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## Children's Socialist Club of Omaha and Roosevelt

W. E. Clark

The Children's Socialist club of Omaha has achieved a national reputation, stamped the seal of clearness upon the work being done by the Omaha Woman's Socialist Union, and given another endorsement of the sterling Socialist party organization of Omaha.

It happened this way. The Woman's Socialist Union gave a children's entertainment about three months ago at state and local headquarters, 519 N. 16th street. It proved to be such a decided success, and showed the women to be such capable teachers of Socialist economy, and the Children's Club to be such a brilliant course of embryonic men and women, that all the men in the local wanted the entertainment given at some large hall where the little tots could deliver their messages of Socialism to a much greater number of people.

The entertainment was given Sunday night, March 27, at a large hall in the center of the business district, to a large and enthusiastic audience. From first to last, the entire program was a revelation to those who had not seen any part of it before, and it more than confirmed the opinion formed at the first entertainment of the women's ability to teach Socialist economy to children. It is impossible to give anything like a satisfactory report of this last entertainment; but the one incident that has given the children a national reputation speaks volumes for the manner in which these children have been taught the truths of Socialism. The following item is from the Chicago Tribune of March 29, including the headlines:

CHILDREN INSULT ROOSEVELT.

Young Socialists of Omaha Object to President's Picture and Tear It Down from Wall.

Omaha, Neb., March 28—(Special)—President Roosevelt's picture was torn from the wall of a room in which the Children's Club of the Woman's Socialist Union of Omaha was meeting. A girl of ten first spied the portrait.

"There is the man who wouldn't receive Mother Jones and the children from Philadelphia," she cried and the room was immediately in an uproar.

"Take it down," the youngsters shouted. "We do not want that bad man here."

Eventually a picture of Mother Jones, who led the delegation of striking children to Oyster Bay last summer, was hung in its stead, and the program proceeded. The children are being instructed in principles of Socialist economy by the Woman's Union.

Every word but the last sentence in that dispatch is an exaggeration. The last sentence is absolutely correct. The women are teaching the children the principles of Socialist economy, and no child who has learned anything of the emancipating mission of the Socialist party would want the picture of Roosevelt to occupy the place of honor at an entertainment given by children of the working class. Every child in the Children's Club of the Woman's Socialist Union of Omaha had been taught, and was able to explain, that it requires human labor power to produce wealth, and that Roosevelt upholds the present capitalist system whereby his class—the capitalist class—lives by exploiting the working class.

The children had been suffi-

## What is Practical?

There is nothing that keeps any genuine working man or woman from entering whole-heartedly into the Socialist party the moment he or she gets an idea of its object except the question: Is it practical to attempt this yet?"

They will answer this in time for themselves. After the ideas of justice and common sense, as Socialists urge them, have taken hold of a person it opens his eyes to the absurdity of the present system and the futility of trying to gain anything whatever from anything else but a political party committed to full reconstruction.

You cannot expect figs from thistles, and the present system poisons every political movement except one committed to its overthrow. Moneybags are in evidence everywhere that politics flourish, because capitalists mean to keep control of the government and rule, whichever party wins.

Just keep awake and see how the clutches of the money power draw to itself political allies, from the precinct canvasser to the presidential chair and the judicial bench. So long as there are enormous business interests at stake, as there will be so long as capitalism endures, just that long will corruption flourish and every party become tied hand and foot to the capitalist—

Except the Socialist party.

"Why except this?" of course it is asked, "why will not politicians and paid tools begin to control as soon as the party is strong enough to make its victory probable?"

They undoubtedly will try to do this, and that is why Socialists guard their membership so carefully and bring every matter back to the party at large for decision. Politicians will always be met, but they will be tools of capital only as they try to disrupt or sidetrack the party. They will never try to secure the victory of the party, for capital will never cease to fear a party committed to a platform which opens war upon its system, root and branch. Capitalists will employ spies and traitors in plenty, but they will never pay Socialist campaign bills. The Socialist platform is too definite; it has been before the world for fifty years.

No traitor can do more than try to divide the party; party victory will never bode good to the money-changers.

Our party may be trusted for the enemies it is bound to have and to keep.

Reform parties may be easily circumvented, a party of avowed revolution, never. The Abolitionists could easily have been hindered and their progress delayed, but no slave owners would have tried to secure the Abolitionists political victory in order to use them as tools.

