

THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

"Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains: you have a world to gain."

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PRICE ONE CENT.

ALL READY FOR CITY CAMPAIGN.

Committee Gets Busy for Coming Municipal Elections. Meet Twice a Week. Proceedings of the Two Sessions, Jan. 2d and 9th. Outline of Proposed Work. Heavy Distribution of Literature Planned. Halls and Speakers Arranged For. Unity of Action Between Wards and Campaign Committee is Imperative. Place on Official Ballot Necessitates Many Changes. Greatest Campaign in the History of Socialist Movement in Chicago. United Action of All Ward Branches is Requested.

First session of the City Campaign Committee was held at Headquarters, 181 Washington street, Friday Jan. 2. Comrade T. J. Morgan was elected temporary chairman and Comrade Jas. S. Smith temporary secretary.

On roll call the following delegates responded:

Fourth ward, M. Mortimer; 6th, F. M. Tucker; 7th, T. J. Morgan; 9th, O. Rubenstein; 13th, W. Higgins; 14th, L. A. Mitchell; 17th, John Sonander; 18th, Jas. S. Smith; 21st, H. Sindlinger; 22nd, W. Pardeck; 25th, G. T. Miller; 28th, T. K. Bates; 29th, A. Ualik; 31st, J. Newman.

On motion Comrade Chas. Tyl, who has been delegated by the Bohemian Central Committee to attend the meetings of the Campaign Committee and keep the Bohemian comrades in touch with it was seated with voice but no vote.

Comrade John Kaiser from the 26th ward was given seat in the committee without vote for the session, owing to the fact that this ward failed to elect its delegate.

On motion the following order of business was adopted:

Roll Call.
Reading of Minutes.
Communications and Bills.
Report of Officers and Committees.
Report of Wards.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.
Adjournment.

On motion it was decided that the Committee meet every Friday at 8 p. m. at Headquarters, 181 Washington street.

On motion the Committee proceeded to permanent organization.

Comrade T. J. Morgan was elected permanent chairman and Comrade T. K. Bates permanent secretary.

Comrade Jas. S. Smith was elected campaign manager and financial secretary-treasurer.

On motion the following committees were elected:

Finance Committee, T. J. Morgan, G. T. Miller and T. K. Bates.
Halls and Speakers, L. A. Mitchell, T. J. Morgan and W. Higgins.
Literature, Geo. D. Evans, G. T. Miller and T. K. Bates.

The members of the State Judiciary Committee were elected a like committee of this body.

A Proposition has been submitted to this body by a local firm to furnish party buttons at the rate of \$7 per thousand, and on motion it was decided to request the firm to leave samples with the campaign manager for further reference.

A motion to have buttons made with the picture of the candidate for mayor was tabled.

On motion it was decided that in the event of any delegate not attending the meetings of this committee regularly, the Secretary shall so notify the ward organization such delegate may represent.

On motion the campaign manager was instructed to ascertain the probable cost and the possibility of hanging a campaign sign across the street in front of the Headquarters.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to appear at the meeting of the City Central Committee and inform

it of the organization of the Campaign Committee with an outline of the work so far laid out.

On motion the Secretary was further instructed to notify all foreign-speaking organizations to prepare all literature intended to publish as soon as possible and to first submit it to the committee on literature.

The committee on literature was requested to at once retire and prepare a card for immediate distribution at the meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Comrade Herron's lecture.

The Finance Committee was authorized to expend such monies as may be necessary getting out an appeal for funds.

The card prepared by the literature committee being approved it was voted to have five thousand printed at once. There being no further business the committee adjourned.

JAS. S. SMITH,
Sec'y pro. tem.

Session, Jan. 9th.

The City Campaign Committee met Jan. 9th 8 p. m.

Fifteen wards were represented. Bills for pluggers and postage \$7.95 ordered paid.

Subscription lists are to be sent to each branch for the purpose of raising a general fund.

Campaign Manager was ordered to pay not to exceed four dollars per week for clerical assistance.

A personal subscription list is to be gotten out not to exceed 5 thousand and not to cost more than \$75.00. A letter of approval to accompany each list, all to be sent by mail.

Campaign manager is instructed to have letterheads and envelopes printed bearing names of all committees and officers to be used in this campaign.

Literature committee instructed to prepare campaign pluggers bearing cuts of candidates to be submitted for approval.

The problem of campaign buttons was referred to committee on printing. Comrades Goodspeed, Smith and Bates comprise this committee.

A resolution submitted by the 21st ward was referred to committee on halls and speakers.

Delegates on this committee are requested to secure list of halls in their ward. Cost of same and seating capacity for the guidance of committee on halls and speakers.

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Campaign manager is instructed to secure names, addresses, occupations and union affiliations of all candidates. Same to be printed in the Chicago Socialist and distributed in a meeting of the American Federation of Labor Jan. 18th, at 70 Adams street, 10 volunteers are requested to do this work.

Campaign manager was instructed to request our City Executive to take steps to secure nominations in those wards which have no organization. Comrade Goodspeed was elected on literature committee vice Comrade Evans.

In the future 2 meetings per week

CAMPAIGN FUNDS WANTED.

The Socialist Party has placed a full city and aldermanic ticket in the field. The Campaign Committee has organized and is now ready to launch the ticket named by the City Convention.

The only source of revenue is from the small earnings of the wage workers and therefore we make this appeal to you comrades and ask you to get right down to real work.

The splendid vote for Socialism recorded at the fall election of 1902, nearly 25,000 votes in the city, has given the party official standing. Many new features come into this campaign on that account, and with them an unusually heavy expense. We must maintain our official standing. A vigorous campaign only can make this possible.

The voters of the city must mark our ticket so well that not a single vote will be lost to the Socialist Party ticket. Socialists, sympathizers and voters are requested to make the sacrifice necessary to make sure the success of the party in this spring campaign.

No man in the movement can contribute a large amount, all will be appealed to and each contribute what he can.

Donations will be acknowledged through the columns of this paper. Make all checks and money orders payable to Jas. S. Smith, Fin. Sec'y, Treasurer of the Campaign Committee. For the success of our ticket we remain

T. J. MORGAN,
T. K. BATES,
GEO. T. MILLAR
Committee on Finance,

per JAS. S. SMITH, Campaign Manager.

CAMPAIGN FUND RECEIPTS TO JANUARY 11TH.

Previously reported \$107.71
Fred Thell on pledge acct 1.00
L. A. Wiseman on pledge acct 5.00
A. Eisenman 25.00
Total \$138.71
JAS. S. SMITH,
Fin. Sec'y-Treasurer.

will be held, Tuesday and Friday 8 p. m. sharp. Campaign committee decided to pay \$5 per month for use of Headquarters as meeting place. Committee on halls instructed to arrange a once for a grand mass meeting to open the spring campaign.

Campaign manager was instructed to secure street permits to hold open air meetings when weather permits.

It is very necessary for all delegates to attend these meetings regularly, being absent twice in succession will be sufficient reason for their wards to elect their successor when so reported by the secretary.

The following resolution relative to individual ward campaigns, and subscription lists was adopted.

