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TO THE SOCIALISTS OF COOK COUNTY AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

Comrades—We fraternally ask your perusal of this statement and your active co-operation in the action we submit for your consideration and approval.

For several years a difference of opinion has existed among members of the party regarding tactics. With the exception of a few very active persons this difference of opinion has been frankly and sincerely stated, and the minority with few exceptions, have been at all times faithful workers in the party.

A change in tactics came in the recent State convention. This change the rank and file of the party in the State will doubtless accept as loyally as have the minority in the past; but not so a few persons who, under the guise of extreme revolutionary Socialism, have secured positions of influence and power in the party, and who, at heart, repudiate its principles, aims and objects, and who seek to prevent its progress.

The change made these few persons desperate, and caused them to menace those who had changed their opinions and votes with violence and persecution.

Our nominee for Governor on our State ticket, State Organizer John Collins, was singled out as an object of their vengeance, and as a means of injuring the party, false charges were made against him; he was suspended from his official position as organizer, and means taken to expel him or force him out of the movement, and thus terrorize the members and cut the head off our own State ticket.

Within two days of the adjournment of the National convention, and without the slightest authority, these few persons, at a meeting of the Cook County Central Committee, repudiated the National platform and ticket of the party by appointing a committee of nine to make a new National platform, to be circulated throughout the United States in opposition to the National platform, and thereby spread confusion and disruption in the party and destroy all prospects of a successful presidential campaign.

At the next meeting, last Sunday, they proceeded with their destructive work, a part of which was to expel Comrade Collins and thus remove the head of our State ticket; but a vote surprised them by placing them in a minority, and a suspension of the rules and a motion to indorse the National platform and presidential nominees forced them to uncover and reveal their anarchist tendencies. For three hours the majority patiently allowed them to obstruct and prevent the indorsement of our National platform and presidential ticket; then, in spite of the fact that all the rules had been suspended, under a claim that the time to close the meeting had arrived, and in the midst of a vote, Secretary Lindgren vacated his position, and with Knoche, Meyer, Kaplan as leaders, the minority rose and with shouts and cries moved to the door in an attempt to break up the meeting. Failing in this they stayed at the rear of the hall while the majority promptly elected Comrade Stangland temporary secretary. The chairman then addressed the meeting, to the effect that as he represented the minority and had been repeatedly defeated in his rulings in favor of the minority, he thought it proper to resign in favor of some one representing the majority. Thereupon Comrade T. J. Morgan was elected chairman and the meeting proceeded. The minutes of the meeting, which Comrade Morgan had prevented ex-Secretary Lindgren from taking away, were placed in possession of the temporary secretary, Stangland.

The motion to indorse the National platform and presidential ticket was then put and carried. The minority, as in the National convention, failed to vote against it.

The committee of nine appointed to draft a new National platform was then discharged, and a mass meeting to ratify the National platform and presidential ticket was then ordered to be held at Ulich's Hall, 27 North Clark street, Sunday, March 22. A new Executive Committee of the Cook County Central Committee was elected and James S. Smith, State Secretary, was elected in place of Lindgren, removed. A. W. Mance, editor of The Chicago Socialist, was then elected as temporary manager of The Chicago Socialist, in place of F. W. Knoche, removed, and O. G. Olson was elected treasurer. A committee was then elected to assist Editor Mance and the new Executive Committee empowered to take charge of the ratification meeting next Sunday and to call the next meeting of the Cook County Central Committee, and the secretary was instructed to notify the secretaries of all branches of the proceedings of this meeting.

A collection was then taken up from the delegates of the Cook County Central Committee for the support of The Chicago Socialist, and nearly \$100 raised. This testimonial of the loyalty of the meeting was followed by adjournment and three hearty cheers for the Socialist party.

Monday morning, May 16, at 8 a. m., Comrades Mance, editor; James Smith, State secretary; John Collins, State organizer and nominee for Governor; A. M. Simons, Seymour Stedman, Charles Breckon, T. J. Morgan and Chas. Green assembled at the office of The Chicago Socialist and State secretary, but could not gain admission, Knoche having the keys. Knoche and Lindgren had visited the office at an earlier hour and taken away the typewriter mimeograph, records of the party, account books, and all letters containing money, money orders, stamps and checks belonging to the party, and left the postal cards; they also visited the postoffice and endeavored to divert the mail to themselves, but only succeeded in stopping its delivery till we could be heard. They then visited the capitalist papers to notify them that they had split the Socialist party in Cook County, Knoche being quoted as saying "That this split would spread throughout the party in the United States and disrupt it."

Comrades Simons and Stedman, having personally signed the lease of the office of The Chicago Socialist and State secretary, notified the landlord of the change in management. The landlord then caused the lock on the door to be changed and keys furnished Comrades Mance and Smith.

The postal authorities were then informed of the change, and the claims of Knoche and Lindgren ignored and the mail delivered to the office as usual.

This brief narrative of this manifestation of anarchy in the Socialist party of Cook County reveals the danger which constantly threatens the party from the intrusion of Anarchists and agents of capitalism, who, posing as the real simon pure revolutionary, clear cut, class conscious, uncompromising, scientific Socialists, cast discredit on tried and true comrades; attack all who show ability, get possession of positions of trust and power, and deceive the membership who cannot learn their true character till they expose themselves, or great injury is done the Socialist movement.

Prompt and energetic measures are required to safeguard the party, and an overwhelming indorsement of the National and State platform and presidential ticket should be given at the ratification meeting next Sunday at Ulich's Hall, 27 North Clark street, and by this action force the Anarchists outside the party.

