

TO ORGANIZE THE SLAVES OF CAPITAL TO VOTE THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION

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OH! FOR ONE MONTH MORE!

Social Democrats Gaining Every Day. The Trust Question and Labor Question "Nuts" to Us. Republican and Democratic Arguments Riddled.

DEBS IN NEW YORK.

(Associated Press Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president on the Social Democratic ticket, spoke at Cooper Union tonight to an audience that filled the seats and crowded the aisles. The speaker referred to the recent coal strike in the anthracite region in Pennsylvania. The owners, he charged, fixed the rate of wages.

"Let me ask both parties what they will do to rescue the wage-earner from serfdom. No matter whether the Democrats or Republicans win, there will be no change in the condition of labor. A few years longer and the middle class—what is left of it—will be in the working class. The era of small production has gone."

In the concluding part of his speech Mr. Debs said:

"I would scorn to hold public office. We want only the votes of those who are intelligent enough to know what they are voting for. Free yourselves before you free the Filipinos. You are the property of your masters. Capital owns the tools, and the tools own you."

"If the flag is the symbol of slavery, I defy it, and if this be treason, let them make the most of it."

HARRIMAN IN CLEVELAND.

Job Harriman's first visit to Cleveland occurred last Saturday, and it is needless to say that he immediately became popular with local Socialists, which fact was plainly attested by the splendid meeting in Arch Hall in the evening, where standing room was at a premium. His fame as an orator had preceded him, and the enthusiastic applause that punctuated his magnificent perorations was proof positive that the breezy Westerner can come back to this town and have whatever he wants. "Every piece of literature and every button that was offered for sale at the meeting was gobbled up," said one of the local S. D. P.s. "You should have seen how some of the heathen threw away their McKinley and Bryan buttons."—The Cleveland Citizen.

MIND SUDDENLY CHANGED.

Editor The Socialist: I wish to state that up to two weeks ago my mind was firmly made up to vote for Mr. W. J. Bryan for President.

But my mind was very suddenly changed when I read his letter stating he did not believe in the principles of Socialism.

E. T. HOOPER, Spokane.

Here in the last two weeks of the campaign, the real issue of issues comes to the front, Capital versus Labor. "The Full Dinner Pail," cry the Republicans. "Down with Trusts," cry the Democrats. Both appeal to the "Labor Vote."

"The Full Dinner Pail" is an insult to the workingmen. As if a tin pail full of cold bread, and cold meat, and cold pie, with a tin drinking cup for cold coffee, were all the workingman has a right to! Why not a full dinner Table? Yes, rich Republican capitalists, why not a full dinner Table,

And you, poor Billy Bryan, already beaten out of sight, shouting your foolish cry, "Down with Trusts," do you imagine we workers don't know, if you don't, that the only way to down the trusts is to own the trusts? Why, the Standard Oil Co. twenty years ago could down the Pennsylvania Legislature and the United States Congress besides. And now we know, if you don't, that the Standard Oil Trust, and the Sugar Trust, and the Steel Trust, and the rest, own all you Republicans and Democrats, body and soul, and you can't down them, if

DEBS IN KANSAS.

When Debs was in town he related an amusing incident of his whirl through Kansas two weeks ago. In many places hundreds of people flocked to the depot to see and if possible hear labor's eloquent champion, but the railway companies refused to allow the trains to stop a second longer than necessary to allow passengers to get on and off. They wouldn't stand for five to ten minute back-platform talks, a la Bryan, Roosevelt, Hanna and Prohibition Woolley—in fact Debs considered himself pretty lucky in being allowed to ride. Whenever he got started to talk the train would pull out, there would be a few shouts, some excited waving of arms, hats, etc., and then all was over.

