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OPENING GUN

Debs Sounds Keynote at Indianapolis.

OLD ISSUES ARE DEAD

The Fight For Political Supremacy a Struggle of Economic Classes.

Old Parties Alike the Tools of The Capitalist Class—The Socialist Party the Worker's Party.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 2.—E. V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, opened the campaign at Masonic Hall last night. He said: Mr. Chairman, Citizens and Comrades:

There has never been a free people, a civilized nation, a real republic on this earth. Human society has always consisted of masters and slaves, and the slaves have always been and are today, the foundation stones of the social fabric.

Wage-labor is but a name; wage-slavery is the fact.

The twenty-five millions of wage-workers in the United States are twenty-five millions of twentieth century slaves.

This is the plain meaning of what is known as

THE LABOR MARKET.

And the labor market follows the capitalist flag.

The most barbarous fact in all christendom is the labor market. The mere term sufficiently expresses the animalism of commercial civilization.

They who buy and they who sell in the labor market are alike dehumanized by the inhuman traffic in the brains and blood and bones of human beings.

The labor market is the foundation of so-called civilized society. Without these shambles, without this commerce in human life, this sacrifice of manhood and womanhood, this barter of babes, this sale of souls, the capitalist civilizations of all lands and all climes would crumble to ruin and perish from the earth.

Twenty-five millions of wage-slaves are bought and sold daily at prevailing prices in the American labor market.

This is the

PARAMOUNT ISSUE

in the present national campaign.

Let me say at the very threshold of this discussion that the workers have but one issue in this campaign, the overthrow of the capitalist system and the emancipation of the working class from wage-slavery.

The capitalists may have the tariff, finance, imperialism and other dust-covered and moth-eaten issues entirely to themselves.

The rattle of these relics no longer deceives workingmen whose heads are on their own shoulders.

They know by experience and observation that the gold standard, free silver, fiat money, protective tariff, free trade, imperialism all mean capitalist rule and wage-slavery.

Their eyes are open and they can see; their brains are in operation and they can think.

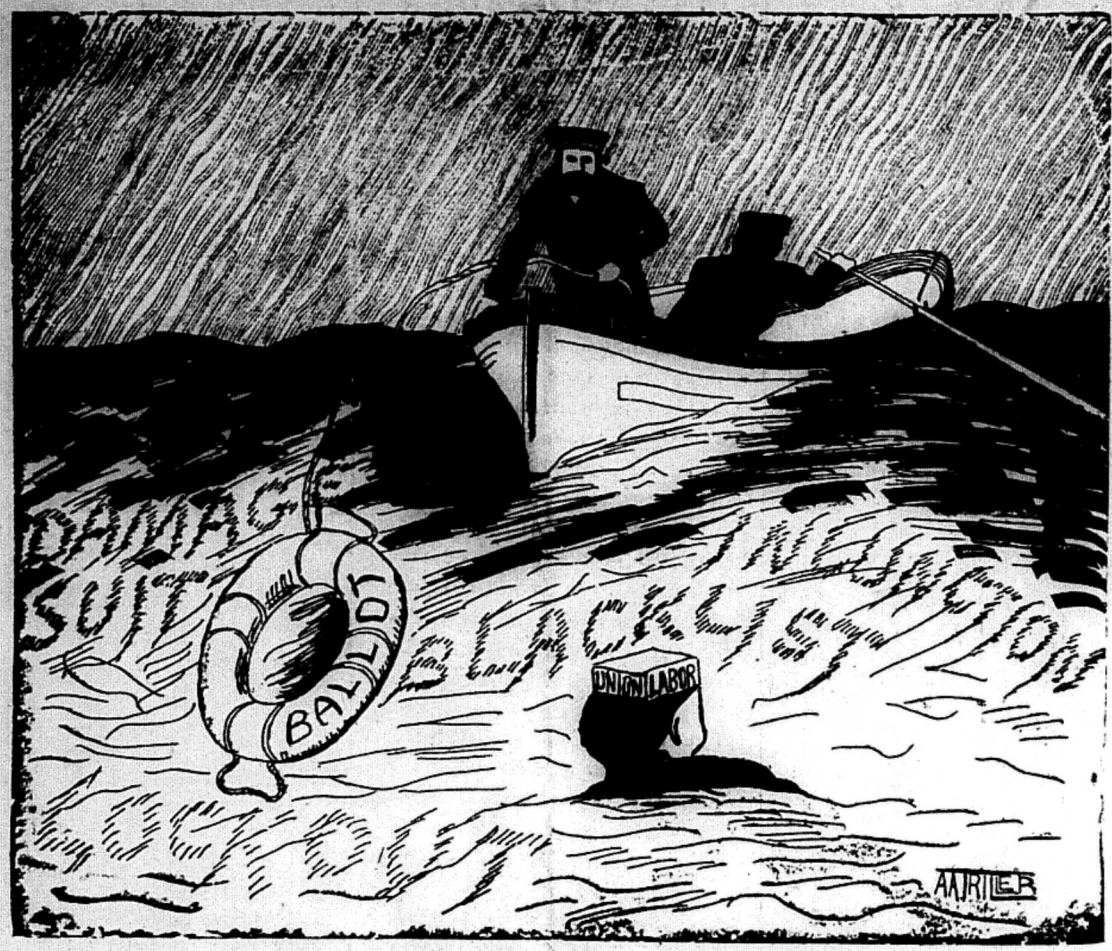
The very moment a workingman begins to do his own thinking he understands the paramount issue, parts company with the capitalist politician and falls in line with his own class on the political battlefield.

The political solidarity of the working class means the death of despotism, the birth of freedom, the sunrise of civilization.

Having said this much by way of introduction, I will now enter upon the actualities of my theme.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

We are entering tonight upon a momentous campaign. The struggle for political supremacy is not between political parties merely,



A Life Preserver That Isn't Rotten.

as appears upon the surface, but at bottom it is a life and death struggle between two hostile economic classes, the one the capitalist and the other the working class.

The capitalist class is represented by the republican, democratic, populist and prohibition parties, all of which stand for private ownership of the means of production and the triumph of any one of which will mean continued wage-slavery to the working class.