(Signed)

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ALBERT EISEMANN,
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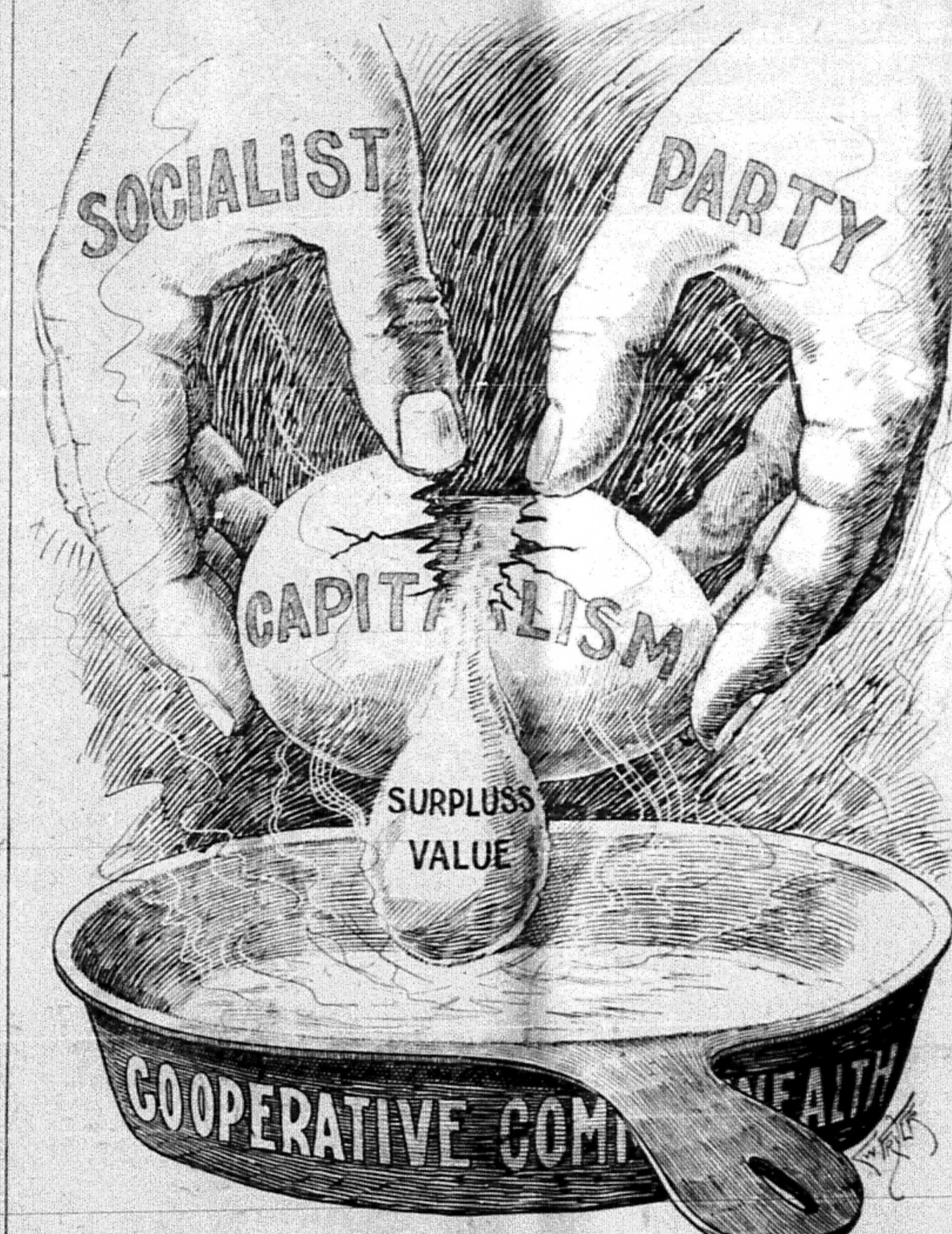
COUNTY CONVENTION.

\$2.00 GURNEY HATS. \$3.00.00

Spring styles now in. Comrades should go to this store for their head-wear. 27 Madison street, southwest corner Dearborn. Union made.

The Cook County Convention will be held at Oriental Hall, 122 La Salle street, Sunday, May 29th, 10 a. m. Representation is one delegate for every five members in good standing.

A Catholic paper published at Indianapolis admonishes its readers to avoid discussion of politics. Politics



IF YOU WANT THE OMELET YOU MUST BREAK THE EGG.

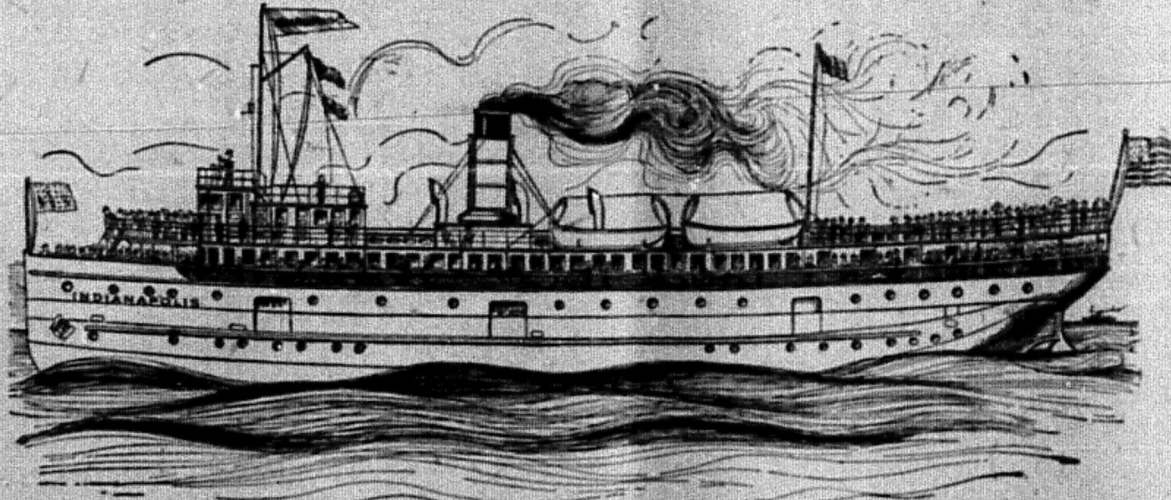
FIRST GRAND BOAT EXCURSION

OF THE

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Sunday, June 12, 1904

BOAT LEAVES AT 9:30 A. M.