To one who realizes the enormous power of corporate wealth, it should be apparent that nothing can be secured until an equally strong opposing force is in control. The only other force strong enough to meet this is that of labor—labor in mighty class conscious solidarity.

The coal strike of two years ago has given a glimpse of the power of organized labor, but alas! it has also shown pitiful promise for such terrific birth pangs.

Think of it! Millions of workers uniting to sustain their brothers in a struggle lasting months, causing the industrial kings to yield their arrogance, bringing to their service the President of the United States and the sympathy of the world in order to secure—a hearing before a group of capitalists as their servants, and perhaps a few dollars more a year after half a year's idleness.

Labor's unity is magnificent, but it must learn to make that unity count. The only place where it can count for final freedom is at the ballot box, and then only when it unites in a party committed to a tested and complete program, such as the Socialist party offers—the overthrow of the wage system.

No one who sees the enormous bulwarks behind which capital is entrenched can regard Fourth of July torpedoes as an adequate mode of attack. It may be easier to get hold of these innocent little noise producers, but in breaking down heavy fortresses heavy cannon is more practical.

Talking, however, will not convince. One must find out by experience just how heavy these bulwarks are.

At every turn entrenched corporate power meets the fighter, and ambushes and spies appear on every hand.

Friends will wear the same uniform as foe and the best brains of the land may at any stage turn victory into defeat by a well paid cunning.

This sort of guerrilla civil warfare may be "practical" but it's hope deferred maketh the heart sick unto death.

No, it is not practical. Rational creatures will line up to battle with friend and foe sharply divided and battle with the heavy guns of numbers, sanity and justice, until every vestige of capital's fortress lies in ruin.

That, and no other, is a practical solution.

MILA TUPPER MAYNARD.

ciently instructed in the principles of Socialism to know that when Roosevelt refused to see Mother Jones and the delegation of striking child slaves from the capitalist textile mills of Philadelphia, that he was flinging an insult into the face of every child worker in America, that he was saying to the working class in actions too plain to be misunderstood: "I can't do anything for you."

The children did object to Roosevelt's portrait and they were delighted when Mother Jones' well known picture was hung in its place, which was done long before the program had begun. There was no uproar; but when the incident was related to the audience there was the sound of a spontaneous clapping of little delicate hands that fell like music on the

ears of every man and woman in the room. It was an inspiring moment. To realize that those little children had already learned the difference between the two classes, the exploiting class represented by the picture of Roosevelt, and the working or producing class represented by the white haired picture of Mother Jones, was a pleasure too deep for words. The audience joined the children in long continued applause, which, because given by Socialists, the capitalist press called an "uproar."

Much good and solid work has been done for the Socialist party in Omaha during the last year. A great deal of that work has been done by the women. The Woman's Socialist Union has planted the seed of sound Socialist economy in the minds of the children that

will greatly add to the strength of the Socialist movement in the years that are yet to be. The children's minds are not filled with a lot of sentimental gush about what is "good" and "right" and "holy." They are taught actual facts in wealth production; and in their recent entertainment they kept the audience in a constant state of enjoyment from the first song, through symposium, recitations, dialogues, one beautiful dance by two sweet little girls, made up like "Topsy," and on to the last song and chorus—"Peggy Brady," which was rendered by the entire club.

If you don't believe that America is the land of the free just ask the Colorado miners about it.—A. L. U. Journal.

## Join a Socialist Local

Geo. R. Kirkpatrick

The smallest thing, the easiest service, the least expensive turn you and I ever did for the Socialist party was simply to vote the Socialist ticket. It required two minutes of our time after we reached the polls. Let us not be too proud of it. We didn't sweat much in doing it.

If we do nothing more than "vote-er-straight," we are disloyal in a serious degree, disloyal to ourselves, disloyal to our party, disloyal to our class, disloyal in the mightiest struggle ever fought for freedom.

Voting is not all of it, not by a great deal.

Victories without great campaigns are impossible—yes, impossible. Great campaigns without thorough state and local organization are impossible—absolutely impossible.

The complete and powerful state and local organization is not possible until you—yes, you—join the local nearest you, or make a local in your community and join that, then—and not till then, can you spend your power to the greatest advantage in winning new ground for our party; not till then can you work in complete co-operation with your fellow comrades from Council Bluffs to Clinton.

