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THE PACKINGTOWN STRIKE.

BY A. M. SIMONS.

Once more the workers in "Packingtown" are battling for better conditions. The laborers in this greatest single industry on earth, where the food of the world is prepared, are seeking to make it but a trifle less of a hell than it has been.

For many years the "Yards" were considered impregnable to the assaults of unionism. Nowhere else on earth had the slave auction of wage-labor been more systematically organized than in this smoke-laden chunk of inferno. Nationality was pitted against nationality, and the corners of the globe ransacked to find competition with a lower standard of life, whose desperate bidding could force wages down another notch. Americans, Irish, Germans, Bohemians, Poles, Hungarians, Lithuanians, negroes were gathered together and forced to struggle at the gates to see which could exist on the smallest subsistence and therefore make the lowest price on the human energy and skill demanded by the great pork and beef manufactories.

CHILD LABOR.

As the machinery grew more perfect and the newly-invented processes of canning and preserving taught the packers how to rob the rendering vat to feed the tables of the world, a new competitor was brought to the auction block. The woman and the child took the place of the husband and father because they could live for less than the man. Some attempt has been made to restrict the employment of children, and this is one of the things complained of in the official statement of the packers. This previous document declares that

"The child-labor law has done more harm than good in the stock yards industry. Before the enactment of the statute forbidding the employment of children under 16 years of age, many of them obtained profitable work in the packing plants. Now they run at large in the neighborhood, for their parents will not keep them in school. As a matter of fact, a boy who has not learned to work by the time he reaches 16 years of age, never will learn. He has, on the other hand, acquired habits that make him unfit for work."

"Many people hold that the best industrial condition is that in which all the members of a family who wish can find employment at the same place. This was the condition in the packing industry before the passage of recent laws."

When it is remembered that these children were employed in catching the blood that flowed from the slaughtered animals, cleaning intestines for sausage casings, etc., some idea of the elevating influences from which the child labor law took them is gained.

During the years before the union gained a foothold the workers suffered all the petty tyranny that must ever exist where "individual bargaining" prevails. Labor power was considered and treated with the same consideration as the other "raw material" which was purchased for the manufacture of profit. It was generally given much less consideration than the cattle, as it cost less and was more easily replaced.

THE COMING OF THE UNION.

The union came in about two years ago. The consciousness of united strength gave the men a new feeling of manhood. The sense of class solidarity began to appear. It extended across all lines of race and nationality and sex. Soon the effort was made to secure better conditions. Some slight gains were made. Then came the present struggle. The demands of the union are limited to 18 1/2 cents an hour. Was there ever a more moderate value set on human life? Eighteen cents and a half an hour in return for an opportunity to be murdered by inches in the foul, disease-laden air of the "Yards." Eighteen cents and a half an hour for five or six years of torture, then death or life as a rheumatic cripple for the remainder of the workers' existence. Eighteen cents and a half an hour—just about enough to buy liver and soup-bones for the families of those who supply the tables of the world with porterhouse and tenderloin. But the packers pointed to the fact that there were those whom necessity had compelled to bid lower for the chance to sell the days of their life, and announced their inalienable, natural, constitutional right to buy labor-power where they could get it the cheapest.

So the strike was on. With a unanimity and solidarity that surprised even the workers themselves, the slaves of the slaughter pens laid down their work. Across the various lines of color, race, creed, nationality and sex they joined hands in a firm determination to secure for themselves and their children a pittance more of the wealth that their strength and skill created.

TREACHERY OF THE EMPLOYERS.

The increase of wages did not so much bother the masters as the evidence of solidarity among their slaves. So all their energy was directed toward breaking the unions. Hence an offer was made to take back the laborers pending arbitration. With joy the workers leaped at the offer. Then it was that the treachery of the packers became evident. A systematic process of discrimination and victimization of union men began. The laborers were caught in a trap. If they continued at work their union was crushed, and any trifling increase the arbitrators might happen to give them would quickly disappear when their only means of defense was gone. On the other hand, if they struck, it would afford the opportunity of the packers to set in motion their agents for the creation of public opinion, and by shouting that the strikers had broken their agreement to arbitrate could sow dissatisfaction among the weak-kneed and half-hearted. Moreover, the momentary respite had given them time to arrange for the importation of negro strike-breakers, who now began to pour into the yards.

THE NEGRO AS A SCAB.

Right here we strike a phase of the present struggle that bids fair to be repeated frequently in the future. The negro of the South is so far removed from the current of industrial life as to be almost wholly without the sense of class solidarity which is necessary to any effective united effort. Race antagonism, which has been carefully fanned by the ruling class tends to shut him out from all such influences. His geographical isolation is another reason for his lack of solidarity and makes his industrial organization practically impossible. Should it appear that mechanical progress has reached the point where the negro can be profitably utilized in factory work, the capitalists of America have at their very doors a supply of cheap labor which renders a Chinese exclusion bill wholly superfluous.

Up to the present time in the yards, however, it would appear as if the packing industry had not yet reached a stage where the negro can be used to advantage. A policeman in the Swartzchild & Sulzberger packing house, who did not know that he was talking for publication, admitted that the negro workers in that plant were worse than useless. He said that the firm was really making little effort to use them, since the more they worked the more damage they did. He declared that they did little besides sit around and smoke, thereby greatly increasing the fire risk and rendering the fireunderwriters eager to revoke the insurance on the plants.

