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The undersigned hereby subscribe to the number of shares set opposite my name, to the capital stock of the Commonwealth Publishing Society, and agree to pay the said society for each of said shares the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars.

Table with 3 columns: NAME, SHARES, AMOUNT. Includes Chas. L. Breckon, R. 15, 163 Randolph St.

THE EMERGENCY FUND. The contributions to the emergency and campaign funds totaled \$53 last week. The balance on hand last week was \$49.20, but the report showed that this amount and more had been expended in other emergency expenses.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. The newly appointed campaign committee will meet in its first session on next Sunday, Feb. 25, at 10 a. m. at headquarters, 163 Randolph street, room 15.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK. Sunday, 2:30 p. m., 265 West Chicago avenue. Speaker, Chas. L. Breckon. Sunday, 2:30 p. m., Chicago Heights. Speaker, W. C. Benton.

NOTES. Comrade A. Carm will speak Sunday, Feb. 25, at Meyer's Hall at 8 p. m., corner of Sigel and Sedgwick streets.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Receipts—Due stamps, \$32.35; delegate dues, 25c; emergency fund, \$53; literature sales, \$1.35; total, \$106.95; deficit, \$63.14; grand total, \$170.09.

SUNDAY DIVISION MEETINGS. Each of the seven divisions will meet on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p. m., unless otherwise noted.

NINTH WARD JEWISH. Meetings will be held as follows, at 8 p. m., at Pritikin's Hall, corner Maxwell and Halsted.

NINTH WARD JEWISH. The Ninth Ward Jewish Branch of the Socialist Party and the Workingmen's Circle, Branch 32, will give a series of lectures at Pritikin's Hall, Maxwell, corner Halsted street, every Friday at 8 p. m.

IMPORTANT TO JUDGES AND CLERKS. If any ward or district chairman or other officer of the party knows of a single judge or clerk who has not received his pay for services in the primaries held Saturday, March 4, 1906, he will confer a great favor by sending the name and address of such party at once to Chas. L. Breckon, 163 Randolph.

NOTICE. There will be a meeting of the Twenty-fourth Ward Branch at Pritikin's Hall, corner of Maxwell and Halsted streets, on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Chas. L. Breckon, County Secretary, will speak. Every party member and sympathizer urged to be present.

ELECTION VOUCHERS. The vouchers for the primary election held Saturday, Sept. 16, 1905, are now being paid. The comrades who have so long held onto the documents will now be rewarded. Comrades desirous of having this office cash same for them can send in their receipts, properly indorsed on the back thereof with their names, and same will be forwarded to them.

LECTURE TOUR OF JOHN COLLINS AND JAS. H. BROWER.

- Comrades Collins and Brower are now in the field, and below are their dates. Members are requested to make all arrangements necessary so as to insure good meetings at each place: JOHN COLLINS. Feb. 25—Alton.

MILWAUKEE SOCIALISTS IN ACTION. Milwaukee, Monday, Feb. 19. The Socialists fought the ordinance pertaining to the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway Company all through the long session from yesterday afternoon until nearly 1 o'clock this morning.

RUSSIAN AGITATOR. Comrade Moses Guriewitch, from Wilna, Russian Poland, a delegate of the Jewish Workingmen's Bund, is in the city in the interest of the Russian revolutionists.

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The Hungarian Socialist Branch SATURDAY EVE, FEB. 24, 1906, AT PULASKI HALL, 800 S. ASHLAND AVE.

SOCIAL NOTES.

The Socialists of the Fifteenth Ward will give an entertainment and dance at Aurora Turner Hall, corner Division and Ashland avenue, Sunday, Feb. 25. Come at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

NATIONAL PARTY NOTES. Algernon Lee, 184 William street, New York City, and Philip Jackson, P. O. box 485, Rochester, N. Y., have been elected members of the National Committee.

RESOLUTIONS BY COOK COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE. Whereas, It is believed by many comrades that a tour of Comrade August Bebel through this country would be to the greatest advantage of the Socialist movement; therefore be it

CIGARMAKERS' UNION NO. 15. Cleveland capitalists organized the Miami and Erie Transportation Company with \$3,000,000 capital stock, of which they paid in \$100,000 and presented themselves with the remaining \$2,900,000.