An engine is a device for utilizing the expansive energy of steam. A political organization is a device for utilizing the political energy of citizens. Without the engine the steam energy is wasted. Without the political organization the political energy in you and your neighbors cannot be used at its maximum efficiency. Your local is a political engine. If you are not vitally connected with some local BY MEANS OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP, you are reduced to your very lowest power as a Socialist; you are discouraging those comrades who are connected with your local—you hang like a millstone on their necks; you please your political enemies; you please your employer-master; you act as if you did not understand how political victories are won.

If you are not a member of your local just suppose that all the party members of the state should drop out and do as you do. Think it over. There would be a shout of delight from Sioux City to Keokuk among the democratic and republican party managers. Come now—be loyal. Join your local.

Let me suggest another thing for YOU to do and that right away. Do it to day. What is it? Just this: Get an Iowa Socialist containing a list of the locals in Iowa. Then make a list of the Socialists you know of in Iowa towns in which there are no locals. Send these names and addresses to Secretary J. J. Jacobsen, 1129 Twelfth street, Des Moines, Iowa. These names will help greatly in building up a powerful political engine with which to wage the battle of the wage slaves against the employer-masters. Today the Rock Island Railway Company gets \$4.20 of the Socialists of Iowa. In going from Davenport to Newton I should speak at least ten times. This would reduce the daily railway expense to 42 cents. And this could be done if the secretary had names of Socialists in towns along the route who would co-operate with him in arranging for a meeting.

"Voting straight" is the smallest service it is possible for you to render.

Fall in. Do something. Join the local. Get busy.



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## CLOTHES

Poets and philosophers of all times have given more or less of their attention to clothes; and indeed they contain far more significance than would appear at first thought. Shakespeare says "the apparel oft proclaims the man," and Carlyle has built a whole "philosophy" on clothes.

While "in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," the maiden's fancy is busy with spring fabrics and millinery; nor is the ridicule usually heaped upon her for this tendency at all justifiable; she is but following the leading of nature. We have just passed through the Easter ceremonies, the festal day that celebrates the resurrection. Back of every ceremony in every religion that has ever been followed lies some fact in Nature. Now is the resurrection time of our dear old mother earth; she has passed through her long period of rest and darkness; now she will come forth anew in all her glory; the ground will respond to the warm kiss of the sun and clothe itself in a fresh garment of verdure; the trees will clothe themselves in green and pink and white, and vines will array themselves according to their nature. Wherever we look we will see earth clothing herself anew; nowhere will we be able to find one trace of last year's vestures.

Only in the human family do we find a different order of things; here we see men and women hanging onto their old clothes—many times when health and decency would demand that the dirty rags be burned with last year's leaves; but the natural order has been so subverted that it is impossible for nine-tenths of the people to follow that rejuvenating process of nature or to give expression to their joy in the resurrected life of the world.

The workers are so busy weaving cloth and making garments for the idlers to wear that they have no time to think these matters out for themselves. The vine has all the leaves that it can produce. The apple tree shares not its rich robe of pink and white with a barren one.

Truly the apparel does proclaim the man—proclaims him to all observers as workingman or parasite, as worker or shirker. Now the worker is clothed in the grimy, greasy garments of factory, mill or mine; WHENEVER HE BECOMES CLOTHED IN HIS RIGHT MIND, free from the present hypnotic spell he is under, that leads him to believe it is a natural consequence for the workers to support the shirkers, he will know enough to vote for an industrial system that will make it possible for all men and women to follow their natural impulse to array themselves in fresh garments at

least once a year, and oftener if they like; but this will be Socialism, and the people do not want that; they prefer to resurrect their last year's clothes—if they are fortunate enough to have any left over.

Workingmen, is it not time you voted to give yourselves, your wives and children some of the fine clothes that you are creating for others?

IT IS TIME.

## PRACTICAL POLITICS

The following observations by National Secretary Maily on "Practical Politics" are particularly appropriate at this time when the returns from the municipal elections in Iowa cities where our vote has been largest in the past show a decided slump. The comrades would do well to take them to heart:

Members should always keep in mind that the Socialist party is a political party—the most practical political party on earth. For this reason party members should acquaint themselves with the election laws of the city and state in which they live. They should also keep posted on current political and economic events, and thus be prepared to take advantage of every opportunity to promote the cause. We should be prepared to act wisely when the political power of the nation is within our hands.

Local secretaries should also make regular reports of the progress of the movement in their localities to their state secretary, or to the national secretary, where no state organization exists.

Finally, it is more important that every member should know what Socialism is, and for what purpose the Socialist party is organized, than that a large vote representing a doubtful quality of Socialist thought and knowledge be secured. The best way to get votes that will stick is to have party members who will stick, and who fully understand and realize the emancipating mission of the Socialist party.