On one division, however, an exceptionally large crowd was out howling for a speech. It saddened the S. D. P. candidate to think that he could not do his cause justice with such a splendid audience before him. But he started in bravely and talked faster than the train could run. No whistle, no bell. He kept on talking. Five minutes had passed, the crowd was becoming enthusiastic, and still the train did not move. Ten minutes passed, and Debs kept hammering at capitalism to the great delight of the people. Finally, after a wait of fifteen minutes, the train pulled out amidst a hurricane of applause and cheers.

Later on Debs met the engineer, who made a few motions, uttered several talismanic words, and then there was warm handshaking for a few minutes. The smiling pilot explained that when he observed the large crowd clamoring to hear something about Socialism he was awfully sorry to disappoint them. Fortunately or unfortunately a moment later "something broke" on the engine, and while Debs hammered away in the rear he hammered and pounded in the front. The engineer was an old A. R. U. man—he belonged to "the lost cause."—The Cleveland Citizen.

not afraid of the trusts. They are getting things organized for us, that's all. We'll take possession of them all just as soon as we can get the rest of our crowd to understand that all this "capital" was made out of them and belongs to them.

And that's why we are going to vote for Debs and Harriman now—because neither of the old parties has a single proposition to free us from wage-slavery.

DEBS AND HARRIMAN!



RAH! RAH! RAH!

with a full course dinner on it, for him who creates all wealth? You live in palaces with servants at your elbows to bring on rich, hot viands in a dozen courses for your dinner, and those who make these things for you, your palaces, your tables, your dishes, your viands, they must be content with a full dinner pail, must they?

We laborers who produce two thousand millions a year more than we are allowed by you to consume, we must sit down in overalls to a full dinner pail—cold!

Capitalist masters, we slaves are learning. Look out for us. Some of us are going to vote this time to abolish our masters. Not even a full dinner pail will tempt us to vote for you any longer.

you would, any more than a trout can down a salmon when the salmon has swallowed him.

And we know, too, that you can't stop the development of trusts any more than you could stop the invention of labor-saving machinery all this century. We used to think we could smash the machine that turned us out of work. We know better now. We are not trying to butt out our brains against the car of Progress. But you are, Mr. Bryan. You want to turn back to the conditions of a hundred years ago. You are eternally talking about Jefferson, who was born in the eighteenth century. You're like the boy who was asked, "Where are you going?" and who replied, "Ain't going nowhere; just coming back." We are

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This outcry against Jap labor. Dollar a day contract Jap labor! That's all right. But why? That's the question, why? Stick a why into every fact of the sort, workingmen. You'll soon find a scientific Socialist answer. Jim Hill's bondholders over in Germany are the why. Jim Hill has to pay them big dividends so they will furnish the Great Northern Railway system more "Capital" to get more big dividends. Don't you see so long as the bondholders have their "capital" in Jim Hill's road, just so long he will hire Japs or Blacks or Dagos or cheap whites; and you can't stop him with a Democratic congressman. But once you vote together with all your fellow workingmen, to take possession of that railroad, yourselves, and the Jap problem is solved.

The boys are putting up a lively campaign in King county and in Seattle especially. Nightly meetings are held, from Georgetown to Ballard. An immense amount of literature is being distributed free. The Headquarters is crowded daily, and new Socialists are appearing every day.

Some of the boys think if we had another month of the campaign we would make the Rep-Dem-Caps turn pale.

Last Week Comrade Spring, State organizer for California, was sent to this State by the National Committee. Like all the rest of us he is poor, and has to "live off the land." The N. E. C. can only pay his travelling expenses. His itinerary was laid out by our State Committee as follows: Sunday, Oct. 28, Seattle; Monday, Tacoma; Tuesday, North Yakima; Wednesday, Prosser; Thursday, Colfax; Friday, Oakesdale; Saturday and Sunday, Spokane.

At Seattle on Sunday he gave a clear-cut reply to "Objections to Socialism," and answered questions of all sorts admirably. He is a hard worker, and all the comrades liked him. They gave him three cheers at the close of his address. His coming is especially timely to help the Eastern part of the State.