Whereas, The City Campaign Committee was formed by a call being issued to each of the thirty-five wards to elect delegates to form such body and,

Whereas, The securing of a place on the official ballot by the Socialist party means a complete change of place on that ballot, and therefore it becomes necessary to place great emphasis on the fact of this change, and it is also imperative that more formality and harmony of action prevail in the conduct of the city campaign than in the past, and,

Whereas, A difference of opinion seems pretty largely to prevail among the various ward branches of the city that this campaign should be carried on independently, and,

Whereas, Certain plans have been laid by some wards looking toward a ward campaign and the use by said wards of their own contributions to the campaign fund, and,

Whereas, The City Campaign Committee believes such action will be destructive to the best interests of the party, and that unity of action is necessary to success, because of the broken and disunited manner in which the city campaign would be carried on, greatly increasing the expenses and dividing the action and putting into the affairs of the campaign confusion, disorder and ultimate failure to accomplish the large measure of results so earnestly desired by all Socialists, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That the delegates to the City Campaign Committee be instructed to report back to their respective wards that it is the wish of the City Campaign Committee that the general subscription lists be substituted for the ones in local use.

Resolved, 2. That all monies now collected are to be turned into the common fund, and,

Resolved, 3. That all literature, speakers, halls and campaign in wards be handled entirely through the City Campaign Committee, each ward laying before said committee all suggestions that it may have, and that each co-operate together fully in all work.

Resolved, 4. That no action of this committee be construed as an attempt to interfere with local ward autonomy, and we would impress the branches that the City Campaign Committee will act upon the advice of the local campaign committees in every action that it shall take affecting the wards.

Resolved, That each ward campaign committee be permitted to retain for its own use 25 per cent of its subscriptions made on lists furnished by the City Campaign Committee.

Note. It is thought proper to inform the branches that the support of these resolutions was most vigorously urged by delegates from those wards where the greatest local autonomy prevails, and where the vote of 1902 was largest.

THOS. J. MORGAN, Chairman,
THOS. K. BATES, Secretary.

A BASELESS CHARGE

Chicago Socialist is Accused of "Creating Discontent".

EXACT CONTRARY IS TRUE

Socialism Uses Discontent but Does Not Create it. Adds Intelligence to it Instead.

About two weeks ago a man into whose hands a copy of this paper chanced to fall, wrote us a very indignant letter in which he accused us of "creating discontent" amongst the working class. In another portion of the letter he insisted that there were no classes in this country, but that we were trying to create them.

We do not need therefore to acquit ourselves of these charges. Our accuser has done so himself perhaps better than we could.

But after all there is a relation between Socialism and discontent, though it is not that of creator and creature. If there were no discontented people, this paper could not have been started four years ago. If there were no discontented people now this paper could not have been supported.

So our indignant correspondent really put the cart before the horse. It was discontent that created the CHICAGO SOCIALIST, and the paper exists for and because of discontented people. And its mission is to give INTELLIGENCE to discontent—a very different thing from creating it.

It is with working class discontent wholly, that this paper is concerned. Discontent always means want of something, but by no means always implies the knowledge of how to get the thing or things wanted.

Discontent amongst workingmen in every case arises from the fact that they are continually wanting to get more and more of the things their labor produces. They wanted these things and tried to get them hundreds of years before any Socialist paper ever appeared—before even the name of Socialism was known.

Therefore working class discontent arises from social conditions—from conditions which debar the worker from enjoying the things his labor has produced.

The Chicago Socialist explains those conditions and the cause of their existence. If men want to get things they must know the nature of the obstacle that prevents them. Before such obstacle can be removed its strength must be known, and the strength of the force to be used to remove it.

To-day the thing that stands between the worker and his product is the PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION, of the land, tools and machinery upon and with which the working class expend their labor.

It can be and must be removed, and it is against it that the CHICAGO SOCIALIST seeks to direct the discontent of the workers.

It points out that this private ownership only exists because the working class as a whole, are still unable to see in it the barrier to the satisfaction of their wants. And unconsciously they support it with their votes just because of this.

The real strength of private ownership lies then in the ignorance of the workers. They may add discontent to this ignorance, but that does not weaken the barrier. Only when discontent becomes intelligent will it be swept away.

When a workingman sees or reads of the limitless resources of this country, of the enormous wealth created therefrom by labor; when he understands the possibility of having everything that makes life bearable and agreeable, in the way of food, clothing, shelter, warmth and recreation, and contrasts his own condition of poverty and insecurity therewith, he grows discontented. And his discontent is neither to be commended nor condemned. It is a perfectly natural result, and is not influenced in any way by what other people may think of it. Neither can it be created or destroyed by any newspaper, individual, or group of individuals.

The Chicago Socialist takes the position that working class discontent is a product of social conditions; that these conditions can only be removed through INTELLIGENT discontent, which is only another name for SOCIALISM in this case.

And the only expression of intelligent working class discontent possible is through the SOCIALIST.

VOTE. That is why the Socialist Party puts a ticket in the field. Discontent is the lever of progress. THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST uses but does not create it. If this be a crime then we plead guilty.

IN BLACK AND WHITE.

Side Lights on a Week's Occurrences in Chicago and Vicinity.

Baby Hillers, six months old, was frozen to death in her mother's arms at their unheated residence, 1341 North Western ave.

Mrs. Eva Copeland-Schumann of 1693 Kenmore ave., is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia brought on by "devotion to a cat," a prize winner at the recent cat show. Cat is convalescing also.

Man who chopped up a telegraph pole for fuel is held to grand jury. Rasal pleaded that his family was freezing.

Armour & Co., swiped three car loads of coal consigned to the city pumping station off the railroad tracks. No Grand Jury business about this as the theft was not known in the office of Armour & Co.

Chicago Chronicle declares that "so long as the Constitution endures, there will be no confiscation of property in the U. S."

Citizens of Arcola, Ill., confiscated 16 car loads of fuel on Illinois Central R. R. Local preachers, bankers, policemen and "prominent citizens" assist in the loot.

Chicago police officers find frozen body of elderly woman in empty pantry of her three room domicile.

Liberal supply of coal has been secured for the comfort of the animals in the Lincoln Park Zoo.

Annie Murphy, 14 years (as per affidavit) falls insensible through cold in Halsted street car, while going to her work at 7 a. m. Carried to police station and revived in an hour.

Illinois Federation of Womans Clubs goes on record for the 'tenth time as being opposed to child labor.

Danny Jacobson, 14 years old, was killed on the North Western R. R. tracks while picking up coal. Danny's little brothers and sisters were freezing at home, but he should not have trespassed.

Cannass of railroad officials results in declarations, that coal necessary to run locomotives, will be confiscated wherever found on company's property, no matter to whom it may be consigned.

Eastern preacher urges trusteeship of the churches after the pattern of the coal and Standard Oil combines.

Usual bunch of sermons on why workingmen don't go to church are preached throughout the city.

Endless stream of people in extreme destitution present themselves at the county agent's office asking for food and fuel.

Chicago's "smart set" go in a body to see Mrs. Patrick Campbell, in "The Joy of Living," at the Illinois Theater.

James H. Eckels declares before the Illinois Manufacturers Association that "business men should be allowed to conduct their business without legislative interference and free from government control."

Manufacturers Association threatens indictment of mine owners and railroads responsible for shortage of coal, which may compel the shutting down of factories and industrial plants.

W. H. Wahl of 36 Coblenz street spent his last dime for a draught of poison. His children cried for food and warmth which he could not provide, being crippled through accident when at work.

Banquet of Association of Coal Operators postponed out of deference to "public opinion."

Police discover Henry Peckler of 5225 Halsted street, dying of consumption alongside the dead body of his wife. No food or fuel in house, and snow drifting through broken window.

