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Capitalism knows no partisan politics.

It is simply a device to divide and fool the workers.

The "freedom of the American citizen" is also one of capitalism's greatest inventions.

Like the wage slaves of all other countries the American is "free" to starve or freeze to death.

The Socialist who isn't aware of the class struggle is about as apt to win as the pugilist in the ring who doesn't know disgrace of dying rich. he is engaged in a scrap.

absolutely homeless. Such a condition cause it includes the other two. of things for the wealth producers would be absolutely impossible under Social-

The statement that the "workingmen are the backbone of the country" was no doubt first made by some one who observed the little use they make of their brains—especially at election time.

It must be comforting to the man out of work and out of money in New York, Philadelphia or San Francisco to know that if he were in Kansas he might earn \$3.00 a day in the harvest fields.

Just to remind those who howl "confiscation" when Socialism is mentioned: All original private titles were secured by conquest, which is only another name for confiscation. Ask Red-Man-Afraidof-Civilization.

The police of Washington, D. C., dispersed a meeting of Socialists at which the Declaration of Independence was read, on the ground that they were circulating inflamatory and seditious literature. Makes all the difference in the world who interprets our declarations and laws.

And now it's the Socialists of Evansville, Ind., who are blamed for the recent race riots in that city. Eugene V. Debs, in his own vigorous style, goes after one Captain Dudley of the militia who made the silly charge and defies him to name a single Socialist in any way implicated in that affair.

The utter helplessnes of the worker without a capitalist to employ him, as portrayed by some capitalist apologists, is pitiable in the extreme. the Dubuque Telegraph-Herald gives utterance to the tearful wail that "the production of wealth would cease, economically, if the capitalists were destroyed because then there would be no capital."

against the dismissal of a non-union book binder from the government printing office, said the precedent set by the award of the coal strike commission in relation to union men working alongside scabs shall hold good in the government printing office. He's a union man, too. Sure thing! Hasn't he got an honorary card in the locomotive firemen's union? Cert! One of that kind of union men who just "belong" to the union, you know. A motion for expulsion would be in order.

to know if it is "not clear that if access to the land was free that each man would then have opportunity to produce all the wealth his labor could produce and that he would have all his own creation, all the fruits of his own toil, less the tax, determined in relation to the productiveness of his land, that he was required to pay to the expenses of government? Well, yes. But unless he also paid tribute to the agricultural implement trust, the railroad trust, the woolen trust, the cotton trust, the flour trust, and trusts ad infinitum, we fear that like Adam he would be confined to a restricted vegetarian diet, and as to raiment-well in this neck of the woods he couldn't even find fig leaves enough to

Socialism is universal justice.

It's a good law that knows its own

Granting that the laws of this country are made by "the peepul," who is it that interprets them.

It is a fact that some people don't know the difference between Socialism and ice cream socials.

No doubt Carnegie beggared his workingmen in order to save them from the

Rent, interest and profit, these three; London has 30,000 people who are and the greatest of these is profit—be-

The hard work of some people so deadens their sensibilities that they can't feel it when they are being skinned. The much vaunted shrewdness of the

capitalist is only relative. It would be miserably small and cheap but for the dullness of the masses. The haste of the prosperity howlers

in assuring the anxious public that there is no real danger whenever a flurry occurs in Wall street reminds us of the boy who whistles in the dark to keep up his courage.

The merchant calls it profit, and he winks the other eye; the banker calls it int'rest, as he heaves a cheerful sigh; the old landlord calls it rent, as he tucks it in his bag, but the honest old burglar, he simply calls it "swag."

Des Moines boasts of a boy who has never seen a cow. That's nothing. There are any number of cities that have any number of children who have never seen cow's milk, except the kind tion. that is made in chalk factories.

One bright ray in the gloomy spectacle of the working class voting as a body for their masters, is the training it gives them in "sticking together," and when they decide to "stick together" for themselves. Yep, every cloud has a silver lining.

The destruction of incentive and ambition would be a serious thing, but at that it would be just as well if they were forever destroyed as that ninety per cent of the people should never be given an opportunity of realizing their ambitions. And as to the ambitions of the other ten per cent-well, they are only those of the hog and should not be fostered

President Roosevelt, in deciding a distinction between the non-union man the Socialist is rendered debatable and the non-union man. Some people make and the "scab" who takes a striker's place. As a matter of fact one is as bad as the other. If anything, the former is worse. A man with a starving family may have some excuse for taking any work, even that of another. But there is no excuse for the man who refuses to join his brothers in a general uplift for all. And besides, every nonunion man shares, in a measure, the advantages gained by the union.

The death of Grand Chief P. M. Arthur of the Brotherhood of Locomotive The Dubuque Telegraph-Herald wants Engineers gives the "sincere" friend of organized labor-the capitalist pressanother opportunity of extolling the virtues of conservative unionism, the kind that never goes on strike or in any way hurts the interests of the boss; a sort of namby-pamby, wishy-washy "identity of interest" unionism which all capitalists "believe in." And why shouldn't they? As long as they can hand the workers this kind of taffy and softsoap and the poor dupes don't catch on that they're being played for suckers, just so long will the capitalists be secure in their mastery. And this reminds us that there are also capitalists who "believe in" Socialism of a utopian, million-year-hence kind which won't bother them any, but who are death on make an apron cut decollete at top and Marxian, revolutionary, working class Socialist State Ticket

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A. K. GIFFORD. Davenport. For Judge of Supreme Court I. S. McCRILLIS.