Another visitor who will do us good is Will McClain of Vancouver, B. C. He is president of the Machinists' Union of Vancouver, but is better known as the organizer of the Frazer River Fisheries Strike, last Summer. When the Provincial authorities sent the Militia down to "settle" that strike McClain went right into their camp and made a speech to the soldiers that made them ashamed of themselves for bearing arms against their fellow-slaves.

He is also the organizer of the United Socialist Labor party of B. C., which corresponds to the S. D. P. in the United States. He ran for member of the Dominion Parliament last spring and got about 700 votes. He is now candidate for the provincial legislature, and expects to win the seat. He is a staunch union man, but believes Socialism is the only way to solve the whole problem. He is to speak at the Grand Rally in Seattle, at Germania Hall, Saturday night, Nov. 3. Every workingman should hear him.

Comrade Gray tells of a Republican friend just from Chicago, who says the North side is alive with Socialist meetings every night. He says there is at least one street meeting on every block for ten blocks.

O, the laborers are learning this trip. Socialism is their gospel. In forty states they are hearing the good news, and their votes will tell.

How about "throwing away your vote?" Have you got over that delusion yet? Well, here is a new reason for you.

If you are a working man and want laws to help your class, the quickest way to get them is to pile up a big vote for Debs and Harriman. Your Capitalist masters will be so frightened at the prospect of their slaves rebelling, that they will hasten to throw all sorts of concessions to make them contented. That is how it has been in Germany. As the Social Democratic vote increased year after year new laws were passed to quiet the agitation and satisfy the demands of the workers.

That is why they have such things as old age pensions for workmen in Germany. Not because they love the laborer, but they are afraid of his votes.

If Debs gets a million votes, you will see such a crop of Labor Legislation this next year as never was thought of before.

The New York People strikes the same note in this about the miners.

As the Socialist vote increases, the "independence" of the capitalist will decrease. If the miners shall roll up a good Socialist vote in November there will be no doubt as to the employers sticking to their agreement, nor of their recognition of the union, nor of the final unhappy outcome of all the crime and misery that has cursed the mining regions. Miners! Men! Vote as you, struck—against the capitalist!

The first 10 cent subscriptions to *The Socialist*, that is, "till election," will expire next week.

Will you renew? Ten weeks more, ten cents more. We cannot live without those dimes. And we, that is, the paper, can live with them.

If you want the paper for six months or a year, why, make it "two bits," or "four bits"—and that will help us still more.

Many excellent extracts from letters we have received, have been crowded out by election items. They will appear in due time, however. Keep on sending in ideas, boys. We'll have a big blaze if you all bring on your wood.

And be dead sure not to forget those election returns next Tuesday night. Take a stamped envelope with you to the polls, and a sheet of paper and a pencil. Stay with it till the last vote is counted, and write down two things, at least, the total vote of your precinct and the Social Democratic vote. If you can, add also the Socialist Labor vote.

Address your letter to *The Socialist*, 220 Union Street, and mail it Tuesday night, if possible.

We will mail the next *Socialist* Friday night instead of Thursday, so as to get returns as full as possible.

The King County Committee announces the list of contributors to their campaign funds will be published next week.

A careful observer says to me: "From all I can see, the Social Democratic Party is going to poll a larger vote than all other parties combined, outside of the two leading parties."

And hear Prof. Small, of Chicago University, telling his students, in cold blood: "In 1904 Socialism will be the issue of the National Campaign." "Socialism will take a more conspicuous part in politics the longer you live. So far Americans have not been called upon to settle questions of this kind, as have the English and the Belgians. Nevertheless, social problems are bound to take the place of the questions on which issues are now based." A man who votes for Debs this year will be as proud of himself in future years as a man now who voted for Lincoln in 1860.

LAST GRAND RALLY OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.
Germania Hall, Saturday night.
Speakers: Will McClain, of Vancouver, B. C., organizer of Great Fishermen's Strike on the Frazer river.
A. G. Seibert, Social Democratic candidate for Mayor of Seattle.
Dr. H. F. Titus, Social Democratic candidate for Congress.