Father Gleason attacks Socialism and declares that the workingman is better off to-day, than ever before in the world's history.

Big Mass Meeting.

On Sunday January 18th at Kensington Turner Hall at 2:30 p. m., a grand mass meeting will be held under the auspices of the 33rd ward branch Socialist party. Charles L. Breckon, Socialist candidate for mayor, and Jos. Washop, editor Chicago Socialist will address the meeting. Free admission. All welcome.

NEWS NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Morgan has gobbled the Erie Railroad.

Paper bag factories are forming an \$8,000,000 combine.

Eleven suicides is New York's record for one day last week.

Silver trust has gobbled \$30,000,000 of silver mines in Mexico.

Tin Can Trust has now gobbled all its competitors but three.

Three thousand Chinese carpenters are on strike at Hong Kong.

School teachers of Hoboken, N. J., will affiliate with the A. F. of L.

Full Socialist municipal ticket has been nominated in Williamsport, Pa.

British capitalists are planning a \$30,000,000 cotton combine in Mexico.

Tennessee Socialists are making vigorous efforts to organize the state.

New Socialist paper, "Montana Socialist" weekly. Published at Butte, Mont.

Socialists of Spokane, Wash., will meet on Jan. 18th and nominate a full city ticket.

"Montana Labor Herald," a trades union paper in that state, has declared for Socialism.

Oakland, Cal., Socialists will be in the coming municipal campaign with a full ticket.

San Antonio, Texas, Socialists have placed a full ticket in the field for the municipal campaign.

"Glas Slobode" is a new weekly Socialist paper published in the Polish language at Pueblo, Colo.

Billion dollar steel trust "divided up" \$132,000,000 as profits last year amongst the stockholders.

Railway Servants Union of England have decided to pay the \$149,000 fine imposed by the Taff Vale decision.

Browers union of Unlontown, Pa., expelled one of their members because he belonged to the National Guard.

Only nine separate plans for controlling the trusts were announced last week.

Eugene V. Debs has just completed a most successful agitation tour through Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Colorado labor unions have increased by 20,000 in the last two years. Their membership is now nearly 47,000.

Socialist Party of S. Dakota has taken control of the Dakota Ruralist and it will henceforth appear as the party organ.

India has a "favorable balance of trade" for 1902, of \$160,000,000. Capitalist prosperity and famine are generally found together anyhow.

"Literary Digest" declares that the wonderful Socialist vote indicates the inauguration of a Socialist President before many years have passed.

Chicago American has made the profound discovery that the fuel famine is only for the poor. It says so in great big type one day last week.

Big capitalist organizations in Chicago avow their intentions of putting a stopper on the "sympathetic strike" amongst the Building Trades Unions.

At the recent elections in Porto Rico, 680 Socialist votes were cast in three cities. There are other things besides the constitution, that "follow the flag."

H. Gaylor Wilshire and Professor Seligman (Political Economy, Columbia University) will debate at Cooper Union, New York, Jan 18th. Subject, Socialism.

Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission "startled" an audience last week by maintaining that publicity was no cure for trusts. "Pic 'em Teddy!"

"A disgusting farce" is how the "Railway Employes Journal" characterizes the initiation of Roosevelt as a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

American window glass trust has withdrawn its profit sharing proposal to its employes. That's how the expense price describes the failure of a gold brick transaction.

Dr. Lyman Abbot says if he were a workingman he would carry a union card. As he is not however, he can vote the Socialist ticket instead. Perhaps he does so anyhow.

Boston Socialists held a monster meeting in Faneuil Hall on Jan. 8th, and thoroughly discussed the coal famine. Cary, McCartney and Mahoney were the principal speakers.

Anti trust law has been smashed to pieces by the Missouri Court of Appeals in its decision against the little business man who sued the Plumbing Trust for withholding supplies.

"Railway Employes Journal" says the A. F. of L. is doomed unless it awakens to the necessities of the present. "Miners Magazine" says ditto. Got your ear to the ground Sammy?

Irish census reports show that the decay of population is not due to racial or religious causes. This is said to be a startling discovery to "students" the sort that study everything but capitalism.

So far we have seen no other effect of Father Gleason's anti-Socialist sermon two weeks ago, than an increase in the membership of the Socialist party, rather above the average for the time.

Having disfranchised a large proportion of its working class population, West Virginia Legislature has proposed a bill for the abolition of child labor, and intends to have some fun with it.

New machine for loading coal into box cars at the rate of 2,000 tons per day is being manufactured in Des Moines, Ia. Gentlemen who are "handy

wid' the shovel" will please take notice.

Rockford, Ill., Socialists have nominated a full ticket for the spring campaign. Last election put them on the official ballot. They have nominated Comrade C. L. Dewey, a machinist for Mayor.

Wonders will never cease. "Green Goods" Gunton of New York, doesn't believe the scab is a hero, and even goes so far as to deny his "sacred" right to work. At least he says so in his magazine.

When local politicians of Astoria, Ore., heard that workers were going to cut loose from the old parties, the city council immediately raised the wages of the street cleaning and fire department employes.

D. M. Parry, President of the manufacturers Association is a deadly enemy of Socialism but we notice that he dodged the challenge to debate the subject, which Max Hayes promptly tendered him.

"Caleburg Labor News" of Jan. 3 contains Socialist articles from Comrades F. W. Moore of Middle Grove, W. T. Wallace of Abingdon and Dr. Knopfnagel of Canton. A good showing for one issue.

Packers are not altogether friendless. While Missouri has found them guilty of conspiracy, Texas has given a permit to Swift and Co., to do "business" within its borders. Capital stock \$25,000,000.

Yerkes, the street railroad exploiter declares that there is a panic ahead and holds the trusts responsible therefor. It will be observed that Jim Hill dissents from the latter view but agrees with the former.

What is left of the DeLoonite party is busily engaged in the usual pastime of "kicking out traitors" to the working class." The "traitors" who are numerous, are also kicking out the kickers of the first party.

Mahoney, policeman and safeblower was sent to Joliet last Friday. Cap. Williams however, the Masonic Temple tax thief who was sentenced to six months imprisonment, has already done two months of it—in his hotel.

Thirty one new candidates have been elected in 13 different city councils in Germany according to the latest reports. They weren't the "simple unpretending" sort that the Kaiser asked for either, but just plain everyday Socialists.

A New Orleans militia regiment has been disbanded for refusing to act against strikers in the recent street railroad trouble there. It seems that the Socialists were correct in asserting that the capitalists have no other use for the militia.

A thousand of London's unemployed paraded the streets one day last week in order to attract attention to their condition. There was no disorder. It wasn't the relief of Mafeking, but the relief of poverty they were interested in this time.

Father Hagerty reports that two of the newly elected members to the State Legislature of Arkansas have applied for admission to Socialist locals, and will if admitted, openly champion Socialism on the floor of the Legislature.

Accepting the offer of Rev. Father Gleason to answer questions regarding Socialism sent to his "letter box," a Roman Catholic comrade sent in five and attended last Sunday to hear them answered, but discovered that he had merely wasted stamps, as they were never referred to.

It is said that Congressman Loud, a notorious advocate of capitalist corporations is to be appointed Fourth Assistant Postmaster general at Washington. This is how Roosevelt answers the demands of the post office employes for more wages.

Boston, Mass., Herald, one of the great capitalist dailies of the East gives votes no less than five pages (not columns) to a symposium on Socialism in its issue of Jan. 4th. In the face of those 25,000 Socialist votes the capitalist press cannot keep silence.