Our good Catholic friends tell us men cannot be made better by political action or economic changes, that the only solution of society's problems is for everybody to join the church and become so good no one will dream of harming his neighbor.

Entertainment and Ball

Given by the 23rd Ward Clubs at Springsguth and Haelen's Hall, Halsted and Willow Sts., on Saturday, February 24, 1906. Entree at 8 p. m. Admission free. Refreshments.

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THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.

The Socialists in Chicago and Cook county should lose no time in getting to work perfecting their plans for a red hot campaign this spring.

The Supreme Court has upheld the law passed by the Legislature giving Chicago power to adopt a new charter.

We believe there should be a mass conference of all party members in Chicago, some Sunday in the near future.

There will be a meeting of the city campaign committee Sunday, Feb. 25.

We would suggest that when the campaign committee meet that they consider the advisability of holding a mass meeting in the near future.

A MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM: Some women and preachers at a church meeting in New York have recently been discussing the problem of how working girls whose wages are from \$4 to \$6 per week can live pure lives when the cost of a decent room and board is \$6 per week.

The Rev. Dr. Stratton, speaking of Dr. Foster's new book, says that it not only denies every one of the fundamental things on which the church and the whole structure of modern society rests.

The enemy of labor is not of flesh and blood. It might easily be dealt with if it were. The throned tyrant can be bombarded out of existence, the whip can be wrested from the hands of the slayer, and the lash laid upon his own back.

What is most needed here is the awakening of a larger sense of justice in those who control and maintain the baneful conditions under which the working girl maintains herself in New York.

And in what a great number of cases has not the starvation wage brought the necessity for earning a little more after the day's work is done?

The condition of the working girls in New York, described above, does not differ very much from the condition of the working girls in other American cities.

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problems solved so far as may be before the Socialists take control of the city hall. They should vote for it because when a capitalist government is a direct employer of labor on a large scale, it will be easier for the laborers to see that they need to have their own class run the government.

THINK SOCIALISTS WILL WIN PRIMARY DECISION.

As we go to press Wednesday the dispatches from Springfield all state that the Supreme Court is expected to declare the primary law unconstitutional.

The original primary case was filed in the Supreme Court ten days ago in the name of the State of Illinois, ex-rel Charles L. Breckon, against the Board of Election Commissioners of Chicago.

On Dec. 20, 1905, the Socialists of Chicago filed petitions for primary elections in the city. The Election Commissioners of Chicago declined to receive the petitions.

It is to be held that the primary law is in violation of section 22, article 4, of the State Constitution, which provides that no special or local law shall be passed for the conducting or holding of elections.

But their sun has set. The "good" business men of American cities have found out what the "good" business men of European cities learned a generation ago, namely, that the municipal finances are becoming too important and the need of "safe" officials to protect their interests against the discontented working class is too keen to let public offices be run on the spoils system.

JUST WOKE UP: If any one imagines that the air on the Hudson river has changed very much since the pre-revolutionary days, when it produced the famous Rip Van Winkle, the following from the New York Worker will dispel that hallucination.

Is New York going to take second place in the membership rolls of the Socialist party and give Illinois the lead? It looks so just now. In the last two months Illinois has paid \$23 in dues and New York only \$20. California was a fairly close third, with \$187.69. Wisconsin fourth with \$171.70. Massachusetts fifth with \$155.50, and Ohio sixth with \$120. If Illinois has beaten New York by getting and keeping more members, we congratulate her. But

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RULES FOR CONTEST:

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The Impending Crisis......35

CONTRASTS. I see the tall church steeples, They reach so far, so far; But the eyes of my heart see the world's great mart Where the starving people are. I hear the church bells ringing Their chimes on the morning air; But my soul's ear is hurt to hear The poor man's cry of despair. Thicker and thicker the churches, Nearer and nearer the sky, But alack for their creeds while the poor man's needs Grow deeper as years roll by. "They whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," is an old proverb that looks as though it might hold good in the case of the capitalists and their tools in Colorado and Idaho.

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