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### REVOLUTION list, and a man who sees most world must be the owners of the Sweeping the Country from End to End.

Charles L. Breckon Meets Signs of It Everywhere.

Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 3, 1904. I have now given three weeks meetings have been characterized by an attendance and a spirit that of promise for both the present and future. Meetings in the mining camps of the State have been wonderfully good as showing the class-consciousness of the organized trades-unionist, and his determination to vote his clsss into power by a-straight ballot for the Socialist Party ticket.

At Altoona, three days before 1 was in the city, the republicans had one of their grand rallies. Brass bands and strong bamboozlers were much in evidence. When their meeting was finally called to order they had one lone miner in the crowd and the boys told me that he was somewhat simple-minded. At the Socialist meeting, with little or no advertising save the quiet passing of the word by the comrades, the hall was filled to the door, and 90 per cent of the audience were miners, members of the W. F. of M. They shouted in a way that looked bad for this old competitive private ownership system, and contributed in the collection in a manner that said they were determined to aid in bringing in the co-operative commonwealth. Many men among them are most ardent workers for the cause and day and night they labor with their comrades, while they are down deep in the bowels of the earth, to see that they shall come to a knowledge of the truth of economic determinism.

In Fraser the comrades were greatly agitated. The operators have introduced a new mining machine which bids fair to cut wages in two. A strike was imminent. A member of the W. F. of M. had been on the ground for three days endeavoring to adjust matters and prevent a strike. This man is a Socialist and knows what's what and who's who. The operators demanded that the men accept 45c per ton instead of 90c, the prevailing rate-the evidence that labor saving tools are labor destroying instruments when owned by the employing class. The hearse had backed up to the door of each of these men's homes. They were in a fever of excitement. About this time a comrade was delegated to go over to the hotel and bring over that Socialist speaker. He came. The room was crowded with sturdy miners. The air was suffocating. A free Turkish bath was on tap. Stripped of coat, collar and cuffs, I tried to explain these things to those anxious men. How they listened, how they applauded, and when I made an appeal for membership in the class conscious scientific rock-ribbed revolutionary Socialist party of the working class thirteen men came forward to the altar. They did not kneel for prayers but they placed their sturdy signatures on the application for charter. They threw quarters and halves and dimes into the hat. They bought literature like a country swain buys red lemonade at the county fair and circus. They said that by their vote on November 8, 1904, they would come to the ownership of that machine and the entire tool of production, and then own the product of their labor; that they would erase the word "competition" from the terminology of labor and write glory of a part-a personal partin letters of power and wisdom, might and science and truth the word "co-operation." And they will. On the 16th day of Septem- Capitalism is tottering to its fall. ber-my birthday-I organized a Yours shall be the triumph. The local among the farmers at Patter- slaves are coming to their emanciname to go on the list was a farmer worth \$25,000, a farmer popu- | chains.



Special Campaign

Edition We have made arrangements with the State Committee of Iowa to get out a Special Campaign Edition of The Iowa Socialist of from 50,000 to 100,000 copies on Oct. 15. It will contain besides the state ticket the national platform, articles by prominent Socialists, several cartoons and the regular features which have made The Iowa Socialist famous. Six columns and larger.

In bundles, if ordered from J. J. Ja-cobsen, 1129 13th St., Des Moines, before Oct. 10: 1000, \$3.25; 500, \$1.75; 250, \$1.00. Shall it be 50,-000 or 100,000? We pay express.

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fourteen miles across the stony highways of that part of the earth owned by John R. Walsh of Chi-cago, L-finally had the privilege of taking by the hand the secretary of the local among those farmers. Every hair in his head was as white as snow. He was 66 years old, but every wrinkle in his face spelled revolution and every sparkle in his noble eye marked the truths of the class struggle. Under his buggy seat were scads of literature and in his very soul was burning a consuming fire. As he drove across that country he had become a shining light. Under the trees I talked Socialism. Lying upon the grass with anxious faces were 50 sturdy farmers. They shouted for Socialism.

That night a country store became a hall. It was packed to the doors. The women were there. Whole families were there. The farmer was there and on Nov. 8th he'll be there.



Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 27 .- The reception accorded Eugene V. Debs, the candidate of the Socialist party for president of the United States at the Lyceum theater last night was in the nature of a tremendous ovation. From gallery to parquet the theater was packed, the aisles were crowded, the foyer sheltered a small audience, and outside the theater congregated men who were unable to crowd into the house.

The meeting differed from any other political gathering held in Tacoma during this campaign in that every man in the large audience paid 10 cents for the privilege of hearing the eminent advocate of Socialism speak on the issues involved in the national campaign as defined in the platform of the party of which he is the standardbearer.