Supreme Court of Minnesota decided that money left in a will as a bequest for masses and education of priests, is a trust, and therefore invalid. This kind of trust is seemingly easier to deal with than the one Jim Hill is interested in, in that state.

Another labor spying agency has been started in Cleveland, Ohio. So profitable has this business become that the capitalists are beginning to suspect that the dirty scoundrels engaged in it are simply trying to hold them up, which no doubt is at least partly correct.

Gompers is being bombarded with challenges to debate the relative merits of the A. L. U. and A. F. of L., by officials of the former organization. Sam will no doubt discover that his attitude in this matter should be one of superior disdain. Tell 'em to go and get a reputation, Sammy.

Owing to the immense number of unemployed at present in England, the capitalist papers over there are circulating the report that American capitalists are anxiously awaiting the arrival of 100,000 British workmen, promising them regular employment at double the British rate of wages.

Local St. Louis has passed resolutions condemning all proposed fusion of the Socialist Party, with Union Labor or Reform parties, and further requesting the resignation of the National Secretary and several members of the Local Quorum, for advocating such proposals. If they fail to do this, the Local will call upon the National Committee to remove them.

Are you still hunting for subscribers?

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Socialist City Campaign 1903

For Mayor - CHAS. L. BRECKON, City Treasurer - GEORGE T. MILLER, City Attorney - THOMAS J. MORGAN, City Clerk - HJALMAR F. LINDGREN.

PLATFORM.

- 1. The Socialist Party, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of International Socialism as expressed in the platform adopted at the National convention of the Socialist Party, at Indianapolis, Ind.
2. We call the attention of the wage workers to the fact that the Socialist Party came into existence because of the division of Society into two opposing classes—capitalists and wage workers.
3. The capitalist class owns all the wealth and receives all the benefits of wealth production, while the wage working class produces all wealth, performs all useful labor, and has for its share poverty, want and fear of want.
4. In this class society, the Socialist Party is fighting the political battle of the working class to end their oppression, and to emancipate them from capitalist robbery through the system of the private ownership of productive property, and finally to make them the master of their own products.
5. None of the other political parties—Republican, Democratic or Reform—openly stand for any one class. They pretend to stand for all classes, but their actions, following the election, have invariably been in the interest of the capitalist class.
6. Despite alleged political equality members of the working class are wage slaves dependent upon the capitalist for a livelihood, and political reform, such as municipal ownership, the referendum, election of senators by direct vote, proportional representation and such like propositions, will not make them other than beggars, who, to exist, on this earth, must have a master.
7. The Socialist Party is a party of the working class—composed of workers, organized by workers, and solicits your vote in order to secure for this class the law making power in order that this power may be used in the interest of this class, and thus secure true industrial liberty—that is, Socialism—a condition of society in which the laborer will own and control the means of production and distribution and receive the full social product of his labor.
8. Recognizing that the power to be obtained even by success in the present campaign is limited, nevertheless we pledge our candidates if elected to do all in their power to further the interests of the working class.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that since the Socialist Party is an International Party committed exclusively to the interests of the working class and an integral part of a world movement, it cannot locally or otherwise fuse or ally itself with any other party, without losing its essential character. We therefore unreservedly condemn all attempts looking towards such fusion. The candidates of the Socialist Party if elected to office pledge themselves to use the power so obtained by the class conscious vote, for the interest of the entire working class, and will examine all legislation—by one rule, namely—is this for the interest of the working class? If so, we are for it; if not, we are against it.

SAY SOCIALISM IS COMING.

Coming events cast their shadows before and the shadow of Socialism now looms up big in the industrial world and is being recognized by both sides in the suicidal strife between the big and little capitalists.

What is bringing it? Mr. James H. Eckels declares that the hampering or attempted hampering of the big capitalists by legislation will certainly bring government ownership, and that in turn will as certainly bring Socialism.

By the by Mr. Eckels is one of the few capitalists who makes a distinction between "government ownership" and Socialism. And he is correct both in his distinction and general conclusions.

The Daily News however comes to the defence of the small exploiter in its editorial columns. Who, it asks, is teaching Socialism? The citizen who demands protection against the combines, or the combines which slich unreasonable profits?

And the Socialist answers—both. Both are bringing Socialism and they have no choice in the matter.

Society is now in the stage where one capitalist is expropriating many and the fruits of his expropriation are the "unreasonable profits" which the expropriated charge him with acquiring. The latter must struggle as best they can to avoid extinction.

And out of the smoke and dust of the battle comes the accusations of Socialism from both combatants, while the working class are being prepared to verify the predictions of each.

"OUR FRIEND THE ENEMY"

Just what amount of knowledge about Socialism may exist amongst the Roman Catholic priesthood cannot of course be accurately estimated, but if the Socialists of this city had been permitted to name an opponent from amongst that body, they could not have made a happier selection than that of Rev. E. J. Gleeson.

In his first onslaught two weeks ago, he took the position that Socialism was the "tendency in society to make the state everything and the individual nothing." This drew forth a retort from a capitalist journal that individualism is threatened with extinction under the present system.

Next Sunday the "tendency in society" became an "impossible dream that never can and never will be realized."

If this statement is made good faith, we might ask why the priest is wasting his time on the subject? Where is the necessity for opposing something that can never happen?

What effect these sermons may have upon his congregation, we do not know, but it is certain that outside the walls of his church they help Socialism. And for this reason we hope that the capitalist press will give them the widest possible circulation.

All our Roman Catholic comrades who can make it convenient should attend these sermons, before Bishop Quigley comes along and calls them off.

BOSTON HERALD ON SOCIALISM.

"No feature of the last state election in Massachusetts has created more widespread comment than the vote cast by the Socialist Party" says the "Boston Herald," one of the largest dailies in that city, in its issue of January 4th. The truth of this opening statement is then confirmed by the Herald itself, which devotes five solid pages of its space to an exhaustive, and on the whole, a fair analysis of the Socialist movement, the causes of its growth, its platform, its candidates and their utterances, the composition of its voting strength and the localities from whence it is chiefly drawn, with an immense mass of figures and details relating to the movement.

As might be expected from a capitalist journal the Herald tries to impress its readers with the idea that while Socialism has not reached its zenith in the state, and an increase may still be expected for some time, there is no grounds for alarm that the movement may yet capture the law making powers of the country. But such conclusions have no effect upon well-informed Socialists. They understand perfectly the material interests at stake which forbid any other conclusion.

It is remarkable that throughout the entire five pages, the Herald studiously avoids any presentation of Socialism as a CLASS movement. This dodging permits it to assert the bald fact of "government ownership" as the essence of Socialism, without regard to any particular class in society controlling the government. The Democratic party it maintains will give us as much "government ownership" as is good for us, and thereby forestall Socialism.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE is the rock

which all capitalist criticisms of Socialism seek to avoid, and the Boston Herald is no exception to the general rule.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAY SIDE

The suicide list for the United States in 1902 reaches a total of \$291, or more than a thousand above the figures of the preceding year. It means that nearly one person in every nine thousand took their own lives. Chicago contributed 428 to the list or nearly one in four thousand.

