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NEW YORK SOCIALISTS, ATTENTION!

At the meeting of the State Committee of the Social Democratic Party of New York on Tuesday evening last they decided that it was absolutely necessary for the comrades in the city of Greater New York to come together and thoroughly discuss the present situation and the campaign in the state of New York. It is high time that all our comrades awake to the situation, as we have the most favorable opportunity this year and every comrade should be present.

Moore, editor of the Philadelphia "New Era."
Every comrade and every sympathizer in the five boroughs of Greater New York should be present at the LABOR LYCEUM, 64 E. Fourth street, SUNDAY, Sept. 21, at 8 p. m., sharp.

FOR THE EAST SIDE.

A great mass meeting will be held at Apollo Hall, 120 Clinton street, on Monday evening, Sept. 22, opening at 8 p. m., sharp, for the benefit of the Pennsylvania State Committee propaganda. Besides the Pennsylvania comrades who are in the city, Comrades Zametkin, Winchewsky, and Baroness will speak.

"ACCIDENTS" IN COAL MINES.

Experts Say All Explosions Are Avoidable.

Ventilation is the one thing needful to prevent explosions and to check disease among miners—owners neglect ventilation in order to increase profits—only one way to stop profitable murder.

The "Mine Workers' Journal" keeps standing certain authoritative statements as to the causes of fire-damp explosions in coal mines, which will be of especial interest to the general reader at this time, when the "operators"—who operate only in Wall Street—are so vigorously protesting against any interference with their right to "manage their own business" and when their leader is changing authority from Omnipotent God to run the mines as he pleases.

Before quoting the statements referred to, however, let us reproduce the list of the great fire-damp explosions in the United States of the last eight months and the number of victims, which the "Mine Workers' Journal" prints under the heading—

The Year's Holocaust.

Lost Creek, Ia.	21
Coal Creek, Tenn.	216
Johnstown, Pa.	130
Park City, Utah.	35
Trinidad, Colo.	13

In the same week with the Coal Creek disaster, just outside the territory of the United States, at Fernie, B. C., occurred an explosion which killed nearly two hundred men and boys—no capitalists nor sons of capitalists among them, there or in the other cases.

Among the mangled bodies taken from the Cambria mine at Johnstown was one of a boy only seven years of age—employed there in defiance of the law, to make profits for the magnates of the Steel Trust, who own that mine.

In every one of these cases, the mine-owners expressed deep regret over the sad affair and, with one accord, laid the whole blame upon careless or inexperienced miners.

with poisonous or suffocating gases, as well as by the lack of sunshine and of nourishing food to give their bodies normal recuperating power.

What Must Be Done.

In order to save the thousands of lives annually sacrificed in mine "accidents" of all kinds (the 415 victims under "The Year's Holocaust" include only those killed outright in fire-damp explosions in less than eight months), it is necessary that mines should at all times be amply ventilated, that plenty of proper supports should be supplied, and that only experienced men should be put in charge of the work.

All these things are required by the laws now on the statute books of the various states. But every one of these measures is habitually violated by a large part of the mine-owners—and such violations of laws are almost never punished, BECAUSE INSPECTORS, CORONERS, SHERIFFS, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, AND JUDGES HOLD THEIR POSITIONS FROM POLITICAL PARTIES PLEDGED TO THE SUPPORT OF THE PROFIT SYSTEM, PARTIES DEPENDENT UPON THE CAPITALISTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND CONTROLLED BY THEM.

In order to prevent the miners from falling victims to asthma, bronchitis, and consumption, it is necessary, not only that thorough ventilation be enforced, but that the employment of boys underground be strictly forbidden, that the hours of labor of adult miners be materially reduced and that their pay be so increased as to assure them a plentiful supply of nutritious food—which latter is not the rule in the coal fields to-day.

These things are not provided for by law, nor will they be, so long as the miners continue to elect lawmakers nominated by the mine-owners.

Who Is to Do It?

These safeguards to the life and health of the miners will never be instituted by the mine-owners, nor with their consent. The mine-owners live by profits. Reducing expenses is one way to increase profits. They get little money—relatively very little—by coal explosion. But they can afford to take the chance. IT ONLY MONEY that they risk, at the worst; and experienced men taught them that they SAVE MORE MONEY by neglecting ventilation than they lose by occasional explosions. So long as the quick killing or slow poisoning of miners pays them good profits, they will cheerfully continue the wholesale slaughter which, they say, "God in His infinite wisdom has decreed."

THE MINE-OWNERS PLAY A GREAT GAME OF CHANCE, WITH PROFITS AS THE STAKE AND MINERS' LIVES AS THE COUNTERS. They find it a winning game and neither they nor their political servants will amend its rules out of any sentimental consideration for the miners.

Can It Be Done?

The capitalists think this never can be done. They suppose that the workers will always continue to divide their votes on capitalist issues between capitalist candidates. They do not think it possible for the wage-workers to unite effectively in a party of their own, and they think they can always corrupt or cajole the leaders, even if it should be attempted. But they are mistaken. A few years ago they would not have believed it possible for a hundred and fifty thousand poor workmen to stand solidly together for four months, on strike; but it has been done, nevertheless. They used to think that they could always buy or trick the trade union leaders; but they are finding it harder and harder to do that. The splendid progress made in the intelligence and strength of the trade unions only faintly indicates what will be found possible on the political field. The example of solidarity set by the miners in their union struggle both fore-shadows and contributes to the coming triumph of the Socialist Party.

It can be done. It must be done. It will be done. Let it, then, be done quickly.

Every vote for the Socialist Party—not in Pennsylvania alone, but all over the land and in New York under the name of the Social Democratic Party—is a vote against the system of profitable murder. Every other vote is a vote to support that system.

OLD PARTIES ARE SCARED.

Socialists Expect to Elect Congressman.

Pennsylvania Comrades Are Confident of Sending at Least One Workingman to Washington—Wonderful Change in Two Years.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 16.—At last night's meeting of the State Committee charters were granted to locals of the Socialist Party at Throop and Taylor in Lackawanna County; Glen Lyon, Brookside, Wanaamie, Ashley, Sugar Notch, Miners Mills, Alden, and Pingle Hill in Luzerne; and Middleport in Schuylkill.

In Schuylkill County, Comrade Barnes presented a report of his visit to the meeting of the Schuylkill County Committee at Mahanoy City last Thursday, accompanied by Comrades Swift and Parker. The county convention was held and candidates nominated on August 16, when there were but six locals or branches in the county. The ticket at that time nominated was complete and was composed wholly of members of the party in the eastern end of the county. It was agreed at that time that these were but temporary nominees and the County Committee was authorized to re-nominate the ticket if desirable, in order to give recognition to new locals that might be formed in other parts of the county. On Sept. 11 there were twenty-seven locals in the county. A re-arrangement of the ticket had been effected by the County Committee to include members of the new locals, thus bringing on the ticket persons that were not members of the party at the time of the first convention and also persons who were recently active in the capitalist political parties. The action of the County Committee resulted in a considerable friction and dissatisfaction. They referred the selection of a candidate for State Senator and Assembly in the First District to a referendum to be returned at the meeting last Thursday. After hearing the methods employed the referendum was declared irregular and void. At the suggestion of Comrade Barnes a new referendum directed by the State Committee in conjunction with the County Chairman was unanimously agreed to.

The State Committee endorsed the action of Comrade Barnes, after carefully going over the whole situation with Chairman Dougherty of Schuylkill County, who was present at last night's meeting.

By letter and by report of Comrade Dougherty, we were informed that J. J. Ryan and others of Shenandoah would not agree to a further referendum, which certainly indicates a further misunderstanding, as it was Comrade Ryan that made the motion for the second referendum.

Comrade Dougherty was requested to at once repair to Shenandoah and urge upon the comrades there the advisability of participating in the vote, and he was authorized to certify the nominees in accord with the result of the referendum now being taken.

It is the belief of the State Committee that this course should meet with the approval of all the comrades of Schuylkill County and each can actively support the ticket thus nominated for the vote of the audience. Two and if this spirit is manifest we can capture Schuylkill County from capitalism and for Socialism in November.

The Delaware County convention has been held and has nominated the following ticket: For Congress, W. Keenan; for Assembly, Northern District, J. G. Higgins; Western, Aug. Smith; Southern District, W. T. Burns; and a full county ticket, subject to change by the County Committee.

Reports have been received from a large majority of the locals, endorsing the constitution as a whole, and this being the day for the closing of the vote, the constitution with the changing of a few words on the voting sheet was declared adopted. The charter fee will hereafter be 50 instead of 25 cents, and the additional amount will be used to supply the treasury of the new local with a party paper for six months.

