Treasurer—Oscar Selfert.
For Tax Collector—Ludwig Berg.
For Recorder—E. H. Bouch.
For Coroner—N. J. B. Schultz.
For City and County Auditor—Camaron H. King.
For District Attorney—W. G. Shephard.
For County Clerk—Scott Anderson.
For Sheriff—John Messer.

NOTICE.
The delegates to the New York County and Manhattan Borough Conventions to be held at the Labor Lyceum Saturday evening, Sept. 14, are requested to come early, in order that the business may be finished promptly, as the General Committee will meet immediately afterward and will importantly transact.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS.

CAREY AT ROCHESTER.

Massachusetts Socialist Chosen as Labor Day Orator.

Large and Attentive Audience Attends His Remarks—Changed Conditions Demand Intelligent Action on the Part of America's Working People, He Says.

Comrade James F. Carey, one of the two Socialist members of the Massachusetts legislature, was the orator at the Labor Day celebration of the organized workmen of Rochester, N. Y., which was held at New Haven, near the city. A large audience listened attentively to Comrade Carey's remarks and punctuated them with hearty applause. He said in part:

"Mr. Chairman, Men and Women of the Labor Movement:

"I feel myself somewhat handicapped at the outset, owing to a certain illness which I saw in one of the daily papers recently referring to me as Congress man Carey. It is not my fortune to be a member of congress. You might think that I would like to have the letters M. C. after my name. I wouldn't like to, because they mean to me, not Member of Congress, but 'Misplaced Confidence.'

THE ROLE OF THE TRADE UNION.

"Without trade unions, without the economic power of the working class standing between the workers and the desire of the masters to purchase their labor at the cheapest rate possible, there would be an eternal and continual tendency of wages downward and downward, until they would reach the lowest standard upon which it would be possible to exist.

"The trade unions, therefore, attempt to interfere, demanding that the standard of living of the American workers shall be higher from year to year, but the development of trusts enters there and attempts to destroy the unions by open opposition or by the introduction of labor-saving machinery which floods the market with an increasing amount of labor offered for sale, so that the trade unions are between the rocks and the whirlpool. On the one side is the growing concentration of wealth—the organized capitalists who refuse, as the Steel Trust refused, to recognize the legitimate organization of the workers. On the other hand are the workers, displaced by improved machinery, who are ready to take the places of the men who go on strike.

INTELLIGENT ACTION NEEDED.

"Now laying all jokes aside, we are here for a more serious purpose. We are here in the name of Labor, in the name of the organized working class of this city. There are times when we should devote our minds to the consideration of the serious aspects of human life, and to-day, upon this day dedicated to you, the workers of this city, of this state, of this nation, you the oppressed ones of the earth, you the bearers of the burdens of civilization, a civilization that you share as the hungry dog—you have much to think of. You may agree with me or not, your duty is to listen to those who in the name of Labor seek to create that intelligence which properly used will mean the emancipation of the working class of society.

"In order that you may understand the duty that devolves upon you, the workers of Rochester, it is first necessary that you understand that since the days of our fathers, since the days when the Mayflower landed at Plymouth, a change has come over the dreams of the American people, and that change demands on your part action consistent with it. Because of that change there is such a thing as the organized labor movement. Now what is this change? It may be to some of you words that it may not come to your ears, but nevertheless some day, soon or later, the truth of that change will be thrust upon your ears; some day it will be received gladly by all of you, when the circumstances press upon you as they will and force you to see the logic of the statement that, in the name of the labor movement, and in the name of the working class, the uncrowned king, the king who wanders like a pauper, the king who builds the palaces and does not live in them, the king who clothes the daughters of his masters with satins and silks while his own daughters walk in rags, the king that dies like a dog, standing in the presence of plenty—I say in the presence of that uncrowned king, dressing away in his want of knowledge, in the name of that working class, I say to you that the change that has taken place since first the foot of white man pressed the sands of my native state, that change demands of you that you THINK with all of the brain that you possess, and when you have thought, then ACT in accordance with the conclusions that you may reach.

HOW CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED.