As the populist and prohibition sections of the capitalist party represent minority elements which propose to reform the capitalist system without disturbing wage-slavery, a vain and impossible task, they will be omitted from this discussion with all the credit due the rank and file for their good intentions.

The republican and democratic parties, or, to be more exact, the republican-democratic party, represents the capitalist class in the class struggle. They are the political wings of the capitalist system and such differences as arise between them relate to spoils and not to principles.

With either of these parties in power one thing is always certain and that is that the capitalist class is in the saddle and the working class under the saddle.

Under the administration of both these parties the means of production are private property, production is carried forward for capitalist profit purely, markets are glutted and industry paralyzed, workingmen become tramps and criminals, while injunctions, soldiers and riot guns are brought into action to preserve "law and order" in the chaotic carnival of capitalistic anarchy.

Deny it as may the cunning capitalists who are clear-sighted enough to perceive it, or ignore it as may the torpid workers who are too blind and unthinking to see it, the struggle in which we are engaged today is a class struggle, and as the toiling millions come to see and understand it and rally to the political standard of their class, they will drive all capitalist parties of whatever name into the same party, and the class struggle will then be so clearly revealed that the hosts of labor will find their true place in the conflict and strike the united and decisive blow that will destroy slavery and achieve their full and final emancipation.

In this struggle the workingmen and women and children are represented by the Socialist party and it is my privilege to address you in the name of that revolutionary and uncompromising party of the working class.

ATTITUDE OF THE WORKERS.

What shall be the attitude of the workers of the United States in the

present campaign? What part shall they take in it? What party and what principles shall they support by their ballots? And why?

These are questions the importance of which are not sufficiently recognized by workingmen or they would not be the prey of parasites and the servile tools of scheming politicians who use them only at election time to renew their master's lease of power and perpetuate their own ignorance, poverty and shame.

In answering these questions I propose to be as frank and candid as plain-meaning words will allow, for I have but one object in this discussion and that object is not office, but the truth, and I shall state it as I see it if I have to stand alone.

But I shall not stand alone, for the party that has my allegiance and may have my life, the Socialist party, the party of the working class, the party of emancipation is made up of men and women who know their rights and scorn to compromise with their oppressors; who want no votes that can be bought and no support under any false pretense whatsoever.

The Socialist party stands squarely upon its proletarian principles and relies wholly upon the forces of industrial progress and the education of the working class.

The Socialist party buys no votes and promises no offices. Not a farthing is spent for whisky or cigars. Every penny in the campaign fund is the voluntary offering of workers and their sympathizers and every penny is used for education.

What other parties can say the same?

Ignorance alone stands in the way of Socialist success. The capitalist parties understand this and use their resources to prevent the workers from seeing the light.

Intellectual darkness is essential to industrial slavery.

Capitalist parties stand for Slavery and Night.

The Socialist party is the herald of Freedom and Light.

Capitalist parties cunningly contrive to divide the workers upon dead issues.

The Socialist party is uniting them upon the living issue:

Death to Wage Slavery!

When industrial slavery is as dead as the issues of the Siamese capitalist parties the Socialist party will have fulfilled its mission and enriched history.

And now to our questions:

First, every workingman and woman owe it to themselves, their class and their country to take an active and intelligent interest in political affairs.

THE BALLOT.

The ballot of united labor ex-

presses the people's will and the people's will is the supreme law of a free nation.

The ballot means that labor is no longer dumb, that at last it has a voice, that it may be heard and if united must be heeded.

Centuries of struggle and sacrifice were required to wrest this symbol of freedom from the mailed clutch of tyranny and place it in the hand of labor as the shield and lance of attack and defense.

The abuse and not the use of it is responsible for its evils.

The divided vote of labor is the abuse of the ballot and the penalty is slavery and death.

The united vote of those who toil and have not will vanquish those who have and toil not and solve forever the problem of democracy.

HISTORIC CLASS STRUGGLES.

Since the race was young there have been class struggles. In every state of society, ancient and modern, labor has been exploited, degraded and in subjection.

Civilization has done little for labor except to modify the forms of its exploitation.

Labor has always been the mud-sill of the social fabric—is so now and will be until the class struggle ends in class extinction and free society.

Society has always been and is now built upon exploitation—the exploitation of a class—the working class, whether slaves, serfs or wage-laborers, and the exploited working class in subjection have always been, instinctively or consciously, in revolt against their oppressors.

Through all the centuries the enslaved toilers have moved slowly but surely toward their final freedom.

The call of the Socialist party is to the exploited class, the workers in all useful trades and professions, all honest occupations, from the most menial service to the highest skill, to rally beneath their own standard and put an end to the last of the barbarous class struggles by conquering the capitalist government, taking possession of the means of production and making them the common property of all, abolishing wage-slavery and establishing the co-operative commonwealth.

The first step in this direction is to sever all relations with

CAPITALIST PARTIES.

They are precisely alike and I challenge their most discriminating partisans to tell them apart in relation to labor. The republican and democratic parties are alike capitalist parties—differing only in being committed to different sets of capitalist interests—they have the same principles under varying

colors, are equally corrupt and are one in their subservience to capital and their hostility to labor.

The ignorant workingman who supports either of these parties forgets his own fetters and is the unconscious author of his own misery. He can and must be made to see and think and act with his fellows in supporting the party of his class and this work of education is the crowning virtue of the Socialist movement.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Let us briefly consider the republican party from the worker's standpoint. It is capitalist to the core. It has not and cannot have the slightest interest in labor except to exploit it.

Why should a workingman support the republican party?

Why should a millionaire support the Socialist party?

For precisely the same reason that all the millionaires are opposed to the Socialist party, all the workers should be opposed to the republican party. It is a capitalist party, is loyal to capitalist interests and entitled to the support of capitalist voters on election day.

All it has for workingmen is its "glorious past" and a "glad hand" when it wants their votes.

The republican party is now and has been for several years in complete control of government.

What has it done for labor?

What has it not done for capital?

Not one of the crying abuses of capital has been curbed under republican rule.

Not one of the petitions of labor has been granted.

The eight hour and anti-injunction bills, upon which organized labor is a unit, were again ruthlessly slain by the last congress in obedience to the capitalist masters.