It is nine years since Debs addressed a Tacoma audience. In 1895 he delivered his message to the people of this city, and since that time he passed through the city on several occasions, but never tarried long enough to meet, with his followers. The career of Debs has been spectacular. He is recognized today as one of the foremost writers, lecturers and organizers in the world. Forty-nine years ago he was born at Terre Haute, Ind., and he resides there at the present time. He began life as a locomotive fireman, and subsequently became a clerk in a wholesale grocery nouse. He served as city clerk of Terre Haute from 1879 to 1883, and was a member of the Indiana legislature in 1885. For thirteen years he was grand secretary and treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and president of the American Railway Union from 1893 to 1897. His next position was chairman of the national committee of the social democratic party from 1897 to 1898 and candidate for president of the United States in 1900. As president of the American Railway Union he won a large strike on the Great Northern. While-managing the still larger strike on the Western railroads in 1894 he was charged with conspiracy, tried and acquitted. He afterwards served six months' imprisonment for contempt of court in the violation of an injunction order, and is once

Last Saturday at Fairbank, with again before the people as an ac-

when he drew a word picture of SHALL WE SAY assert himself, with its promise of work being art and joy instead of a drudge and degradation, he touched a responsive chord in the To Be? breasts of his auditors that found expression in a burst of spontaneous applause.

The address fairly teemed with brilliant epigrams. In his treatment of the great political parties of the day, Mr. Debs spared the feelings of neithef. He severely arraigned both as the servile tools of capital, having nothing in common with the working class. He not involved, as for instance when



The locals of the state are requested not to forget the Debs Rallies to be held in the big Auditorium in Des Moines, Monday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p. m., and at the Grand Opera House in Dubuque Thursday, Oct. 13, at 8 p. m. Bring along that friend of yours who is still "on the fence" and Debs will do the rest.

Where ten or more persons wish to attend from any place, they may se-cure a party rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. These will be the only opportunities to hear Debs in Iowa during this campaign.

he said "You never hear of workingmen corrupting legislatures, and again, "A workingman should stand erect and see what a shadow he casts." He told his audience that workingmen have heads as well as hands; they should use both,' that "Justice to labor means the end of capital" and that "You support the government that suppresses you; you pay the salary of every judge; you maintain the army to be ordered out to shoot you."-Tacoma Ledger.

At Wichita, Kansas, Debs drew more people than both the democrats and populists, though 300 seats were sold to pay expenses. Every seat in the auditorium was taken. The stage was crowded.

Referring to the polititical parties, Debs said the republican conventien was made up of men who went in private cars and on passes. The labor plank, he declared, contained sixty-two words and was hardly a splinter. Its promise of

To Be?

State Secretary Jacobsen Says We Can Turn the Trick.

To the Socialists of Iowa, organized and detached:

Dear Comrades:- "Shall the Socialist party dictate to the capitalspoke in epigrams, but they were ist class what shall be the paramount issue in 1908" is the question to be decided this year. The problem is to give capitalism a lease on life no longer than absolutely necessary. The mission is to convert a majority of the voters to a realization of "what they want, how to get it and what to do with it," and to leave no vestige of plutocracy to posterity. In the few weeks yet to come before election the Socialists have an unequalled opportunity to build a solid foundation for the battle of the ballots of the future, and by organized and systematic effort now, capitalism will see its finish four, or perhaps eight, years sooner than would otherwise be possible. Your liberty of the future depends upon your activity now, your interests demand that agitation be carried on systematically and cheaply, and your attention is directed to the following proposition:

The state organization has made arrangements with the publishers of The Iowa Socialist for a special edition of from 50,000 to 100,000 copies. The paper will be one column wider than usual. It will contain the national, state and congressional tickets, the national and state platforms, numerous short articles by the best writers in the movement, live and spicy editorials, the Socialist vote of the world, striking cartoons, and wlll be a paper which for propaganda purposes will have no equal for general distribution in Iowa.

The large edition makes it possible to furnish bundle orders at the following prices: 1000, \$3.25; 500, \$1.75; 250, \$1.00. The state organization will purchase and distribute free of charge as many copies as may be sold to locals and isolated Socialists. If you cannot buy 5000, buy 1000, 500 or 250, and if capitalism has been so unkind to you and your fellow workers that you can neither contribute or collect funds necessary to purchase a supply, the number required for your town will be sent free providing you guarantee to distribute them. If you can use more papers than you are able to pay for they will be furnished, provided, that the state organization t guarantee to c vill n than 50,000 copies in that manner. If you have more money than needed to supply your home town, buy for your neighboring town also. In order to determine the size of the edition, all orders must be in not later than October 10. The edition will be issued October 14 and will reach you in time for a house to house distribution on Sunday morning, October 16. Kindly make application together with the amount, to the undersigned. Why do things in a small way when we can do them on a large when the law demanded an eight scale, and do it cheaper? Why not flood lowa with a hundred thousand copies of a live, up-todate Socialist paper on the same day? Why not make the effort here outlined unanimous, and immediately proceed to carry it into effect? Why not serve notice on the capitalist class that the Socialist party is in the ring to the end, and that its organization uses system in its endeavor? Why not act now on the above suggestion? An early response will be appreciated. J. J. JACOBSEN, Sec'y. 1129 18th St., Des Moines.

a truck wagon for a platform and the sun for a shield, I talked for nation.

over two hours to a street full of farmers. Applications for membership were signed in good number, collection was splendid, and The Iowa Socialist was tucked away for future reading and study.

There is something doing. The whole working world is thinking Socialism, talking, breathing, and dreaming of industrial liberty, equality of economic opportunity. The only limit is our power to get out and tell them. You have the power in your keeping, comrades. Make another mighty effort to

swell the campaign "Fund." Get papers. The working class must know the truth and the working class must tell their class this story. You cannot put your money in a savings bank in the land where it will yield you so large a return as placing it in the campaign fund and literature for Socialism.