The Fusion deal has produced a general stagnation among the old Pops on the east side. It is a condition of Jonah and the whale—the Democratic party the whale; the Pops the Jonah. The whale has swallowed Jonah, has he assimilated him? No, you know not! There's where the similitude comes in. Satisfied that the function of assimilation has been arrested meanwhile, and desiring to avoid the disagreeable consequences which would follow making the whale sick at the stomach, Jonah is keeping very quiet. Well, after election, the indigestible compound will make the whale sick and he will spew him out, anyway. The experience was a good thing for Jonah, and the Pops I think will benefit by it. WM. HOGAN.

BRYAN NO SOCIALIST.

Lincoln, Neb., May 11, 1897.

Mr. F. G. R. Gordon, Manchester, N. H.—Dear Sir: You ask me whether I am in favor of Socialism and define it to mean "the collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution," and desire an answer "Yes" or "No."

I answer "No." Yours truly,
(Signed) W. J. BRYAN.

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN MISSOURI (From St. Louis Globe-Democrat, September 13.)

Rich Hill, Mo., Sept. 10.—Socialism is a new political factor in Missouri. If the Debs electoral ticket obtains a place on the official ballot it will receive such a number of votes as will surprise the old politicians. Labor Day the mottoes displayed in the processions and the principles asserted by some of the orators were straws in the population centers of the State. But there are Socialists who do not live in the cities. Scattered through agricultural Missouri are communities in which the tenets have gained believers in numbers sufficient to form clubs. * * * The new movement draws from both sides of the old parties, but in Bates county four-fifths of the Socialists are former Democrats. Probably in communities strongly Republican the Socialists draw more from that party. This Social Democratic Club of Rich Hill by no means represents the voting support of the Socialistic ticket. Caleb Lipscomb, the candidate for Governor, was one of the speakers at the Labor Day celebration last week. A quiet canvass seems to indicate that of the 900 coal miners in and around Rich Hill 400 are disposed to vote the ticket of the Social Democrats.

To Down the Trusts You Must Own the Trusts.

Governor Andrew E. Lee, of S. Dakota, said before the Anti-Trust Conference: "We do not oppose the trust, for trusts save time and toil. That ought to be the chief purpose of industrial progress. There is no sense in wasting wealth or human life and energy. Life is hard enough and short enough in its best and highest development. We object to the trust because there are too few in it. We should find no fault with a trust which included all men and showered its blessings upon everybody as it now surfeits a constantly diminishing number of people. What is the remedy? We cannot hope to successfully control capital, because capital, in private hands, will control us. It is bound to be supreme, as it now is, under any system which admits its existence in that form. There can be no gain in tormenting it; and to try to regulate by legal restrictions simply countenances its evils under conditions which would not wipe out the system's wrongs. It is the fundamental wrong of the system, not its surface aspect, which makes it imperative to do something more than compromise with the people's oppressors. Licensing monopoly would be like licensing train robbery. You would not get rid of the robber, nor secure relief from his continued plundering; you would simply recognize the robber system and admit your inability to conquer him. You cannot get rid of him by refusing to recognize him in social intercourse. He has created a society for himself into which you cannot get, unless you are as prosperous a robber as himself, and he looks down upon you from a pinnacle of the 'Four Hundred' and visits his scorn upon you while he buys your public servants and despises your laws. He fears nothing but an attack upon the system by which he maintains his tyranny over the people. If you would reach him, you must exterminate the whole system of robbery. When that is done, he must go to work or become a social exile. We may legislate against private monopoly till doomsday, but so long as we do not deprive these institutions of their ownership of the means of production and distribution, we need entertain no hope that they will cease to torment us, for experience has shown that they thrive under hostile legislation. The remedy will be found in an attack upon the system of which these monopolies are the fruit. Revolutionize the control of production and distribution. Make it Democratic. It is now an imperial system. Substitute public for private ownership. Throw off private for public monopoly. Crush the rule of money and establish the rule of men. Do not destroy the machines nor blot out the details for swift and perfect handling of commodities, but make things for people to use, not to fight over, and maybe die later for want of. Produce and distribute wealth for the enrichment of the race; for the gratification of needs and the satisfaction of worthy aspirations. Such a policy can be squared with the Declaration of Independence and the Golden Rule. Such a policy will destroy public and private rascality and give birth to a new social life of which the people are capable when they are delivered from the dread of starvation and death."