The above Steamer is one of the finest in service on Lake Michigan and every one will be assured a good time. All the profits of the affair will go to the Chicago Socialist, and an effort will be made to make it a great success in every way. There will be dancing, both on the boat and at the pavilion in Michigan City. Look for later announcements of attractions at Washington Park, Michigan City. Tickets will be on sale at office of Chicago Socialist, Room 612, 42 River Street, Bonheur Bldg. Tickets for round trip, adults, 75c; children, 40c. Watch our premium offers for those who will sell the most tickets each week. A few good hustling comrades wanted to sell tickets on commission.

for the big fellows, such as Archbishop Ireland—why, that's all right. But the little fellows—pshaw, they shouldn't meddle in the game.

The Standard Oil Company recently declared another \$8 dividend, making \$24 in the past six months. The work-

ing class contributes very liberally to the money kings, but they are too stingy to change the system and retain the product or value of their own labor.

When Secretary Hayward of the Western Federation of Miners was dis-

charged in Denver on the charge of desecrating the flag, practically nothing was said by the press. Some papers ignored it entirely. Had he been convicted it would have been announced in big, black display type on the front page.

A CLEAN PARTY.

BY ERNEST UNTERMANN.

During the last twelve months the two old parties have kept the country agast by a continuous stretch of corruption, servility to corporate interests, and all around violation of so-called hallowed principles and institutions supposed to have been created for the special interest of the dear people. Corruption in the postal department, corruption in the war department, corruption in high places and corruption in low places, until even a few capitalist thinkers awake to the fact that "business corrupts politics" and that there is no official position under the present system high enough to be above the reach of the almighty dollar, no civic right that is not overridden at the command of plutocracy. We have seen trusts send special telegrams to the President and Congress, giving them instructions such as they would to their managers and doing their utmost to substantiate the well-known statement of the "Communist Manifesto" that capitalist governments are mere committees of the ruling class. We have seen revolutions organized in the interest of financial gamblers, revolutions in which the interests of the masses of the workers of the nation were represented by the proverbial full dinner pail, with a dose of quinine added as a special incentive. We have seen Democratic and Republican Governors trample on the constitutions of their States, whenever the finger of the capitalist beckoned them. We have seen justice asleep in the supreme courts and in the lower courts, conveniently napping while predatory wealth robbed the country at leisure. And we have seen the executive power of the nation involved in these robberies, instead of finding it on the alert against them.

Yet, though all this is well known, the majority of the nation seem to accept it as a matter of fact from which there is not the least escape. Politics is a business, and business is business, and so long as political prostitution is the highway of fame, people WILL barter honor and self-respect for political plums, and, therefore, concludes the capitalist mind, we must continue to be ruled by political prostitutes, now and forever. And the capitalist politicians, with all the brazenness and unconcern of the professional prostitute, with the money of the capitalist buyers in their pockets, jauntily appeal to the "sovereign" voters for the "high honors which are only the reward of civic purity and integrity." And the candidates for these "high honors" which go to the highest bidder, ballot for days against one another in the effort to carry off the substantial emoluments that are attached to the "honors."

If the Socialist party had taken half the time to nominate its candidates for President and Vice President that the Republican party of Illinois is now taking to nominate a candidate for Governor, and if the dickering of factions and wholesale bartering of "their" delegates by the "leaders" were to be carried on by the Socialists as openly and businesslike as it is being done by both old parties, the capitalist editors would flow over with noble wrath at the lowness and callousness of the despicable Socialist elements who assume to aspire to public honors. But no one seems to find anything strange in the disgraceful proceedings of the Republican party at Springfield or in the no less disgraceful proceedings at the various Democratic primaries. Fistic battles and mutual vilification seem to be the current tender among the respectables in the two old parties, and we common proletarians ask ourselves in wonderment what became of the polished manners and intellectual superiority of the pillars of society. Strangely enough, the same papers that publish these occurrences as a matter of fact, and often with a fine touch of humor thrown in, have the presumption to look at every little altercation and every change word in a Socialist convention through the lens of a Lick telescope, and if they take any notice at all of any great and representative Socialist meetings, it is merely for the purpose of slinging mud at them.

The Socialist party can well afford to look at the capitalist parties and their libelous defenders with cool disdain. Strong in the consciousness of its impregnable principles, it can walk unscathed through the mire and filth of capitalist society toward the heights of the new society which will remove, with the ruling classes and their pestiferous political by-products, the basic cause of all corruption, the exploitation of a subject class.

ERNEST UNTERMANN.

Mass Meeting!

A grand mass meeting of all Socialists of Cook County for the purpose of ratifying the State and National Platforms adopted at Peoria and Chicago.

The Socialists of the State of Illinois are making arrangements to carry on a vigorous campaign of education among the voters during the coming spring and fall. Already a campaign committee is at work mapping out plans. Every Socialist in Cook County who can possibly do so, should be present at this meeting and assist in starting the campaign in a befitting manner. The meeting will take place at

Ulich's Hall, 27 N. Clark St.
Sunday, May 22nd, 10 A. M.
LET EVERY SOCIALIST BE PRESENT.

COLLINS EXONERATED.