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> For Railroad Commissioner. OAKLEY WOOD. Lake City.

#### Private Ownership

By I. S. McCrillis

Is private ownership of the sources of production unjust per se?

Feeling as I do that the whole Socialist proposition depends upon and centers around this query, that upon the answer thereto the whole scheme of public ownership (which is the corner stone of Socialism) must stand or fall, I invite a discussion by the comrades, if I may,



I. S. McCrillis Candidate for Judge of Supreme Court

through The Iowa Socialist, not for the purpose of controversy, but for informa-

Since making a study of economics from the viewpoint of the Socialist I had never thought of the possibility of the affirmative reply to this query being questioned by Socialists, and I must say I was surprised when in the sitting of which will stand them in good stead the platform committee at the recent state convention a plank embodying this idea was rejected as trenching on debatable ground.

Is there an inherent injustice in permitting the private ownership of the sources of subsistence?

If not, then private ownership of this class of wealth is not a mere conventional right, a gift of society-it is a recognition of and a declaring of a natural law, and if injustice exists in economic affairs it is not due to a private ownership of the sources of subsistence, but to some maladjustment in applying There is a great deal of cant about this natural principle. Answered in the negative, immediately the position of pregnable. If the private ownership of this class of wealth is inherently proper and the fault lies in adjustment, why insist on a reversal of a natural law and the substitution of a purely conventional one of public ownership? And the point is well taken—the situation is one for reform, not for revolution.

Answered in the affirmative, the Socialist position becomes impregnable and undebatable.

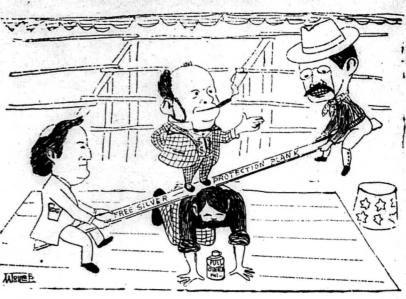
I hold it to be an incontrovertible proposition that whatever an individual has equitable title in he may use 'or not use as he may see fit, providing he does not infringe on the rights of others and he does not hold the thing in trust for anyone or for society, Carnegie to the contrary notwithstanding.

At this point then would seem to be the test in determining whether a thing shall be privately owned: may it by mere virtue of ownership become a menace to another's right?

By mere virtue of ownership of my coat it cannot become a menace to the rights of another, but let us see about land or a railroad, for instance. If I own a tract of land, however small, it a means of oppression.

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"Let them believe it-it pays us. We would be fools not to use them in every way to coin money out of them. Have no fear of the workingmen, as they'll never disturb our mastery, for where COWARDICE is added to IG-NORANCE, resistance to our power is impossible."

have taken to myself by so much that which the race must have to live.

Again, I hold this to be axiomatic that the benefits flowing from a thing always follow the title.

What are some of those benefits? Use, hereditary descent and exchange. These, I take it, are inseparable from, inherent in, and absolutely certain to follow sooner or later the ownership of anything.

By mere virtue of ownership no wrong can come to society by the use of my coat, nor by my son using it after I so with land?

No harm or wrong may come perhaps variety. from my use of so much land as I need, but ownership is not necessary to this. However, the very fact of private title opens the way for me to acquire more than I can use, and further, when hereditary descent and exchange enter in you have opened before you a long vista of possibilities that have so frequently pay it back to them when they need it. and uniformly led to oppression and evitable consequences of private title.

That private ownership is a convenagree. The private ownership of the cause changes in religious institutions. sources of production had its origin in conquest. All the qualities and privileges did not make themselves apparent at once, but were present in a latent or apparent form the instant the right was established. Because of this fact the inherent injustice was not recognized and in many instances is not recognized today even by Socialists.

Is private ownership of the sources of subsistence an injustice per se? Establish it and that moment you have present all the elements necessary for a monopoly of the sources of subsistence by the strong, the cunning or the hereditary fortunate; that moment you have established an instrument by which the strong may oppress the weak, by which -by virtue of ownership of the source moment you have set up a power that will render the masses dependent on the few for the right to live; that will render inevitable exploitation, economic slavery.

may become a menace to another's right the public mind and Socialism is as-

Until it is thus impressed Socialism

The aristocracy of the dollar is tar more snobbish and silly than the other

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The difference between the human hog and the other kind is that the latter never poses as an example for others to follow. A correspondent of the Coming Na-

tion objects to the phrase "working mules" as applied to human beings. am dead, nor by its exchange, but is it The C. N. admits it is a bit rough. So do we-on the mules of the quadruped Some capitalists are so much con-

cerned over the thriftless habits and lack of saving propensities on the part of their workingmen that they save their earnings for them-at least that's what they claim. But they always forget to

Child labor not only robs children of wrong that I cannot do other than con- their childhood, but also of their old clude that they are the logical and in- age-most of the child slaves die young. It is fortunate for them that the doctrine of infant damnation has been repuditional right all civic and legal scientists ated. Changing economic conditions

> Local Denver has passed resolutions denying the charge that the movement in Denver is a middle class movement and that the Socialists were guilty of fusion in the recent city charter convention. They challenge "any or all of those who make these charges to point to a single official act of Local Denver since its organization which is not in line with the well-defined principles of international revolutionary Socialism as set forth in the constitutions and platforms of the Socialist party, national and

The San Antonio Trades Council and the Electrical Workers Union of that city have been sued under the new Texas anti-trust law in the sum of \$6,000 the product may be controlled; that for alleged damages already incurred and \$50 per day for each day the matter complained of is continued. Thus another attempt to legislate against capitalism while capitalism is in control of Let this fact once be impressed on the law-making and law-enforcing agencies turns out to be a boomerang and labor gets it in the neck. We move that the unions now go into politics. Do cannot be, for the simple reason that it we hear a second? It is either go into politics or go out of business.