Frost for Robertson—Dares Not Debate.

The Democrats of Seattle held a workingmen's Rally last Tuesday night at the Armory, to be addressed by that "Champion of Labor," F. C. Robertson, of Spokane, candidate for Congress. They used every effort to get out a crowd, a brass band, a company of red, white and blue "Minute Men," a torch-light procession, to say nothing of an "Endorsement" by the Western Central Labor Union.

It was not a big crowd and such as it was, it failed to "enthuse." Robertson is a dull speaker at his best, but this time he seemed to have a cold chill. The audience, led by the aforesaid colored "Minute Men," gave some faint applause when the speaker mentioned Lincoln or Bryan or Lewis or Ronald, and even Mrs. Bryan and Jesus Christ got a few cheers. But not a soul-stirring sentence was uttered from start to finish.

Perhaps the chills were occasioned by some wicked Social Democrats distributing at the door the following Open Letter and Challenge. The heels were so hot at our boys that they jeered them and shouldered them and threatened them, all to no purpose. They cried out to those going in not to read those circulars, whereat Peters would hand out more circulars, saying, "Don't read that." But before Robertson arrived every man in the audience had read it, and put it away in his pocket to read again at home.

By the way, Mr. Robertson, here is a question or two for you that Dr. Titus forgot to mention:

1. You talked a good deal about the Coeur d'Alene miners and the tyrannical "Permit System" of blacklisting now in force in Idaho. Now, tell

us, is not all this done by authority of your fellow Democrat, Gov. Steunenberg? Does he not defend it and refuse to change it? Did he not call in the troops and refuse to dismiss them?

2. Were you not an obscure third-rate lawyer in Spokane till the miners took you up as assistant counsel for them? Did they not pay you for your services? And are you not now a candidate for congress solely because you were lucky enough to get into that Coeur d'Alene case and so become notorious? Don't you think you have made enough out of "Labor" already, without asking workingmen to send you to congress on a capitalist platform?

3. Tell us *why* Jim Hill imports cheap Japs and *why* the Bunker Hill and Sullivan would not pay \$3.50 a day? Is it not to make big profits and pay big dividends? And what does your Democratic policy propose to remedy the condition which makes big dividends possible only by means of cheap labor?

We must add, for the information of our readers, that Mr. Robertson declined all discussion, but made this significant remark in his speech: "I have only supreme contempt for any man who attempts to ride into office by appealing to any particular class of men." Just so, Democrats and Republicans alike are horrified when they see the working class uniting. All capitalists are alike in this: "For heaven's sake, don't appeal to class prejudice." Oh, no. Capitalists may be class conscious. But never let their slaves become so. Prophetic old Karl Marx struck the bull's eye: "Workingmen of all countries, unite."

Dr. Titus' Challenge to Mr. Robertson.

To Mr. F. C. Robertson: You are a nominee of the Democratic Party for Representative in Congress. I am a nominee of the Social Democratic Party for the same office.

You are put forward as the special friend of the workingman, and as such the workingmen's votes are solicited for you. I was nominated by a party that stands specifically for the workingmen, consists of workingmen and all its candidates are propertyless workingmen.

When, therefore, workingmen are asked to vote for you, nominated by a capitalist party, instead of myself, nominated by a Labor Party, they have a right to know why they should vote for a representative of capital instead of a representative of labor.