At the meeting of the Cook County Central Committee, held Sunday, May 15, there were many stirring incidents which will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. In fact, a whole chapter of Cook County Socialist history was crowded into a few hours at this eventful meeting, the details of which the Socialists of Illinois may know by referring to another column in this issue.

But probably the most stirring incident of this eventful meeting was when the committee took action on the report of the Grievance Committee on the case of the Fourteenth Ward Branch vs. John Collins, our State Organizer and candidate for Governor.

The Fourteenth Ward Branch of the Socialist party, of which Comrade Collins is a member, brought charges against him for disobeying his instructions at the Peoria State convention. The Grievance Committee reported that the evidence showed that Comrade Collins was instructed to stand for nothing but a revolutionary platform. The evidence further showed

that Comrade Collins carried out his instructions in regard to the platform to the letter, and that he even went further and voted against a program for which he was personally in favor.

On this showing of the Grievance Committee the Central Committee, by an overwhelming majority, passed a motion exonerating Comrade Collins from the stigma placed upon him by the Fourteenth Ward Branch.

When the vote, which was by roll call, was announced, a cheer went up from the assembled delegates and visitors that fairly raised the roof of the hall.

When our State Executive Committee comes to its senses, there is no doubt Comrade Collins will soon be once more engaged in the work of spreading the evangel of Socialism among the workers of the State of Illinois, and the sooner he is at it, the better all SOCIALISTS, both in Cook County and the State of Illinois, will be satisfied.

Methodist Episcopal bishops are required on half pay, \$2,500 a year, an episcopal residence, and the right to live where they desire. The working class, which renders real service to society, and which also produces all wealth, is lucky if a berth in the paphouse is secured.

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THE ILLINOIS STATE SOCIALIST TICKET.

- Governor—John Collins, Chicago. Lieutenant Governor—H. R. Brown, Egin. State Treasurer—A. S. Tibbits, of Rockford.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

If any additional proof were needed by the people that venality is at the bottom (and the top) of all capitalistic politics, it is furnished by the proceedings of the Illinois State convention of the Republican party.

Public officers exist, as matters now stand, as opportunities for graft to be turned over to the minor politicians who are in a position to deliver the most votes of delegates sitting in a convention and claiming to represent the people.

The Illinois Republican convention, with half a dozen aspirants for Governor, started on a test of physical endurance among the delegates to win success for their respective candidates.

shop and stood ready to barter away Presidential appointments. It is one of the distinguishing characteristics of "patriots" that they must get something from the public crib.

Socialism is against pay for any service that is unnecessary; it is for the abolition of all such service. When all able-bodied men are rendering to society some necessary and useful service, then "graft" will disappear.

IT IS ALL FOR THE BEST.

The Armoury, in a moment of leisure, took a careless glance at the fruit and cold storage business, and concluded, after a second look at their available funds, that it would be better for the prosperity of the nation if they took the burden of attending to this business from the aching shoulders of the little fellows in South Water street.

A BONE FIGHT.

In the following editorial, taken from the Chicago Tribune, the editor tries to make fun of the Socialist position, that governments are run in the interest of the prevailing economic class.

The assemblage of European nations around Asia is nothing but a bone fight between curs. And Japan's sudden turn on Russia is merely the act of a cur which has discovered that it can chase instead of being chased.

of its husks of idealism and reduced to its bare kernel of selfishness. Patriotism is simply the unanimous selfishness of a group of people who happen to live on the same point of the earth's surface, and who, by Monroe doctrines and by high tariffs, endeavor to prevent all other people from sharing their advantages.

The labors of a scientist who spends long nights in his laboratory discovering an anti-toxin are simply his attempts to get ahead in the line of business and to secure a profitable remunerative position in a larger university.

The mania of a captain of industry to lose his health in order to effect a perfect organization of his business is simply an itch for a bigger pile of money.

In other words, almost every flower of idealism springs out of a rank soil of selfishness in which the lately disillusioned person delights to grub. It is the sophomore stage of culture.

When, therefore, the present-day observer is confronted by so great a world movement as that of the colonization of Asia and of Africa, he will do well to dismiss it with the phrase "bone fight."

INTERESTING CONVENTION STATISTICS.

Thirty-six States and Territories were represented in the national convention by 183 delegates, among them being seven women (from six different States).

All delegates in attendance did not fill out blanks on back part of duplicate credentials. From those filled out the following facts are shown:

The oldest delegate was 70 years of age and the youngest 29 years. There were two of latter age. The average age was between 39 and 40.

One hundred and twenty were natives of the United States. Foreign countries were represented as follows: Austria, 4; Canada, 9; Denmark, 1; England, 7; France, 1; Germany, 19; Ireland, 2; Italy, 1; Norway, 2; Russia, 5; Sweden, 1; Switzerland, 2. Total of 54.

The occupations were: Architect, 1; bookkeepers, 4; brewery workers, 1; butcher, 1; cabinet maker, 1; carpenter, 5; cigarmakers, 6; clerks, 3; confectioneer, 1; cooper, 1; clergyman, 1; contractor, 3; dentist, 1; editors, 20; engineer, 1; electrical engineer, 1; farmers, 5; foundryman, 1; groceryman, 1; halter, 1; hotel keeper, 1; iron and steel worker, 1; jeweler, 1; journalist and writer, 4; janitor, 1; knitter, 1; lecturer, 7; lawyers, 15; merchants, 4; holders, 3; machinists, 4; mail carrier, 1; music teacher, 1; miner, 1; manufacturer, 1; merchant tailor, 1; news agent, 1; organizers and agitators, 5; physicians and surgeons, 5; porter, 1; printers, 16; paper hanger, 1; painters and decorators, 2; pharmacist, 1; proof reader, 1; plumber, 1; pattern maker, 1; real estate agent, 1; store manager, 1; salesman, 4; students, 3; sawmill operator, 1; stove workers, 3; stone mason, 1; silk weaver, 1; stenographer, 1; sheet iron worker, 1; teachers, 7; telegrapher, 1; tinner, 1; waiters, 3; woodworkers, 2; watch maker, 1; watch repairer, 1.