Socialist Agitation.

Comrade Louis Gosdon, for two weeks' splendid work in Lackawanna and upper Luzerne, returns to his home in Charleroi, assured that the Legislature of this state will be invaded by men elected from the ranks of the Socialist Party.

One of the spots where the massacre took place in Lattimer on Sept. 10, 1897, a rousing Socialist meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, addressed by Comrade Barkowsky in Polish, Comrade Heurt in Italian, and Comrades Parker, Swift, and Barnes in English. All the surrounding towns were represented in the audience. Two years ago the Socialists held a meeting at the near-by schoolhouse, addressed by Chas. Drees, Mother Jones, and Barnes. It was in the evening and the cowed residents hid themselves in the laurel bushes several hundred feet distant from the speakers and sat silent and unresponsive as the Sphinx. The contrast between these two meetings alone could feel their class rise and the rapidly approaching doom of capitalism, as they heard cheer on cheer wake the echoes in response to Socialist logic. "Workers of the world, unite!" was never better illustrated than at the close of the meeting, when men from every nation arose and with

hands uplifted pledged themselves to avenge the murder of their comrades and answer Sheriff Martin's capitalist bullets with Socialist ballots on Election Day.

Comrades Swift and Parker spoke at McAdoo, Hazleton, Lattimer, Mahanoy City, Lansford, and Mauch Chunk. Comrade Fischer has temporarily left the field. The value of his and Comrade Barkowsky's services is attested by the receipt of seven charter applications on one day for Polish locals.

On to Washington!

Comrade Wilshire spoke on Sept. 11 and 12 to immense audiences in Wilkes Barre and Nanticoke. The latter town we have already for Socialism as surely as though the ballots were now in the box. At the old party primaries held in that town within the week the vote-cast by them was not 12 per cent. of their usual vote. The only persons that will admit they intend to vote for capitalism are the candidates on that ticket. There are a number of other towns in Luzerne County that are as favorably reported and the County Committee beg the comrades to give them but four speakers till election, and the nation may hear Comrade Quinn speak from the floor of the American Congress while others will be heard in the Legislature.

Lackawanna County is coming rapidly to the fore and we have not a speaker now within her borders.

Republicans Scared.

The straits to which the old parties are put by our agitation is shown by their begging Socialists to vote at their primaries. One paper said: "A primary vote is not governed by the vote a man intends to cast at the next election. Republicans who voted the party ticket last fall and who have affiliated themselves with the Socialist Party cannot be deprived of the right to vote on Saturday." The Socialists stayed away from the polls, just the same, and to-day a Republican cannot be found in that town who will tell how many votes were cast by his party.

Here is a story that was told Governor Stone when interested persons were trying to get him to settle the strike. We quote from the Philadelphia "Inquirer" of Sept. 12: "In Schuylkill County to-day," said Mr. Wilhelm, "the Socialist Party has put a full ticket in the field. When the referendum was submitted to the Socialist organizations on a vote for a candidate for State Senate to succeed Senator Higgins, one candidate received 1,700 votes and the other 1,600, making 3,300 votes they have in their twenty-seven organizations. And if this strike keeps up they will have one hundred and twenty-seven organizations on Election Day. The head of the organization is an intelligent man, a client of mine with a son at Dickinson College, and he is the last man I thought to see lead a band of Socialists."

A debate has been arranged for Thursday night in Abbotstown, York County, between a defender of capitalism and Comrade Toole of Baltimore. Comrade Barnes speaks in Media this week.

Comrades Gelger and White have dates in Carbon County till the end of the month and the comrades there are sanguine of electing their candidate for Judge, Comrade Heydrick, and a number of others. They continue to act for speakers, insisting that they can carry the whole ticket if they have but four speakers till the close of the campaign. Comrade Heydrick will enter that county about the first of October for a stay of three weeks.

The Question of Funds.

The Special Committee of Philadelphia, composed of Comrades Atkinson, Forbes, and Seltzer, are doing splendid work gathering funds here, and have collected more money for the strike agitation in this city than has come from the rest of the nation. Had it not been for their support there would have been no campaign worthy of the name and this grand opportunity of the ages would have been entirely lost to Socialism and thoughts of electing our candidates would never have been considered.

Comrades Atkinson, Schloss, and Moore were sent to the General County Meeting of Local New York to lay the needs of Pennsylvania before them. The comrades there nobly rose to the occasion and by personal subscription raised in the meeting \$86 and pledged \$500 to follow it later, and that they would supply two speakers.

Contributions will be noted next week. WILL THE NATION AWAKE? Send all money for agitation among the miners to J. Edelman, 807 West Cambria street, Philadelphia.

J. MARION BARNES, Secretary.

CAROLINE PEMBERTON, Assistant Secretary.

FOR WHOM WILL YOU VOTE?
The Republican party will nominate a workingman for Governor of New York. Neither will the Democratic party. They will both nominate corporation lawyers or "eminent business men."
Benjamin Hanford, the candidate of the Social Democratic Party, is a printer, has worked at his trade from boyhood, joined the union more than twenty-five years ago, has gone through strikes and lockouts, knows the interests of his class and has always been true to them.
Workingmen of New York, for whom will you vote?

NEW YORK AIDS PENNSYLVANIA.

Benjamin Hanford Will Speak to Striking Miners.

Liberal Contributions from Socialists of this City to Pennsylvania's Agitation Fund—No Local Feeling in Great Crisis.

In response to the appeal of Comrades Atkinson, Moore, and Schloss, a committee from Local Philadelphia who visited New York last week, the comrades of this city are coming to the aid of those in our sister state to carry the light of Socialism to the hundred and fifty thousand striking coal miners.

At Saturday's session of the General Committee the comrades named spoke earnestly and eloquently on the opportunities and needs of the Pennsylvania movement. From personal observation they declared that, if enough speakers and literature were supplied to explain Socialism to the miners, not only would the Socialist Party elect practically all its local candidates in the strike field, but in all probability, several Socialist workingmen would be elected to the Legislature and from one to three would be sent to speak for the working class in the halls of Congress.

The response was quick and generous. A cash collection among the delegates in the General Committee amounted to \$86.10.

Comrades Neppel, Slobodin, Bondi, Paulitsch, Korn, Jabluowski, Hannemann, Halpern, and Butcher were charged with the duty of collecting a fund of \$500 in this city within a week to aid in the work.

Nor is this all. At the suggestion of Local New York, the State Committee has voted to send Benjamin Hanford, our candidate for Governor of New York, to speak for a week in the strike field. Those who know Comrade Hanford's striking manhood, his keen mind, and his convincing eloquence, will know that no better service could have been rendered to our brothers in Pennsylvania.

The New York campaign will not be neglected, nor allowed to lag for a minute. The comrades feel that the coal strike is a national question. It touches us in New York as well as the workingmen of Pennsylvania. The way to strike the most telling blow at the Capital Kings, against whom the miners are now so bravely struggling, is to roll up a Big Socialist vote in Pennsylvania, in New York, and all over the country. Socialism knows no local boundaries, but only the battle of the working class against its exploiters.

NEW YORK CAMPAIGN.

Meetings Better Than in Any Previous Year—Party Literature Eagerly Sought For.

Comrade Hanford has returned from his tour of the state and reports that he had bigger and better meetings than ever before, and that the workers are more willing than ever before to read Socialist literature—not only willing, now, but eager. This report is confirmed by letters received by the State Committee from outside locals.

At last week's meeting of the Committee, Local Richmond asked for more speakers. Comrade Phillips, who had spoken there, reported good activity.

Pocheater stated that Comrade Jones will have a large audience when he speaks there. The local asked for more lists to solicit campaign funds. Utica wants Jones for three days.

Albany has a thriving movement. More literature was asked for. Johnstown also called for a new supply of ammunition. Large quantities of literature and supplies have been sent to Locals Kings County, Queens, Rochester, Frankfort, Gloversville, Watertown, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, Johnstown, Catskill, Cold Spring, Corning, Deerpark, Fort Edward, Niagara Falls, Utica, Ticonderoga, Seneca, Pateogue, Albany, Highland Falls, Buffalo, Syracuse, Schenectady, Oneida, Newburgh, New Rochelle, Peekskill, and to the 13th, 14th, 34th, and 35th Assembly Districts of New York City.