The Social Democratic Platform is devoted wholly to the Labor Question as the central question of modern life. It proposes a definite solution of this Labor problem, namely, the public ownership of the great instruments of production and distribution known as Capital. It proposes also a definite method of attaining this ownership, namely, the acquisition of the powers of government by the working class itself, which is now made and kept propertyless by the private ownership of Capital.

Our candidate for President is a workingman himself, Eugene V. Debs, who has no ambition but to deliver his class from capitalist rule and exploitation. This is the platform and candidate I am proud to represent.

Your party stands for the continuation of the present relations of Capital and Labor only "made friendly." It has not a word about wage-slavery as inseparable from the private ownership of capital. It is silent about the inherent antagonism of Labor and Capital made necessary by the mod-

ern "Industrial Revolution." It has no hint of hope or emancipation for that product of modern economic development, the proletariat, into which all workers, manual and intellectual, are now being transformed. On the contrary, the Social Democratic Party, which has honored me with its nomination for Congress, promises the abolition of wage-slavery, asserts that the conflict between Labor and Capital is irrepressible, that "friendly relations" between Labor and Capital are impossible, and that full deliverance from all our difficulties will be secured when the wage-slaves vote together and thus effect their own emancipation.

In view, therefore, of the fact that your party is a Capitalistic Party, standing for the interests of Capitalists, how can you have the audacity to ask workingmen to give their votes to you? Are you not trying to use your influence gained as a lawyer in defending clients who were exploited workingmen, to cheat and mislead other workingmen into voting for their masters and enemies?

Are you not the worst possible enemy of the workingmen, leading them into the enemy's camp while posing as their friend?

The best and fairest way to give the workingmen themselves a chance to decide for themselves is an open discussion of our respective claims to their votes. Hence, I now challenge you to such a discussion at any time and place prior to Nov. 6, convenient to yourself. On Saturday evening next, Nov. 3rd, Germania Hall has been secured by the Social Democrats for a Rally, and I can promise you the same time as I myself have on that occasion. Or will you give me 30 minutes tonight before your own audience? HERMON F. TITUS.

SOCIALIST SNAP SHOTS.

You remember that we said so, don't you, and right here? That those old true blue Pops were not going to be so easily worked by their crafty (mis) leaders? That they wouldn't stay with the Democracy? The "benevolent assimilation" scheme won't work. Fancy a set of men like these, many of them better informed on economics than their leaders, voting a capitalist ticket headed by a brazen, place-hunting demagogue! Your class interests, gentlemen, would naturally place you under the banner of the Social Democracy and by and by you will clearly see this and come over to us "for keeps."

The brethren shouldn't waste too much ink on such fellows as Jones. This prating about "Brotherhood," "golden rules," etc., on the part of people who nevertheless go on supporting the vicious, unjust and strife-breeding system under which we live presents a spectacle of consistency for the wonder of the gods. One good, sturdy class conscious blacksmith who has sworn out a vendetta against the system of legalized brigandage which robs his children and his neighbor's children of bread is worth a whole dray-load of empty headed, mooning, sentimentalists like Jones any day in the week.

The wealth producing capacity of the American people is one of the wonders of the world, and so is the ease and dexterity of the methods which operate infallibly to transfer this wealth from the hands of the workers to the pockets of the few. The few who toil not and neither do they spin—save for the spinning of webs, webs political, legal, industrial, to catch the flies whose substance they devour. The strangest thing of all, however, is to see the victims continue to vote for the system that keeps it up!

Pennsylvania had a law requiring the weekly payment of wages in cash. The courts annulled this law, declaring it unconstitutional—"an effort to put the laborer under legislative tutelage." "We do not conceal the fact that we prefer to pay our men once a month because of the expense," is the frank confession of the operators. What they "prefer" to do is rather strangely apt to be the way such things are settled everywhere. The law which says that a check weighman acting in the miners' interests shall stand at the head of the breaker and together with the company's weighman agree as to the amount of dockage is a dead letter. The miners are compelled to sign away this right. So much for "labor legislation." Public ownership and the complete abolition of wage slavery is the only way out, brothers of the labor unions.