Ours is the fight of today. Tomorrow, the victory. Yours the in this historic struggle. You are building for a better day. Dig deep and lay well the foundations son, south of Burlington, the first pation; the workers of the world and declared that it must pass are uniting; they are losing their away to make room for a better CHAS. L. BRECKON.

tive candidate for president of the

His address last night was received with vociferous applause. He faced an audience composed almost exclusively of wage earners, including a few women. It was an attentive audience, quick to grasp a point, keen to appreciate the humor that filtered through the exhaustive discourse, and generous in its demonstrations of approval. Mr. Debs has campaigned in the east and south since he received the nomination, but in no place did he receive a more enthusiastic welcome than in Tacoma.

His address was devoted to a rethe people to subscribe for our view of the social and industrial system in vogue today, which he characterized "a system of capitalism." He declared that capital and labor are locked in a death struggle, and that the working men, women and children are repre sented in the struggle by the So-

cialist party. He addressed the audience in "the name of that revolutionary and uncompromising party of the working classes." He pointed the way, the socialistic way, in which workingmen can free themselves in the struggle, which was by united political ac-tion. He said that the capitalist system is less than 2,000 years old, one-the economic system, and men are called now .- Debs.

"justice to labor" was untrue. He declared if labor got justice it would wipe out capital because there would be nothing left when this came about.

"The candidates declare they will serve both labor and capital. You can't do that; if you serve one, you must do so at the expense of the other."

In speaking of the republican and democratic candidates, Debs said he spoke impersonally; he referred to them only as candidates. He scored Roosevelt for, as he declared, making men work ten hours hour day.

"They struck to enforce a state law, and Governor Roosevelt sent the militia to Croton Dam to shoot them down," he declared.

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Every county ordering at least 1000 copies of the Special Campaign Edition may have its county ticket and township tickets, if any, printed in a prominent place in said edition. Send orders to J. J. Jacobsen, 1129 13th St., Des Moines, and have names of your ist not later than Oct. 10.

"Hands" are what the working-

These are strenuous days. It candidates reach The Iowa Social- takes just such a fight to stir the blood and put a man on his mettle. It is in the storm of conflict that man is at his best.-Eugene V. Debs.



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For President, EUGENE V. DEBS. Of Indiana.

For Vice President, BENJAMIN HANFORD. Of New York.

IOWA SOCIALIST STATEMENT. For the Month of September. EXPENDITURES. Supplies ..... \$ 24 13

Salaries to Sept. 24	120	00
Literature	IO	50
Literature. Expense-Rent, Postage, etc	19	84
Outstanding Accounts	79	45
Total	379	82
RECEIPTS.	L.C.	
Job Work	\$140	10
Advertising	49	25
Subscriptions, bundles and samples	64	69
Stock	50	00
Cash Deficit	75	78
Total	\$379	82

#### CAMPAIGN JINGLES.

Total.....

PROFIT AND LOSS. He doesn't "b'lieve in dividin' up" And neither does his boss; So the latter takes all the profit-The former all the loss.

#### FATHER GOOSE.

Idler in the counting house Taking all the money: Worker getting nought but work Thought it awful funny. Took a Socialist paper Began to thinking some, Voted for himself one day-Put idler on the bum.

HIS PROFESSION. Old Charon started for the other shore With a famous democrat,

that he works with his brain. The Socialist doesn't deny it. The era of the highwayman who uses physical force in his calling has passed away.

"In the sweat of thy brow-shalt thou eat bread" was the primal curse but God must have made a miscalculation or he would have added: "Provided the landlord gives you permission."

The physicists tell us there is no such thing as a perfect vacuum. Wonder if they ever examined the skull of the man who believes there is a difference between the repubtican and democratic parties.

The greatest act in the great political circus this season is without doubt the daring double back somersault in the flying leap for the nomination in 1908 of the famous demacrobatic Brothers Bill.

The Nebraska Independent calls attention to the fact that in '96 and 1900 the democrats stole the populist platform and this year they have appropriated the republican platform. We just want to add that neither were worth stealing.

All the robberies of which the consumer is the victim grow out of the robbery at the point of production-the taking from the worker surplus value-the difference between the value of his product and his wages.

With men over thirty-five being refused employment . by the big corporations and younger men being blacklisted for belonging to a union it will soon be left to the women and children to do the world's work.

A great fault of our education is that a great deal of our time is devoted to finding the greatest common divisor of given numbers which should be devoted to the search for the great common divider of surplus value.

The republicans are standing upon their record in this campaign. It is well that they do, for it is so strong in spots that if they did not it would perhaps get up and crawl away. As for the democrats, their record is so rotten that even they refuse to stand on it.

The alchemists of old sought in vain for a process which would enable them to transmute silver ano the baser metals into gold. It seems their failure is due to the fact that they confined their experments in that direction to metals. At any rate the modern capitalis has discovered a process whereby he is enabled to transmute human blood, muscle and bone into the coveted metal.