Seventy-eight delegates were members of trade unions.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS Socialist party, Chicago, Ill., May 14, 1904.

"If I belonged to your race I would join no union," declared Rev. Joseph Milburn, of the colored Plymouth Congregational Church one night last week in an address before the A. M. E. Conference at Quinn Chapel.

Patience and self-possession are only obtained after diligent effort.

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

"My objection to the platform," said a Chicago impossibilist, "is that it doesn't say revolution. I am a radical and don't like a platform that has no word in it for revolutionary socialism."

It is, without doubt, perfectly safe for us to say that there are some who would have been dissatisfied with any platform the national convention could have formulated and adopted, no matter what it contained or omitted.

But now let us see what the party, carrying this platform into effect, would accomplish. Is the platform revolutionary, whether it resorts to display type and color effects or not?

The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens.

"Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall be by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men."

Now is it possible for a man to comprehend fully this passage from the platform and not at the same time see revolution in it—the overthrow of capitalist industry and the rise of the co-operative commonwealth, with productive capital socialized and production carried on without profit and for use alone?

It is no question of this utterance cannot be questioned or discredited. It comes from the Socialist party of America in convention assembled. It is no quibbling or conservative statement; it is pregnant with the oncoming social revolution.

When the platform mentions certain remedial measures, it does so "as means to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth" and it says: "Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance."

With all this before them, the revolutionary consciousness of a few impossibilists is shocked because, forsooth, a platform containing the essence of the Socialist revolution, lacks certain terms and phrases by which alone they are able to recognize it.

John Mitchell has been getting more bouquets from the exploiters of labor. One paper editorially regrets that the Seamen's Union hasn't got a "conservative leader like Mitchell," the man with saint-like face and Judas qualifications. Any man who will say that he is a Republican ten or twelve times in a ten-minute speech before an audience of striking miners in Colorado after the heroic treatment they have been getting out there certainly furnishes cause for suspicion.

South Water street commission men are being crowded out by Armour, who is using his refrigerator cars for fruit shipments from California. The next thing for him to do is to buy the fruit farms.

"AMERICAN PAUPERISM."

"American Pauperism and the Abolition of Poverty," from the press of Chas. H. Kerr & Co., is the latest addition to the Socialist series, and a valuable one.

These results in their turn become causes. Under this system the bonds of wealth and pauperism are indissoluble. The number of millionaires increases, but they do not keep up with the number of paupers, suicides, criminals, prostitutes and insane.

Contrast the two. Beside the self-satisfied look of industry's captains place the leer of the harlot; beside the spell-binder, prating of national greatness, place the gibberings of the insane. Write over them we are of one blood, the victors and the victims.

Every worker knows that his path leads along the verge of this gloomy abyss, that sickness or accident may plunge him at any moment into the lower circles of the industrial inferno among the socially damned.

Here is a being, in years a man, in size a youth, in intellect an ape—for six years he has lived in an ash heap and fed upon garbage. If the social volcano should vomit forth its red lava what of this child of the clinders?

Here is a child 8 years old. For two years she has worked in a cotton mill. For two years the shriek of the factory whistle has wakened her at 4 in the morning and at 8 at night she has reached home. She has walked four miles each day and has stood upon her feet at work 11 1/2 hours.

I read the long columns of figures giving the numbers of children employed and the percentages of increase; they were symbols of awful things, but I did not catch their meaning until it was revealed in the life of that little child who might have romped with me on the lawn, climbed on my lap, thrown her chubby arms around my neck and fallen asleep in my arms.

Then I understood. Those figures were endowed with life; they stretched away through filthy streets and dreary lanes, an unending and unnumbered procession, lost in the factory's gloom and the city's smoke. Each tiny hand spun out a life and wove not alone the cloths of commerce but the shroud of civilization as well.

A cordial invitation has been extended to the comrades of Local Cook County, by the Social Democrats of Racine, Wis., to attend their annual picnic, to be held Sunday, June 19th, at Central Park, four miles south of Racine, Wis., on the Chicago & North-western line.

The Office of Chicago Socialist is now at 612 and 613, 42 River St. Office Hours: 9 to 6:30 P. M.

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Adopted by the Convention of the Socialist Party of the United States of America, at Chicago, May 1 to May 6, 1904.

We, the Socialist Party, in convention assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose the democratizing of the whole of society.

To this idea of liberty the Republican and Democratic parties are utterly false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enslavement and degradation of labor.

Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the means of robbing the idea of freedom from among the people. Our State and national Legislatures have become the mere agencies of great propertyed interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges of our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign and weaker peoples, in order to establish new markets for the surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy.

By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing class is able to silence what might be the voice of the protest against the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls the university and public school, the pulpit and the press, arts and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission to its own interests.

Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was one of the faiths in which our institutions were founded. But under the guise of defending private property, capitalism is using our political institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human beings to ever become possessors of private property in the means of life.

Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private property. Its development is through the legalized confiscation of all that the labor of the working class produces, above its subsistence-wage. The private ownership of the means of employment grounds society in an economic slavery which renders intellectual and political tyranny inevitable.

Socialism comes so to organize industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of international Socialism, as embodied in the united thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial development already accomplished, the interests of the world's workers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the most exploited and oppressed workers, in the most remote places of the earth, inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal condition.

Industry and finance are no longer national but international in both organization and results. The chief significance of national boundaries, and of the so-called patriotisms which the ruling class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these give to capitalism to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited resources of the world, or the remaining sources of profit.