Some 300,000 more pieces of campaign literature were ordered during the week, including from 25,000 to 100,000 copies of Hanford's pamphlet, one of Slobodin, three by Sparzo, an emblem card, and the Campaign Book. A list will be found elsewhere in this paper, and local comrades are urged to see that the literature is put in the hands of the voters promptly.

There never was a greater chance for Socialism and the Social Democratic Party in this city and state than now. The Food Trust and the Fuel Trust—with winter and unemployment in view—have opened the people's minds to our ideas. It only remains for the comrades to see that more meetings are held and more literature distributed than ever before.

JUST TRY IT.

If a copy of "Railroading in the United States," by Benjamin Hanford, were put into the hands of each worker for wages—especially those on the railroads—it would cause a political tidal wave against capitalism. Five cents a copy, five copies for 15 cents; ten for a quarter; postpaid. Socialist Literature Company, 184 William street, New York.

MAINE'S VOTE.

Socialist Party Has Won Official Standing.

Vote Is More than Doubled in Two Years—Figures Not Yet Complete—Comrade Fox Discusses Situation.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Sept. 11.—The Socialist Party has made surprising gains, and with official standing. Bath gives us 262 votes; Portland, 313; Skowhegan, 250 (and 336 for legislative ticket); Lewiston, 127; Madison, 117; Thomaston, 54; Camden, 48. These places gave a total of 306 votes two years ago.

W. G. H.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 12.—The returns of the vote of the Socialist Party in the state election last week are not yet complete. So far as they go they are most pleasing. In 222 out of the 521 cities, towns, and plantations, our candidate for Governor, Charles L. Fox, received 1,479 votes, a gain of about 600 over the vote cast for Debs in the whole state in November, 1900.

Two counties, Cumberland and Somerset, and one city, Bath, by polling 1,036 votes, have obtained enough to cause us to be hereafter an official party in this state. The vote of Bath leaped from eight votes for Governor in 1900 to 262 in 1902, exceeding the Democrats in three wards and doubling the vote of the Prohibitionists. Portland rose from 73 to 313; Somerset County from 236 to 336; Lewiston from four votes to 127.

This increase is most clearly shown by comparing the total of the state in 1900 for Governor with the vote of two counties and two cities. The total vote of the state in the state election of 1900 was 652, while in 1902 in Cumberland and Somerset, and in Bath and Lewiston, it was 1,172, with fourteen counties to be heard from.

Comrade Fox, in an interview in the Portland "Press," rightly says:

"Though the increase is surprisingly large I am convinced by personal investigation in different parts of the state that the ballots cast represent a small portion of those in this state who believe in the principles of Socialism, but who are not yet ready to cast their ballots with us.

"Men are bound by custom, business relations and personal friendship for certain candidates to the parties with which they have associated so long, and this is true when their convictions are with the young and progressive party.

"If the sympathy shown from one end of Maine to the other for the principles of Socialism had crystallized at the polls the state of Maine would have had a shaking up such as she never experienced before, unless possibly at the time of the Greenback movement.

"The action of the trusts is driving home to the people a conviction that something must be done. On almost every occasion the Socialist audience have been larger than those of the Republicans or Democrats. It has been a campaign of the brass band against the wage question and the brass band has gone on the wall.

"We come out of this fight victorious; with no mistakes to correct, no apologies to make, no obligations to either of the old parties and no compromises to regret.

"We have no debts to pay either political or financial. We have a clean slate and we face the future with perfect confidence." C. H. M.

GOVERNOR STONE HEARD THE NEWS

The growth of the Socialist movement in Pennsylvania is so great that the capitalist papers can no longer ignore it. Even the New York "Times" unwillingly admits the growth of the Socialist Party in its news columns.

In the issue of Sept. 12, in a dispatch from Harrisburg reporting the visit of a committee of the People's Alliance to Governor Stone, we read:

"William Wilhelm of Pottsville submitted a copy of a bill which he had drafted prohibiting persons under twenty-one years old from working in and about the mines for more than eight hours a day. The enactment of the bill into a law, he said, would prevent the crowding of the mines with undesirable workmen.

"There will be an uprising and protest at the next election, if the conditions in the coal region are not improved," he asserted. "The Socialist Party has become a great factor in the politics of the region, and its leaders are confident of the election of their local tickets in Schuylkill, Luzerne, and other counties in the region."

Further on the dispatch states "the Governor expressed his gratification on hearing the views of the speakers; he made no comment on their remarks." It is safe to say that the information conveyed by Mr. Wilhelm of Pottsville did not contribute much to the Governor's gratification, but that it probably furnished him more food for thought than anything else in the interview.

REMEMBER THIS.

You have an engagement for Saturday evening, Sept. 27. Where? At Cooper Union. You and your friends want to hear Ben Hanford, William Thurston Brown, Mother Jones, and the other Social Democratic speakers who will be there.

—When Mr. Schwab gets sick the doctors prescribe complete rest and a trip to Europe. Suppose some of these stable men working for 80 a week were to get sick, would their charity doctors give them such a prescription?—Chicago Socialist.

MASSACHUSETTS PLATFORM.

Declaration of Principles Adopted by the Convention of the Socialist Party at Boston.

The Socialist Party of Massachusetts, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its adherence to the principles and platform of the Socialist Party as set forth at the convention at Indianapolis.

THE BASIS OF SOCIALISM.

The economic development has revolutionized the methods of production and is separating society into two distinct and antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery, and means of transportation and communication), and the working class, those possessing no property in the means of production.

The tools of production are now social in character. As the method of production has been socialized, the means of production should also become socialized. The method of ownership should be made to correspond with the method of operation. Tools used in common should be owned in common.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is a historic mission of the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are interested in upholding the system of private ownership in the means of production. The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class by constituting themselves into a political party.

THE NECESSITY FOR SOCIALISM.

Each passing day reveals the necessity for the establishment of Socialism. Events are forcing the American people to the acceptance of collective ownership, the only solution of the existing state of industrial disorder and social inequality. The continued organization of national and international trusts concentrate ever more rapidly the ownership of the world's sources of supply into fewer and fewer hands. The increasing army of unemployed resulting therefrom sharpens competition among the workers and constitutes an almost insuperable obstacle to securing better conditions. The people are therefore awakening to the folly and injustice of a system that renders them dependent upon the whim of a decreasing number of individuals for the opportunity to live.

The Coal and Beef trusts exhibit most clearly at the present time the effects of trust ownership by capitalists. In each case a prime necessity for the people's sustenance and welfare is monopolized, production is restricted, prices are advanced and the whole people laid subject to the extortion of the trust directors. One hundred and fifty thousand miners in Pennsylvania are compelled to suffer hunger and privation for many weeks in order to preserve the right to organize to redress their grievances while the mine and railroad owners are permitted to conduct their organization at the expense of the social welfare.

CAPITALIST RULE.

The entire governmental powers are employed in the interests of the capitalist class. Laws are either wilfully broken or rendered useless through lack of enforcement. Executives prostitute their prerogatives to defeat the people's will. Judges usurp their powers by issuing injunctions that cripple the organization of labor while organized capital pursues its defiant way untrammelled. Official working class representatives are thrown into prison regardless of sex, while the capitalist leaders continue their deprecations without molestation. And the Civic Federation, an organization engineered by capitalists, proclaims a policy that would nullify the workers into a false security and a dangerous contentment and make a trade union movement impotent of accomplishing any measure of good for the working class.

THE OLD PARTIES RESPONSIBLE.

For this state of things the Republican and Democratic parties are alike responsible.

The Republican party is the outspoken and recognized champion of capitalist interests. It is dominated by a few men in prostrate plunder at home and abroad, and to shape the forces of industrial progress to ignoble ends.

The Democratic party, after proving false to every pledge and every utterance, seeks to save itself from inevitable dissolution by louder and louder professions of friendship for the working class. Pretending to be the special champion of labor's cause, it has, whenever in power, obstructed the enactment of laws that would benefit the working class, and especially those tending to prevent or lessen child labor.

MISERABLE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

In Massachusetts, rich in historic traditions of honorable endeavors on behalf of liberty, justice and humanity, the state government is conducted solely in the interests of the capitalist class. Factory laws are not enforced, and officials are neglectful of or antagonistic to labor's interests. The legal machinery is utilized to intimidate the workers and thwart their efforts to improve their condition. In time of strikes, workmen are denied the right of free speech and orderly assemblage and the state police is used against them.

Immediate illustrations of this are to be found in the recent teamsters' and

the present brewery workers' strikes. In one case, through the intervention of the Republican Governor and the Democratic Mayor of Boston, aided by the Civic Federation, certain victory was turned into humiliating defeat. In the other, the courts have again shown their sympathy with the capitalists by granting injunctions that would prevent the brewery workers from effectively carrying on their fight.