The anarchy of the capitalist class has been so open and long continued that when they go to even such extremes as they are now practicing in Colorado it appears to occasion no comment or protest. The world of workingmen simply looks on in open-mouthed astonishment.

The most noticeable effect of the Northern Securities merger decision is the disappointment it has caused the poor fellows who are looking for "something now."

The average workingman is so determined to give away his surplus product that he is willing to shoot down his brothers in a war for foreign markets.

Workingmen are offered an opportunity of riding to the polls in hacks on election day on condition that they consent to be ridden the balance of the year.

Now that Carnegie has taken Hanna's place in the Civic Federation the workingmen connected with that organization will surely die in disgrace.

Sam Gompers went to Porto Rico, had his picture taken in numerous attitudes for the American Federationist, and then returned home.

A labor leader who can persuade his union to accept a 5½ per cent reduction in wages is always considered "safe" by the capitalists.

Carnegie thinks it a disgrace to die in possession of money, but it appears he has no scruples against living under such conditions.

The present system is doomed to pass away but whether or not it shall be succeeded by a better depends upon you.

All that the average workingman

who votes for "friends" ever gets is a "Home for the Friendless" in his old age.

There is not too much food, too much clothing, too much shelter but too much ignorance.

Socialism will certainly cause the downfall of the present society—and it ought to.

After all, nobody can work, even in the open shop, without the consent of the boss.

As a regulator of trusts there is nothing that equals a vote for Socialism.

The so-called "wave of reform" is a tidal wave that also has its ebb.

Socialism is a sane, scientific social system.

Private profit is public plunder.

Interest paying is insanity.

Capitalism is a crime.

Rent is robbery.

## Socialist Seedlings

R. A. and M. T. Maynard

"Revolutionary in aim, evolutionary in method" is the spirit of Socialism.

"A little at a time" sounds well, but it does not work.

Persons who urge reform measures know little of the strength of entrenched capital.

If it were not that it is good to live for a great cause, life would hardly be worth living at this time.

A vicious system cannot be patched up; it must be re-made out of new cloth.

Every man or woman with a child growing up should be a Socialist. It is too easy for life to be a tragedy under the present system.

"I'd like to be a teacher, only they can't ever be rich," said a boy recently. That is the question even babies are taught to ask today—What will bring the most cash?

Will a day ever dawn when children will be taught to think of how they can best serve the world? Yes, Socialism will change the money standard to the service standard.

The trusts are not intending to be benefactors, but they are making Socialism the easiest next step possible. They have already shown how to manage industry on a large scale. They are now, by defying labor, educating the workers to see that they must become either slaves or masters. Socialism says the workers must be masters, but, once in power, they will make all slavery impossible.

This is what we now have. What the people socially need the Rockefeller and Morgans and other trust makers privately own. What the whole people socially need and depend upon the trusts and monopolies own and operate for private profit. Instead of this social folly culminating in social crime, what is the Socialist aim? What must be instead? WHAT THE PEOPLE SOCIALLY NEED THE PEOPLE MUST SOCIALLY OWN.

From the opposition developing in Congress against the anti-injunction bill, Mr. Gompers should at least be able to see that the employers unions have none of the silly fear of "politics" that the labor unions have.—Erie People.

## SOCIALIST PLATFORM

Adopted at Indianapolis, Ind., 1901.

The Socialist party in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming 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 capitalist and not by the workers. The ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides society into hostile classes—the capitalists and the wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives the capitalist the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual 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 between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial domination abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism 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 order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The democrat, republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

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 development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist 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 improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumer.

2. 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 in 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 administered under the 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 workers 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 and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

7. 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 overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the cooperative commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure government control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the public exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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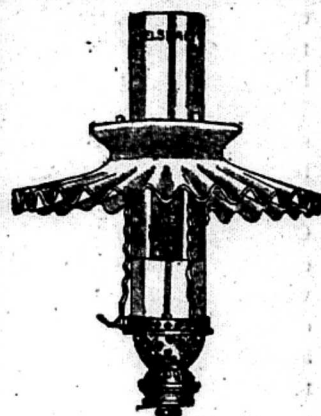
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## Down at the Corners

"Well, sir, said Uncle Zeke, I was down at the corners t'other night, and me and Tom Jones, Bob Sullivan and Sile Doty sot out in front of Beecher's store a-whittlin' and talkin' about the crops. Well sir, darn my eyes, if right across the street from us a feller didn't jump up on a dry goods box and commence to talk and holler.