ELEANOR SHELL.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE State of Washington, in and for King County.

In the matter of the estate of George Vonderheid, deceased.—No. 3363. Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of George Vonderheid, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to present them, together with the necessary vouchers, within one year after the date of this notice, to said administrator, at room 310 Bailey Building, said building being situated on the southwest corner of Second Avenue and Cherry Street, in the City of Seattle, King County, Washington, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.

HERMON F. TITUS, Administrator.

ROBT. F. BOOTH, Atty. for Administrator. Date of first publication, Nov. 4, 1900.

VOTE FOR BETTIE AND THE BABIES.

The Socialist now speaks its last word before the election. Every reader should read every word in it. The paper is small in size, but infinite in the grand truths of Socialism that it so clearly sets forth.

Those who break their backs over excessive toil and those still more unfortunate ones who are deprived even of the right to suffer under a capitalistic master, should ponder long and earnestly the exhortation found on every page of **The Socialist** to vote for Bettie and the Babies by voting for the workingmen's party, the Social Democratic Party, with our beloved Eugene V. Debs and Job Harriman as the standard bearers of the emancipation of the wage slave! A vote for either of the old parties only drives one more rivet in the chains of the present infernal system that beggars the honest worker and stuffs and bloats the idle, unscrupulous, heartless Masters of Bread. They would continue and intensify this slavery. We would abolish it and make all real workers comfortable and happy. Choose ye the day of the election which ye will serve—the devil of competition or the fraternal system of national co-operation wherein are secured peace, plenty and harmony, a regenerated manhood and womanhood.

You can't get Socialism by voting against it! If you want it vote our tickets. Don't say we cannot be elected this time. *We will!* The vote cast now for Socialism helps to build up a Socialist movement that on account of its numbers commands consideration and respect. Each vote is a magnet to draw other votes. A big vote is as important now as a sufficient number to elect will be when that time comes. Don't tell us that our success is a long way off—and then yourself de the very thing that hinders! Your work and vote will help to hasten that glad day when all the world shall be at peace. You have energies for other things, why not use them now for yourself? We call upon every workingman and every honest man everywhere to pitch into this fight with all the power that is in him and pile up a vote for Socialism that shall bring consternation to capitalists, and invincible inspiration, courage and determination to those who need Socialism most—the working class.

W. C. B. RANDOLPH.

Treasurer's Report of the Socialist.

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H. W. Titus, 7-11 (25 subs.)	2.50
H. Holtkamp, 10-11 (10 subs.)	1.00
A. F. Lindwall, 10-11 (10 subs.)	1.00
C. W. Wallace (25 subs.)	2.50
E. F. Rotscheck, 7 (5 subs.)	.50
H. H. House, 8 (10 subs.)	1.00
J. J. Fraser (50 subs. & special)	6.50
Subscriptions	13.95
Total	\$283.74

EXPENSES.

Amount reported last week	\$232.44
Pigott & French, 2,000 copies No. 10	20.25
Heating stove in mailing dept.	3.20
Paper for subscription list	1.65
2 globe clips	.75
1 doz. carbon papers	.50
Deposited at Postoffice to cover postage	2.80
Total	\$261.59
Balance on hand	22.15
Total	\$283.74

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic Party of the United States, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of International Socialism and declares the supreme political issue in America today to be the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the powers of government. The party affirms steadfast purpose to use those powers, once achieved, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of private property in the means of production, and establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

In the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation and communication), and the large and ever increasing class of wage-workers possessing no means of production. This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class the full control of the government, the pulpit, the schools and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is reducing it to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and suppressed, intellectually and physically crippled and degraded and its political equality rendered a bitter mockery; and the contest between these two classes grows ever sharper. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies goes the annihilation of small industries, and the middle class depending upon them; ever larger grows the multitude of destitute wage workers and of the unemployed, and ever fiercer the struggle between the class of the exploiter and the exploited, the capitalists and the wage workers.