## "There are Millions in It"

By Miss Zoe Funk

drawn in Col. Sellers an original charac- means that farms, mills, factories, railter. His like can be found and would be understood in no other country than is now owned by private concerns for ours. He saw everything through a magnifying glass. The present was ple for the people. We have already filled with visions of the most magnificent outcomes in the future. In the no one would be in favor of turning swampy flats of Goose Creek he saw in his mind's eye the future metropolis of the west, but it was in his celebrated eye salve that he saw the most glorious them, water works, gas plants, city pogolden visions. The cost was just a lice, city hospitals and free libraries. trifle, the profits many fold. He had Then there is the great national postonly to find one missing ingredient and a fortune awaited him in America. cialistic. I am not advocating Socialism, While in the orient-where sore eyes are as natural as noses and sin-his annual income would be beyond computation. Then there was the corn operation. He would buy up all the growing The government by injunction has added crops and when they matured he would to this tendency, as in the Wabash railjust boss the market. "It would only cost a trifle, two and one-half millions in Connecticut. These strikes were would do it." Then there was the hog caused by the sense of unfair division speculation. He would set quiet men of profits. The recent action of the to work and get propositions from all Reading railroad lockout, which violated farmers, and make deals with all the the findings laid down by President packing houses, and so by getting them Roosevelt's arbitration committee; and all into his control it would take at least the action of the railroad interests in three ships to carry the money he would Springfield, Ill., where they had a make. We laugh over the colonel's air speaker in the legislature working for castles, each with its millions in it, but them and trying to block laws demanded have not his visionary dreams become by the people; and the effort of the realities? The colonel has proved a Manufacturers League in Omaha in comtrue prophet; he was one ahead of his bining for the overthrow of all labor times. Others have found the missing unions. All of these things are making ingredient in the patent medicine. The converts to Socialism. We speak often trifling millions have been forthcoming of labor saving inventions, but do we to carry out the grain and packing realize the meaning of the words? How house deals, and many others as well. many messenger boys and post riders The subject of trusts, like trouble, is al- would be needed to do the work of the ways with us, and with all that has been modern mail service, the telegraph and said in congress and the papers the past telephone, supposing they were obliged year little that is new can be added. to carry their messages on foot or horse-Yet the problem is different from what it back, no matter the distance. The flour was a year ago. There are three views mill has taken the place of the hand of the trust. The first is that it is grinder. Once when the people wanted wholly good, that the tendency is not any flour, they sat down, one on each dangerous and the result will be cheaper side of the hand grinder and ground the production, lower prices, better wages wheat. Think of the time that would and more stability, and that it is a labor be taken from every man's life to grind saving machine, economizing labor and enough just to keep from starving. capital. This is an ideal statement of Again the linotype and perfecting printwhat might be and ought to be, but we ing I ress have taken the place of the all know it to be far from the truth. monks' hand copied manuscripts. These The second view is that the trusts are inventions especially are great labor savall bad and must be destroyed. Some ing machines, for if the people had to recent laws were supported on this copy all the papers and books that are theory, but nearly every one agrees that now in circulation it would take millions this is quite an impossility and would of them to do the work that a linotype likely be dangerous to the nation's wel- does in one day. And so on through all the fare. This brings in the third view, that fields of inventions. And people, the the trusts must be put under government laboring men particularly, are beginning control. This is agreed to, as a general to ask, what has become of this saved statement by all, but there is much dis- labor? The hours of labor are nearly pute as to details. The law knows but as long as ever and the pay nearly as two parties to a labor contract, the one low. The profits of each man's labor, who hires and the hired, but the coal aided by machinery, as compared to dispute of last fall brought in a third what he could do without the machinery, party, the people at large. When the is enormous. "There are millions, mine owners submitted their claims to many millions in it," and the question is bitrators to say whether or not they Who has them? It is certain that the should have complete control of their laborer gets a very small part, the pubprivate property.

out paying for them. What is the limit? all true, patriotic citizens. The logical end is absolute Socialism.

Will the remedy be worse than the di-

petition. If these were under government control they would be socialistic. Coming Nation.