RECORDS CONTRASTED.

Legislation demanded by the workers is either openly defeated in the Great and General Court, passed in a purposely defective form, or finally overturned in the courts. Local self-government is denied the cities and towns, placing them helpless before the concentrated power in the State House. The Republican and Democratic parties act harmoniously in opposition to the demands of labor and brazenly violate every pledge of devotion to the people's welfare. The spectacle is also presented of Massachusetts capitalists, who own factories in the South, opposing the restriction of child labor in that section so that Southern conditions can be cited to prevent the passage of labor measures in this state.

In striking contrast to the records of the Republican and Democratic politicians are those of the two Socialist Representatives, James F. Carey of Haverhill and Frederick O. MacCartney of Rockland. Acting in constant accordance with the Socialist platform they have represented the true interests of labor at all times. We unequivocally endorse their actions in every particular, considering their records worthy of emulation on the part of all Socialists. Without their superiors in the General Court for ability, honesty and devotion to principle we hold Messrs. Carey and MacCartney fitting examples of the Socialist legislator entitled to election by the working class everywhere.

THE WAY OUT.

The Socialist Party presents the only solution to the trust question—co-operative ownership of the trusts by the people. It offers the only solution of the strike problem—to the workers the full product of their labor. It is the one party presenting a platform which holds out to the working class any hope for the future, and a way out of industrial servitude.

The establishment of Socialism will bring the workers into their own, abolish capitalist ownership and rule, obliterate dependence and wage slavery, obviate the necessity of strikes and lockouts, make possible liberty of thought and action, establish equality of opportunity for all to gain a livelihood honestly, fairly, and wholesomely, and thus promote fraternity among the people of this land and the races of the earth.

We therefore call upon the workingmen and women of Massachusetts, with their true friends and sympathizers, to express and emphasize their desire for freedom and better conditions by supporting the Socialist Party, the political movement of the working class.

PRACTICAL MEASURES OF RELIEF.

While the fundamental purpose of the Socialist Party is to secure the abolition of the wage system and the establishment of the social ownership of all industry, yet its candidates, if elected, will work for all measures which will improve the condition, provide necessary protection, guarantee greater liberty for the working class, and at the same time tend toward the accomplishment of our final aim.

In view of this we therefore present the following

IMMEDIATE DEMANDS.

1. The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production.
2. Abolition of child labor.
3. Raising the school age.
4. State insurance for the workers in case of death, accident, lack of employment or old age.
5. State and municipal assistance in clothing and food.
6. Extension of municipal and town powers to permit the public ownership of all public utilities.
7. The Initiative and Referendum, Proportional Representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.
8. Trial by Jury in cases of injunctions issued against workmen and women.
9. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.
10. Abolition of capital punishment.

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

The neat little watch, the premium The Worker gives away FREE to its readers?
There is no doubt that every reader can get one!
Undoubtedly every one of you has six friends or neighbors, who have not subscribed to The Worker, let them to subscribe and pay for one year in advance. Send us the money with 14 cents for postage and get the watch free delivered to your address.

Tailors are notified that the custom tailors of Buffalo, N. Y., are on strike and any advertisements of merchant tailor bosses for coat, vest or pants makers should be disregarded by all tailors who do not wish to injure the cause of their fellow workmen.

PARTY NOTES.

The Miners' Strike Fund of the Socialist Party passed the \$3,000 mark last week and is still growing. Receipts aggregating \$3,043 have been made to W. B. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, by the National Committee.

Leon Greenbaum, National Secretary of the Socialist Party, reports the receipt of \$1,679.32 since August 28 for the strike of the United Mine Workers. The total contributed to the Mine Workers through the national organization of the Socialist Party now reaches \$3,214.11. The list for these two weeks includes contributions from over a hundred locals of the party in every part of the country, as well as from several trade unions and other labor organizations permeated with Socialist ideas, from many individual comrades, and collections made by the Chicago "Socialist" and The Worker.

A Socialist paper, "The Pilot," has been established at Auckland, New Zealand. The New Zealand Socialist Party is making steady progress.

The movement is very active in New Hampshire—Socialists of Stratford County held convention recently and nominated full county ticket—Origin A. Downing, foreman in John Swenson's Granite Works, Concord, N. H., has been nominated for Mayor. There will be three full ward tickets up in that city—G. A. Little, lawyer, Manchester local, has been nominated for county solicitor of Hillsborough County, N. H.—John E. Mansfield, cigarmaker and union man, has been nominated for mayor of Manchester, N. H.—Nashua, N. H., will have a city ticket and nearly complete tickets in every ward. Two years ago, with twenty-one Socialist votes, the city clerk, Republican, said he would see to it there wasn't as many polled next time. This year there are no less than twenty-one candidates up on the Socialist ticket, all good clean men, and the local vote will be well up in the hundreds. Two Socialist candidates for state senators have been nominated in the Nashua districts.

The Franklin, N. H., Socialists had a propaganda wagon in Labor Day parade and distributed many literature. They will run a candidate for the legislature from Ward One, which is their strongest ward. The long strike of the Needleworker's Union has caused the establishment of a union shop at Contocook and several good Franklin Socialists will thus be transplanted to that fertile field—Michael F. O'Neil, Sumner F. Claffin, and George A. Little spoke from the same dry goods box in front of City Hall, Manchester, N. H., Sept. 6, to a good crowd—M. F. O'Neil, candidate for Governor, spoke to a good audience at Concord, N. H., the evening of Sept. 10. He has been speaking nearly every night for several weeks.

William Thurston Brown, candidate of the Social Democratic Party for Lieutenant-Governor of New York, is now speaking for the party in Massachusetts. He has already spoken at Springfield, Worcester, Pittsburg, Amesbury, and Rockland. On Thursday, Sept. 18, he addresses a large meeting at Haverhill. Friday and Saturday will be given to some New Hampshire cities. His remaining dates are: Sept. 21, Lynn, Mass.; 22, Brockton; 23, Bath, Me.; 24, Portland. On Saturday, Sept. 27, he will speak, along with Benjamin Hanford, our candidate for Governor, and Mother Jones, at the great ratification meeting in New York City. A few days will then be given to dates in Connecticut or New Jersey, and in October he will make a tour of the state of New York.

The Socialists Party has opened county headquarters in Luzerne County, Pa., at Honesdale, Second Building, Wilkes-Barre. Readers of The Worker are invited to call. Conventions have been held and legislative tickets nominated in all the six districts of the county. There are now twenty-five local organizations of the party in Luzerne County, with from twenty-five to two hundred members each and a lively agitation is going on. Comrade Fischer and Barzowski have addressed twenty-two meetings in the Polish language, while Comrades Barnes, Swift, Sparo, Ufert, Wilshire, and others have spoken to immense audiences in English.

The 30th A. D. met at the Eighty-sixth street Clubhouse on Wednesday of last week and perfect plans for the campaign. At the district convention, held the same evening, Algernon Lee was nominated for Assemblyman. Comrade Lee briefly addressed the district and also the Socialist Liedertafel, which was meeting in the hall below. Captains were chosen for all the election districts and arrangements made to cover the field with party literature. A ratification meeting will be held on Oct. 11, at which Comrade Hanford will be one of the speakers. Numerous street meetings will be held, and the members of the Young People's Club living in the district are expected to give valuable assistance in the campaign work.

The Young People's Social Democratic Club of Yorkville held a well attended meeting last Thursday. Election of officers was on the order of business, but other matters occupied so much of the time that this was postponed. The history, purposes, achievements, and prospects of the Club were discussed at length and in a lively fashion. Comrade Orland appeared for the Yorkville Agitation Committee with campaign work for club members to do, which was undertaken. On Thursday, Sept. 23, the Club will receive a visit from the Young Men's Social Democratic Club of Brooklyn. A full attendance is expected.

The National Secretary's report for August shows a good financial condition in the party at large. The cash balance on August 1 was \$187.37; receipts for dues during the month were \$410.02; for supplies, \$32.44; for propaganda, \$24.55; donations, \$7.50; miscellaneous, \$16.50; for the strike fund, \$1,679.32; total, \$2,377.72. The chief items of expenditure were: Salaries—National Secretary, \$33.33; W. E. Clark (two weeks), \$32; Jas. S. Roche (five weeks), \$99; office help, \$104; rent, \$32; postage—office, \$88.30; Labor League Bureau, \$12.00; strike, \$27.74; printing—party, \$105.25; Lecture Bureau, \$15.75; propaganda, \$24.81; to Mine Workers, \$1,007.70; to Gold Bets, \$25; to Brewery Workers, \$5. On Sept. 1, the balance on hand in party funds was \$238.03; for strike relief, \$446.00.