The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises continually rendering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of production have outgrown the existing social order based on production for profit.

Human energy, and natural resources are wasted for individual gain.

Ignorance is fostered that wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women and children.

The lives and liberty of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are fomented between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes despite their apparent or actual conflicts are interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the means of production. We therefore charge that in this country the Democratic, Republican and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike the tools of the capitalist class.

The working class, cannot, however, act as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied class.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, without distinction of race, color or sex, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class to organize under the banner of the Social Democratic party, as a party truly representing the interests of the toiling masses and uncompromisingly waging war upon the exploiting class, until the system of wage slavery shall be abol-

ished and the Co-operative Commonwealth shall be established.

Pending the accomplishment of this our ultimate purpose, we pledge the effort of the Social Democratic party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor, and also for the securing of its progressive demands.

"Workingmen of all countries, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain!"

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:

First—Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to complete control of government by the people irrespective of sex.

Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

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Lynden, Whatcom County

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Equality, Skagit County

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FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

HENRY WIECK, Laborer.....

Geneva, Whatcom County

WALTER GRIGGS, Teacher..... Equality

ALONZO G. SEIBERT, Bricklayer... Seattle

Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation, and communication; all water works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE STATE PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic party of the state of Washington in convention assembled, lays down the following platform:

First—We reaffirm our belief in the principles of International Socialism, endorse the nomination of Debs and Harriman, and the platform as adopted by the Unity Committee of the S. D. P. and S. L. P.

Second—The principles of International Socialism, based on the irrepressible struggle of wage-labor against modern capitalism, are fundamental to our existence as a party. We arraign capitalism as a system incompatible with freedom and justice. We assert that capitalism and wage-slavery are inseparable twins. We demand the abolition of human slavery, the emancipation of the wage-working class, the destruction of capitalism.

Third—We affirm this irrepressible class-struggle to be a historic fact, a process of social evolution. Our demands are therefore in the line of progress. We are as sure to succeed as the laws of nature are inevitable.

Private property based on personal labor is honorable and just. But that has been superseded by private capitalistic property, based on the exploitation of labor by others—which is robbery.

The Social Democratic party aims to unite the exploited and robbed laborers into a political unit, fully instructed and conscious of its historic mission and power.

We, therefore, call upon all wage workers to vote for their own class interests, to forsake all parties and measures that do not recognize and advocate the supreme issue of modern times, namely, wage-slaves against capitalist tyrants.

We are fighting for no half-way measures. We will not be content till every workingman understands how he is exploited and robbed by the capitalist and understands also that he has an immediate weapon in the ballot whereby to achieve his own emancipation.

We propose to show every worker with hand or head that he is being expropriated by his capitalist masters, and that the time has come when the expropriators must be expropriated.

Ours is no sentimental fight for human brotherhood though we believe that also will ensue upon our victory. We demand justice. We fight for justice. We will obtain justice.

Fourth—While aiming at the ultimate collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution, we demand as intermediate steps direct legislation, public ownership of public utilities, abolition of the contract system in all public improvements, use of the taxing power to establish a system of public improvements, upon which the unemployed shall be employed.

Fifth—While we recognize the Labor Union movement is a necessity under the capitalist system, we wish to point out the fact that it is impotent to bring any permanent relief to the working class. We feel it our duty to stand by the unions in all their struggles and in turn call upon them to complete their emancipation by united political action.

Sixth—We denounce all wars of aggression and we call upon all workers everywhere to cease to bear arms in the interest of capitalists who seek to make cannon-food out of those who create all wealth in order to perpetuate their mastery over the workers.

Resolved, That we chose a State Executive Committee of five members who shall also act as a State Campaign Committee and instruct it to abide by the result of the referendum now being taken by the Unity Committee.