David M. Parry has greater influence at Washington than all the millions of organized workers.

Read the national platform of the republican party and see if there is in all its bombast a crumb of comfort for labor. The convention that adopted it was a capitalist convention and the only thought it had of labor was how to abstract its vote without waking it up.

In the only reference it made to labor it had to speak easy so as to avoid offense to the capitalists who own it and furnish the boodle to keep it in power.

The labor planks of the republican and democratic platforms are interchangeable and non-redeemable. They both favor "justice to capital and justice to labor." This hoary old platitude is worse than meaningless. It is false and misleading and so intended. Justice to labor means that labor shall have what it produces. This leaves nothing for capital.

Justice to labor means the end of capital.

The old parties intend nothing of the kind. It is false pretense and false promise. It has served well in the past. Will it continue to catch the votes of unthinking and deluded workers?

What workingmen had part in the republican national convention or were honored by it?

The grand coliseum swarmed with trust magnates, corporation barons, money lords, stock gamblers, professional politicians, lawyers, lobbyists and other plutocratic tools and mercenaries, but there was no room for the horny-handed and horny-headed sons of toil. They built it but were not in it.

Compare that convention with the convention of the Socialist party composed almost wholly of working men and women and controlled wholly in the interest of their class.

But a party is still better known by its chosen representatives than by its platform declarations.

Who are the nominees of the republican party for the highest offices in the gift of the nation and what is their relation to the working class?

First of all, Theodore Roosevelt and Charles W. Fairbanks, candidates for president and vice president, respectively, deny the class

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EUGENE V. DEBS,
 Of Indiana.

For Vice President,
BENJAMIN HANFORD,
 Of New York.

TRIBUTE TO TOIL

This article was written especially for the Labor Day issues of the Socialist and labor press by Eugene V. Debs.

The Working Man is the only man in whose presence I take off my hat. As I salute him, I honor myself.

The Working Man—and this is the day to write him in capital letters—has given me what I have, made me what I am, and will make me what I hope to be; and I thank him for all, and above all for giving me an eye to see, a heart to feel and a voice to speak for the Working Man.

Like the rough hewn stone from which the noble statue is chiselled by the hand of man, the Toiler is the rough-hewn human from which the perfect Man is being chiselled by the hand of God.

All the working men of the earth are necessary to the whole Working Man—and he alone will survive of all the human race.

Labor Day is a good day to rest the hands and give the brain a chance—to think about what has been, and is, and is yet to be.

The way has been long and weary and full of pain, and many have fallen by the wayside, but the Unconquerable Army of Labor is still on the march and as it rests on its arms today and casts a look ahead, it beholds upon the horizon the first glowing rays of the Social Sunrise.

Courage comrades! The struggle must be won, for Peace will only come when she comes hand in hand with Freedom.

The right is with the labor movement and the gods of battle are with the Working Class.

The Socialist party and the trade union movement must be one today in celebration of Labor Day and pledge each other their mutual fidelity and support in every battle, economic and political, until the field is won and the Working Man is free.

Forget not the past on Labor Day! Think of Homestead! Think of Latimer! Think of Buffalo! Think of Coeur D'Alene! Think of Croton Dam! Think of Chicago! Think of Virden! Think of Pana! Think of Leadville!

Think of Cripple Creek! Think of Victor! Think of Telluride!

These are some of the bloody battles fought in the past in the war of the Workers for Industrial Freedom and Social Justice.

How many and how fierce and bloody shall be the battles of the future?

Comrades, this is the day for Working Men to think of the Class Struggle and the Ballot—the day for Labor to clasp the hand of Labor and girdle the globe with the International Revolutionary Solidarity of the Working Class.

We are all one—all workers of all lands and climes. We know only that our hearts throb with the same proletarian stroke, that we are keeping step with our class in the march to the goal and that the solidarity of Labor will vanquish slavery and Humanize the world.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

THE WOMAN'S LABOR DAY

There are various kinds of wage-slaves "doing duty" day after day all the year round. For one set of slaves we have a legalized yearly holiday, yclept "Labor Day."

It is a great concession to labor to give it one play-day in 365, and most workers in factories, shops, mills and mines take advantage of it to get an outing and a bit of fresh air.

Another set of slaves do their daily stint in the kitchen. They are employed by the aristocratic feminine slaves of the slave-drivers and are often the most driven of all slaves. They work through long hours, seven days in the week, all the year round, and are expected to be very grateful for an occasional afternoon "off."

They are also made to feel the great social gulf that divides them from their employers, resulting in the labels of "servants" and "ladies." They are made to know their place and keep it. While we hear—especially on Labor Day—great platitudes on the opportunities in "free America" to climb the social and financial ladder, the "dignity of labor" and kindred topics, when we get back to the stern realities of life we know it all comes under the classification of "hot air."

Mrs. John A. Logan, a pensioner on the bounty of the workers of the United States, has delivered herself of a few ideas that show how the social parasites are willing to help "female servants" to rise in the world. She says:

"Servants should not be encouraged in extravagance. Far too many ladies spoil their female servants by giving them finery that is not appropriate for them to have, and that only serves to make them dissatisfied with the plainer things that are more appropriate for them.

"Most wealthy persons have poor friends to whom they could give things of this kind and thereby help those in their own class to make a good appearance."

On which Common Sense comments as follows:

"Will Mrs. Logan tell us, please, what the natural differences are between the female servant and her mistress? Is the woman who does useful labor any less a woman than the idle and useless dependent? Why has not the former as much right as the latter not only to adorn her person with material finery, but to the opportunity to ornament her mind with the "finery" of intellectual culture?"

Girls, is it not time to step forward and take a hand at the game by making your fathers, brothers and lovers "help those IN THEIR OWN CLASS" by voting the Socialist ticket, and thus eventually abolishing forever these class distinctions?

The champion idiot has been discovered in Chicago by the Tribune in taking its straw vote on the presidential candidates. One of the voters said he was a repub-

lican because that party was organized the same year in which he was born. At that his reason for being a republican is as good as that usually advanced by the workingman who votes either of the old tickets.