In Mark Twains' "Gilded Age" he has | For Socialism, as now taught, simply roads and nearly everything else which private gain will be owned by the peotried some socialistic experiments that back again to private competition. For example, the public schools, the public roads, or highways as we like to call office department. All are purely soonly pointing out the present situation. The last election shows the trend of public opinion toward Locialism of this kind. The gains were large everywhere. road strike and the street railway strike rbitration they really left it to the ar- being asked, where have they gone to lic gets much in reduced prices, but the Legally the coal mines are the abso- owner of the machine gets the lion's lute property of their owners, but back share. Since this is the case the laborer of this ownership is the rights of the ought to get more wages, or with the public. To illustrate this; when a man same wages he should have less hours buys a piece of land he is popularly to work. Without his just share the lasupposed to have the right to do what borer acquires low ideals, his standard he will with it, to work it or let it alone, of living is low, his children are too as he prefers. But suppose that a syn- soon taken from school and set to work dicate should buy up all the lands in the and the result is a poor quality of citi-Mississippi valley. There is no law to zenship. All this is a part of the trust prevent this. It is a question of con- problem. It is not likely that we shall trolling capital, and there seems no live to see absolute Socialism, for it limit to that nowadays, and suppose cannot come till a majority of the intelthey should allow only a small part to ligent people of the country demand it. be cropped in order to raise prices. But the modified form of government Then, as in the coal settlement, the control in many directions seems to be higher law of public opinion would step the only remedy for the dangers threatin and compel the production of crops. ening us through the growth of the trust Yet every step like this is a step towards idea. Just how far this should go is a taking private rights for public use with- matter demanding the earnest study of Socialism is an international move-

ment. It recognizes that the interests of the workers of Europe are identical with According to Webster, "Socialism is the interests of the workers of America. It a science of reconstructing society by makes no distinction between slaves, be substituting the principles of association they white, black or brown. A victory for for that of competition in every branch Socialism in Germany is a victory for of industry." The trusts have in many Socialism in America. A victory for things substituted association for com- Socialism in Massachusetts or Ohio is a victory for International Socialism .-

Were I asked to name the blackest, Most gigantic modern crime That will desecrate forever The fair record of our time, would answer, "'Tis the murder Of a million spotless souls Being consummated daily In commercialism's holes.

Morn is cut from their existence, All is night of sombre gloom; They are toiling on the highway In the mine and at the loom Tender babes that should be romping In the sunshine and the air. Languish in the whirring prisons Mutely dying in despair.

Who can tell what grand achievements Have been stifled at their birth? Mightn't yonder smudgy lad have brought The heavens nearer earth? But shaekled in his babyhood

To metal things of woe, What chance has instinct to expand Or intellect to grow? Would the fairest flower of nature

In an atmosphere of gloom Have power to ope its petals bright, And radiate perfume? Not so; that stately tinted bulb Now reared in splendor high, Deprived of nourishment and eare Would fade, and droop, and die.

And so it is with human souls Just waking into life; Can they be aught but withered wrecks Whose infant food is strife; Whose plastic intellects are shaped By monsters made of steel, And whose first energy is spent To guide a shaft or wheel?

Is there any valid reason Why the chosen ones of God Should be denied life's choicest gift And hurried 'neath the sod? There is none, and Christ the Saviour. The all-merciful and mild. Said sternly once, "Thrice curs'd is he Who sins against a child.'

Aye, ponder on it brothers! 'Tis no idle dreamer's dream. Ten hundred thousand spotless souls Have furnished me the theme. Where is one voice of potence In this mighty land's expanse To cry, "Avaunt, ye monsters, Give the innocents a chance!" -John L. Dougheny

### Propose a Change

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, July 18, 1903. Dear Comrades: Will you please publish the following propositions in the next issue of your paper and oblige Sioux City Local:

To all comrades in the State of Iowa, Greeting:

Believing it to be for the best interests of the party, we beg to submit the to join us before it will be submitted to

be elected by a referendum vote.

2. That the secretary and treasurer be two separate persons.

Our reason being that as these are very important officers they should only Socialist. be selected by a direct vote of the membership of the party, and also that as the handling of money is a very important one, the secretary and treasurer

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ought to be two separate and distinct persons in order that each should keep a check as far as possible upon the other in all matters where money enters in. This to avoid any future trouble. We wish to lock the barn before the horse is stolen, but is not meant to reflect in any way on the present secretary but merely for a future safeguard.

J. C. SMITH, Secretary Local Sioux City.

#### Aspen Letter

Our summer's stay in Aspen is about to end. The days have flown quickly indeed, and all too soon the time has rolled about "to take to the road" once

Though we came here to rest, there have been some events to remind us of the ever present class-struggle, and our joy in the battle to end it. First we assisted Comrade Jones at the close of a most lively municipal campaign, where we polled nearly one-third of the vote. Then came an interesting school election, with an opportunity to discuss educational questions from a working-class point of view. Following the election came a financial struggle to purchase a building for our permanent headquarters, and the "Socialist Temple" resulted. Then matters were enlivened by a debate before a crowded house (in our own building) with Dr. J. W. Judkins, ex-state representative, populist. Then followed a local newspaper discussion with the doctor. Finally came the 4th of July celebration with Comrade Mrs. Hazlett as orator. Our play, July 16, 'A Generous Love," will close our (my) party work in Aspen for this season.

We will go eastward by starting westward. Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, Pitkin, Buena Vista and some stops between will mark our course to Pueblo, where we hope to boost along the good work so well started by Comrade Mrs. Hazlett.

When we have remained in Pueblo as long as the work there demands, we will go on eastward, lecturing and giving the play through Kansas and Iowa to Dubuque. FREDERICK G. STRICKLAND.