The Socialist movement therefore is a world-movement. It knows of no conflicts between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and, in so standing, it

makes for the full freedom of all humanity.

The Socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that economic development or world-process which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the things which he used, economic independence was possible. But production, or the making of goods, has long ceased to be individual. The labors of scores of, even thousands, enters into almost every article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically everything is made or done by many men—sometimes separated by seas or continents—working together for the same end. But this co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners of the tools and means of production; and to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization.

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded in fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental and moral harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society for its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the work of the world, or even to preserve itself. The captains of industry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capitalist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Socialist movement. The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society.

Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall be by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

To the end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government, and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increase of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of incomes, inheritances, and of franchise-

COMRADES, ATTENTION

A mass meeting of the comrades of Local Cook County was called on March 31 to devise ways and means to wipe out the indebtedness and to raise a fund for the use of the paper to deal strictly on a cash basis and to have funds to properly advertise this paper.

It was resolved to call for pledges to raise funds at once, and if possible to raise a standing fund of \$1,000.

A number of comrades pledged themselves to pay a certain sum for eight weeks, and the amount so pledged was \$108. The sum of \$82.74 was realized at once. The pledges and cash payments and donations up to and including Wednesday, May 4, were acknowledged in last week's Socialist.

Total pledges to date.....\$584.00
The following donations and payments have been made:
Previously reported.....\$334.82
H. M. Donnell..... 1.00
E. Enterman..... 1.00
Geo. Butterner..... 1.00
C. Bender..... .25

Don't forget that the Ladies' Socialist Choir is going to give a ball Sunday, May 22, at 3 p. m., in the small Wicker Park Hall, North Avenue, near Milwaukee Avenue. Comrades and their friends who wish to enjoy themselves next Sunday should take this event in. See advertisement in another column.

Come, comrades, support your paper and help it out of its difficulties, by taking subscriptions and buying and distributing bundles.

Donations and pledges will be received by the undersigned and acknowledged weekly until the amount is made up. Comrades everywhere, will you kindly help?

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THE BEAUTIES OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP UNDER CAPITALISM.

A writer in the Worker, the official journal of the Federated Workers of Queensland, speaking of the recent strike on the "government owned" Victorian railway, says:

In all the annals of capitalist tyranny it is doubtful if a worse case than that can be found. The railway servants under Bully Bent suffered grosser injustice than under any private company. They had no redress. The law, which should protect every citizen against oppression, was here itself the oppressor. The whole forces of government and the revenue of the country were used to crush them, and victimize them, and buy over the traitors to be found in the ranks of every cadre.

That one case alone, if there were nothing more to be said, would prove the absolute necessity of extending the protection of the Arbitration Court to State servants.

But there is a vast deal more to be said. Employment by the State is by no means the "soft thing" many good people imagine.

Here in Queensland the Worker could tell some shocking tales of sweating in the State service.

In the railway branch the condition of things under the rule of Jannias was notorious. The present government, to its credit, is making a systematic effort to wipe out the legacy of sweating left it by its predecessors, and place the whole civil service upon a more equitable basis. And to this end it would probably be glad to have the assistance of a competent arbitration tribunal.

In the Post and Telegraph Department here, which the commonwealth has inherited from us, the conditions of labor and the wages paid in many instances would bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the most hardened private boss.

The "government stroke"—that pleasant fiction of the anti-Socialist. There is very little of it among the wage-earners in public employment; it is a phenomenon peculiar to the big places where the salaried aristocracy of the service loll back with their boots upon the furniture and trim their nails—the pampered and pitch-forked favorites of influential politicians.

The proposal to shut out a worker from the benefits of arbitration because his employer happens to be a capitalistic individual or company, is nothing less than scandalous and cowardly. He is penalized enough in other ways. He has less liberty than any citizen in the land. He dare not belong to a political organization. He dare not speak his mind freely in public places as other men may do. He cannot become a candidate for any public office without surrendering his livelihood and running the risk of ruin, because mostly the civil servant, from the nature of the case, is employed at work in which the State holds a monopoly, and for which there is consequently no field outside.

A word on arbitration itself. The Worker is not looking for the millennium from it. It will never go anywhere near the root of the trouble. It is a palliative only. If it taught the laborer to be content with a position only of the product of his labor it would be mischievous. Labor's share

is the whole, and that no Arbitration Court will ever give us.

But the labor movement is not going to peter out because the workers get a little more wages and better conditions of toil. The propaganda of socialism will still go on, and the seed will fall in more receptive minds, for as all agitators and reformers know, the lower paid and worse treated the worker the poorer the harvest of discontent.

Arbitration will take from us, it is said, and truly, the power to censure work. But while we have the power to vote that will not matter a great deal. We can hit capitalism harder at the ballot box than we ever did on strike.

The point that decides this paper in favor of arbitration is that it will give us more than we have got at present. And the policy of labor socialism, it seems to us, is to get what we can by the means at hand, and keep on striving for more, and still more, until Justice is satisfied. And that will never be until we have got all for labor produces all.

The May issue of the Ladies' Home Journal devotes an entire page to the "patent medicine cure." It quotes the names of thirty-six concoctions as gotten out by the Massachusetts State Board Analyst, Document No. 34. Some of these "medicines" have been on the market for years, and the fact that the makers are still coining money at the same proves that the full quota of suckers is being born every minute.

A young wife, according to the Journal, who expected to be confined, asked Dr. Abbott, secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Health, for an analysis of "Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription." The answer was this, for about nine ounces:

Tincture of Digitalis, 1/2 fluid drachm.
Tincture of Opium, 1/2 fluid drachm.
Oil of Anise, 8 drops.
Alcohol, 1 1/2 ounces.

This would make a preparation containing about 17 per cent alcohol. Nearly everyone knows the weakening effect digitalis has upon the heart. How could a child be anything else but a weakling if its mother had taken much of this poison?

Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound contains 20.6 alcohol. The "vegetable" ingredient catches the public all right. Paine's Celery Compound, 21 per cent alcohol. Think of it. Celery Compound with over one-fifth alcohol! Hood's Sarsaparilla contains 18.8 per cent alcohol. Another "family medicine" which has been forced upon unsuspecting victims for a long time—"Peruna," the latest and greatest discovery, with its 28.5 per cent alcohol, with whole page advertisements in papers with the pictures of people who allege to have been cured for almost anything from gout to consumption and cancer.

Other "nerve" medicines and "biters" contain as high as 47.5 per cent alcohol, almost one-half alcohol. I imagine I can see the devout old man, strong believer in the abolition of intoxicating drinks, walking to his cupboard every morning and evening and taking a "nip," quite innocent of his doings. The smallest amount of alcohol in any of the medicines or biters listed is 13.2 per cent.

While the expose is a good thing, the editor offers no specific remedy. He knows that the frauds practiced upon the public are all for profit, and that as long as this system of graft exists we shall have deception, Sand in sugar and acids in canned goods. In fact, about 85 per cent of our manufactured goods are adulterated with opium and all sorts of injurious ingredients.

Place the blame where it belongs, to the pillars of the present state of society. The wealthy and aristocratic who make donations to churches and charity and then pose as philanthropists and eminently respectable persons—their finery and swell surroundings are the direct result of this wholesale poisoning. "Distillers" would be the right name for them. And how about Women's Christian Temperance Union? Why don't that concern direct its fire to the right place? They attack the saloons instead of the distilleries and their owners. Likewise the churches; all their efforts are wasted by not going for the foundation. And they are not alone in their blind efforts. The Referendum League and all the reformers will never accomplish anything worth speaking of until they locate the vital point.

The only way to end this deception is to abolish the profit system, wipe it out entirely. That's what the Socialists there would be no incentive to practice frauds and hypocrisy, because nothing could be gained by it. The Socialists have the only program which will assure you of pure food, and sufficient food, clothing and shelter.

HENRY J. WIEGEL.
SOCIAL NOTES.

LEAP YEAR PARTY.
Next Saturday night the ladies of the Third Ward branch of the Socialist party in Chicago will give a Leap Year Party and dance at the Third Ward headquarters, 3345 South State Street. Any of the readers of the Chicago Socialist who are looking for a good time that night, should not miss this affair. Comrades, come out and bring your friends.

SPRING CAMPAIGN FUND.
Previously acknowledged.....\$35.44
Twelfth Ward English Speaking Branch..... 1.00
Twelfth Ward Scandinavian Branch..... 2.00
Total.....\$38.44

PLEASURE CLUB NOTICE.

All members of the Socialist Pleasure Club are requested to be present at the Third Ward Headquarters, 3345 State Street, Thursday, May 26th, at 8 p. m. sharp.

We call the attention of the Comrades of Chicago and vicinity to the Socialist Pleasure Club now being organized for the purpose of maintaining a place of amusement for propaganda work and the enjoyment of its members on very small dues, we will be able to maintain bowling, billiards, athletics, etc., etc., and can establish them in a short time provided the comrades give the merited assistance; our success is now assured, but we desire to make some showing at an early date.

Our plan is to admit persons of all political beliefs to membership, but have provided that only Socialist Party members shall vote or hold office, thus assuring that it shall continue Socialist and at the same time availing ourselves of funds that will come largely from outside of the party and bring us in contact with the people under conditions favorable to the work of education we desire to do.

Our monthly dues are 25 cents, and we remit one month's dues for each new member brought in. This will allow any one to be entirely free from dues by hustling to increase the membership and it will guarantee a rapid

and enormous gain both for the party and the club.

We have further hoped growth by providing that each member shall bring in at least one recruit per quarter. And this even with our present small start would mean a growth to 1,000 one thousand six hundred members in one year's time. We expect, however, to do better than this and want you, the reader, to help us to do it; for a large membership is bound to mean a pleasant time and more-Socialists.

Now one more point, we provide that club members who do not belong to the party must subscribe for a Socialist paper and attend at least six Socialist lectures or speeches per year to the end that no guilty man or woman may escape our philosophy. Now, if you are interested in the work fill out the application blank below and forward by return mail to Miss Grace Bagnell, 3838 Indiana Avenue, the Secretary of the club. We need your aid, give it now, send in your name voluntarily without waiting for a personal appeal and then get to work and organize your friends (whether Socialist or otherwise) into the club!

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MAHOMET AND THE MOUNTAIN.

By S. Woodman.

"If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain." In the scheme of modern industrialism these two factors have their counterparts. Organized labor, as it exists to-day, especially in America, is aptly typified by "the mountain." It is a huge, inert mass; it does not move, but it grows. It is constantly growing. To-day it blocks the pathway of progress and obscures the sunlight of economic freedom. It stands for the same things now that it stood for when the first trade union was organized—shorter hours, more pay; less work, more wages. It has never, as a body, seriously contemplated the possibility of a radical change of position. Apparently the abolition of capitalism and the destruction of the wage system have never been considered by it even as a remote possibility.

Like the men spoken of by Christ 2000 years ago, whose excuse for standing "all the day idle in the market place" was that no man had hired them, so organized labor to-day still finds itself at the mercy of the "boss," and believes it can only "live, breathe, move and have its being" through the will of the master class. It is safe to assume that if the same amount of energy, dogged determination and unity of action which organized labor has manifested in its puerile demands, in its efforts to wrest trivial concessions from capitalism, had been expended in the abolition of wage slavery, it would long since have accomplished this result. But organized labor does not reason; one could almost believe it to be incapable of reasoning; it does not comprehend the relation between cause and effect, nor perceive that, so long as certain causes continue in active operation, certain effects are bound to follow, and consequently that if the causes be removed the effects will naturally cease.