It is contended for the capitalist it is a matter of course to "profit" as much as possible from the labor of others, the press, pulpit, courts and laws will condone the large theft and put a heavy penalty on the small one. This puts a premium on dishonesty on a large scale. This is one of the fruits of existing conditions which you are asked by Fairbanks to sustain by your votes for the republican party next month.

> Is it not better to vote for Social ism and finally do away with all incentive to theft, large or small, by inaugurating the co-operative commonwealth?

### ARE YOU SATISFIED.

It is reported of Fairbank's campaign speeches in Montana .that: In the main the speeches were along the general line of previous speeches and consisted of appeals to sustain existing conditions by voting the republican ticket."

The same result, however, can be reached by voting the democratic ticket since the two parties are Siamese twins. Therefore, we would make the appeal like this: All those satisfied with conditions as they are today, sustain them by voting either one of the old party tickets.

But those who are dissatisfied, and there must be a few, judging from strikes, lockouts, injunctions and such in the labor world, should vote for a party that stands for changing present conditions so that the workers of the world will have the comforts and considerations due them.

This is the Socialist party, whose "issue" is: "To the laborer be longs the full product of his toil.' Noters, you will get what you ask for, next November.

Shall it be "existing conditions," or something better?

We know in advance that the capitalist class will vote as a unit for "existing conditions."

What will the workingmen do with their votes? Will they stand as a unit for their class and vote for their full product?

Time will tell.

#### CAPITALISM IN SCHOOL BOOKS.

It would be well if all Socialists would inform themselves as to what is being taught their children in the public schools. Not without purpose have school books gone into the control of a trust. Capitalism recognizes all too well that "as the twig is bent so is the tree inclined," and sees to it that whatever of economics is taught in the schools, it shall be so presented as to impress the youthful mind with the idea that all proposed changes are more or less dangerous, and it is better to "suffer the ills we have than to fly to others that we know not of." As an example of what capital-SPECULATION VS. STEALING ism is doing in the schools to intrench itself more firmly in its present strongholds, the high school here has an "Introduction to the Study of Economics" by Prof. Bullock, of Cornell University, in which, to give a pretence of fairness, twelve pages are given to the consideration of Socialism. pages to find several sentences which are fair, but how is a high school student to know which they are, especially as they are all taught at present by the slaves of capital-Prof. Bullock has evidently studied Socialism from our critics or he willfully misrepresents. He The reason capital and labor can stealing money?" An effort to get harps on that worn-out string of "lack of incentive" as though we would all die of sheer laziness if we were not kept at the point of starvation and made to "dig in" But one thing is clear to any one for the bare necessities of life.

could probably have secured a bare living without that.

The author says Socialists "have not always agreed as to what constitutes justice in distribution."

There is perhaps not another point in the whole Socialist philosophy on which they are so perfectly agreed.

"Justice in distribution" means "the full product of labor" to the Socialists and if Prof. Bullock had consulted any one or a dozen of them before writing his book he might have found it out.

The false statements of Socialist philosophy and the misinterpretations of the true ones are so numerous that it is impossible to note them all. But the most absurd of all is the danger he claims to see in Socialism to free speech and a free press. It would be amusing if it were not so serious, to note how most people like to hypnotize themselves into the belief that we have free speech or a free press now. Many Socialists do not dare to show their colors now for fear of losing their jobs, and many others have been put upon the blacklist for the mere avowal of Socialism.

This author seems to think government under Socialism would be the same thing it is under capitalism; but there is a difference of 180 degrees. Now we have a government of, by and for the capitalists. Under Socialism it would be of, by and for the people, and when any official refused to give the people who elected him what they wanted he would be immediately recalled. Both industrial and governmental officials will be servants of the people-not masters as at present; and servants can always be discharged.

But these points are not brought out in the book, neither is it likely they are even touched upon in the class room. And so the students are taught that Socialism is impracticable, and "if Socialism is an impossible plan we shall have to reject it."

Fortunately for the workers of the world, it takes more than the dictum of a university professor to "reject" Socialism.

These few points give a faint glimpse of how capitalism has clutched our public schools. Let Socialists act accordingly and see to it that their children are taught in the home on this important subject.

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But he jumped overboard and got away For he was an acrobat.

The earth is the (land)lord's and the fool(nes)s thereof.

Some of our writers can get Socialism in a Nutshell but you can't get it in some men's heads.

The republicans also point with pride to their record in Coloradothat is, when only trust magnates are present.

Under Socialism the workingman will get his full product; unof the fool.

President Roosevelt didn't write the letter to Donnelly but a republican editor did. So what is the pensity for stealing money. use of getting mad about it.

its hand in labor's pocket.

Thanks to republican prosperity

Here is something rich from the editorial column of a daily paper: At Marshalltown a few days ago a man who had stolen \$6 was sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for twelve years. Banker Soule, of Iowa Falls, a defaulter for \$54,000, will serve only eighteen months. On this statement of the case some would be In fact, it is possible in these disposed to exchange the sentences der capitalism he gets the product or let \$6 thief off with six days in jail. It appears, however, that he was a professional pickpocket and had been for many years, while the banker owes his downfall to speculation and not to a vicious pro- lism?