"The time was in this republic when the means by which the people produced their food and the shelter in the days of the early republic, in the days of our fathers, were in the possession of each family. Each family was properly speaking independent. There were no tramps or millionaires. There was no need of some people asking others for work. There were no trusts. The tools of production were simple and inexpensive. But the power of simple tools, applied to the work of human genius applied, grew like a living thing. As the handloom by successive steps became the improved Northrup loom, and as the piece of broken glass which the shoemaker used for scraping the bottom of the sole became transformed into a buffing machine, these tools became more and more complex and by degrees they passed out of the possession of the people and into the hands of a small class that is constantly growing smaller. This class has now become the arbiters of the destiny of those who had formerly owned the tools. The people have become divided into two classes—THOSE WHO OWN THE FACTORY AND THOSE WHO OWN NOTHING BUT THEIR LABOR-POWER.

LYING ABOUT THE STRIKERS.

President Shaffer the Victim of Venal Capitalist Journalism.

The Old Game of the Capitalists, to Discredit Leaders in Time of Strike by Fabricated Statements and False "Interviews"—The Highly Moral "Times" and the Scab "Sun" Join in the Game.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 4.—The custom of the daily press in misrepresenting, distorting and falsifying news regarding the labor movement is an old story to many of us. Socialists understand that in the press the capitalist class possesses its greatest power for perpetuating its domination and that one of the functions of modern journalism is the retailing of half-truths that will do more injury to the working class than the telling of whole lies. We appreciate this power because we know how the people are deceived by its exercise and we have felt it in our work.

The mass of workmen have not understood it, but are learning fast. It is altogether probable that by the time the steel strike is over the strikers and their leaders will appreciate to what an extent the capitalists will go to maintain their supremacy, and of what vast importance it is to have a press which will be wholly free from capitalist influence and devoted solely to the interests of the working class.

THE SOCIALISTS TO THE STRIKERS.

Sympathy and Assistance Given with an Appeal for Class-Conscious Voting Against Capitalism.

The following resolution, unanimously adopted by the Pennsylvania State Committee of the Socialist Party at its meeting of September 4, needs no comment:

"Whereas, The Billion Dollar Steel Trust, in its war of extermination upon the organized workers known as the Amalgamated Association, is exemplifying the attitude of the capitalist class toward organized labor, whose organizations the capitalists would destroy that their exploitation may be the more complete; and

"Whereas, The Socialist Party is the political movement of the working class whose purpose is the overthrow of the capitalist system, and the emancipation of labor; the only party to which the wage workers may look for assistance, by its historical associations, its affiliations, and its principles necessarily in sympathy with every effort of the working class to better its economic conditions; therefore, be it

ENDORSE THE S. D. P.

At a meeting of the Boston Workers' Protective Union of Boston, held on Thursday, Sept. 6, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, In the coming municipal campaign, a mayor and other city officials and a board of Aldermen are to be elected, who will be charged with the responsibility of administering the affairs of the city, either for the well or for the working classes of this city; and

"Whereas, The interest of the working class demands that all public improvements be made by the city direct, i. e., by the direct employment of labor upon such improvements without the intervention of contractors, either with or without a strike clause; and

THREE TEXTS FROM THE STEEL STRIKE.

"The main question is this, whether we will run our shops or permit our men to run them."—Warner Arms of the Steel Trust.

Here the issue is squarely presented by the capitalist. His mere statement of the question, he no doubt thinks, will prejudice the public in favor of the trust. He thinks that the idea of the men "running" the shops is soposterous that it will meet with ready condemnation. The Socialist Party believe that the men should "run" or, to improve on Mr. Arms' expression, own the shops. What do you think about it, you men who work in the shops?

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"When election comes the capitalist will tell you that your interests and his are the same. See that your vote is given to Socialism.

Stand together and hold out for your original demands without arbitration as long as you can, and then, if the necessity of feeding your hungry wives and children forces you to a truce, do not forget that you have, and always have had, the power to decide these questions.

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SUING UNION OFFICERS.