The present attitude of organized labor towards the capitalism which it upholds is like that of the little child who strikes with its young fists the chair or the table with which it has collided, which action, while it does not seriously damage the chair or the table, is very apt to injure the child, which is either too ignorant or too helpless to remove the cause of offense.

Now, if it is right, just and rational; if, in a word, it is a sound economic principle that production and distribution should be carried on by private parties, associations, trusts or syndicates, for their individual or associated profit, then whatever is calculated to diminish that profit, or to jeopardize the interests vested in various enterprises should be resisted, should, if possible, be destroyed. If the mills, the factories, the workshops, the mines, the railroads, etc., belong of right (of divine right, as claimed by Baer) to those who possess them, then their owners have a natural as well as a constitutional right to do as they please with their own, and organized labor is no more justified in dictating terms to these owners or interfering with them in the conduct of their legitimate business than it would be in entering a man's house to tell him how he should arrange the furniture or how many guests he should invite to dinner.

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and land values, the proceeds to be applied to public employment and bettering the condition of the workers...

But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth...

To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be entrusted to us by our fellow workers...

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STATE PLATFORM.

STATE PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, ADOPTED AT PEORIA, APRIL 18, 1904.

EXHIBIT E. The Socialist party of Illinois, in convention assembled, declares its aim to be the organization of the working class into a political party...

Under the present system of production, the great mass of the people can only acquire the means of existence by selling their labor power...

In the course of the last two decades the great capitalists have secured full control of the Republican party and are now making great efforts to control the Democratic party...

able-bodied men, who depress the price of human labor power, prevent the working class from reaping any appreciable benefits from the increased productive power of society...

The economic development which has brought about these conditions continues to its logical end—that is, to the control of the means of life in the hands of a few great corporations...

The issue thus resolves itself down to the question: Shall the proletarian majority or the capitalist minority rule? In this issue the Socialist party is the only political party that stands uncompromisingly on the side of the working class...

The coming of Socialism does not simply depend on the economic development of the capitalist system of production, but also on the intellectual and political self-consciousness of the working class...

But a minority party is easily defeated or obstructed in parliamentary activity. Only when the Socialist party will have the majority of votes...

FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. NATIONAL ORGANIZING FUND. The following contributions have been made to the National Organizing Fund since last report:

Table listing contributions to the National Organizing Fund from various locations like Evanston, Chicago, Hoboken, etc.

Table listing contributions to the Campaign Fund from individuals like Wm. Inderlist, Stoughton, Conn., etc.

CAMPAIGN FUND. J. H. SWORDLIN, Washington, D. C. \$2.00. P. Dison, Knoxville, Cal. 1.50. S. Schmitt, St. Louis, Mo. 1.00.

The State convention of the Socialist party of Vermont will be held at Barre on Saturday, June 4, when a full State ticket will be nominated.

The referendum on the election of State officials for the Socialist party in Idaho resulted as follows:

The National Secretary is arranging for the publication in book form of the complete stenographic report of the proceedings of the recent national convention.

Widower bachelor and well-to-do merchant 63 years, wishes to communicate with lady between 45 and 55 years.

Rockefeller's man Harper telephoned his agent at the Springfield convention to stick for Lowden.

Beresford's Handbook on Scientific Socialism is one of the best books for the new beginner ever run off on an American Press.

WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

SOCIALIST Sunday School Lessons. BY MAY WOOD SIMONS. THE STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE.

More animals are produced than can survive; hence we find them constantly engaged in a struggle to survive.

It has been pointed out that the struggle for existence is along three lines. First, there is a struggle going on among animals of the same kind or species.

Finally there is always the constant struggle of animal life with the physical environment. This is seen in the efforts of wild animals to find springs of water in summer and warm places for shelter in the winter and food in seasons of scarcity.

III. These three forms of struggle are found among every species of animal. In some cases one phase of the struggle may be more operative than another.

Suggestions—This lesson offers many opportunities for social application, also an effort should be made to illustrate the lesson and connect it with the child's actual life.

always in close relation to the child's actual experience.

"GOD AND MY NEIGHBOR." This is the title of a new book by Richard Blatchford, the author of "Merrie England" and "Britain for the British."

PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS. The "Unemployed" and the "Trusts and the Working-Class" are the titles of two of the best pieces of Socialist literature ever published in this country.

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following Sunday or Sundays until the business is finished, unless the C. C. C. shall otherwise decide.

All communications referring to party matters should be addressed to the County Secretary, and must be in the hands of Secretary at least 24 hours before C. C. C. meeting.

The Cook County Central Committee meets in continued session Sunday, May 23, 2 p. m. sharp.

Abel Anderson, of 1081 South Oakley avenue, has been expelled from the Socialist Party.

Special rates to stockholders. Any Socialist can be a stockholder. Call or write for information.

SPECIAL NOTICES. 25TH WARD BRANCH. At the last regular business meeting of the 25th Ward Branch Jas. R. Larson, residing at 1024 North Albany avenue, was elected Secretary.

BRANCH SECRETARIES AND HALL COMMITTEES, TAKE NOTICE. If you want your agitation meeting announced in the Chicago Socialist a notice, stating when and where such meeting is to be held, also who the speaker is, must be in the office of County Secretary by Monday eve.

Twenty-sixth Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3d Sunday night, 7:30 p. m., at Social Turner Hall, Belmont and Paulina avenues.

The Twenty-fourth Ward Branch meets at Stern's Hall, Fullerton avenue and Ward street, every second and fourth Monday of the month.

HALL MEETINGS. 25TH WARD. Sunday School at 11 physical culture lesson at 10:30.

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