Comrade Onnesorge of New Bedford is one of the many who find The Worker an excellent paper for propaganda.

Local chapters have been granted to Lynchburg, Va., Hagerstown, Md., Lead, S. Dak., and Clark, S. Dak.

South Dakota has effected state organization and applied for charter. Eight locals were formed in this state within six weeks.

California paid national dues on 1,327 members for the month of August, beating all state records in this respect.

The National Secretary requests delinquent locals to please take notice that date (September 5) set for return of subscription lists for the Miners' Strike Fund has expired.

State Organizer White of Connecticut addressed open-air meetings the past week in Thompstonville and Stratford Springs. He also spoke before the striking velvet weavers union in South Manchester—Chas. H. Yell has been obliged to cancel his dates in Connecticut. The open-air meetings in Hartford and New Haven Saturday, Sept. 13, were postponed because of rain. Comrade L. D. Mayes will speak on New Haven Green, Saturday, Sept. 20; Eugene Toomey and W. E. White in Bridgeport and Broad Brook on the same date.

Connecticut comrades should take notice that applications to be made a voter must be made to the registrar of voters in writing on the blank provided by the registrar, on or before Monday, October 13, 1902. Applications may be signed either by the applicant or by a voter of the town in which application is made. The first meeting of Board of Selectmen to make voters will be held on October 17 and adjourned meetings will be held during the following week. The last day on which voters can be made is Friday, October 24. The Selectmen will then be in session from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., after which time no one can be made a voter unless he comes of age between that date and election day, when he may be made so the day before election. Election day is Tuesday, November 4.

The Socialists of Harrison, N. J., will hold a mass meeting to express sympathy with the striking miners, at Stover's Hall on Harrison avenue, Saturday evening, Sept. 20. Comrade Neben will speak.

Local Elizabeth, N. J., holds a mass meeting to discuss the coal strike, Sunday, Sept. 21, 3 p. m., at 905 Elizabeth avenue. Comrade Neben will be the speaker. It is intended to organize an American branch of the party, and all readers of The Worker in Elizabeth should be present.

The movement is growing rapidly in Perth Amboy, N. J., and vicinity. Many new members are being taken in and enthusiasm is great. Many subscriptions are being taken in The Worker, "Vorwärts," and "Robottin."

The Socialists of the 13th Congressional District of Ohio in conference at Fostoria on Sept. 14, selected Comrade A. A. Floom to act as secretary of congressional committee, in place of E. I. Plummer of Bucyrus. Send all correspondence and nomination petitions to A. A. Floom, 523 S. Washington street, Tiffin, O.

Comrade Chas. H. Wall is engaged for one week to tour Westchester County. Locals take notice and make arrangements: Peekskill, Monday, Sept. 22; White Plains, Sept. 23; Mt. Vernon, Sept. 24; New Rochelle, Sept. 25; Yonkers, Sept. 26; Port Chester, Sept. 27.

Comrade Caldwell spent a week in successful work at Dayton, O. A number of new party members, new subscriptions for The Worker, and literature sold indicate good work. Caldwell says Dayton comrades are working well.

New York State. The Social Democratic convention of Jefferson County was held at Watertown last week. Sidney Landon and O. Curtis presided. Forty-one delegates were present from Watertown, Hounsfield, Brownville, and Tylerville. Raymond Bull of Rutland was nominated for Congress in the Twenty-eighth District. The other candidates are as follows: For State Senator, Thomas Penegarst; County Treasurer, Levi F. Carpenter; J. Sheriff, Joseph McKown; members of Assembly, First District, Howard D. Roseboom; Second District, James A. McCarthy. The committee to all vacancies consists of O. Curtis, Sidney Landon, and William Kaley. The campaign will be vigorously conducted, both in the city and in the rural districts. Comrade Brown is to speak in Watertown next month.

The Social Democrats of Johnstown are making things lively there. Hanford's meeting last Saturday is said by the local "Labor News" to have been "the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held by the party in Johnstown." Ward tickets have been nominated as follows: First Ward, for Alderman, John Lockmeyer of the Leather Workers' Union; for Water Commissioner, F. J. Berntson of the

Table Cutters; Second—for Alderman, Wm. D. Chandler of the Block Cutters; Third—for Alderman, T. McGuire of the Bean Hauls; for Water Commissioner, Wm. Canfield of the Table Cutters; Fourth—for Alderman, John Russell of the Table Cutters. Local Johnstown has sent \$23.20 to the miners' strike fund.

Organizer Spring, accompanied by Comrade Nolan, attended the meeting of the Woodworkers' Union in Herkimer, N. Y., and addressed the meeting for about an hour. He was tendered a vote of thanks and a standing invitation to call on the union whenever in Herkimer. Comrade Nolan writes: The next time he comes we will have an open-air meeting and put him before one thousand men.

Publicist leaflets are being distributed among the striking custom tailors of Buffalo and there is a great demand for more. Comrade Hanford was in Buffalo on the 9th and 10th of this month; on the 9th a banquet was given in his honor at International Hall, when the comrades drank to the health of the S. D. P. and its gubernatorial candidate, and on the 10th, he and Comrade Kirsh, of Niagara Falls, and Spear, of Buffalo, spoke to a large audience in the same hall. The comrades are getting ready for the campaign and intend to nominate a full city ticket. The Polish comrades are also becoming active; they meet in Comrade Frenkel's house and have organized themselves into a Polish Socialist Alliance and have decided to give their allegiance and support to the Social Democratic Party. They took up a collection of \$2.30 for the striking coal miners and have also contributed \$1.10 to the local campaign fund, as a start. The Polish comrades intend to do good work for Socialism among their countrymen, as there are over 50,000 Polish workmen in Buffalo. Their secretary is Comrade M. Proszk, a very enthusiastic Socialist worker. The next meeting will take place at 1275 Broadway on Monday, Sept. 22, at 8 p. m. The American Branch of the S. D. P. will hold its regular business meeting at 431 William street and the City Central Committee will hold its regular business meeting on Tuesday at the same place. The comrades should make it their business to attend without fail.

The new headquarters of the Social Democratic Club of Buffalo at 331 William street, will be open every evening and all day Sunday. Socialist papers will be kept on file and lectures held every Sunday afternoon.

Comrade Hanford's meeting at Rochester last week was one of the most successful ever held in that city. Comrade Yan, who presided and conducted the meeting, presided and conducted the meeting, the printing of 500 posters and 10,000 throwaway cards, and also to entertain the speakers. The organizer has been instructed to send a communication to the Young Men's Social Democratic Club asking them to assist in distributing literature during the campaign. He has also been instructed to have a notice inserted in The Worker and "Volkszeitung" calling upon party members out of work to give some of their time to the distribution of literature.

At the last meeting of the Young Men's Social Democratic Club of Brooklyn the secretary was instructed to notify the Young People's Club of Yorkville that the date set for visiting them was to be changed to Sept. 18, and Comrade Koenen was instructed to secure a date for the smoker for the next meeting on Monday. All members of the club are required to wear the party button and acquire non-Socialist views. One thousand campaign cards are to be ordered. All members who can do so are requested to join in the visit of the club to the Young People's Club of Yorkville, and to attend the anniversary meeting of the Brooklyn Socialist Club on Sept. 20. Election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Comrade Koenen; Corresponding Secretary, Comrade Nauk; Recording Secretary, J. Burmeister; Financial Secretary, F. Henne; Librarian, H. Farthman.

Organizer Wood requests that Comrade John Asel will send him his present address.

Every comrade not otherwise engaged should call at the Organizer's office on Saturday evening and get literature for distribution at the mass meeting on Madison Square.

The chairman and secretaries of all conventions should be at the Organizer's office Thursday evening, Sept. 18, to sign and affirm the certificates of nomination.

Alexander Jonas has been nominated in the Ninth Congressional District of New York and H. Gaylord Wilshire has been asked to accept the candidacy in the Tenth.

Among the Assembly candidates so far chosen in New York City are Dr. Julius Halpern in the 4th A. D.; J. Franklin in the 8th; Philip Scuditt in the 10th; Wm. Edlin in the 12th; Jas. N. Wood in the 14th; Joseph Goldstein in the 16th; Clason in the 22d; H. O. Bowerman in the 28th; and Algernon Lee in the 30th.