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If it was inimical to some wealthy individual's or corporation's interests, there would not be lacking men who, for pay, would devote their best energies following, requesting you to join us in and talents to the task of proving that asking for a referendum vote on these, two and two are five-or any other It will be necessary for two other locals number except four. And this kind of hirelings will increase in number as long as the present competitive system lasts. 1. That the secretary and treasurer Sophistry and lying will necessarily become more important factors in business and social dealings as greed and exploitation develop and dominate in an inevitably increasing ratio.-Los Angeles

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In a recent editorial headed "Strike ing for a score of years to obtain an in-Telegraph-Herald advises the railway mail clerks before forming a union to consider the experience employes on Australia, recently underwent. The Telegraph-Herald is an enthusiastic adrather hard upon the Telegraph-Herald's pet theory, but that has not dampened regardless of politics, should vote should be made an issue in this country.

struck, the government resisted the demands of the employes, the prime minister immediately caused the parliament to be convoked, and laws making it a misdemeanor to strike against the government were proposed. The men saw they were beaten and returned to work. Unlike their brethren in New Zealand, they had forgotten to organize in the political as well as in the industrial field, and consequently were at the mercy of the business and professional classes who constitute the membership of the Victorian parliament. Of conrse the outcome is satisfactory to the editor of the Telegraph-Herald. Being government employes, in the opinion of the Telegraph-Herald they had no right to strike, no matter what their grievance. Public opinion was against them (that is, the public opinion of the business and professional classes,) and so they failed. "There is no sufficient reason why public employes should go on strike," says the Telegraph-Herald. "They are usually very well paid for their services, and in cases where they are underpaid redress might easily be gained by demonstrating the justice of their request. The public is fair and its officers may be depended upon to deal fairly with public employes."

What has the public to do with the matter? If we are not mistaken, the railway mail clerks and the letter carriers of this country have been endeavor-

Against the Government," the Dubuque crease in their wages, but have been unable to do so. No well informed man will deny the fact that the cost of living has increased at least 20 per cent during government owned railways in Victoria, the past ten years. This has affected postal employes as well as all other employes. The postal clerk is away from vocate of government ownership. True, home about one-half the time; has to the late democratic convention sat down pay board while away; usually has to rent a furnished room in order to be sure of a place to sleep. Being a govthe ardor of its editor. Unfortunately, ernment employe, he is expected to however, the editor advances some of dress well and keep up social appearthe very best reasons why workingmen, ances. What is true of the postal clerk is also true of the letter carrier to a great against government ownership if it ever extent. He pays out a good deal of money every year for wearing apparel. The employes on the Victoria roads He is made the target for every begging scheme that comes along and knowing nearly everybody it is difficult for him to

> These facts are well known to the august gentlemen who assemble in the capitol at Washington on the first Monday of every December, yet they have so far failed to afford relief. Why? Because congress is made up of the business and professional classes, who believe that when a workingman is receiving enough to procure the bare necessaries of life he is receiving all he has a right to expect.

Does anyone suppose that if one-half the members of the Victorian parliament were trades unionists the prime minister of Victoria would have summoned the list class. parliament to pass restrictive measures against the strikers? And if he had so done, would the parliament have passed the measures he desired? But the parliament being composed of the business and professional classes, he knew he could have any law passed that he desired. The strikers saw this, realized their helplessness and returned to work.

What an excellent object lesson for American workingmen! But there is no danger that they will ever vote for government ownership, at least not while congress is composed as it is at present exclusively of the employing class and its hirelings. Let's see! How many workingmen are there in congress?

A Plea for Our Sympathizers

By F. H. Boni

There seems to be a decided misconception as to the meaning of the Socialist platform on the part of The Socialist of Washington and the comrades of Omaha. I fail to see in any part of the Socialist platform where it is a movement of and by the laboring class exclusively, or that none but a laboring is a harmless thing and yet not strong man is entitled to hold an office in the physically or mentally. And man, if he party. As I see it, any man who is capable and has proven himself to be a tion, must adhere to all the laws of na-Socialist is not only eligible to member- ture. He must assume nothing and ship, but is also entitled to hold office, if elected, by a majority of the vote cast. The platform refers to the laboring class AND ALL sympathizers. The sympathizer, just as the laborer, becomes let it be for or against. class conscious by reading, thinking and working for the cause. They both arrive at their conclusions through the same means, though they may start from different points. But when they meet at the junction of co-operation; they travel on the same road to the goal -Socialism or collective ownership BY THE ENTIRE PEOPLE. Not by any one self chosen class, let it be labor, middle or capitalist. The laboring class is in the vast majority and will be the largest benefited class, and the success of the movement depends on the working class, but that need not rob the middle man or the man with money from becoming conscious of the rights of man to this earth and the fullness thereof, nor from the right to cast their lot with the movement. Nor does it unfit them from becoming honest Socialists working for the best interests of human- happier, we point to the fact that during

light, truth and liberty for the race of street car men in Richmond. Hardly a man--physical, mental and moral. The day passes now but the news dispatches first two go hand in hand to lift up the show the military power being used in latter, but the three must be held up some state for the same purpose. It before the people together and must not happens North, East, South and West be divided or the whole three will fall -in the democratic states of Virginia, to the ground. No one natural force Louisiana, Kentucky, New Mexico,

can act successfully without being in harmony with all other natural forces.