Reports from Boston, Mass., amid the coal famine, show a very curious state of affairs. There it is the rich and not the poor who are suffering from cold, according to the press. However we haven't heard of any wealthy people freezing to death there. How different in Chicago. Tuesday morning papers reported 9 people perished from cold and every one of them belonged to the "poor" that is the working class. Ninety one cases of utter destitution were also found in the same class. But probably the Boston capitalist papers are telling their readers that it is the rich and not the poor who are suffering in Chicago.

German workmen employed at the Great Vulcan Shipbuilding Works at Stettin have sent a telegram to the Kaiser notifying him that they repudiate the message sent previously to him in their names, endorsing his attitude on the Krupp affair. Their signatures, they assert were collected under compulsion, through fear of discharge and pecuniary damage (this latter cause probably alludes to some old age pension or profit-sharing fake). Now you anti-Socialist croakers, what is it that "destroys individuality?" Socialism or capitalism?

D. M. Parry of the National Association of Manufacturers denies the story that that body is getting up a blacklist of agitators and strike provokers. He insists that it has other work to do. That is probably true, because that special work doesn't have to be done twice over. A blacklist of such men exists now, and is about in as perfect shape as it is possible to get it. There is not a big capitalist concern in the country that does not possess such a list now and use it as occasion requires.

It has just been discovered that a considerable number of members of the congress which is expected to do so many things to the trust are taking a lesson from the trusts to the advantage of their own pockets. Every member of the house is allowed \$1,200 per annum for the hire of a secretary, and it is now becoming a practice for several members to pool their interests and hire one man to act as secretary for the group. This scheme enables them to retain the larger portion of the \$1,200 for their own use, and still pay their employe a "fair" salary. Three of these members are said to be millionaires.

The president of the First National Bank, the president of the State Bank, the pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, the entire police force and scores of merchants and prominent citizens of the town of Arcola, Ill., held up an Illinois Central coal train of 19 cars last week and confiscated the entire contents. This exploit should not be forgotten by the next Socialist agitator that visits the town, as it affords a precedent with which to effectually answer all objections to Socialism on the grounds of confiscation.

Mr. George Fred Williams of Massachusetts proposes the re-organization of the Democratic party along the lines of "popular sovereignty." Say George, does that term include the re-entrancement of the negroes who have been deprived of their votes in the Southern States?

Last week a young man in New York, attracted by the display of diamond rings upon the hand of a lady, made a desperate assault upon her in a crowded street and endeavored to amputate the hand with a knife, in order to secure the jewelry which was said to be worth \$1,360. He was captured after a severe struggle but not until he had inflicted a deep cut across the lady's knuckles. He gave his name as Goodman—a singularly inappropriate name in view of his clumsy performance. When the real "good men" want fingers and hands they take them with the most improved machinery installed in mills and factories, with no risk whatever of arrest or imprisonment. The New York Goodman will probably get ten years for his both work—and he deserves it too. He should have set up a cotton mill in Alabama or Georgia and operated on the hands and fingers of the children of the working class instead.

A rise in the price of lemons may be looked for now. You are supposed to use plenty of lemon juice to kill off the microbes.

MANAGER'S COLUMN.

Comrades.— Last week's receipts were a close call. Just enough to pay running expenses exclusive of rent. Lift just a little harder, sell a few more sub-cards each, and we will be on a business basis. The number of "stops" beat the "starts" by nearly two to one. Of course you won't stand for that.

Will not comrades who are down for individual subscriptions toward hall rent touch up that account just a little more vigorously. Money must come in from all quarters if the credit of the party shall remain good.

The amount of cash received last week on ward and individual accounts was small. Something over \$500 is standing out. Clear up the books so that the manager can clear up all outstanding bills. The paper is growing and its success is your success and the success of the party.

A religious organization of one third the membership of the Socialist party in Chicago and one tenth the enthusiasm and cause for existence, would pay its pastor \$10,000 a year, support and own a fine church building, and give largely to missions, etc. Shall not the children of light do better than the children of darkness? Of course. Unity of action and centralization of power of organization shall quickly put the Socialist Party in power in Chicago. You see the point.

The printer charges a fixed rate per thousand copies for printing the Chicago Socialist under a certain number, less if over that amount. The rate can be made quite a little lower if we can but increase our normal issue a little over 1,000 copies per week. The margin of profit is small on bundle orders. If the comrades will but crowd in a few more bundle orders per week and hustle the sale of sub. cards we can place an order next week for an amount that will save us 25c per thousand. This is business. Of course you will see that this is accomplished at once.

The editor and the business manager are doing all in their power to give the party a paper containing an exposition of the news of the week. If our paper were twice its present size it would not then be able to contain one-half of the news. The tragedy of life as being enacted by capitalism is rapidly and forcibly making for Socialism. More occurs in a week than we could make an index of, saying nothing of commenting thereon. Quite as much matter was left out last week as went in. The same is doubly true this week. Circulate the paper. You cannot possibly buy cheaper or more effective literature. The paper may not be the best possible, but it is the best our limited resources make possible. If you will increase the resources we can make an eight-page paper. Bring the present paper up to a paying basis and then we will be ready to enter the larger field. All together now! If every comrade will secure one new subscriber this week he will have solved the problem. If he will do that much this week he can repeat each week in the year.

Did you notice the analysis of our vote on the 3rd page last week? Cut it out, carry it with you, and learn it by heart. It is full of powerful propaganda. An analysis of the precinct vote will soon be published. The two will be highly valuable.

What do you think of our new headquarters? We look like the First National Bank now, and this is only a starter. The Sunday afternoon meetings are a great success. Tell your friends. Come in and look over our new literature.

Comrades, have you a supply of sub-cards constantly on hand? Get the last half dollar out of the sympathizer's pocket into the party cash box.

The Co-operative Commonwealth is just beyond. Are you ready for it?

We want some new gas fixtures and drop lights, that means a gas fitter is asked to become chairman of a committee to see this through. When we want some lettering on the windows, we want all Chicago to know that 121 Washington Street is the Headquarters of the Socialist Party. Help us to finish the job right.

Who will volunteer to look after main hall once a week and keeping windows washed? If some one will become responsible plenty of helpers can be had. Janitor service costs money, and money is scarce, but we must keep clean.

A full supply of party buttons now on hand. Don't fail to have some of these in your possession at all times. 25c per dozen.

We want 10 teams of 20 men each to pay 25c a week for 50 papers for 10 weeks, each member of the team to write his own wrappers. Will you be one. This kind of propaganda will make Socialists.

CHAS. L. BRECKON, Business Manager.

Meetings at Forge's Hall, Maxwell and Jefferson sts., every Friday evening 8 p. m. Good speakers. Free Discussion.

X Rays

By JOHN M. WOOD.

There ought to be a hot corner in hell reserved for the democratic party. "Those love truth best who to themselves are true. And what they dare to dream of, dare to do."

If the president of the United States were to comply with all the requests for financial assistance which he receives he would dispose of all of his fifty thousand dollar annual salary in less than two weeks. A fool would say there was nothing wrong with a country where such conditions exist.

The New York street-cleaning department has made some interesting experiments in regard to the prevalence of bacteria in the various parts of the city. The investigation revealed the almost incredible fact that there are actually ten thousand times as many bacteria in the tenement districts as in the best residence portions of the city. This is the most positive kind of evidence that the tenements are the malignant breeders of all kinds of contagion. Ere long, the tenement must go. Socialism proposes to abolish it, even at the risk of throwing our esteemed slumman, Jacob A. Rills, out of a job.