"As you might expect he soon had a crowd round him. Everybody rushed up to see what in tarnation he was hollerin' about.

"Well, you know how it is—can't sense anything that's said in conversation when there's such a consumit clatter goin' on!

"Would ye b'lieve it now—just as I was a sayin' that I didn't see what was to become of the farmers with no money to pay the interest on the mortgage, with slathers of critters on their hands and alfalfa goin' from next to nothin' to one-eighth of a ton to the acre—'Socialism, Socialism,' that little cuss chirped in.

"Well, I'll be eternally dummed! Tom looked at me and I looked at Bob and Sile sot there and stared off into space with a quiet twinkle in his eye and suspicious twitches 'bout the mouth.

"But that tarnation critter kept right on talkin'. Why, says he, I'll tell you what's the matter with the farmers; it ain't the dry season, it ain't failure of the crops, it ain't the eight hour bill, it ain't Cummins' ministrations, it ain't becoz Allison's in the United States Senit, nor becoz Birdsall's term is 'bout expired. It ain't becoz Jim Hill don't know whether he's got the Northern Securities Co.; it ain't becoz Roosevelt wants to be re-elected and Cleveland don't, it aint becoz that smart Elick who writes for the Republican says the country don't need Socialism when there's a republican president and does need it when there ain't. I'll tell you what's the matter with the farmer. He needs Socialism 365 days in each and every year and don't know it.

"The farmer thinks he's an Eksploiter when he's the worst Eksploited man in the hull blamed country. He thinks he a bourgeois—a capitalist when the truth is he's nothing but a proletarian—and not even stall fed at that—he's a rank outsider—clean out on the desert range.

"Why, feller citizens,' that onery little scamp went on, 'everybody 'sploits the farmer, even the lightnin' rod men, the travelin' grocery man in car load lots and the laboring men. Yes, sir-ee, the hired man on the farm—he's a eksploiter—he 'sploits the farmer worse than anybody else. Fur when all the others have got all they can he takes every darned cent that's left. No the farmer don't need Socialism, oh no. Why, if he and his family didn't git their livin' as they go 'long, when its layin' 'round handy, they'd be on the county at the end of the year. And that's the way they pay their taxes, interest and repairs. Just becoz they come right along in the ordinary course of business and don't wait till the end of the year and come in a lump. Why, bless my soul, even Johnny Carroll's political editorials in the Democrat on Compulsory Arbitration can't help the farmers! To begin with, the produce and stock exchange and the grocery combine fixes the prices on everything he raises. It makes no difference to farmers' prices whether there is a long or a short crop, whether he is long or short on cattle, whether the Lord

has shown him tender mercy by givin' him lots of water, or punished him for transgression by cuttin' off the supply of nature's nectar, it's all the same to him. It's a case of you'll be damned if you do, and you'll be damned if you don't with the farmers! As I said before, the combines fixes the prices and what they don't git the railroads cut in two and the balance on the left of it goes to the hired man and the hired girl. Why, if the farmer's wife or daughter needs a new dress or new bunnit, they have to coax the hens to lay a few more eggs, the cows to give a little more milk or they have to pick over the berry patch the third time themselves. I tell you, feller citizens, if there's any man on God's green earth needs Socialism it's the farmer. Do you know what Socialism would do for the farmer? It would abolish every blamed one of his eksploiter except the hired man and the hired girl. It would do this by abolishin' private profit. It would make a divvy between the farmer and the farmer's family and his hired help. Socialism would abolish the produce and stock exchange; it would have the railroads all run by the government without any dividends from income or stocks; it would abolish the lightnin' rod man, etc.; it would create a system where the hired man and hired girl on the farm would not be compelled to be eksploiter by givin' them the full value of their labor. Why, sir, under Socialism the farmer would have hundreds of dollars where he hasn't a cent—not a red "sumarkee" under the present system.

"Socialism would abolish the trusts and the trust prices on the necessities of life. The cost of living to the farmer would be reduced to so low a price that he would cease longin' for heaven and want to keep right on livin' always on this mundane sphere. This is what Socialism would do from the start for the farmer and after a while he would begin to see that Uncle Sam could run his farm in connection with the farms of a hull township or county so much better and cheaper, that he could afford to pay every farmer in his employ so much more than he could earn on his own little farm that they'd all go to work for their Uncle Samuel under such conditions and at such incomes as they never dreamed it possible for a farmer to have even in the millenium.