What is "speculation" by any one but a "vicious propensity for not go hand in hand is because something for nothing, which aniat present capital insists on having mates alike the despised pickpocket and the respected specu-

all men are fully employed, but the who will use the contents of their Was it simply the need of "bread occupation of many of them is that cranium, and that is this: Under and butter" that led the author to of looking for the full dinner pail. Is profit system of industry where work for his degree of Ph. D.? He Waterloo, E. D. Hammond, 1412 W. 4th.

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A thrill of indigna-Nutshell tion swept over our country in 1861 at the recital of the wrongs committed against the black slave, but I tell you they are nought in comparison to the wrongs which every day the white slave endures. They at least were assured of a shelter and enough to eat, for the slaves meant money to their masters and it was to their interest to grant them this. But what of the laboring man of today? Hundreds perish yearly from overwork, from neglect and from starvation; and worse than this, think of the thousands who sink into the pitfalls of sin and degradation.

Our pulpits teach us to have patience with our lot in life. Can the man who sees his little ones dying from the want of proper nourishment bow his head in all submissiveness, and especially when he knows his condition is due to none of his own making, but because yonder man who rides proudly by in his carriage has robbed him of his just rights, and by one transgression after another has brought him down nearly to the level of the beast? In fact the condition of the beast is even better than that of the average worker; organizations are formed for the prevention of cruelty to animals, but child labor is still permitted to continue, and poorly ventillated tenements into which hundreds of families are huddled, and which are not only a menace to the health of our coming generations, but to their very lives, are still permitted to stand. As has been said, the one great fault of the American people is that they spend too much time in the pursuit of little things; they waste their energies in trying to do away with smoking, drinking and gambling, which even admitting is a very commendable course on their part, is not the course which will strike at the real root of affairs, for these vices are simply the offspring of the greater social evils existing today.

Why, my friends, have you ever stopped to consider, you who are in the habit of idly folding your hands and letting affairs take their own course, that if crime increases at the rate it has in about 300 years hence every one will be in the penitentiary? But you may say all this crime and misery only exists in the larger cities such as New York and Chicago, it is not the case in our smaller towns where everyone who is willing to work can earn a livelihood. Let me tell you of a little circumstance that came under my own notice in the city of Davenport. A gentleman there kept a restaurant, and every morning a young girl came to him and asked him for the bones or scraps or whatever was left over for her dog. Well, that man finally came to the conclusion that the child labor. Speaking of child lagirl didn't want those scraps for her dog but she wanted them for herself. So the next morning he said to her: "Pardon me, Miss, but if you don't want these scraps for your dog, I can give you something much better and which I assure you will be clean." Tears filled her eyes and it was her only answer. Nor is this an uncommon occurrence; it takes place every day throughout the length and breadth of our land, and oh, my friends, I tell you there must be something radically wrong in a country where such things daily happen in the midst of wealth and luxury, where yearly the few grow richer and the many poorer.

for this disease which is slowly sapping the very life blood of our people? There is, and that remedy is Socialism. But what is Socialism, and in what manner does it intend to bring about this great change, you may ask?

Socialism is the result of the theory of evolution applied to human affairs, and is able to foresee what the next step in the production and distribution of wealth will be, and its aim is to get control of the means of production and distribution; or in other words to get control of the mines, the railroads, the street car systems, the lighting facilities, the water plants, etc. Now, do not get the idea from this that the Socialists want to control every banana stand and every shoe black stand in the town. They do not, but they do want to control all those industries which are of such vast importance to the welfare of our people.

Take for example the mines. I am told that the cost of mining coal is \$1.10 a ton and yet we pay three or four times that price, whereas if the people owned and controlled these mines we could obtain it for a little over the actual cost of mining. Again, take cotton for an example. In the raw state it is sold for about 7 cents a pound, and it takes 20 cents to get it ready for the market, making a total of 27 cents. But what do we pay when we go to the stores for it? Why, we pay over a \$1.50 a pound. Say, my friends, have you never stopped to wonder where all the rest of this money goes to? But enough of this. Since we have covered two points which Socialism stands for; firstly, the collective ownership of public utilities and all industries in the hands of trusts and combines, and secondly, democratic management of such collective industries, let us look a little further.

In the third place, we want shorter hours of labor and more pay, thus giving the worker more time to devote to the intellectual side of his nature. How much good do the public libraries do for most of the workers of today? None whatever. Simply because when they have finished their hard day's toil body and mind is so exhausted that they are only too glad to eat their suppers and go to bed. And again, state and national in-

rance for workers, honorable res for old age. "Honorable rest for old age!" How much this means, for this will do away with that terrible nightmare, "the poor house," which forever haunts the waking or sleeping hours of the worker.

But surely there is some remedy | done for the worker, and you have experienced the boasted prosperity of the republican party, under whose rule we now are, and as a result of which 2,000,000 people in these United States are actually begging for the opportunity to earn their bread and butter.

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Opposed to these two parties comes forth Socialism, offering succor and relief to the worker; for Socialism stands for equality in opportunity, and equality in opportunity means the bettering of the human race; it means the opening of a way through which man may obtain the beauties and the comforts of this world without that terrible struggle for existence which day after day, and year after year, is being waged simply to keep body and soul together.