In collectivism of the whole depends the safety of each individual's happiness -physically, mentally and morally.

True civilization or "Life" does not rest upon physical power alone. The lion is an example and is a mental and moral wreck. The ant is a mental success, but is a physical failure, and yet collectively they do wonders. The toad wishes to rise to a true state of civilizaonly stick to those things which education and common sense applied reveal to him. No one has a right to assume unless they have proven it is that way,

I believe that Socialism is a working class movement more than a middle class or capitalist class movement because it affects more individuats there, as the majority are there, but I believe it is a collective movement because it will build up civilization and that will affect the entire people and will make a worker of every one, thereby making the interest of each individual identical. Then you will have a right to say none but a producer shall or is entitled to hold an office, or is honorable enough to become a member of the party. Let us stick together as one and search the whole question.

Just to keep you in mind of the way the employers everlastingly use the power of government to defeat workmen in their efforts to make life better and the past week the militia of Virginia has There are three pillars ablaze with been employed in shooting down striking street car men in Richmond. Hardly a street car men in Richmond. Hardly a No. 2.

Scanda, A. F. Adams, P. O. Madrid R. F. D. No. 2.

Scheldon, E. W. Farnsworth.

Tennessee, and the republican states of Colorado, Iowa, Pennsylvania. There is only one way to stop this abuse of governmental power by the capitalist, and that's for the working people to retire the democratic and republican capitalists from control of the political power and use it in the interest of the working people through possession of it by themselves. When will they do it.-Colorado

#### SOCIALIST PLATFORM

Adopted at Indianapolis, Ind., 1901.

The Socialist party in national convention assemb reaffirms its adherence to the principles of Internationa Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of trans forming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective

ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by individual workers. Today, the machine, which is an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. The ownership enables the capitalists to control the produc

and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and dis tribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncer tainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides society into two hostile classes the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerfu middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of compe tition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives the capitalists the control of the govern nent, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enable them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual physical and social inferiority, political subservience and

rirtual slavery.

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

But the same economic causes which developed capi talism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher or der of society is the working class. All other classes, de spite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike inter ested in the upholding of the system of private owner ship of the instruments of wealth production. The demo cratic, republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of pro duction, are alike political representatives of the capital

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes. While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of de velopment reached by the proletariat. We, therefore onsider it of the utmost importance for the Socialis party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines; no part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the taxes of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, and to the improve ment of the service, and diminishing the rates to the cor

The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the

product of labor. 3. State or national insurance of working people is case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be admin istered under control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries credit to be used for that purpose in order that the work ers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing

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

But in advocating these measures in steps in the over throw of capitalism and the establishment of the Co operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental con trol of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and no for the amelioration of the conditions of the working

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State Secretary Williams, South Dakota, notifies this office that he intended the donation, credited in the bulletin of June 20, as a contribution from Local Sioux Falls, instead of the state com-

Special Notice! The national secretary desires to impress locals and unions that contemplate engaging Socialist speakers for Labor Day, with the necessity of filing applications for speakers as quickly as possible. Do not wait until a week or two before Labor Day, and then expect to secure any speaker you might name. A list of available speakers is being compiled and will soon be announced. Speakers are also urged to send in their names and terms, if they desire the national office to make an engagement for them for Labor Day.

Ben Hanford, of New York, will begin his lecture tour under the direction of the National Lecture Bureau of the Socialist party in Pennsylvania on Aug. 24. Applications for dates are being received. Hanford's western tour has been long contemplated, but not until now have circumstances been such that he could undertake the trip, and he only does so now at the request of the national secretary.

New locals have been chartered in New York state at Jamestown, Olean and Dodgeville.

Local charters were granted to Gatewood, W. Va., and Marksville, La., this week.

After receiving the minutes of the quorum, Comrade Berger notified this office that the state of Illinois should have been included in the motion to "lay special stress on the work of assisting states where we can accomplish the greatest results," making it read Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The national secretary has initiated a referendum of the locals in Louisiana for a state convention to form a state organization.

The revised edition of the leaflet "How to Organize," issued by the national headquarters, is now ready and will be sent free on application to all state secretaries and secretaries of locals in unorganized states. Another 50,000 of "Why Socialists Pay Dues" is also on the press.

The Polish central committee of Chicago, J. Tobiaz, secretary, 493 N. Hermitage avenue, wish it announced that Jones' army en route to New York; one it represents the only Polish Socialist at Torresdale, Pa., (2,000 present), anbody affiliated with the Socialist party, and those desiring information regarding. Polish Socialists should address as above.

There seems to be a systematic movement among the capitalistic office holders in the south to prevent Socialist speakers from holding street meetings. Comrade Fitts was fined at Cartersville and also met with strong opposition from the police at Atlanta, but succeeded in overcoming it and now the meetings are going forward uninterrupted. National Organizer Ray has been having a tussle with the police at Birmingham, Ala. He was arrested on Saturday evening, July 11, while addressing a meeting from a soap box. He gave bond and then a vote was taken of the crowd as to whether he should continue and the Ray could not speak on that street cor- Sweatland, resigned. ner any more. Ray thereupon moved grew larger until an audience of 1,200

with people to hear the trial. The judge told Ray that if he wanted to he (the local. judge) would place a fine against him so Since last report, the following con- that an appeal could be taken and a test case made. Ray said he was not a judge looking for trouble and not imposing fines upon himself. If he had violated any constitutional law he should be fined and placed in jail where he belonged. The judge turned Ray loose and the latter will continue to do business at the old stand-Birmingham and elsewhere. Ray is also speaking among the miners and organized a local of fortytwo members at Dolomite last week.