Herman Reich is the candidate of the S. D. P. in the Twelfth Senatorial District, comprising the 12th, 14th, and 16th A. D. An active campaign is being made.

The committee elected by the General Committee to solicit funds for Socialist agitation in the strike field reports, as a starter, \$50 from Carpenters' Union No. 300; \$50 from Local New York, S. D. P.; \$1 from Comrade Moeller; and 50 cents anonymous, in addition to the \$86.10 collected in the General Committee.

At last Saturday's session of the General Committee of Local New York, Comrades Siebodin and Panzer presiding, twenty-five applicants were admitted to the party. New delegates were seated from the 7th, 9th, and

retary, Comrade Smalboek; Treasurer, Comrade Fiek; Librarian, Comrade Sackin; and Corresponding Secretary, Comrade Roewer. The dues of the club are twenty cents a month. Those members holding cards are requested to attend the business meetings that are held every Wednesday evening. As the club has always been very active in the past in propagating the great principles of Socialism, it shall continue to do the same in the future and we call upon those who live in the near vicinity to come and join hands with us in the great work.

Branch 91 of the Kranken Kasse was visited last Sunday by a committee from the Socialists of Philadelphia on behalf of the striking miners. Branch appropriated \$25 for the strike fund and \$25 for agitation in the strike field.

At the Brooklyn Social Democratic ratification meeting on Friday, Sept. 20, in the Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby avenue, Comrades Hanford, Wilshire, MacCartney, and Mother Jones will probably be the speakers. The two first named have already been secured.

At the last regular meeting of the Kings County Committee Comrades Hopkins and Well were elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively. Most districts have begun active work in connection with the campaign. The Sixteenth will have a lawn party at the rear of the Socialist Club, Fulton street, and Ralph avenue, on September 20. The Twelfth collected \$8.40 for the striking miners; the 21st has collected \$35 for the same purpose. Branch 3 of the 21st has got a stereopticon for the campaign. The 19th is trying to organize another branch. The 13th and 14th will have a mass meeting, with Hanford as speaker on Sept. 20.

Comrades in the Coal Fields of Pennsylvania who are willing to distribute them, are kindly requested to inform us of how many copies they can distribute.

Social Democratic Activity Throughout the State—Blacklisting Only Propagates the Movement.

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On Monday, Sept. 8, he spoke at a meeting of Local Syracuse. The local situation was fully discussed and plans made for the campaign. Spring will give one week in October to propaganda work in Syracuse.

The situation at Onondaga, where Comrade Spring spoke on Wednesday, is an interesting one. There was formerly a strong though small party organization in Onondaga. Most of the Socialists were cigarmakers and, of course, were active members of the union. Last winter the union was forced to strike by the aggressions of the boss; the local union was not properly supported by the national officers and, after a long and brave fight, the strike was virtually lost. The result was that most of the local Socialists, having been "spontaneously active" in the strike, were blacklisted and driven out of town. The bosses thought they had crippled the union and killed the S. D. P. local. But, as usual in such cases, they reckoned without their host. The strikers who remained in town, educated by the hard experience, kept quietly at work, rebuilding their industrial and political organizations. Local Onondaga of the S. D. P. is now reorganized, with twelve hard-working and intelligent comrades, whose efforts will show results in November. But this is not all of the story. As is generally known, the S. D. P. has never had an effective organization in Albany until this year. Some of the blacklisted men from Onondaga found work in Albany. The result is that Local Albany is now strong and aggressive. Thus the Onondaga bosses, in trying to crush the movement by a blacklist, have only strengthened the determination of the local comrades and sent out active missionaries for Socialism to other places.

On Thursday, Comrade Spring visited Local Frankfort and made arrangements for a meeting for Ben Hanford. That evening he addressed the Woodworkers' Union, where he was well received and invited to return. He will do so on October 1. A local of the party will be organized. Hanford's leaflet and The Worker were liberally distributed at Frankfort.

Friday evening was devoted to an open-air meeting on Franklin Square at Utica, with good results. Three hundred people showed the greatest interest in Spring's speech, a large quantity of party literature was eagerly taken, and several subscriptions for The Worker were secured. The Utica comrades, Spring reports, are working well and have every reason for enthusiasm in the assurance of an increased vote.

On Saturday, Comrade Spring spoke in the street at Johnstown. The following days were given to Amsterdam, Catskill, Hudson, and Kingston. On Friday, Sept. 19, he returns to the city, where he will remain for a few days. He is meeting with good success in arranging dates for Comrade Brown, our candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, in October, as well as for Hanford's second tour.

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IN THE FAR WEST.

National Organizer Chase Is Enthusiastic.

Socialist Ideas Find a Warm Welcome in Montana and Idaho - Western Workers Will Resist Capitalist Aggression.

National Organizer John C. Chase reports as follows to Numa S. Secretary Greenbaum on his recent work in Montana and Idaho:

"Many and varied have been my experiences since my last report, and it is with difficulty that I find time now to write. Railroadings in Montana and Idaho keeps one guessing. Trains are all very late, owing largely to the Union Pacific strike, and I have been unable to make one or two local where I was billed to speak. I have to ride at all times of day and night and lie over at all kinds of places for hours, in order to make train connections. I mention these difficulties that I encounter so that the comrades who were disappointed at my non-appearance may understand when they read this report the reason why I did not show up.

Montana Awake. "My meetings during the past three weeks in Montana and Idaho have been exceedingly good, with few exceptions. The Montana meetings have been especially encouraging. There is no state in which I have spoken so far that seems so far advanced in Socialist sentiment as Montana. It is weak on organization as yet, but coming along all right. Socialism seems to have taken hold in the minds of all classes of people. I find it among the ranchers and herdsmen as well as among the miners and other wage workers.

"With her small population and the worker so far outnumbering the corporation and capitalist element, Montana is most favorably situated to take the lead in the movement for the emancipation of the workers from wage slavery. If organization is carried on as it should be in the next year or two, Montana will take the lead.

Idaho Well Organized. Idaho is situated nearly the same, but has a better organization. Idaho is forging ahead in organization, and has some very fine, active, class-conscious workers who are doing much work and making many sacrifices for the cause. Idaho is destined to play an important part in the coming struggle in the political arena. On Labor Day I spoke in Boise for the Trades Assembly celebration, and a fine showing was made by the unions and a splendid audience greeted me at the park. Boise has but recently become a union town; twenty-two unions were in line in the parade and only two of them were in existence a year ago. Owing to the fact that unionism is but of recent origin, there is considerable conservatism and a little fear of Socialism or political action; but Boise will fall into line with the rest of the state.

"My next place was Silver City on September 3 and 4. I spoke on the 3rd for the miners' unions, who held their Labor Day celebration on that day so that I could get to them from Boise. Everything went off in fine shape there, and the population turned out en masse to celebrate. The following night I spoke on Socialism, and notwithstanding the fact that everyone was tired out over the celebration of the day and a ball at night, which lasted until five o'clock in the morning, the hall was crowded and very enthusiastic over Socialism. I organized a team of twenty-four members here, all of whom are very bright men and women—there were three women among them—who will be a good acquisition to the party in Idaho. There are other camps near by, which will soon be organized by the Silver comrades, and thus do much toward bringing the miners into line for Socialism.

"At other points I had fairly good meetings. Nampa, Idaho Falls, and Ellicy were Nampa where I spoke last. At this writing my train is five hours late, and it is doubtful if I will reach Emmett, where I am billed to speak to-night. I have made arrangements, however, for a substitute in case I do not reach there. In the person of J. A. Davis, Socialist candidate for Congress. To get to Silver City I was obliged to ride by team fifty miles over the low plains and mountains through sage brush and Jack-rabbits, and it was the most sandy and dusty ride that I ever experienced, but it is a part of the life made bravely and has to be met with a cheerful smile.

Condition of Women Workers. "Labor conditions are undoubtedly better by far in Montana and Idaho than anywhere else in the country—at least, better in any state east of here. There is no poverty or destitution here, and everyone is sure of something to eat, and yet they want Socialism.

"The population of these two states is made up of social rebels who have come from all parts of the country to the West in search of freedom from the oppression of capitalism in the East or in quest of fortune in the gold fields. They are therefore made up of freedom-loving, whole-souled people, who are not tied down by bigotry and ignorance, nor made cowardly by fear of losing a six-dollar-a-week job. They are more free than the workers of the East, and they see that the condition under which the Eastern mill and factory hands and mine-workers labor is liable to overtake them, and they are ready to fight it. The West will furnish the great impetus to the Socialist movement—and this in the near future. The Western wealth producers will not allow himself to be subjected to the degrading and humiliating servitude of the Eastern wage-slave. He will strike a blow with the ballot that will not only prevent his enslavement, but will strike the shackles from the limbs of his Eastern brethren. The East may well thank the powers that be, that there is a West."