Moreover, Socialism wishes to show the people that though now "The seed ye sow another reaps, . The wealth ye find another keeps," It will not always be so.

And we urge that a social order which permits certain individuals to appropriate the withheld wages of generations of weary workers ought not to last. But with you, my brothers, this great issue rests; for you are the only ones who can transform the twentieth century city, with its rotten politics and wasteful administration into a well ordered and peaceful community. And remember! at the polls this fall the beggar and the millionaire will stand face to face, each vested with an equal power for at the polls at least, men, not money, rule, and the ballot is the only weapon with which the worker may hope to effect his emancipation. I ask you now which system are you going to vote for? Are you going to vote for the system which enslaves you and enslaves your helpless babes, or are you going to vote for the system which will take mother out of the factory, and which will give your child an equal opportunity

with any other man's child? And again I plead with you; this time, don't vote to make more millionaires, but vote for yourselves, and vote for your home and babies. And if you will do this, you will not have to ask some petty tyrant for the right to live, for the right to earn a livelihood for yourselves and families, for under the co-operative commonwealth there will be work enough for all, and the workers not the dropes will be the masters of the situation; while King John D.

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> "Shut them from the light of day, Dividends! Dividends!

Rob them of their youth and play, Dividends! Dividends!

Stunt and dwarf the coming race. Flabby limbs and bloodless face, A prison mill the infant's place, Dividends! Dividends!

Steal their freedom and their joy. Dividends! Dividends!

Sacrifice the girl and boy,

Dividends! Dividends! Foolish, blind, impotent state, Sowing dragon teeth of hate. Save thy nurslings from this fate,

Dividends! Dividends!"

Now stop and think for one moment, my friends. You have seen the democratic party in, and you know how much good they have

Rockefeller and all the rest of this species of human sharks will be a thing of the past.

Now, in conclusion, I say if you still want to see your children toiling their young lives away in a factory, if you want to see the form of your wife bowed down with sorrow and care because of the many privations she is forced to endure, then by all means continue to vote for the old parties. But if you want to shake off these hateful fetters, if you want to be free men and free women, there is only one way to do it, and that is, to vote the straight Socialist ticket and tell everybody else you meet to do the same thing .- Lottie Burns.

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The October issue of the party official bulletin will contain a complete list of electoral and state tickets.

The amount of campaign literature being sent out by the national headquarters caused one of the overworked Chicago postal clerks to exclaim the other day: "You Socialists must be expecting to elect Debs president!"

The reports from all the speakers traveling under the direction of the national headquatters are of the most encouraging nature. This holds good no matter what part of the country the particular speaker may be in. There is no apathy in the Socialist campaign.

The campaign lithographs of Debs and Hanford are going fast. Comrades write in and say they have succeeded in interesting workers in the party through these posters whom it was impossible to interest before. Every local should have some before the campaign closes.

The first issue of the Socialist party offi cial bulletin has been sent out from national headquarters, either direct to locals or through the state secretaries. Each local secretary should see that he gets his share for the local members. The bulletin contains a lot of information of value to party members.

Party locals should take action looking to the placing of watchers at each polling place on election day, Nov. 8. Reliable comrades should be selected and tho. who can stay on ground all day and then watch the counting of the vote at night. An increase in the Socialist vote is gener ally conceded and experience shows that the old party hacks who will have the counting in charge will not hesitate to defraud if the chance is given them. At leas. one comrade should have charge over eacl polling place and he must be prepared to firmly uphold and protest the party's rights. And other comrades should be present to back him up if necessary.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN SPEAKERS.

Dates for national campaign, speakers travelling under the direction of nationaheadquarters for the week ending Oct. 10 are arranged as follows:

Eugene V. Debs-Oct. 9, Omaha, Neb. 10, Des Moines, Ia.; 11, Minneapolis, Minn.; 12, St. Paul, Minn.; 13, Dubuque, Ia.: 14. Rock Island, Ill.

Ben Hanford-Oct. 9, Indianapolis, Ind.; 10, enroute; 11, Saginaw. Mich.; 12, enroute; 13, Huntington; Ind.; 14, Peoria, 15, Milwaukee, Wis.

Franklin H. Wentworth-Oct. 9, Cincinnati, O.; 10, enroute; 11, McMechen, W. Va.

James F. Carey closes his work in Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 9, under the direction of national headquarters and goes back to Massachusetts to close the campaign.

John Spargo-Oct 9, Minneapolis, Minn.; 10, Milwaukee, Wis.; 11-15, Chicago.

John W. Brown-Oct. 9-15, Milwaukee, Wis. Comrade Brown returns to New York state to close the campaign after hi

waukee Sept. 30, and spoke enroute east at Cincinnati, O ; Wheeling, W. Va.; Ashtabula, O., and Erie, Pa., beginning his work in western New York Oct. 8. DEBS' GREAT TOUR.

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State Local

Eugene V. Debs, Socialist party candidate for president, continues his recordbreaking tour around the country, arousing great enthusiasm and scaring the old party politicians by the size and character of his audiences.

At Pine Bluff on Saturday, Sept. 17, he addressed an immense audience in the Court House Square. Comrade Nelson writes: "It was a demonstration to be long remembered. Cheer and cheer interrupted the speaker as he landed his sledge nammer blows that roused the 'brother to the ox' from his hypnotic slumber."