Thomas W. Lawson says he is not a Socialist. Of course not. Although whining like a school boy because he was skinned, he doesn't want to stop the system of skinning. That would rob him of the opportunity of resuming his old role of skinner.

Union men who refuse to vote for Socialist candidates because of fear that they could not "run the country" may take their choice between the republicans and democrats and also take chances on being run out of the country.

There is an old adage to the effect that it is not well to carry all your eggs in one basket. If union labor is wise it will heed this and supplement its organization on the economic field with political action.

The working class will be free just as soon as it deserves to be. Slaves who look to some one else for emancipation do not merit freedom. Bryan and Hearst Socialists (?) please take notice.

The capitalist apologist will advise the workingman to improve himself and accumulate his savings—but he mustn't attempt it by organized effort. That's anarchy you know.

We have yet to hear of a union man who would vote to admit his employer to membership in his union. Why should he vote to give him a political office?

It is not necessary that union labor as an organization should go into politics, but it is highly necessary that the union man as an individual should.

The difference, "Subscriber," between an "open shop" and a "closed shop" is essentially the same as that between a union shop and a scab shop.

With some seven or eight million voters scattered in every civilized country of the globe, the Socialist party is doing pretty well, thank you.

A capitalist is not very apt to vote the Socialist ticket. This in itself is a good reason why workingmen should.

We should also have a Labor Day on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Debs and Hanford are both union men and they work at it 365 days in the year.

The Socialist party has nothing to arbitrate.

LOCAL MEETINGS

Des Moines Local No. 6 meets second and fourth Sunday afternoons of each month at 3:00 o'clock in Yeoman Hall.

Davenport local meets every first and third Friday in the month at Turner hall. Visitors always welcome. B. W. Wilson, Sec., 821 East 14th street.

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

Sioux City Local meets every Thursday at 8:00 p. m. at the old Socialist Hall, 414 Douglas St. Everybody invited to attend.

Waterloo Local meets every Thursday in Eleckleberg's Hall at 8 p. m.; Visitors always welcome. E. D. Hammond, Sec.

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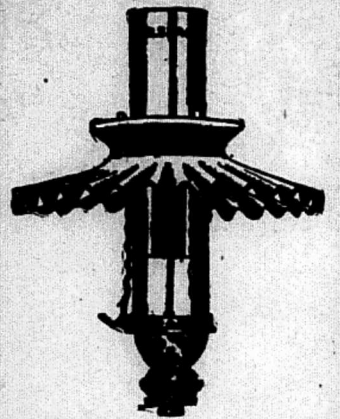
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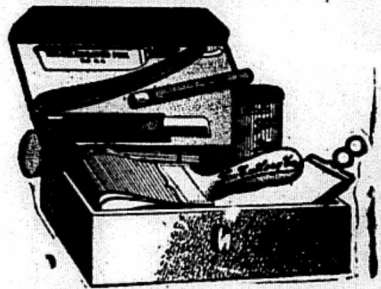


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struggle and this almost infallibly fixes their status as friends of capital and enemies of labor. They insist that they can serve both; but the fact is obvious that only one can be served and that one at the expense of the other. Mr. Roosevelt's whole political career proves it.

The capitalists made no mistake in nominating Mr. Roosevelt. They know him well and he has served them well. They know that his instincts, associations, tastes and desires are with them, that he is in fact one of them and that he has nothing in common with the working class.

The only evidence to the contrary is his membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen which seems to have come to him co-incidental with his ambition to succeed himself in the presidential chair. He is a full fledged member of the union, has the grip, signs and passwords, but it is not reported that he is attending meetings, doing picket duty, supporting strikes and boycotts and performing such other duties as his union obligation imposes.

When Ex-President Grover Cleveland violated the constitution and outraged justice by seizing the state of Illinois by the throat and handcuffing her civil administration at the behest of crime-stained trusts and corporations, Theodore Roosevelt was among his most ardent admirers and enthusiastic supporters. He wrote in hearty commendation of the atrocious act, pronounced it most exalted patriotism and said he would have done the same himself had he been president.

And so he would and so he will! How impressive to see the Rough Rider embrace the Smooth Statesman! Oyster Bay and Buzzards' Bay! "Two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one."

There is also the highest authority for the statement charging Mr. Roosevelt with declaring about the same time he was lauding Cleveland that if he was in command he would have such as Alged, Debs and other traitors lined up against a dead wall and shot into corpses. The brutal remark was not for publication, but found its way into print and Mr. Roosevelt, after he became a candidate, attempted to make denial, but the distinguished editor who heard him say it pinned him fast, and the slight doubt that remained was dispelled by the words themselves which sound like Roosevelt and bear the impress of his warlike visage.

Following the Pullman strike in 1894 there was an indignant and emphatic popular protest against "government by injunction," which has not yet by any means subsided.

Organized labor was, and is, a unit against this insidious form of judicial usurpation as a means of abrogating constitutional restraints of despotic power.

Mr. Roosevelt with his usual zeal to serve the ruling class and keep their protesting slaves in subjection, vaulted into the arena and launched his vitriolic tirade upon the mob that dared oppose the divine decree of a corporation judge.

"Men who object to what they style 'government by injunction,' said he, 'are, as regards the essential principles of government, in hearty sympathy with their remote skin-clad ancestors, who lived in caves, fought one another with stone-headed axes and ate the mammoth and woolly rhinoceros. They are dangerous whenever there is the least danger of their making the principles of this age of the buried past living factors in our present life. They are not in sympathy with men of good minds and good civic morality.'"

In direct terms and plain words Mr. Roosevelt denounces all those who oppose "Government by Injunction" as cannibals, barbarians and anarchists, and this violent and sweeping stigma embraces the whole organized movement of labor, every man, woman and child that wears the badge of union labor in the United States.

It is not strange in the light of these facts that the national congress, under President Roosevelt's administration, suppresses anti-injunction and eight-hour bills and all other measures favored by labor and resisted by capital.

No stronger or more convincing proof is required of Mr. Roosevelt's allegiance to capital and opposition to labor, nor of the class struggle and class rule which he so vehemently denies; and the workingman who in the face of these words and acts, can still support Mr. Roosevelt must feel himself flattered in being publicly proclaimed a barbarian, and sheer gratitude, doubtless, impels him to crown his benefactor with the highest honors of the land.