SOCIALISTS RULE THE DAY.

"Conciliation" Meeting in Boston Has Unexpected Outcome.

Workingmen Are So Imbued with Socialist Ideas that Old Parties Have No Chance at Labor Meeting.

BOSTON, Sept. 15.—Events are moving so rapidly in Massachusetts that it is difficult to chronicle them fast enough. For nearly a week Socialism has occupied a prominent place in the daily press—not always in a very pleasant manner, either, but other happenings have served to make amends for this. The injection of the "free-love" and religious questions into the club conversation was, of course, wholly unwarranted, but the action of the party convention next day in announcing the party's true position on these matters doubtless had a wholesome effect and helped to offset the bad one of the day before.

It is customary to hold rallies after nomination conventions which serve as campaign openers, but this year the Massachusetts comrades had not made preparations for this. This was more than made up for, however, by the developments arising from a meeting arranged by the "Traveler" of this city as a protest against the coal barons and in favor of "mediation, arbitration and conciliation." It turned out that these three very desirable things (from the middle class standpoint) were altogether too tame for the crowd that packed old Faneuil Hall on the night of Sept. 8. The historic "cradle of liberty" certainly rocked to good purpose that night.

Many of the delegates to the state convention stayed over for the meeting, as it was understood that Carey and MacCartney were going to accept invitations to speak. The meeting was addressed by a non-partisan one and all shades of political beliefs were to be represented. When the affair was over it was pretty generally acknowledged that Socialism was the only belief with any following of consequence in the hall.

From the moment when Carey and MacCartney appeared on the platform there was no doubt of the sentiment of the meeting. When Carey, as first speaker, declared: "I am a Socialist," the keynote was struck and Socialism, much to the astonishment of those who straggled the meeting, had the floor for the evening. For two hours things went with a whirl. Mr. Bryan's name was cheered in a pitifully weak manner. Mr. Hamilton, candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, and Democratic Senator Fitzgerald found their rounded periods flat upon unresponsive ears, while the Rev. Mr. Plumb received jeers and ridicule for his criticism of the miners and John Mitchell, and Harry Lloyd, one of the most prominent trade unionists in America, received an ovation when he declared that he was done with the Democratic party forever, and he was going to support the Socialist Party hereafter.

Lloyd has been contemplating this step for some time, but this was his first public declaration for Socialism. When, at last, Mr. Wardner of the "Traveler" was about to introduce resolutions calling for arbitration, Comrade David Taylor arose in the gallery and offered a resolution demanding government ownership of the mines. The crowd was for Taylor's resolution, but graciously allowed Mr. Wardner's to be voted on first. Taylor's were then adopted amid great enthusiasm.

The next day the press unanimously conceded that the meeting was a Socialist one; and considering that the Socialists are so pre-conceived arrangements to "capture" it, we are justified in recording the meeting as a spontaneous tribute to the growth of Socialism in Boston and all the more, therefore, a splendid opening rally for the Socialist Party campaign.

The demonstration held last Sunday in Apollo Garden, Roxbury, was a genuine success in every particular—which is becoming the regular thing with all the affairs arranged by the Boston Central Committee, for every undertaking of the past year has been successful. The crowd last Sunday was estimated at nearly two thousand and it was as enthusiastic as it was large.

Geo. G. Cutting acted as chairman and the speakers were Wm. Mailly, James F. Carey, Frank Silverman, and Frederic O. MacCartney. A large number of trade unionists were present and coincided heartily with the remarks of the speakers. At the close of the meeting a committee was appointed to raise funds for the miners throughout the city. The collection amounted to \$137.50, and after all expenses were paid, \$109.72 was forwarded to the miners through the National Secretary Greenbaum. The use of the Garden was generously contributed free by the proprietors, who are in sympathy with the workers, and who also announced their willingness to give the garden free to the labor movement for meetings on any Sunday afternoons it was not otherwise engaged.

AGITATION MEETINGS IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Meetings will be held at the points named in the following list, on the dates given. Comrades in the assembly districts where meetings are held should not fail to be present and use the opportunity to assist the speakers by agitating among by-standers and aiding in the distribution of literature.

Platform committees and speakers are expected to report at the places designated for meetings, without waiting for written instructions. Notices of meetings, officially arranged by Local New York, will regularly be published in The Worker over the signature of the Organizer.

Chairmen of open-air meetings and speakers, wherever possible, should announce the great Ratification Meeting to be held in Cooper Union on September 27.

Chairmen and speakers should lose no occasion distinctly to call attention to the official name and emblem of the party and the names of the candidates.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18.

17th A. D.—Fifty-second street and Ninth avenue. Speakers: Roewer, Nicholson, and G. W. Jones. 22d A. D.—Forty-second street and Third avenue. S. E. corner. Speakers: Kanel, Josephson, Mayes. 28th A. D.—Seventy-ninth street and First avenue. Speakers: Lissauer and Abrahamson. 32d A. D.—Ninety-sixth street, between Lexington and Third avenues. Speakers: Searing and Phillips. Bronx Italy: At One Hundred and Forty-eighth street and Willis avenue. N. E. corner, at One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street and Willis avenue. N. W. corner, and at One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Brook avenue. N. W. corner. Speakers: Miss Dahme, Hanford, Edlin, Jos. Wood, Reichenthal, Abrahamson, J. W. Barton, Cassidy.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19.

14th A. D.—First avenue and Thirtieth street. Speakers: Paulfisch, Havidon, and Roewer. 16th A. D.—Fourth street and Avenue B. Speakers: Goldstein, Lee, and Reich. Also, Seventh street and Avenue B. Speakers: Edlin and Goldstein. 21st A. D.—Rally: At Ninety-fifth street and Amsterdam avenue; at Ninety-eighth street and Amsterdam avenue, and at One Hundred and First street and Amsterdam avenue. Speakers: Miss Dahme, Hanford, Young, Nicholson, Cassidy, Searing, Phillips.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20.

15th A. D.—Third avenue and Eighteenth street. Speakers: Phillips and Cassidy. 18th A. D.—One Hundred and Fiftieth street and Madison avenue. Speakers: Lissauer and Abrahamson. 30th A. D.—Eighty-eighth street and First avenue. Speakers: Miss Dahme, Lee, and Searing. 31st A. D.—One Hundred and Fiftieth street and Madison avenue. Speakers: Lissauer and Abrahamson.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22.

11th A. D.—Thirty-second street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: Hanford, Nicholson, and Havidon. Also, Thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: Havidon, Nicholson, and Hanford. 14th A. D.—Seventh street and Avenue A. Speakers: Spring and Phillips. 20th A. D.—Sixteenth street and First avenue. Speakers: Reichenthal, Roewer, and Spring. 26th A. D.—Sixty-sixth street, between Third and Lexington avenues. Speakers: Mayes and Edlin.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23.

13th A. D.—Fortieth street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: Spring, Nicholson, and Malkiel. Also, Thirty-eighth street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: Malkiel, Nicholson, and Spring. 23d A. D.—One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, S. W. corner. Speakers: Hanford and Jas. N. Wood. 24th A. D.—Fifty-seventh street and Third avenue. Speakers: Josephson and Searing. 30th A. D.—Eighty-fifth street and Avenue A. Speakers: Roewer and Lissauer. Bronx, One Hundred and Forty-eighth street and Willis avenue. Speakers: Cassidy and Phillips.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24.

5th A. D.—Sixth avenue and West Nineth street. Speakers: Searing and Mayes. 18th A. D.—Twentieth street and Second avenue. Speakers: Fankin and Josephson. 21st A. D.—One Hundredth street and Amsterdam avenue. Speakers: Roewer, Cassidy, and Miss Dahme. 28th A. D.—Eighty-ninth street and Avenue A. Speakers: Spring and Jas. N. Wood. 31st A. D.—Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. Speakers: G. W. Jones and Hanford. THURSDAY, SEPT. 25. 10th A. D.—Fourth street and Avenue B. Speakers: Henry Cohn and Searing. 11th A. D.—Thirty-second street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: Hanford and Mayes. 18th A. D.—Twentieth street and Second avenue. Speakers: Spring and Phillips. Also, Sixteenth street and First avenue. Speakers: Edlin and Phillips. 22d A. D.—Lexington avenue and Fifty-first street. Speakers: Lissauer and Paulfisch. 30th A. D.—Eighty-sixth street and Third avenue. Speakers: Wood and Lee. Bronx, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Willis avenue. Speakers: Nicholson and Reichenthal. HALL MEETINGS. Friday, Sept. 19, 22d A. D., in Beckmann's Hall, One Hundred and Forty-second street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: John Franklin Clark, Jas. N. Wood, and John Spargo. Thursday, Sept. 25, Social Demo-

NEW JERSEY AWAKE.