Comrade Palmer reports that the Kansas City, Mo., meeting was "the biggest thing of the kind we ever undertook. Hundreds of young men made the statement at the close of the meeting that they would have the honor of casting their first vote for Debs." The Kansas City Times reported that 4,500 persons were present and they cheered for several minutes when Debs was introduced. The Journal said the crowd was a tremendously enthusiastic one, and several times, both before and during his speech, cheers rang through the ig building."

The Wichita, Kas., meeting was conceded by the capitalist press to be the poutical event of the season. The Wichita deacon stated: "Socialists found it necessary to hang out the 'S. R. O.' sign at their irst meeting of the campaign held at the Foler Auditorium last night. Eugene V. Jebs, candidate of the party for president, addressed the meeting. He spoke to an udience that taxed the standing capacity of the auditorium, the stage and put standing room at a premium. Evening trains orought delegations of Socialists from many of the nearby counties."

The Wichita Eagle said: "The audiance paid close attention to every word of the speaker and was very enthusiastic. At times the speaker was forced to wait for the cheering to subside before he was able to proceed." ' The press dispatches also reported the meeting to be "the biggest poitical gathering of the year, though both he democratic and republican parties had ield rallies in Wichita."

From Wichita, Comrade Debs had to jump to Los Angeles, Cal, in order to reach there on Sept. 23. In response to a request from comrades at Albuquerque, N. d., he consented to speak at that point or ais way through. Comrade Debs writes: On arrival of the train a big crowd was there and I spoke to them from a truck on the platform. The train stops twenty min utes but the engineer had some trouble getting the engine in working order and the train stopped there an even hour, so I got in a full speech at Albuquerque to a crowd of plutocrats and proletarians. The whole train joined in the crowd and the railroad men were full of enthusiasm."

Comrade Metcalf reports from Albuuerque: "Debs got here on time yesteray, and spoke for nearly an hour from a Jaggage truck, while repairs were being nade on the engine. Many of those present were old railroad men who were visioly affected at meeting their old comrade. I'he striking machinists are "injuncted" oing on) the station grounds or they would have all been there. Debs said when he was here ten years ago, the detectives shadowed him all the time to prevent him from organizing the A. R. U. and he was much pleased at his present reception. We presented him with a basket of native fruit and were awfully sorry to see the train move out." The Los Angeles meeting was a great success. Comrade A. J. Stevens reports: We expected a large attendance, but the Pavilion was filled beyond seating capacity and it seats 4,000. The audience was largely workingmen, with now and then a connet interspersed, and the most appreciative audience that ever listened to a Socialist speech. As soon as the chairman (myself) introduced Debs the audience caeered and cheered, for several minutes. The Times (Gen. Otis' scab paper), which maligned Debs so five years ago, was very respectful this time, so much so that there was not a word in this morning's issue concerning his speech." A heavy rain interfered somewhat with of dates in Wyoming and Nebraska will the San Francisco meeting on Sept. 24 and Editor Iowa Socialist: letin reported: "Before an immense gathering of 7,000 Eugene V. Debs made a stirring address last night. The speaker was frequently interrupted by applause. Just as the last sentence passed his lips the audience rose and greated the speaker with a round of cheers." The Examiner said: "An enthusiastic crowd of 6,000 persons gathered in Wood- fraternally and truly. ward's Pavilion last evening to listen to Dan A. White closed his work in Mil- the campaign address of Eugene V. Debs,

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the Socialist candidate for president. The nominee spoke for two hours, holding the close attention of his audience. He was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause. At the close of his speech he was cheered for several minutes."

Ben Hanford, vice presidential candidate, has been addressing successful meetings in New York and New Jersey. Arrangements for his tour are now completed After the great Chicago meeting on Oct. 17, where he speaks with Comrade Debs, Hanford proceeds as follows: Oct. 18, B:loit, Wis.; 19, Superior, Wis.; 20, Minneapolis, Minn.; 22, Helena, Mont.; 23, Butte, Mont.; 25, Spokane, Wash.; 27, Seattle, Wash.; 28, Tacoma, Wash.; 29, Portland, Ore. The last eight days of the campaign will be spent in California beginning at Sacramento, Oct. 31, and closing at Los Angeles, Nov. 7.

WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

#### STATE NOTES

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one hundred or more to the Debs meeting n Des Moines. Oct. 10, they having secured a special rate for that number. Delegations are also coming in from Polk City, Madrid, Newton, Colfax, Altoona and Marshalltown.

The following additional dates have been made for the speakers now in Iowa: Geo. H. Goebel, Council Bluffs, Oct. 6; Water-00, 7. John M. Work, Centerville, Oct. .6-17; Sigourney, 18; Marengo, 19; Newton, 20; Polk City, 22. Chas. L. Breckon, Cleveland, 17; Lncas, 18.

To counteract some of the work done by the Socialist agitators in the Sixth ano cighth districts the republican party is advertising an ex-president of the American rederation of Labor to do some "spieling" in the affected territory. The gentleman in question never held the job above men-

#### LOCAL NOTES

Don't forget Debs next Thursday night at the Grand Opera House.