If the working class are barbarians, according to Mr. Roosevelt, this may account for his esteeming himself as having the very qualities necessary to make himself Chief of the Tribe.

But it must be noted that Mr. Roosevelt denounced organized labor as savages long before he was a candidate for president. After he became a candidate he joined the tribe and is today, himself, according to his own dictum, a barbarian and the enemy of civic morality.

The labor union to which President Roosevelt belongs and which he is solemnly obligated to support, is unanimously opposed to "Government by Injunction." President Roosevelt knew it when he joined it and he also knew that those who oppose injunction rule have the instincts of cannibals and are a menace to morality, but his proud nature succumbed to political ambition, and his ethical ideals vanished as he struck the trail that led to the tribe and, after a most dramatic scene and impressive ceremony, was decorated with the honorary badge of international barbarism.

How Theodore Roosevelt, the trade-unionist, can support the presidential candidate who denounced him as an immoral and dangerous barbarian he may decide at his leisure, and so may all other union men in the United States who are branded with the same vulgar stigma, and their ballots will determine if they have the manhood to resent insult and rebuke its author, or if they have been fitly characterized and deserve humiliation and contempt.

The appointment of Judge Taft to a cabinet position is corroborative evidence, if any be required, of President Roosevelt's fervent faith in Government by Injunction.

Judge Taft first came into national notoriety when some years ago, sitting with Judge Ricks, who was later tried for malfeasance, he issued the celebrated injunction during the Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan railroad strike that paralyzed the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and won for him the gratitude and esteem of every corporation in the land. He was hailed to Toledo, the headquarters of the railroad, in a special car, pulled by a special engine, on special time, and after hastily consulting the railroad magnates and receiving instructions, he let go the judicial lightning that shivered the unions to splinters and ended the strike in total defeat. Judge Taft is a special favorite with the trust owners and his elevation to the cabinet was ratified with joy at the court of St. Plute.

Still again did President Roosevelt drive home his arch-enmity to labor and his implacable hostility to the trade union movement when he made Paul Morton, the notorious union hater and union wrecker, his secretary of the navy. That appointment was an open insult to every trade unionist in the country and they who lack the self-respect to resent it at the polls may wear the badge, but they are lacking wholly in the spirit and principles of union labor.

Go ask the brotherhood men who were driven from the C. B. & Q. and the striking union machinists on the Santa Fe to give you the pedigree of Mr. Morton and you will learn that his hate for union men is equalled only by his love for the scabs who take their places.

Such a man and such another as Sherman Bell, the military ferret of the Colorado mine owners are the ideal patriots and personal chums of Mr. Roosevelt and by honoring these he dishonors himself and should be repudiated by the ballot of every workingman in the nation.

Mr. Fairbanks, the republican candidate for vice president, is a corporation attorney of the first class and a plutocrat in good and regular standing. He is in every respect a fit and proper representative of his party and every millionaire in the land may safely support him.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

In referring to the democratic party in his discussion we may save time by simply saying that since it has been born again at the St. Louis convention it is near enough like its republican ally to pass for a twin brother.

The former party of the "common people" is no longer under the boycott of the plutocracy since it has adopted the Wall street label and renounced its middle class heresies.

The radical and progressive element of the former Democracy have been evicted and must seek other quarters. They were an unmitigated nuisance in the conservative counsels of the old party. They were for the "common people" and the trusts have no use for such a party.

Where but to the Socialist party can these progressive people turn? They are now without a party and the only genuine democratic party in the field is the Socialist party, and every true democrat should thank Wall street for driving him out of a party that is democratic in name only and into one that is democratic in fact.

The St. Louis convention was a trust jubilee. The Wall street reorganizers made short work of the free silver element. From first to last it was a capitalistic convocation. Labor was totally ignored. As an incident, two thousand choice chairs were reserved for the Business Men's League of St. Louis, an organization hostile to organized labor, but not a chair was tendered to those whose labor had built the convention hall, had clothed, transported, fed and wineed the delegates and whose votes are counted on as if they were so many dumb driven cattle, to pull the ticket through in November.

As another incident, when Lieutenant Richmond Hobson dramatically declared that President Cleveland had been the only president who had ever been patriotic enough to use the federal troops to crush union labor, the trust agents, lobbyists, tools and clackers screamed with delight and the convention shook with applause.

The platform is precisely the same as the republican platform in relation to labor. It says nothing and means the same. A plank was proposed condemning the outrages in Colorado under republican administration, but upon order from the Parryites it was promptly thrown aside.

The editor of "American Industries," organ of the Manufacturers' Association, commented at length in the issue of July 15, on the triumph of capital and the defeat of labor at both republican and democratic national conventions. Among other things he said: "The two labor lobbies, partly similar in make-up, were, to put it bluntly, thrown out bodily in both places."

And that is the simple fact and is known of all men who read the papers. The capitalist organs exult because labor, to use their own brutal expression, was kicked bodily out of both the republican and democratic national conventions.

What more than this is needed to open the eyes of workmen to the fact that neither of these parties is their party and that they are as strangely out of place in them as Rockefeller and Vanderbilt would be in the Socialist party?

And how many more times are they to be "kicked out bodily" before they stay out and join the party of their class in which labor is not only honored but is supreme, a party that is clean, that has conscience and convictions, a party that will one day sweep the old parties from the field like chaff and issue the Proclamation of Labor's Emancipation?

Judge Alton B. Parker corresponds precisely to the democratic platform. It was made to order for him. His famous telegram in the expiring hour removed the last wrinkle and left it a perfect fit.

Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston millionaire, charges that Senator Patrick McCarran who brought out Judge Parker for the nomination is on the pay roll of the Standard Oil Company as political master mechanic at twenty thousand dollars a year, and that Parker is the chosen tool of Standard. Mr. Lawson offers Senator McCarran one hundred thousand dollars if he will disprove the charge.