The other day I had occasion to loaf in a lawyer's office while he was dictating a letter to his stenographer. After giving vent to an assertion which I knew to be a whopper, he turned to me and said with an air of apology, "Of course that's a damn lie; but then, lying is a part of the business."

The other day a certain couple celebrated their golden wedding and the papers made a great fuss over it, treating it as a very extraordinary event. They were justified in doing so, for it was extraordinary. Most people die long before the age when it would be possible for them to have a golden wedding. And yet, if men were in a position to live free, full and natural lives the span of life would be at least a hundred and twenty years on an average. Thus, capitalism is a wholesale butcher, cutting down the length of life of all of us.

We treat our criminals like we treated the American Indians. We give them an opportunity to be as bad as possible. Isolated experiments show that the Indians could have been civilized if we had taken the proper course, but under the exigencies of capitalism we fed them bullets and firewater, sending part of them into their graves and the rest into a living death. Experts could have made them men of character and ability. Experts can also make our criminals men of character and ability. But it will not be done, except in the few exceptions which prove what the rule might be, so long as the present order of society exists.

In the museums of the co-operative commonwealth the eye of the anti-gambling light with interest upon certain instruments labeled Mauser rifles, swords, bombs, torpedoes, etc.

It would seem as if the struggle between the miners and the mine owners ought to be sufficient to convince any man whose thinking apparatus belongs to himself that there is an irrepressible conflict between capitalists and laborers.

However, there are a good many men who have not a fee simple title to their cranial contents. There is many a workman who has mortgaged his brain to his employer. There is many a small capitalist who has mortgaged his brain to a big capitalist. There is many a farmer whose brain is mortgaged to a landlord, or a loan company, and a lot of other exploiters. There is many a lawyer who has sold his brain to his wealthy clients. There is many a preacher who has rented his brain to his rich parishioners.

The disbanding of a hundred and ten thousand South African troops has made the industrial situation acute in England. In Germany and Austria a so-called overproduction has brought the same result. Hundreds of thousands of men are out of employment in those three countries, and the U. S. is beholding its vaunted foreign markets fading away because of lack of purchasing power on the part of the foreigners. In spite of the sticklers for competition and national supremacy, industry is international in its effects. You can make it individual and anarchistic in its method, but you cannot keep it from being universal in its results. When you undersell a foreign land, the workmen of that foreign land must be thrown out of employment, and you thereby destroy your own market among them. Don't you see that competition even cuts your own throat? It is a notable feature that the overproduction in Germany is chiefly in the trustified in-

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We might have some more child labor laws at this session of the legislature. The ones we have now are doing neither good nor harm.

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FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Charles L. Breckon, Socialist Party Candidate for Mayor, Replies to Open Letter.—History of Movement Reviewed.

Chas. L. Breckon, Esq., Socialist candidate for Mayor. Dear Sir and Comrade:

The Platform adopted at the recent Socialist City Convention in which you were nominated for Mayor, barring the rhetorical phrases which may be interpreted to suit a candidate, is silent upon four questions now largely agitating the minds of the people of Chicago, and for that reason, I wish you would answer the four following questions, to-wit:

First: Are you in favor, and would you support a measure for the municipalizing of the street railroads of the city of Chicago?

Second: Would you support, and are you in favor of the municipal ownership of the gas plants in the city of Chicago?

Third: Are you in favor of the municipal ownership of the telephone system in the city of Chicago?

Fourth: Are you in favor of the Referendum as applied to the granting of franchises and to the initiating of the public ownership of industries in the city of Chicago?

Awaiting your early reply to the same, I remain

Respectfully yours, SEYMOUR STEDMAN.

Comrade Stedman:

The following is my reply to your open letter:

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes.

I fully recognize that an answer to the foregoing four questions must necessarily take in the whole Socialist philosophy.

As recognizing the tendency of today over the civilized world of the change from things PRIVATE to things PUBLIC, I must go on record as favoring municipal ownership.

As to standing for municipal ownership in the abstract, confused capitalist manner in which it is today being offered by the ever lessening middle class, who to save themselves from utter extinction must stand for it, and who to successfully achieve same must have the votes of the working class, I can but be opposed to it. Particularly is this true when it is made to appear that the working class will be materially and permanently bettered, economically, by such municipal ownership.

Permit me, therefore, in this connection to more fully discuss the matter. The question of municipal ownership and operation is being generally discussed, and it becomes necessary for the Socialist Party to place itself on record and it takes the position that the government should perform certain functions in place of private companies—a movement from PRIVATE to PUBLIC ownership.

It is necessary to point out the facts in the case, and to do this, past history must be looked into, in order that the party's position may be scientifically correct. Historical conditions show the gradual changes or evolution through which they have gone, to bring us down to today.

In previous society governments were organizations to protect rulers, who ruled by the grace of God. The government was composed of a number of privileged nobles who ruled countries, protected their own property and privileges, and acted as an umpire in judging the troubles between other classes, below them in that society.

Later kings by the grace of God came into power because a rising class in society, which was greater in wealth and followers, found that their rulers were too expensive puppets and that they needed and could wield the powers better, with servants and not their masters in office. A change took place in the government and its powers, after a struggle between the nobility and the rising capitalists, lasting hundreds of years, and the capitalist class came into the possession of the powers of government with the effective aid of the laboring class.

It is well to note that the laboring class has always been used to fight the battles of the different propertied classes under the mocking pretence that the success of this or that party would be of lasting benefit to the workers. The workers have always failed to discover their own interests, or the interest of their families.

Today we have a condition of society in which the capitalist class, who tell not, neither do they spin, who, as a result of their owning the machinery of production and distribution are in control of the powers of government by having their representatives in all the official capacities, and all using it to maintain their class in possession of the wealth of the nation and to give them the power to rob the laborers.

The great capitalist class, have, by using the product of the inventive genius brought about a great revolution in industry, and because some of this class have not enough wealth to get

possession or control of the large industries, these little fellows, called the middle class, finding that they are about to be crushed while they still possess some economic power, are demanding a change in the ownership of some industries through which these bankrupts hope they may secure relief.

At present they seek relief in the form of lower taxes. Reduction of street car fare, better street car facilities to improve the value of little properties in outlying parts of the city. Cheaper lights—gas and electric—and more opportunities for their sons, for whom they still have money to educate to get jobs under the civil service examination—when the municipality takes over more functions, consequently more jobs.

This class of small capitalists still have some wealth left and this it is using to popularize these issues, pretending the laborers will receive benefit thereby, while in reality they hope for benefit to their class.

As far as the capitalist class—big fellows—who need their money to invest in other channels—they do not make a fight against these propositions, they even go so far as to encourage this programme. The benefits they have received in dividends and a chance to sell the old iron called a rolling stock at a high price in bonds bearing interest, appeals to them.

To bring about this change votes are needed. Arguments are made pretending that the working class shall get great benefits. As they have a majority of the votes something must be done to entice them and thus get the alleged beneficiaries into voting action.

So the old trick is played over again, and the wage workers are summoned to fight the issues of the capitalist classes, while the capitalists lay back and laugh.

The only portion of this question that the Socialist Party and its members are interested in, is not the question of what capitalist interest will be conserved by these changes, regardless of the fact that it states positively that it is too late for the middle class to save themselves, but we are interested in the change from things private to things public of certain function.

We do not wish to deceive the wage workers into believing that this change will benefit them or better their condition, but that when the Socialist Party shall capture the powers of government the whole function will come under our control easier.