"This metin' will be continued at some future time,' said the little feller as he dropped down off his box, and hurried off down the street.

"Sile 'rose, lit his pipe and between whiffs, says he: 'That's the kind of gospel I've been achin' for you fellers to hear for a long time. Socialism is comin' sure as we're alive and it ain't morn' a hundred years off, nuther. I want you fellers to know the difference 'tween it and the Clan-na-Gael, and I'm mighty glad you had to hear that little feller tonight or go home.'

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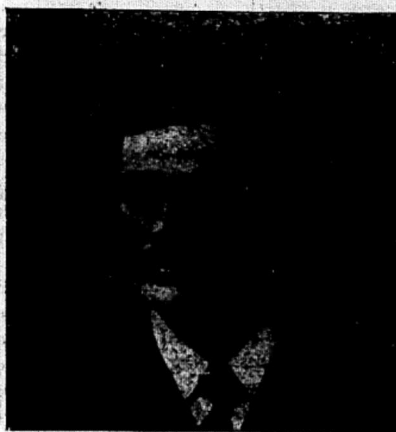
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For national dues from state committee:	
Alabama	13 50
Arizona	13 00
Arkansas	5 00
California	137 50
Colorado	28 00
Connecticut	30 00
Florida	10 00
Idaho	35 15
Illinois	85 00
Indiana	26 00
Iowa	25 00
Kentucky	10 00
Maine	10 00
Massachusetts	50 00
Michigan	28 00
Minnesota	25 00
Missouri	50 00
Montana	10 00
Nebraska	17 00
New Jersey	100 00
New York	50 00
North Dakota	4 20
Ohio	90 00
Oregon	44 55
Pennsylvania	50 00
South Dakota	5 00
Texas	11 75
Vermont	5 00
Washington	63 10
From unorganized states:	
District of Columbia	3 00
Georgia	3 50
Indian Territory	28 70
Maryland	7 30
Mississippi	60
New Mexico	16 00
Rhode Island	8 00
Tennessee	8 80
Utah	4 60
Virginia	3 50
Wyoming	5 80
Members at Large	3 30
Supplies	26 85
Buttons	10 15
National organization fund	240 79
Lecture bureau	5 55
From Milwaukee for special speaker for municipal campaign	100 00
Miscellaneous	18 20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1525.19</b>

EXPENDED.	
Exchange	3 69
Expense	149 30
Freight and express	37 82
Office equipment	60 85
Office help	93 00
Postage	88 82
Printing and supplies	279 08
Telegrams	16 93
Miscellaneous	8 75
Wm. Maily, salary	83 33
W. E. Clark, salary	60 00
C. R. Martin, salary	60 00
James Oneal	60 00
Agitation and organization—	
Jas. F. Carey	15 00
John C. Chase	45 00
Silvio Origo	45 00
John M. Ray	19 20
R. Saltiel	20 00
J. W. Slayton	125 00
M. W. Wilkins	75 00
Special speakers for Milwaukee campaign:	
I. H. Brower	22 00
Wm. Maily	30 05
A. M. Simons	25 00
F. G. Strickland	25 51
B. Feigenbaum, on account Jewish pamphlet	30 00
Agnes Wakefield	10 00
Buttons	47 88
Office Rent	33 00
Expense quorum meeting	4 15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1564 36</b>

RECAPITULATION.	
March 1, Balance	114 84
Receipts for month	1525 39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1640 23</b>
Total expended	1564 36
April 1, Balance	\$ 75 87

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## National Headquarters Bulletin

NATIONAL ORGANIZING FUND.  
Total to noon, April 1.....\$ 15 35  
Previously reported.....3101 01

Total.....\$3115 36  
George H. Goebel will close his work in Pennsylvania at Oil City, April 18, and will fill dates in Ohio and Indiana up to May 1.

State Secretary Pierce, of Montana reports that twenty or twenty-five dates will be filled in that state by John W. Brown who will enter the state April 13.

Comrade William McDevitt, 79 Park street, Portland, Ore., has been appointed acting state secretary of Oregon, pending adoption of the new state constitution and election of the state committee.

Comrade W. H. Pierce, 708 S. Main street, Butte Mont., has been elected state secretary of Montana to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Comrade Cooney made necessary by continued ill health.