William Jennings Bryan denounced Judge Parker as a tool of Wall street before he was nominated and declared that no self-respecting democrat could vote for him, and after his nomination he charged

that it had been dictated by the trusts and secured by "crooked and indefensible methods." Mr. Bryan also said that labor had been betrayed in the convention and need look for nothing from the democratic party. He made many other damaging charges against his party and its candidates, but when the supreme test came he was not equal to it, and instead of denouncing the betrayers of the "common people" and repudiating their made-to-order Wall street program, he compromised with the pirates that scuttled his ship and promised with his lips the support his heart refused and his conscience condemned.

The democratic nominee for president was one of the supreme judges of the state of New York who declared the eight hour law unconstitutional and this is an index of his political character.

In his address accepting the nomination he makes but a single allusion to labor and in this he takes occasion to say that labor is charged with having recently used dynamite in destroying property and that the perpetrators should be subjected to "the most rigorous punishment known to the law." This cruel intimation amounts to conviction in advance of trial and indicates clearly the trend of his capitalistically trained judicial mind. He made no such reference to capital, nor to those ermined rascals who use judicial dynamite in blowing up the constitution while labor is looted and starved by capitalistic freebooters who trample all law in the mire and leer and mock at their despoiled and helpless victims.

It is hardly necessary to make more than passing reference to Henry G. Davis, democratic candidate for vice president. He is a coal baron, railroad owner and, of course, an enemy to union labor. He has amassed a great fortune exploiting his wage-slaves and has always strenuously resisted every attempt to organize them for the betterment of their condition. Mr. Davis is a staunch believer in the virtue of the injunction as applied to union labor. As a young man he was in charge of a slave plantation and his conviction is that wage-slaves should be kept free from the contaminating influence of the labor agitator and render cheerful obedience to their master.

Mr. Davis is as well qualified to serve his party as Senator Fairbanks to serve the republican party and wage-workers should have no trouble in making their choice between this precious pair of plutocrats, and certainly no intelligent workingman will hesitate an instant to discard them both and cast his vote for Ben Hanford, their working class competitor, who is as loyally devoted to labor as Fairbanks and Davis are to capital.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

In what has been said of other parties I have tried to show why they should not be supported by the common people, least of all by workingmen, and I think I have shown clearly enough that such workers as do support them are guilty, consciously or unconsciously, of treason to their class. They are voting into power the enemies of labor and are morally responsible for the crimes thus perpetrated upon their fellow-workers and sooner or later they will have to suffer the consequences of their miserable acts.

The Socialist party is not, and does not pretend to be, a capitalist party. It does not ask, nor does it expect the votes of the capitalist class. Such capitalists as do support it do so seeing the approaching doom of the capitalist system and with a full understanding that the Socialist party is not a capitalist party, nor a middle class party, whose historic mission it is to conquer capitalism on the political battle-field, take control of government and through the public powers take possession of the means of wealth production, abolish wage-slavery and emancipate all workers and all humanity.

The people are as capable of achieving their industrial freedom as they were to secure their political liberty and both are necessary to a free nation.

The capitalist system is no longer adapted to the needs of modern society. It is outgrown and fetters the forces of progress. Industrial and commercial competition are largely of the past. The handwriting blazes on the wall. Centralization and combination are the modern forces in industrial and commercial life. Competition is breaking down and co-operation is supplanting it.

The hand tools of early times are used no more. Mammoth machines have taken their places. A few thousand capitalists own them and many millions of workingmen use them.

All the wealth the vast army of labor produces above its subsistence is taken by the machine owning capitalists, who also own the land and the mills, the factories, railroads and mines, the forests and fields and all other means of production and transportation.

Hence wealth and poverty, millionaires and beggars, castles and caves, luxury and squalor, painted parasites on the boulevard and painted poverty among the red lights.

Hence strikes, boycotts, riots, murder, suicide, insanity, prostitution on a fearful and increasing scale.

The capitalist parties can do nothing. They are a part, an iniquitous part, of the foul and decaying system.

There is no remedy for the ravages of death.

Capitalism is dying and its extremities are already decomposing. The blotches upon the surface show that the blood no longer circulates. The time is near when the cadaver will have to be removed and the atmosphere purified.

In contrast with the republican and democratic conventions, where politicians were the puppets of plutocrats, the convention of the Socialist party consisted of working men and women fresh from their labors, strong, clean, wholesome, self-reliant, ready to do and dare for the cause of labor, the cause of humanity.

Proud indeed am I to have been chosen by such a body of men and women to bear aloft the proletarian standard in this campaign, and heartily do I endorse the clear and cogent platform of the party which appeals with increasing force and eloquence to the whole working class of the country.

To my associate upon the national ticket I give my hand with all my heart. Ben Hanford typifies the working class and fitly represents the historic mission and

revolutionary character of the Socialist party.

CLOSING WORDS.

These are stirring days for living men. The day of crisis is drawing near and Socialists are exerting all their power to prepare people for it.

The old order of society can survive but little longer. Socialism is next in order. The swelling minority sounds warning of the impending change. Soon that minority will be the majority and then will come the co-operative commonwealth.

Every workingman should rally to the standard of his class and hasten the full-orbed day of freedom.

Every progressive democrat must find his way in our direction and if he will but free himself from prejudice and study the principles of Socialism he will soon be a sturdy supporter of our party.

Every sympathizer with labor, every friend of justice, every lover of humanity should support the Socialist party as the only party that is organized to abolish industrial slavery, the prolific source of the giant evils that afflict the people.

Who with a heart in his breast can look upon Colorado without keenly feeling the cruelties and crimes of capitalism! Repression will not help her. Brutality will only brutalize her. Private ownership and wage-slavery are the curse of Colorado. Only Socialism will save Colorado and the nation.

The overthrow of capitalism is the object of the Socialist party. It will not fuse with any other party and it would rather die than compromise.

The Socialist party comprehends the magnitude of its task and has the patience of preliminary defeat and the faith of ultimate victory.

The working class must be emancipated by the working class.

Woman must be given her true place in society by the working class.

Child labor must be abolished by the working class.

Society must be reconstructed by the working class.

The working class must be employed by the working class.

The fruits of labor must be enjoyed by the working class.

War, bloody war, must be ended by the working class.

These are the principles and objects of the Socialist party and we fearlessly proclaim them to our fellowmen.

We know our cause is just and that it must prevail.