All those having cash for Debs tickets sold should turn it in next Tuesday even ing, so that the bills may be met.

Comrade Chas. L. Breckon began speaking on corner of Main and Seventh streets, on the evening of Oct. 4, in spite of the bad weather. Notwithstanding it began to rain about 7 o'clock, there was a large crowd out to hear him. The rain ceased and he began; when he had gotten under full headway, the rain began to pour, and the crowd flew to shelter. After that shower passed away, he tried to call them together again; many came, but many had gone home. The remaining ones were then invited to come to Socialist Headquarters where the elements could not disturb us. This was done, and then Comrade Breckon gave us one of the best talks we had in a ong time. It was a talk that every Socialist, as well as non-Socialist, ought to have heard, and it is a matter of deep regret that the weather prevented all but a iew from getting the benefit of it.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 4.

Breckon's meeting was advertized for 8 o'clock, but at 7:30 the crowd began to gather to such extent that Comrade John E. Shank, of Sioux City, who, by the way, was stopped by the police of the city last Wednesday evening (the cop knew his ousiness, his superior having told him what o do he obeyed the orders so that he would not lose his job) while making a speech under an umbrella from a pile of bricks to a crowd standing under an awning and in the doorways, entertained the crowd until the appointed time and then in a few well chosen words introduced the speaker, Chas. L. Breckon, of Chicago, who at once began to chop 'em up in the lates packing house style (I mean the plutes arguments). It did not take him long to get warmed up to his subject and his drives at superstition and ignorance were center shots. The clickity click click of his gat-

at 8:00 p. m. at the old Socialist Hall, 414 Douglas St. Everybody invited to attend. . . .

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The nomination papers for the state nave been filed.

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Milwaukee engagement.

M. W. Wilkins is under the direction of the state secretary of Massachusetts.

The continued illness of Comrade Chas. G. Towner made it impossible for him to fill the dates made for him in Indiana, and Mrs. Gertrude Breslau Hunt has been engaged to take his place. Mrs. Hunt speaks as tollows: Oct. 9-13, Knox, Ind.; 14-15, South Bend, Ind.

John M. Ray, in Louisiana-Oct. 9. Mermenton; 10-11, Jennings; 12, Lake Charies; 13, Shreveport; 14-15, Longstreet.

Ida Crouch Hazlett, in Pennsylvania-Oct. 9-12, Allegbany county; 13, Millvale: 14, Leechburg; 15, Charleroi.

Geo. E. Bigelow again resumed work at Yankton, S. D., Oct. 7. Enough dates have been contracted for to keep him busy in North and South Dakota until election day. Dates in South Dakota are arranged as follows: Oct. 8-10, Platte; 12, Sioux Falls; 14-16, Aberdeen.

Geo. H. Goebel, after filling a number work home to New Jersey as follows: Oct. alone prevented an overflow. The Bul-8, Peoria, 111.; 10, Ridgeville, Ill.; 11, South Bend, Ind ; 12, Fremont, O ; 18, Ashtabula, O.; 14, New Castle, Pa.; 15, Butler, Pa.

| Chas. Pergler, Bohemian organizer, after filling dates in .New York City, will start west.

'Leonio Petriella, of Newark, N. J., Italian speaker, began his work in Chicago with three meetings.

tioned

In many instances the Socialist speakers in Iowa are talking to crowded houses. At Madrid all the people so desiring were unable to gain admittance, and at Altoona, where the republicans a few days before had in attendance three speakers and the janitor, Chas. L. Breckon had an audience of fifty.

J. J. JACOBSEN, State Secretary.

#### WHAT THEY SAY

John M. Work, Des Moines: "You are publishing a lot of good stuff. The article on organization by Breckon is just what is needed."

E. D. Hammond, Waterloo: "Guess you will call me "squaw man" if I keep talking about women, but I was stuck on that editorial 'Woman's Work for Socialism.' Paper in general is O. K. In my opinion it ranks next to The Worker of New York "

Ryan, Ia., Oct. 3, 1904.

Enclosed find \$5 which you may use toward the continuation of The Iowa Socialist. The article in last week's issue by Comrade Herron is worth to me (an old man of 73 years) the #5 alone, to say nothing of the able editorials and other convincing articles which so often appear in your little journal. With hopes for the success of the Iowa Socialist, I remain

> Your Comrade, CHAS. HICKSTEIRE.

in gun philosophy, is still clicking. I am sure. If there was a worker who left without registering a vow to fight for his own class in the future, there must be something the matter with his "noodle." the questions were answered in a clear and intelligent manner. Waterloo local will be benefited in many ways in the coming of Comrade Breckon. Give us more of the Breckon kind. E. D. HAMMOND.

#### . . . Fairbank, Iowa, Oct. 5. Editor Iowa Socialist: Comrade Breckon was with us Oct. 1. He delivered a speech on the street to a good sized crowd. He gave them hot shot in the afternoon and more of it in the evening, Every seat in the hall was occupied. We held a caucus Oct. 4 and nominated a full township

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#### LOCAL MEETINGS

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Davenport local meets every first and third Friday in the month at Turner hall. Visitors always welcome. B. W. Wilson, Sec., 321 East 14th street. . . .

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

Sioux City Local meets every Thursday