Word has been received from State Secretary Arnstein, of New Hampshire that their state convention will be held in Concord, at 97 N. Main street, on April 21. The state committee will meet in executive session the day before.

James F. Carey will enter Indiana and fill the following dates, beginning at Kokomo, April 15; Marion, 16; Terre Haute, 17; Evansville, 18; Richmond, 19. A few more dates may be secured in Indiana and Ohio before he leaves for the east.

Geo. E. Bigelow will close his work in Louisiana at Abita Springs, April 18, and fill dates in Mississippi at Biloxi, April 20, and Laurel, 21 and 22. He will then enter Alabama at Fairhope, April 24, and fill about fifteen dates on his way north and home.

Robert Saltiel, German organizer, reports good meetings at Indianapolis the past week. After the Cincinnati engagement he will fill three dates at Columbus on April 13, 14 and 15, and then go to Toledo for a week, beginning Saturday, April 16.

The tour of Silvio Origo, Italian organizer, has been temporarily abandoned owing to unforeseen obstacles at the time of his starting out. He will probably work under the direction of the state committee of Pennsylvania for a few weeks and it is hoped his work will continue westward in May or June.

Those who expect to attend the national convention should write to Comrade Jas. S. Smith, 181 Washington street, Chicago, Ill., in advance, and inform him of the day, hour and train on which they will reach that city. All who are interested should write him at once for particulars regarding hotel rates, etc.

The financial report for March shows receipts of \$1,123.85 for dues. A small part of this was for back indebtedness. There is still due the national office several hundred dollars, which, if paid before May 1, 1904, would enable the national organization to wipe out the old debt and enter the national campaign free from all except current obligations.

A report of John C. Chase's work in Rhode Island will be given next week, with additional reports from Geo. E. Bigelow's work in Texas and M. W. Wilkins' work in Idaho. Wilkins will close his present engagement in Idaho on April 13; but Acting State Secretary Workman is anxious for him to return early in the summer and an effort will be made to comply with his request.

In view of the probable removal of national headquarters immediately after the announcement of the vote on location, which closes April 15, secretaries who are in need of supplies, such as membership applications, cards, charters, platforms, etc., should order at once so as to be supplied and avoid serious delays that will inevitably result from packing, moving and getting located in new office rooms again.

The work of Chas. Pergler, Bohemian organizer, has been delayed a few weeks, he having returned to Chicago after the Cleveland engagement. He will resume his work about May 1 and go to Cleveland for about one week and continue on to Pennsylvania as originally planned. Comrade Pergler's report shows the organization of two branches in Milwaukee of eight and nine members respectively and one at Racine with fifteen members.

State Secretary E. B. Latham, of Texas, requests the national secretary to announce the suspension of Local Houston, pending investigation and action of the state committee. Since receiving that request, the minutes of the state committee meeting have been received and the action of the committee was as follows: "Motion by Kerrigan that the action of state secretary in suspending Local Houston No. 51 be not sustained, and that said local be called upon to expel W. F. Morrison within ten days of the date of receiving notice of the action of state committee, as shown by

registered mail, and that the secretary of said local be instructed to place a motion to that effect. Yes—Kerrigan, Jarnigan, Simpson, Stopple; 4. No—Palmer; 1. Carried.

In last week's bulletin, a contribution of \$25, was acknowledged to the Arbeiter Singing Society of New Haven, Conn. The following letter accompanied the contribution and would have been given then but for the delay in having it translated from the German: "Inclosed you will find \$25 from the Socialist propaganda fund of New Haven Conn., to the national propaganda fund. We wish the national office to issue an appeal to all the party papers of the United States to do the same as the comrades here in New Haven. A German parliamentary election fund was founded here about fifteen years ago by some German Socialists, the weekly dues amounting to 5 cents per member and considerable sums were sent to Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Italy, Porto Rico, Haverhill, Mass., etc. After the appeal for funds of the national office to all Socialists and sympathizers, a special meeting was called and a resolution passed that all money on hand and outstanding still be distributed during the coming presidential election. Half of the amount shall be turned over to the national office and the other half shall go to Local New Haven. We changed our name to 'Socialist Propaganda Fund' and since the last two weeks our membership has increased from forty-two to nearly one hundred."

## General Notes

The Socialist vote at Centerville, Iowa, at the municipal election was 93; last November the vote was 37.

Secretary Mailly has secured reduced rates on the certificate plan to the national convention from the Central, Western, Trunk Line and Southwestern passenger associations.