With faith and hope and courage we hold our heads erect and with dauntless spirit marshal the working class for the march from Capitalism to Socialism, from Slavery to Freedom, from Barbarism to Civilization.

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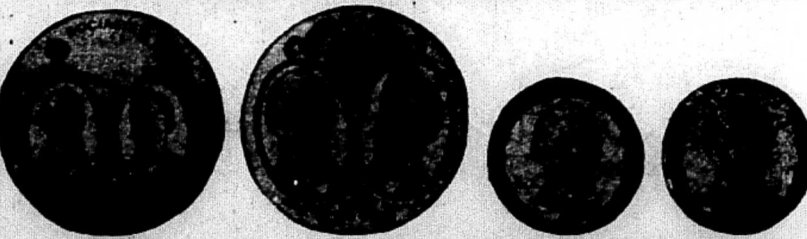
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CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

National Headquarters, Socialist Party,
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 28, 1904.

CAMPAIGN FUND.
Total to noon, Aug. 27.....\$ 235 24
Previously reported.....2871 90
Total.....\$3107 20

The Wisconsin state committee has made its order for the national headquarters campaign lithographs 5,000 black and tint and 500 colored. Both kinds are now ready. The colored lithograph is especially attractive.

John M. Work will speak in Missouri early in September instead of Minnesota as previously announced. He will also fill dates in Kansas during the same month and part of October, after which he will speak in Iowa until Nov. 8.

Orders for Debs' Indianapolis speech, "The Socialist Party and the Working Class," are already being received at national headquarters. A large circulation for it is assured. 5 cents a copy; 15 for 50 cents; 40 for \$1; 100 for \$2; 500 for \$7.50; 1,000 for \$12, prepaid. Order from national secretary.

The following supplies for party work are now ready for delivery at national headquarters and can be had at prices named: Set of books for locals, \$3.25, express at purchaser's expense; "How to conduct Socialist Local or Branch," 5 cents per copy; blank resignation forms, 5 for 10 cents, 10 for 15 cents, 25 or more 1 cent apiece. Complete catalogue sent upon application. The books for locals already delivered have met with general approval and commendation. They were designed by Comrade Charles E. Martin, assistant in the national office.

DEBS' AND HANFORDS' CAMPAIGN TOUR

Beginning at Indianapolis, Ind., on Thursday, Sept. 1, Eugene V. Debs, candidate of the Socialist party for president, will begin a campaign tour of the United States which promises to break all records in that direction. The assignments for the entire tour have been made, and extend from Sept. 1 until the eve of election.

At the same time that Debs is in the western states, Comrade Ben Hanford, the vice-presidential candidate, will be in the east, and when Hanford has reached the western states, Debs will be in the eastern ones, both closing the campaign in different sections of the country. The candidates will meet on their cross country journeys at Chicago on Monday, Oct. 17, preliminary to entering upon the last lap of the great struggle.

It was impossible, in making the arrangements for Debs' and Hanford's tours, to place both candidates everywhere that they were wanted. In the case of Debs a number of the extreme southern and northern states will not be touched at all. If the campaign was to last two years instead of two months, and Debs and Hanford were endowed with more entities than one apiece, there might have been some chance to meet the demands made for them, but as this was not the case, the dates have been arranged with a view to meeting the real necessities of the movement. Comrade Debs' itinerary is as follows:

September: 1, Indianapolis, Ind.; 2, at home; 3, Louisville, Ky.; 4, joint demonstration, Locals Cincinnati, Covington and Newport; 5, Erie, Pa.; 6, New York City; 7, Baltimore, Md.; 8, Wheeling, W. Va.; 9, Dayton, O.; 10, at home; 11, St. Louis; 12, Memphis, Tenn.; 13, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 14, Atlanta, Ga.; 15, Birmingham, Ala.; 16, Little Rock, Ark.; 17, Pine Bluff, Ark.; 18, Fort Smith, Ark.; 19, Kansas City, Mo.; 20, Wichita, Kas.; 21-22, enroute to Pacific coast; 23, Los Angeles; 24, San Francisco; 25, enroute; 26, Portland, Ore.; 27, Tacoma, Wash.; 28, Seattle; 29, Spokane; 30, Wallace, Idaho.

October: 1, Missoula, Mont.; 2, Livingston, Mont.; 3, Butte, Mont.; 4, en route; 5, Salt Lake City; 6, en route; 7, Denver, Colo.; 8, en route; 9, Omaha, Neb.; 10, Des Moines, Ia.; 11, Minneapolis; 12, St. Paul; 13, Dubuque, Ia.; 14, Rock Island, Ill.; 15, Grand Rapids, Mich.; 16, Toledo, O.; 17,

Chicago; 18, Cleveland, O.; 19, joint demonstration, New Castle and Sharon, Pa., and Youngstown, O.; 20, Pittsburg, Pa.; 21, Reading, Pa.; 22, Wilmington, Del., (afternoon); Philadelphia (evening); 23, Brooklyn; 24, Trenton, N. J.; 25, Jersey City and Newark two meetings; 26, New Haven, Conn.; 27, Hartford, Conn.; 28, Haverhill, Mass.; 29, Portland, Me.; 30, Boston (afternoon), Fall River (evening); 31, Brockton, Mass.

November: 1, Providence, R. I.; 2, Rochester, N. Y.; 3, Buffalo, N. Y.; 4, Milwaukee, Wis.; 5, Racine, Wis.; 6, Detroit, Mich.; 7, Terre Haute, Ind.

It was not intended that Comrade Debs should visit three cities in Arkansas, but Local Dallas, Texas, did not accept the date offered it, Sept. 17, and Pine Bluff was substituted.

Comrade Hanford closes his tour of the middle western states at South Bend, Ind., on Sept. 1, after which he will go to Haverhill, Mass., for Labor Day, where he will begin his formal campaign tour, the arrangements for which so far include the following: Sept. 5, Haverhill; 7, New Bedford, Mass.; 8, Pawtucket, R. I.; 9, Worcester, Mass.; 10, Fitchburg, Mass.; 13, Springfield, Mass.; 14, Meriden, Conn.; 15, Rockville, Conn.; 17, Bridgeport, Conn.; 19-23, New York state; 24-27, New Jersey; Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, Pennsylvania; 4, Huntington, W. Va.; 5-8, Ohio; 9-12, Michigan.