Reports to State Committee Show Great Activity of the Party.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 15.—The State Committee of the Socialist Party met at 124 Market street yesterday, W. L. Osgood presiding.

Official notice was received from Local Hudson County of the death of Comrade Gilliar, State Treasurer. A letter was received from Comrade Vall, placing himself at the disposal of the State Committee from Oct. 8 until Election Day. It was turned over to the Organization Committee having charge and authority to arrange dates and places for lectures.

Comrade Public of Trenton reported the reorganization of a healthy militant local there with thirty-eight charter members, since increased to forty-nine, and with excellent hopes for the future. Trenton's representative on the State Committee is Comrade Dumas, who will doubtless prove a valuable member.

W. H. Smith of Massachusetts tendered his services to the Committee for campaign purposes, and his proposition contained many good features and was accompanied by such favorable conditions that the Committee, after some discussion, directed the Organization Committee to employ him up to Election Day.

Chas. Ufert's reply to the request of the Organization Committee to state terms on which he would put himself at the command of the Committee as Organizer was read and fully discussed, with the result that the motion accepting Comrade Smith's offer was amended to include the employment of Comrade Ufert for such time as Essex County might require his services.

The Organization Committee made an exhaustive report of its work, which was most encouraging in that it showed great activity in all sections of the state and a healthy and steady spread of a sense of the need of political organization.

New branches were reported in Point Pleasant, Perth Amboy, Newton, Vineland, with bright prospects for the early organization of Bridgeton, Millville, Phillipsburg, Manesquan, and Salem.

Every organized county was fully and ably reported and encouraging reports on the work now in progress were presented.

The Auditing Committee reported, with a recommendation that a separate account be kept of dues. The report and recommendation were accepted.

Comrade Vall's tour of the state will begin with a mass meeting in Jersey City on October 8. H. R. K.

IN ESSEX COUNTY. BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Sept. 15.—The opening of the Labor Lyceum here on Saturday was a grand demonstration for Socialism. Despite the inclement weather, the place was crowded, and the crowd was full of enthusiasm. The labor organizations of Essex, Hudson, and Passaic counties were well represented.

"Beef and Coal Prices," a clear and timely little leaflet by Henry Slodolin. Postpaid, 30 cents a thousand. "What Socialism Is," by John Spargo. Postpaid, 30 cents a thousand. "Unionism, Wise and Otherwise," by John Spargo. Postpaid, 50 cents a thousand.

The Campaign Book is out this week. It is a 32-page booklet, containing the ticket and platform, portraits of the candidates, cartoons, several timely articles, and a variety of valuable information. It will be supplied at the rate of \$5.50 a thousand, postpaid.

Posters, bearing the party name, emblem, and ticket, are now ready, and will be sent free to all who will attend to displaying them.

IN JEWISH. "What Does the Social Democratic Party Want?"—a 32-page pamphlet by R. Feigenbaum. An excellent thing for propaganda among Jewish-speaking workmen. Price, postpaid, \$2.25. Single copy, 5 cents; one hundred, \$2.25.

IN GERMAN. "Ein Wort an die Arbeiter Amerikas," a strong appeal to the minds of thinking workmen. Single copy, 5 cents; ten or more, at 2 1/2 cents each. "Die Mission der Arbeiterklasse," by Charles H. Vall. One of our best short pamphlets, by a well known Socialist writer and lecturer. Single copy, 5 cents; one hundred, \$2.25. "Municipale Forderungen der Social Democrats," an although written especially for use in city campaigns, it is useful at all times, because it shows the attitude of the Social Democratic Party on what are called "practical" questions, in harmony with the party's basic principles. Single copy, 5 cents; ten copies, 25 cents; fifty, \$1; one hundred, \$1.50.

Experience shows that wherever there is an active organization, these cheap leaflets can readily be sold at meetings. It is well, also, for every comrade to carry a few in his pocket to give or lend to fellow workmen with whom he may fall into conversation about Socialism. The leaflets and cards should be scattered broadcast.

Isolated readers of The Worker, who do not belong to the party organization, can help in the work. If you cannot use a thousand leaflets or cards, send for a quarter's worth and distribute them in your neighborhood.

For all campaign literature, send orders, with cash, to H. Reich, 64 East Fourth street, New York City, Literature Agent of the State Committee.

It is not generally known whether General Gobin issued his famous Shoot-to-kill order before or after he left the company's office at Lansford. —Tamaqua Recorder.

Second edition of Alernon Lee's "Labor Politics and Socialist Politics," revised, corrected, and enlarged. Ten copies for a quarter. Circulate it.

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Saturday, Sept. 27, at Thirty-ninth street and Fort Hamilton avenue. Speakers: Miss Dahme, Cassidy, Cavanaugh, Ward, and Lackenmacher. Chairman of all these meetings previous to Sept. 26 are advised to announce several times during each meeting the Ratification Meeting to be held on that day at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, as advertised. To speakers it is also suggested that they give some discussion to the facts of the present coal strike and the causes leading up thereto and to the prevailing high price of coal.

By order of the Kings County Committee. WARREN ATKINSON, Organizer.

BELOW STAIRS. Upper Housemaid (exhibiting baby's dress before new servant): "What do you think of this? Isn't it pretty? I made five of them last week."

New Servant: "Five? Whatever for?" Upper Housemaid: "Oh, don't you know? Missus is a member of the Ladies' Working Guild.—Judge."

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At the noon hour Comrade Alex Fraser will speak in front of the Erie Basin Dry Dock. Friday, Sept. 19, at Bedford and Myrtle avenue. Speakers: Heuer, Doyle, and Globus. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Hamburg avenue and Harmon street. Speakers: Held, Well, and Dooley. At Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue. Speakers: Struempfer, Droste, and Atkinson.

Monday, Sept. 22, at Broadway and Ellery street. Speakers: Fraser and Heuer. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at N. Second street and Graham avenue. Speakers: Droste, Held, and Struempfer. At Bedford avenue and Fulton street. Speakers: Goldstein, Lackenmacher, and Passage.

Saturday, Sept. 27, at Thirty-ninth street and Fort Hamilton avenue. Speakers: Miss Dahme, Cassidy, Cavanaugh, Ward, and Lackenmacher. Chairman of all these meetings previous to Sept. 26 are advised to announce several times during each meeting the Ratification Meeting to be held on that day at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, as advertised. To speakers it is also suggested that they give some discussion to the facts of the present coal strike and the causes leading up thereto and to the prevailing high price of coal.

By order of the Kings County Committee. WARREN ATKINSON, Organizer.

BELOW STAIRS. Upper Housemaid (exhibiting baby's dress before new servant): "What do you think of this? Isn't it pretty? I made five of them last week."

New Servant: "Five? Whatever for?" Upper Housemaid: "Oh, don't you know? Missus is a member of the Ladies' Working Guild.—Judge."

J. P. Morgan learns how to love his neighbor as he does himself by taking his lessons from a \$45.00 bible.—Miners' Magazine.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE?

A vote for the Socialist Party is a vote in favor of using the power of government on the workers' side in strikes and lockouts. A vote against the Socialist Party is a vote in favor of leaving that power in the hands of the capitalists.

A vote for the Socialist Party is a vote against the use of police and militia and injunctions to break strikes. A vote against the Socialist Party is a vote to endorse such judges as Jackson and Keller, Freedman and Bookstaver, to sanction the crimes of Homestead, Pullman, Lattimer, and the Bull Pen.

In New York State the Socialist Party is known as the SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, its emblem is the Arm and Torch, and BENJAMIN HANFORD heads its ticket.

National Platform of the Socialist Party.

The Socialist Party of America in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. To-day the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution, a responsibility for the ever increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of production gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit, and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profits, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial domination abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions, tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance that the Socialist Party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate: 1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts, and combines. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employees, to the improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the worker in the product of labor. 3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor. 5. The education of all children up to the age of eighteen years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing, and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women. 7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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