Suits have been instituted in Chicago in the Superior Court and the United States Circuit Court against A. E. Ireland, business agent of the Machinists' Union, and John Reaton and J. J. Kessler, strike committee of the Machinists' Union, to recover \$1,000 damages for "malicious combination to interfere with the business" of Robert Tarrant and the Allis-Chalmers Company. It was against this union that an injunction was issued recently.

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Occasionally the capitalist or the politician lets slip a saying which is of more import than he dreams. Sometimes his sense of humor forces the truth out of him under the guise of a joke. Of such nature is the famous question of Timothy Campbell, "What's the constitution between friends?" and Tom Reed's deeper witicism: "An honest politician is one who stays bought." At other times rage or the arrogance of power draws an unwelcome utterance from him, like Vanderbilt's, "The people be damned." The Steel Trust magnates have recently spoken wares than they knew, and we see that even out of the mouths of capitalists may come wisdom, although the capitalist knows it not.

RIGHT, THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE WORKING CLASS AND THE CLASS WHICH OWNS THE CAPITAL WHICH THE WORKING CLASS HAS CREATED.

Right, the struggle between the working class and the class which owns the capital which the working class has created, is to be settled, not to be arbitrated. "Nothing is settled until it is settled right." If you arbitrate now and call a truce, the class struggle will soon break out anew. It will not be downed, and must be settled.

THIS IS NO TIME FOR ARBITRATION. THIS IS THE TIME SET FOR A TEST OF STRENGTH, AND IF THE STRENGTH OF THE WORKERS FAILS IN THE STRIKE, IT CANNOT FAIL AT THE BALLOT BOX.

Let there be no arbitration, conciliation or compromise with the universal evil of capitalism. There can be no permanent arbitration of interests that are as directly opposed as those of the wage slaves and the trust owners. Any truce which may be called is only a lull in the widespread conflict, only a breathing spell in the struggle which must be carried on to the final victory of the workers. There can be no permanent gain except by the abolition of the system of private ownership of land and capital, and the consequent abolition of injustice and class rule.

NEW JERSEY TROLLEY WORKERS.

Meetings of the Street Railway Employees' Union of Essex, Union, and Hudson counties are held every Saturday evening at 124 Market street, Newark (two flights up). All employees of the traction lines of Essex, Union, and Hudson counties who create the wealth of the trolley corporations and earn for themselves the barest living by the hardest labor, all those who feel the need of protection from capitalist greed are cordially invited to attend and join their organization.

THE D-4 FOOLS DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM.

Perhaps Mr. Morgan is right, although he meant something quite different. He meant that the strikers were fools because they rebelled at working for the wages he was willing to pay them; and were ready to stop work to demand an increase in by them. If they are "d-4 fools" at all, it is because they did not demand all of their rights instead of a small part of them, and because they did not vote against the interests of your class when they had the chance.

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THE CAPITALIST, ARROGANT WITH POWER, REFUSES TO ARBITRATE, AND WHEN ELECTION COMES YOU CAN DO THE SAME.

The capitalist has stated the terms of the struggle. No quarter to the capitalist class until they have been deprived of their stolen privileges and power, and put on a level with the rest of humanity.

The capitalist refuses to arbitrate now because he believes that starvation and want will enforce submission. When election comes the capitalist will tell you that your interests and his are the same. See that your vote is given to Socialism.

Stand together and hold out for your original demands without arbitration as long as you can, and then, if the necessity of feeding your hungry wives and children forces you to a truce, do not forget that you have, and always have had, the power to decide these questions.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET IN BROOKLYN.

The Social Democratic convention for Kings County and the Borough of Brooklyn was held in the Labor Lyceum last Saturday evening and the following ticket was nominated:

For Sheriff—Henry W. Studd.
For County Clerk—Jos. W. Dooley.
For Register—Wm. Kuenig.
For Surrogate—Alex. Frasier.
For County Judges—Peter E. Burrows and Thomas A. Hopkins.
For Borough President—Peter J. Flanagan.
For Coroners—Dr. Wm. C. Hager and L. L. Kennamer.
For Police Magistrate at Large—Thos. F. Cuneo.

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