The entire list of dates for Hanford will be announced before Sept. 15. WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

STATE NOTES

East Peru, Lenox and Osage are talking organization.

John Spargo, of New York, speaks at Marshalltown Sept. 9.

Full county tickets have been placed in nomination in Scott and Appanoose counties. Both conventions were harmonious.

Send to the national office for campaign literature, lithographs and party buttons. Catalogue furnished free on application.

Nomination papers for congressmen in the Fourth and Sixth districts have been filed with the secretary. Don't neglect to circulate the state and congressional nomination papers in the other districts.

John M. Work, the national committeeman for Iowa, and F. P. O'Hare, of Rosedale, Kas., will work in Iowa during most of October and until election. For terms and dates address the undersigned.

Chas. L. Breckon's dates are as follows: Clinton, Sept. 12; Davenport, 13; Muscatine, 14; Burlington, 15-17; Farmington, 19; Bloomfield, 20; Keb, 21; Oskaloosa, 22-24. The Oskaloosa dates are being financed by the Sixth district organization.

The first contribution to the Iowa campaign fund came in from Sigourney last week—a check for \$50. When this amount has been duplicated a few times, the campaign as planned can be carried out and due advantage taken of the wave of dissatisfaction so prevalent in the democratic and republican parties.

Prof. Kirkpatrick's dates are as follows: Hocking, Sept. 5; Keokuk county, 6-10; Des Moines, 11; Newton, 12-13; Grinnell, 14; Marshalltown, 15; Montour, 16; Van Horne, 17; Waterloo, 19; Webster City, 20; Boone, 21; Manson, 22; Lake City, 23; Lanesboro, 24; Mason City, 26; Northwood, 27; Osage, 28; Cresco, 29-30.

J. J. JACOBSEN, Secretary.
Des Moines, Iowa.

LOCAL NOTES

John Spargo, who speaks at the corner of Main and Seventh streets, Thursday evening, Sept. 8, was formerly editor of The Comrade, the high class and artistic Socialist publication of New York. Spargo is English born and came to this country about ten years ago. As a boy he became interested in the labor movement and soon became known as an orator among the

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workers. Spargo toured the country several times, was highly successful in organizing, and also achieved a reputation as an able newspaper man. After he came to America his interest in the labor movement did not lessen, and he was particularly active in the great anthracite coal strike and was unable to respond to all the calls made by the miners. Spargo's present tour will take him to the Pacific coast.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sigourney, Aug. 28.
I attended Hanford's meeting in Ottumwa Friday night. The hall would not hold the people. He was given close attention and warmly applauded throughout. The Sixth district is waking up. Keokuk county has nominated the following ticket: Member of the Board, Peter Hartman; Recorder, Chas H. Mayland; Auditor, L. V. Nauman; Clerk, H. P. Gearhart; Attorney; E. J. Rohrer.
E. J. ROHRER.

Davenport, Aug. 29, '04.
Editor Iowa Socialist:

Ben Hanford of New York, vice presidential candidate of the Socialist party, delivered a lecture at Central Park in this city on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p. m. While his audience was fine, a majority of the people who had assembled to hear the lecture were disappointed by the weather man in his sending an unusual amount of rain and while the rain practically broke up the meeting there were about five hundred who remained to hear the lecture. And among those who remained there was general agreement that the lecture was well worth the soaking that some of them received. There were over a thousand people present when Hanford arose to address the audience. The speaker was introduced by Comrade A. K. Gifford, and Comrade M. T. Kennedy also said a few very appropriate words in entertaining the people until Comrade Hanford arrived. The comrades here seem generally well pleased over the present outlook for Socialism in the near future. The audience was entertained also with a few selections by the "Vorwaerts Singing Society" of this city. One word more, Local Davenport has not forgotten the Iowa Socialist agreement. We will order sub cards soon. B. W. WILSON.

Muscatine, Iowa, Aug. 20.

Dear Comrade: Ben Hanford, our vice-presidential candidate, spoke to about 1,000 people in the Court Square in this city on Aug. 27, and the Socialists of Muscatine must feel congratulated for the splendid weather and also the attention given the speaker by the working men and women of this city. One great feature of the evening was the answering of several questions which appeared in the Muscatine Journal, written by one W. M. Kennedy who was at one time county clerk, if I am not mistaken and which was simply an advertisement for us, as nearly every one read the questions and they were eager to hear them answered, and say Comrade Hanford did answer them in fine style and

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Mr. Kennedy, who sat behind one of the trees taking it all in, went home like a whipped dog. He wasn't even man enough to show himself to the speaker after the lecture. I suppose Mr. Kennedy has learned a good lesson and perhaps will never want to bump up against a Socialist, who ever he may be, the rest of his life. That is what we Socialists are after, a little opposition, and we will grow as surely as they do in "Deutschland." I want to say right here that there were quite a number of the local unionists present and I believe they will say he was right as he told them in the plainest of plain language the only way to ever emancipate themselves from wage-slavery. And I cannot express myself in efficient language right here what kind of a speaker Hanford is, as he uses that every day language, no big catch phrases that a working man cannot understand. He also painted the story of Colorado and other labor struggles in such terse terms as to turn some rabid republicans to saying that that was the best they ever heard. A few of us from Muscatine went to Davenport Sunday to hear him at Central Park and there were, I should judge, about 2,000 persons and half those were women who

were there to listen, but the clouds gathered and by the time he began speaking it sprinkled, and he spoke about a half hour and then it got too bad and he had to cut it out with regret, but as many as could crowd in the grand stand were treated to another hour's discourse. He left a lasting impression on the people in both cities and believe we will increase our vote, or double it, this fall. "Hurrah for Socialism," and may Ben Hanford live to see his hopes realized.
LEE W. LANG.

CONVENTION CALL

To the Socialists of Woodbury County:

Greeting: The call for county convention has been issued by Local Sioux City, Socialist party of Iowa. The convention will be held on the evening of September 15 in the old Socialist Hall, 414 Douglas St. All members in good standing are entitled to voice and vote. We will also nominate a candidate for congress for the 11th district.
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