John C. Chase, after two weeks of much needed rest at home, will fill dates in New York state, beginning July 20, and begin his tour of Maine on Aug. 3.

National Organizer John W. Brown spoke in Madison, Pittsfield, Bangor, Belfast, Warren, Thomaston, Vinalhaven, Bath, Portland, West Brook and Bridgeford during his tour of Maine. The meetings were well attended and auccessful. Comrade Brown writes: "There is a grand field for Socialism in Maine. With but few exceptions, the farmers are conscious of their destruction. A century ago, the farmers in Maine were agriculturists and conducted a regular rotation of crops. They were forced to abandon this and go to raising sheep for wool. The present generation has been compelled in turn to abandon this vocation and turn to raising cattle for the local markets, and for a time they were purely, independent by their sale of butter and cheese. The creameries, however, have finally robbed them of this last vestige of freedom, and today they are simply working while the other fellows get the profits." Brown will work in Connecticut as state organizer for the next few months. The Portland, Maine, Daily Press gave a long report of his meeting there and said: "The address was brim full of meat and everything uttered worth listening to."

National Organizer Geo. H. Goebel will begin his work for the national office at Wilmington, Del., July 22, 23 and 24, going thence to Washington, D. C., for the 25th, 26th and 27th. Goebel will work through Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia on his way to the southwest.

A territorial organization has been formed in Arizona, with Albert Ryan, Jerome, as secretary; and the application for a state charter, signed by eight locals, is now before the national committee.

Mrs. Ella Reeve Cohen is working in Delaware to secure locals and ultimately a state organization.

Comrade W. W. Atkinson, chairman of the textile strike agitation committee at Philadelphia, reports to the national office upon Comrade John Spargo's work there as follows: "Spargo left here for New York after doing a lot of hard and good work for the cause. He addressed thirteen meetings, mostly outdoors. The leaders of the strike were eager to have ing interest in Socialism in that city. him at their meetings. We sent him to address three meetings of "Mother" other at Bristol, Pa., and one at Morrisville, N. J. We also sent him on last Friday night to Perlsasie, Pa., where cigarmakers are striking. He, with Mahlon Barnes and Philip Merites, turned what had been intended and advertised as a meeting of the propertied class against the strikers into a rousing meeting of 2,000 people in favor of the workers." Spargo reports that many thousands of pieces of literature were given away at the meetings and much good seems to have been done all around. By urgent request of the Philadelphia comrades, Comrade Spargo will spend another week in that city, beginning July 20, at the expense of national headquarters.

W. E. White, of New Haven, has been elected national committeeman crowd yelled "yes." The officer said from Connecticut to succeed Geo. E.

Local secretaries and comrades in lotwo hours and many working men de- tional headquarters are requested to day. For terms and dates, address the clared their sympathy after the meeting. send reports of results of such meetings state secretary. On Monday the court room was crowded and work to the national secretary. It | Circulate the

ports be made, so that an estimate can which to discover Socialists, and thus be had of the value and effectiveness of increase the membership. the work of our representatives.

### Local Notes

The advisability of Socialist locals conducting their business according to parliamentary rules of order was discussed at the last meeting of Dubuque

County convention of the Socialists of Dubuque county will be held Thursday,

Comrade Paul H. Castle, of Centralia, Ill., will speak at Seventh and Main streets, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, July 28 and 29. Don't fail to hear

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has been enabled to purchase another block of stock of the Iowa Socialist Publishing Co.

Judging from preparations now under way the Labor Day celebration and parade in Dubuque this year will be mon-

The following committee has been arpointed to circulate subscription lists for the state campaign fund: E. Holtz, H. E. Fischer, F. A. Lymburner, C. Brandt, J. F. Byard and F. L. Fisher.

The Retail Grocery Clerks are making a determined fight on the stores that are open after 7:00 p. m.

Amalgamated Woodworkers Union No. 64 will give a picnic at Twin Springs, Sunday, July 26.

### Iowa Notes

Comrade Martin Johnson, of Des Moines, bobs up with another club and order for sub cards.

The Socialists of the legislative district comprising Lyon, Oceola, O'Brien and Sioux countries will nominate a candidate for representative.

Comrade Chas Shuck, of Derby, fires in a club and orders a bunch of sub

Comrade J. W. Wilson will speak at

Comrade Florence A. Brown sends in a club from Delta and reports a grow-

Those scholarships in the American away to club raisers afford an excellent

Comrade W. J. Porter, of Newton, view. fires in a club and writes: "Comrades Iacobs and Gifford were with us July 3 good talk and I think will be the cause of our getting a good local here. We state for his dates. They also sent him secretary."

Comrade D. B. Robinson, of Hiteman, remits for a bunch of sub cards. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Burlington has re-organized-Boone is on the way.

by the state committee. Van No. 1 will

Comrade W. A. Jacobs, our state or- to be present. ganizer, can be secured for special work

is due the national office that these re freely. It is an excellent means by

Comrade J. C. Frazey, of Shelby, makes application for membership, and pays a year's dues in advance.