CHAS. L. BRECKON.

New Labor Paper.

"Boyce's Weekly" the new Chicago labor paper, came out with its first number on Jan. 7th. It is a 12 page paper and sells for 5 cents per copy. A large staff of noted labor writers have been engaged as contributors, the department on Socialism covering half a page being the work of A. M. Simons of the "International Socialist Review," whose main article for the initial number is entitled the "Rise of the Workers," a well written sketch of modern industrial development and its trend towards Socialism. No less than 100,000 copies of the paper were ordered and paid for in advance by newsdealers throughout the country. The appearance of such a publication as "Boyce's Weekly" with Socialism as one of its permanent features, is highly significant of the changing attitude of the working class towards Socialist propaganda.

Headquarter Meeting.

Last Sunday's meeting at Headquarters started off promptly at 3 p. m. It closed at 5.30. It will do the same thing next Sunday. Comrade Wanhope addressed the meeting. Everybody was well pleased. Fine discussion followed. It is intended to make the Sunday afternoon meetings an unqualified success. Tell your trade union friends. Our newly decorated hall looks fine. The new decorations make a man feel liberal. Next Sunday Comrade Millar, candidate for city treasurer, will speak. These Sunday afternoon meetings will be a great help in the spring campaign. Come and see for yourself. Room always warm. Welcome to all.

Cheap Labor Their Sole Object.

That there is no sentiment about twentieth century commerce is being daily abundantly substantiated. That even the Standard Oil Company, with its enormous dividends is ready and willing to make them even greater, is verified. The Union Tank Line Co's shops at Whiting, Ind., employ a large number of men. Many of them in the past have been union men, though the shop does not recognize them. The wages run from 18c to 25c per hour. A month ago a number of men were laid off, and, strange to relate, nearly all of them were 25c men. They were told that work was scarce, but the next day a larger number of new men

foreigners, 18 cent men, were put to work. A Comrade, Henry Stralow, was one of the laid-off men." He says any man who talks unionism or Socialism, particularly if he be a 25c man, is sure to be laid off. Cheap labor is all they want.

The Profit Sharing Solution.

It was ordained by "Infinite Wisdom" that it should fall to Mr. J. P. Morgan to be the first to introduce "Socialism" into the U. S. of A. His being an intellect of surpassing grasp and versatility, he was the first to evolve the capitalization of Socialism, and it is but simple justice that his should be all the honor.

Being singularly original, and of very recent date, (Jan. 1st) the nation is as yet at a loss how to define it, this may however be left to the future. At all events we are richer by the possession of another new and original economic process.

But should it turn out that it is only synonymous with hypothecation of the future, in that case it would amount only to a distinction with a difference.

Rockford, Ill. Nominations.

City ticket nominated by the Socialists of Rockford, Ill., is as follows. For Mayor, C. L. Dewey, City Clerk, Theo. Northrup, City Treasurer, J. H. Thomas. Town ticket, Assistant Supervisors E. S. Tebbets, Elmer Lutzhoff, Hans Petersen, W. J. Vierk, Ole Olson, John Dyer. For Assessor, W. E. Hammond. Town Clerk, Chas. Happ. Commissioner of Highways, First District, Thos. Sherer. A campaign committee of seven, one from each ward, was elected and a town committee of five. This is the first time the Rockford Socialists have entered a candidate for mayor, and the first time also that they are entitled to an official place on the ballot. They expect a big increase in the vote over last November, and as their organization is perfectly equipped—there is every probability that they will secure it.

TEMPLE NOTES.

Saturday Jan. 17th, Chicago Conservatory of Fine Arts, with Miss Stevens as eponymist will give entertainment for benefit of Temple. Admission 10 cents. This is something very special and we look for a full house.

Sunday Jan. 18th, Comrade Kaplan speaks, and Mrs. Strickland recites. Monday Jan. 19th, Dramatic Club—weekly meeting.

Tuesday Jan. 20th, School of Soap Box Oratory—all welcome.

Saturday Jan. 24th, Dramatic performance—"Hickory Farm"—to conclude with dance. Particulars next week.

Socialist Sunday School No. 3, commences next Sunday, Jan. 18th, in North Side Headquarters, 363 Sedgwick street, at 10 a. m. Comrades living in that locality, please send your children, and any adults, male or female that can assist us in this work. We need you at the School you live nearest. Comrades Mrs. Stokes and A. W. Mance have charge of Sedgwick street School.

Temple and Mozart Hall Schools open at 11 a. m. Everybody welcome. WALTER HUGGINS.

Socialist Dramatic Club

will present on Saturday Jan. 24th at The Temple, 120 S. Western ave., the rural comedy drama entitled "Hickory Farm."

Cast of Characters: Ezekiah Fortune... A. A. Thornburg; Gilbert Darkwood... J. J. Kehoe; Uriah Skinner... A. M. Brown; Alderman McKeegan... D. H. Grant; Detective Rankin... J. Lambert; Otto Beaswax... Jack Nelson; Constable... J. W. Wain; Jesse Fortune... Flora Cunningham; Mrs. Priscilla Dodge... Alice Hedrick. To conclude with a Grand Ball. Admission 15 cents. Children with parents, 5 cents.

North Town.

Comrade R. A. Morris will speak at our Headquarters, 363 Sedgwick street, Sunday Jan. 18th, 8 p. m. Subject, "Municipal Programs."

Last Sunday's meeting was well attended and a fair collection taken. Do not forget that we have a spring campaign before us, and it is your duty to attend these meetings. Bring your friends and neighbors, so that we may have an opportunity to impress upon them the truths of Socialism, and so eventually bring them into the party.

Jan. 25th, A. M. Simons speaks. Don't forget the Tuesday evening meetings. Free discussion in which everybody can take part. Widest range of subjects.

Our Sunday School starts next Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Send your children along and come yourselves. Teacher, Mrs. Stokes. Manager A. W. Mance. Stag Banquet will take place Saturday Jan. 24th, at 8 p. m. Tickets 25 cents. Good dinner. Speaking by city candidates.

If you receive this paper without paying for it, remember that some friend has settled the score. It was sent to you because it contains something you ought to know.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Session opened by Secretary. Comrade J. P. Larson elected as chairman of the evening.

Delegate credentials from the following branches received: Third ward branch; Ira Ziegler and M. Marcus; 4th: C. A. Gustafson, Robt. O'Connor; 7th: B. Berlyn, Duncan M. Smith; 9-10-19th: John Dietz, G. P. Rubenstein, M. Kaplan; 13th: G. P. Jones, W. C. Morgan, J. A. Lambert; 14th: J. P. Larson, D. Domahue, Chas. Dalsgren; 15th: Geo. Koop, E. H. Kukabock; 16th: Walter Vernon; 18th: S. Blaustein to succeed Bodine resigned; 17th: A. A. Wigness, E. L. Wochosky, H. S. Hansen; 18th: Jas. S. Smith, Marcus H. Taft; 20th: S. Abrahams, J. R. Anderson; 22nd: A. W. Mance, W. Erdueck; 25th: J. E. Phelan, Geo. T. Millar; 27th No. 1: Wm. Neldhart, C. H. Edorn; (both temporary); 28th: John Peterson, Thos. Jensen, Herma Koch; 29th Boh: Frank Filas, Fred Martinek; 34th: H. G. Lowater, Peter Butthouse; 35th (2): W. M. Marr, G. L. Simon; F. E. C.: Jos. Sievers, H. Tonn.