The Marshalltown Trades and Labor Assembly has engaged Comrade Strickland to speak in the opera house on the evening of May 11 during the convention of the Iowa State Federation of Labor.

At Lehigh, Iowa, the entire Socialist ticket was elected by a vote of 143 to 76 for the citizens ticket. Comrade Kirkpatrick addressed an audience of 1,000 people at the annual eight hour day celebration on April 1 at Lehigh.

Comrade Kirkpatrick writes that he had a good meeting in Bellevue, two extra good at Clinton and two good ones at Davenport. He says he is "greatly encouraged when comparing the attitude of the average man toward Socialism now and his attitude of a year ago."

Marshalltown, Iowa, April 5.

Comrades: Geo. R. Kirkpatrick, on April 4, gave his hearers of Marshalltown one of the best Socialist talks I have heard. It was par excellent. His argument could not be answered. More than one made the same remark. Following is the sweet news that was posted in the shop where I work and about eighty others: "Will close down April 5 at 6 o'clock on account no coal. Pay off at noon April 6. Lennox Machine Co."

MYRON F. WILTSE, Secretary.

Davenport, Iowa, April 4.

Dear Comrade: The city election at this point of the compass is over and the Socialist vote in the city of Davenport is close on to 500 votes, or a net gain of 117 votes over the previous city election. This report is for the head of the ticket—Comrade Otto Bhenke. Had Comrade Bhenke been elected the people of Davenport would have had a mayor that could be depended on for honesty and proper management of municipal affairs. But, of course, the Socialist does not look so much to men as they do to the platform that real men stand on. As a closing word, let me say that the comrades of Local Davenport are looking forward to greater agitation and greater achievements in the future. A Socialist never gets tired.

B. W. WILSON.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 3.

Dear Comrade: It has been some time since I have sent a report in from Sioux City. Well, we are slightly disfigured but still in the ring. We were somewhat disappointed election day because our vote did not pan out as we expected. We seem to be winning out backwards. It seems we have made a great mistake in standing too strong for the trades unions. We have spent about \$3,000 trying to educate the union men, thinking they were organizations trying to find the truth, only to find that they are phases of capitalistic monopolies. We put our principles before them; they know what we stand for, and it may bear fruit in the future, but they turned us down cold on election day. They voted for a system which produces scabs, and this summer they will be howling scab at the men who take their places

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J. W. WILSON.

## Iowa Notes

Lest you forget—the vote on national delegates closes April 15.

In Clinton it was 509 votes for mayor this spring, as against 346 in the whole county last year.

Locals desiring a German Socialist lecturer and organizer should correspond with the state secretary.

The state committee is voting on engaging Comrade G. E. Etherton, of Kansas City, for a tour of Iowa.

The organizer for Oklahoma has been dated as follows: Burlington, April 24; Muscatine, 25; Davenport, 26.

At the election in Mystic the Socialists were successful. The vote for mayor was as follows: Jas. Wheeler, Socialist, 201; fusion, 179.

The unusual expenditure incident to obtaining representation at the national convention and maintaining an organizer in the field prompts a request for prompt payment of dues and a return of the coin cards issued.

There are three Socialists in the city council of Boone, one of them holding over. They are Ed. Moerke, A. E. Murphy and Al. Coates. The council is composed of three Socialists, four republicans and three democrats.

Organizer John W. Bennett, of whose ability many commendations have been received, will visit localities as follows: Mt. Ayr, April 11; Tingley, 12; Shenandoah, 13; Shelby, 14; Missouri Valley, 15; Pisgah, 16-17; Mapleton, 18; Ida Grove, 19; Sac City, 20-21; Laurens, 22; Sheldon, 23-24; Rock Valley, 25.

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## Local Notes

Comrade Jonn Enser takes out another bunch of I. S. sub cards.

The Socialist vote in the municipal election last Tuesday was 276 for the head of the ticket.

A comrade who bought an Iowa Socialist sub card at Lester, Iowa, presumably from Prof. Kirkpatrick at one of his meetings, sent it in without his name and only the address of the town. Of course, we are unable to send the paper and no doubt he will wonder and swear thereat.

The local meeting last Tuesday was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the local. After the regular business had been transacted the ladies of the local served one of those excellent entertainments, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, cake, etc., for which they are becoming justly famous. This was in the nature of a surprise to most of the members and those who were

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Dubuque Local meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at Socialist Headquarters, 6th and Iowa streets.

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