Labor Day speakers furnished any locality in Iowa.

For the purpose of carrying on the work of organization and conducting the campaign the following amounts have been donated by Des Moines comrades: Martin Johnson, \$5.00; L. B. Patterson, O. W. Myers, J. P. Gill, G. W. Skilling, Benjamin McLain, A. W. Weeks, N. Larson and L. Hanson, each \$1.00; Geo. F. Usry, \$2.50; E. A. Dunifer and M. Golden, each 50 cents; Frank Breitkrenz, 25 cents. Total,

The total number of packages of mail matter sent out from headquarters during the past two weeks was 365, of which ninety pieces were first class.

#### Ohio Notes

Dayton has held eighteen agitation meetings during the past week with excellent results. Howard Caldwell, Jos. Jasin, Jno. Glickert and several local comrades have assisted in doing the speaking. The work has started in rade Harry A. Leeds has arranged a earnest in Dayton and things will move faster than ever from this on.

Logan county, of which Bellefontaine is the county seat, is being reorganized with a county organization instead of one small local. From present indications it appears that the plan is meeting with success and there will undoubtedly success in conducting such classes. The be a very active campaign in Logan county this fall.

Socialists of Clermont county, which is not yet organized, have arranged for a circuit of six dates in the county. Caldwell will be the first speaker to Michigan this fall, organize a school and cover it. There will be an organization after Caldwell gets through, for all preparations are being made to thoroughly organize the entire county. They are hustlers down there, anyway.

Akron held another ice cream festival which was a success in every particular. Kirkpatrick was there and delivered one of his characteristic speeches, which was a revelation to those present. The Akron Socialists are making great progress these days and expect something to happen soon that will surprise the balance of the state.

Comrade W. H. Smyth, of Carroll county, writes: "I am 69 years old but am doing all I can for Socialism. About the most that I can do now is to solicit subscriptions and I have just sent in ten to the Appeal to Reason and will do all I can to advance the cause." This work

Xenia, Ohio, has one of the best movements in the state. With only 8,000 population in the town they have a good local and have polled over 150 votes. They are always holding street meetings and distributing literature and large increases are expected this fall.

During the past week the Ohio state quorum has distributed among the workers in Ohio thirty-five of the best cloth bound Socialist books. Chas. E. Litz, 338 Pearl street, Sandusky, secured twenty volumes of Social Science series. Louis Hayes, Bridgeport, secured ten volumes of the Standard Socialist series. Wm. McPhail, Toronto, secured two bound volumes of the International So-Socialist College which we are giving cialist Review. Louis Oberlander, 343 Emminger street, Cincinnati, secured opportunity to secure a good education one volume Marx's Capital and two volumes of the International Socialist Re-

The Ohio quorum has endorsed the tour of Comrade Ben Hanford and, and mid the booming of fire crackers owing to lack of time to arrange, have and noise of all kinds they gave us a given the national secretary permission to arrange direct with the locals in the held a meeting last week and elected a a list of all locals and marked those full set of officers with P. M. Caswell as most likely to desire meetings for Comrade Hanford.

The speakers circuits are growing. Hamilton, Zanesville, Continental, Canal Dover, New Philadelphia are all new additions.

A picnic will be given by the Hamil-Coming Nation Vans Nos. 1 and 3 will ton Socialists on Sunday, Aug. 16. The Both Phones. work in Iowa during September and state quorum will furnish a speaker for October. They will go wherever sent the occasion and a gala time is assured for all who attend. Comrades from be in charge of Comrade C. W. Benton. neighboring cities are cordially invited

The general county elections are held to the next corner, where the crowd calities where meetings are held and in organized localities during the next in Ohio this fall. Socialists will place work done by lecturers and organizers few weeks. He is an agitator, organ-tickets in the field in all the organized people gathered. Ray spoke for over traveling under the direction of the na- izer, speaker, and works twelve hours a counties. County conventions will soon become the order of the day and a lively fight is anticipated from many points.

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ing very active and are even exerting efforts to get the entire congressional district in better shape. The plan works well and they are getting many other places in line for our fall campaign.

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Comrades Frank P. and Kate O'Hare go to McMechin, W. Va., Aug. 1. Comcircuit of seven towns in that vicinity, which will have regular weekly meetings for the following five weeks. An agitator's class may also be conducted Sundays in some park, where the local comrades may get broken in to public speaking. Comrade O'Hare has had great comrades who were in his New York city evening school last winter are, according to The Worker, now holding forth in various open air meetings in Gotham. He promises to return to place his experience at the command of the many comrades who want to get out in the field in the big campaign next year. O'Hare is practical, and if he can impart his knack of holding and winning crowds, Michigaan should have a corps of agitators for the state organizer to route next year that will rip things wide open and mark an epoch in state agitation work for Socialism in this

The New Zealand government is raising the wages of its railway employes to the extent of \$100,000. It must be noted that wages are not voluntarily raised by private owners of railways. Thus government ownership is a good thing, you'll all agree. Well, if this is so, why wouldn't the ownership of the railroads by the people be a better thing? It would, but then that would be Secialism.—People's Paper.

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