On motion the above are given seat and voice only temporary, or until such time as the secretary shall have ascertained the fin. standing of all branches and clubs.

The roll of members, whose successors have as yet not been elected by their resp. branches is called and the following are absent: J. Johnstone (ward branch 5, third consecutive time); Mat. Whalen, T. J. Vind (18th) both absent 3 consecutive times; Geo. Rossmann, E. Alger (11th), both absent 3 consecutive times; F. Stanc, J. Geo. Sindelar, (12th); John Saunders, John Hanson, (17th); A. Jasinski, Paul Kleinowicz (latter absent 3 consecutive times); E. Guth (23rd); E. G. Knaus, Wm. Dathan (24th both absent 3 consecutive times); John Kaiser (26th); John Goebel, Thos. Lauman (both absent 3 consecutive times 27-3); Wm. Anderson, O. A. Rah (35-3) both absent 3 consecutive times; Nic. Kellmer, Ph. De Roo (35-4); Joe Schmidt (K. M. C.); R. Pusch, Joe Winnen (W. L. C.); J. A. Borkowski, (about 3 consecutive times); Jul. Liss, (Polish Centr. Com.); R. Pusch (German Centr. Com.).

The minutes of the last session of the C. C. Com. are read and approved. The minutes of the sessions of the Exec. Com., of Nov. 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 5, 15, 20, 22 and 29 are read and approved with the exception of those of the 29th, which are accepted after the following correction has been made: The word "succeeding" on 3rd last line to be omitted.

Application cards for membership from the following branches are read and approved: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 21, 22, 26, 27, 29 (4 members at large), 33, 34 and 35.

Report (minutes) of Press or advisory Com. is read by Sec'y D. Smith of said Com. A motion that report be adopted as read is lost. Division is called for. Result prevails by a vote of 23 to 17. A motion to file is lost.

A motion, that report, excluding the rules, be accepted and the rules be acted upon later, is carried. On motion the rules of Press-Com. are now taken up.

Comrade Berlyn moves, that rules be read and acted upon separately. A discussion ensues as to the constitutionality of existence of Press-Com. Comrade Berlyn asks permission to make another motion, same to have precedence to the one already made. Granted. He moves that recommendation from Exec. Com. be now read. Carried. Recommendation is read.

Motion is made by Comrade Morris, that the branches be notified to elect a committee on Press, composed of one (1) member from each branch. A motion is made to table. Same is lost. Again lengthy discussion arises as to constitutionality of proceedings. While constitutionality is being perused for points covering object a collection is called for. Same amounts to \$3.83. Constitution on subject is read. Motion declared out of order. Appeal is taken. Secretary takes chair. Chair is sustained overwhelmingly. Motion is made that this body work in accordance with the constitution as read. Comrade Wasbrough moves to adjourn. It is lost.

Chairman calls for report from Grievance Com. No report. Case pending is dismissed on request of plaintiff.

Report of Auditing Com. is called for. Comrade A. Eisemann reports as follows: To the City Central Committee, Socialist Party, Chicago. 1. This is to certify that I have examined the various accounts of the Chicago Socialist office and find \$118.21 to be a true statement of the cash on hand. There were several errors in the books which the manager charged to his account, upon being shown. I would recommend that a committee be appointed to go through the ledger and dispose of the worthless accounts, also to investigate the good accounts.

All branches or individuals should be compelled to report monthly on their indebtedness to the party or paper, if it cannot be done sooner. This will prevent an accumulation of bad accounts.

There is room for improvement in the keeping of the accounts, so as to make the work easy and correct. 2. This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the City Sec. and find that \$30.49 is a true statement of the surplus of the secretary's funds and resources on Dec. 31st, 1902.

A. EISEMANN. Jan. 3rd, 1903. Auditor. Report is approved and recommendations concurred in. On motion comrades Eisemann, Stangland and Bard are elected an auditing com. to carefully go over all books and accounts of Business Manager and Treas. (E. Richter) and report to this com. at its next meeting. Campaign Committee is called upon to report.

Comrade Jas. S. Smith reports that 7 words will conclude his report: Campaign Com. has last night organized. This com. (City Central) can now go to sleep and rest.

Comrade Stangland's resignation is now taken up. A motion that a vote

of thanks be tendered the retiring manager is unanimously carried. A motion is made that election of new manager be referred to Exec. Com. Substituted by Comrade Berlyn that this com. elect a manager. Question is called for. Latter is carried.

Nominations are called for. Comrades Breckon, Evans, Morris, Meyer, Wasbrough, Eisemann, Kanelbaum and Koop are nominated. All, but the first nominee, decline. A motion that Comrade Breckon be elected by acclamation is carried unanimously.

On motion by Comrade Berlyn the election of a new Exec. Com. for the ensuing 6 months is deferred until next regular session and to be taken up immediately after the reading of the minutes.

Third ward branch, through its delegate, having rented a new headquarters gives notice that it will remove its chairs, 132 in all, within the next two or three days.

On motion the Exec. Board is ordered notified. Adjournment takes place.

THEO. MEYER, City Sec'y. Jan. 3rd, 1903.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CITY SECY NOV. 11TH TO DEC. 31st. INCLUSIVE.

Receipts, November: To 686 Due Stamps \$ 94.15 To 4 Fin. bl. Report bks 1.00 To 1 Stencil04 Total \$ 95.19

Receipts, December: To 1084 Due Stamps 152.20 To 3 Fin. bl. books75 To 17 bottles honey hop 1.75 Donation, Jan. Lorenz 2.80 Donation, W. Weil 1.00 Total \$185.30

Grand Total \$253.49 Expenditures, November: Postage \$ 3.88 Carfare35 Incidentals 1.64 Secretary 15.00 Due Stamps 65.00 Total \$ 87.72

Expenditures, December: Postage \$ 3.77 Carfare75 Incidentals 5.56 Secretary 20.00 5,000 Membership application cards 7.50 Total \$157.58

Grand Total \$243.30 STATEMENT, DEC. 31ST, 1902: Assets: Cash on hand \$ 10.19 Accounts receivable 14.70 Stamps on hand 21.60 Total \$ 46.49

Liabilities: Stamps \$ 15.00 5 Fin. bl. books 1.00 Total \$ 16.00 Surplus \$ 30.49

STAMP ACCOUNT, NOV. 11TH TO DEC. 31ST INCLUSIVE.

Received: November 9.00 December 1.100 Total 2.000

Sold: Nov. Dec. Total. 1-2 15 20 35 3 20 20 40 4 20 20 40 5 33 33 66 6 20 20 40 7 30 30 60 8 40 40 80 9-10-19 34 20 54 11 10 10 20 12 40 27 67 13 40 27 67 14 30 43 73 15 40 60 100 16 40 40 80 17 20 13 33 18 10 15 25 19 10 45 55 20 20 10 30 21 20 20 40 22 33 33 66 23 20 20 40 24 33 33 66 25 29 21 50 26 80 80 27-1 20 4 24 27-2 15 15 30 27-3 10 10 20 27-4 15 15 30 28 20 20 40 29 Boh 20 20 40 31 50 70 120 32 40 10 50 33-1 34 34 68 33-2 50 67 117 34 10 10 20 35-1 30 15 45 35-2 30 10 40 36-1 10 10 20 G. C. C. 230 230 B. C. C. 60 60 P. C. C. 60 60 Leaf 14 14 14 Grand Total 1,784

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