THE PACKING HOUSES AS TENEMENTS.

The great, grimy brick structures within which the slaughtering is done are just now being turned into enormous overcrowded tenements, and this regardless of building regulations. Thousands of negroes are housed and fed amid the filth of killing and packing floors. They are liberally supplied with tobacco and beer to add to the confusion. Under these conditions it will cause no surprise if a holocaust should occur beside which those of the Iroquois and the General Slocum were mild indeed. At any rate such a condition cannot be of long duration. The packers have no love for the scabs, or indeed for anything but cent per cent profit and they will not long house, feed and pay them wages for nothing.

Meanwhile the union men are exhibiting a marvelous and admirable solidarity. In spite of the lying efforts of the capitalist press to spread stories of desertions, in spite of the bribes of the employers, offered to individual workers, there has scarcely been a case of a desertion from the ranks since first the fight began.

The struggle just now is to feed those who are without resources, and this means practically all the strikers, since the wages have never been sufficient to allow any margin for saving against times of trouble. Relief stations have been organized at various points around the yards, and up to the present time the resources of the union have been sufficient to meet all demands. The other unions of Chicago are coming to their assistance in good shape and since the struggle cannot by any possibility be a long one, victory for the men seems certain.

POLICE OUTRAGES.

For years the stock yards have been famous fields for politicians. Positions and preferments in the packing houses have been at the disposal of the politicians, and in return the laborers have voted the Democratic and Republican tickets and elected their masters' tools to office. Now they are feeling some of the results of this policy. The police are simply searching for opportunities to club strikers. All picketing is forbidden. For a half dozen men to gather together on the street (and where twenty thousand men are idle such gatherings are inevitable) is to welcome a riot call. If a small boy throws a chunk of mud at a scab the capitalist press heralds it as a bloody riot, and the police do their best to make it so. Up to the present time, however, the union men have shown a wonderfully patient and careful forbearance. There has been no violence or disturbance and far less disorder than is normal in the neighborhood. The men stand quietly on the street corners or remain in their halls. So careful have they been in this respect that the reporters for the dailies openly admit that they write their "stories" in the newspaper offices and get their facts from their imagination.

A WARNING.

This peaceable condition does not suit the packers. They want violence. They want killing of

National and State Candidates.

SOCIALIST PARTY



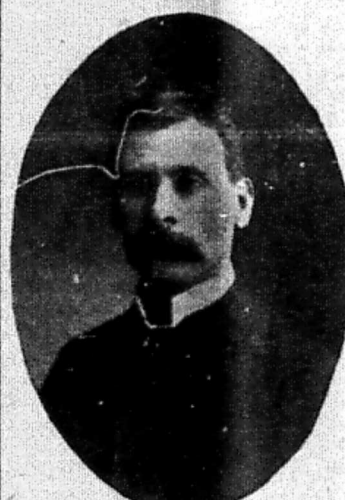
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working men. They want the militia. If they can secure these the packers will win. There is every reason to believe that if they can secure this in no other way they will fill up some of their negro scabs with whisky; then have their spies among the strikers fan the already slumbering embers of race hatred, and having thus prepared the way send a few of these ignorant negro victims out into the mass of strikers, in the hope that they may be set upon and injured by the mob of strikers. Then the police could rush to the scene, murder a few union men, the press could duly exaggerate the situation, and the militia would soon be camping in "Packingtown." This is the sort of news which may be expected from the yards almost any day. The packers care as little for the lives of working men that might be sacrificed, be they white or black, union or scab, as they do for the lives of the animals upon their killing floors.

POLITICS IN THE YARDS.

Nothing is more striking than the spread of socialist sentiment among the strikers. The Socialist party is holding frequent meetings in their halls near the yards, and these are crowded with men eager to know more of the philosophy by which strikes can be ended forever by permanent victory for the workers. They are already calling attention to the fact that while Democratic and Republican politicians are quick enough to tell of their love for stock yards workers at election time, when the politicians need help, none of them dare say anything at the present time, when the workers are in such desperate need of help. They also notice that the Socialist party members on the other hand are with them now when help is needed. Hundreds announce their intention to support the Socialist ticket henceforth, and there is every reason to believe that the "yards" will roll up a big vote for Debs and Hanford next November, and that a Socialist will sit as a member of the Chicago Council from the famous Twenty-ninth Ward after next spring.

Bryan is dumped. Having committed himself to a candidate and a platform, both of which he despised, if he is honest, the managers of his party care not a jot whether he speaks in this campaign or not. He cannot very well repudiate what he has already endorsed (for harmony's sake), and

whether he orates or goes fishing is a matter of indifference to the fellows in control. Bryan is dumped.

If the Czar of Russia wishes to secure a worthy successor to Plevche, his Minister of the Interior, he should open negotiations with Rockefeller for

his Minister of Colorado, Governor Peabody. Peabody may thank his stars that he has Americans to brutalize over instead of Russians.

"Since the Democratic convention I don't see any thing to do but vote for Debs."

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Of the Socialist Party of Cook County is going to be the biggest and best affair of the kind ever undertaken. The place selected for this great occasion is

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1904

KINDRED SPIRITS.

An Incident of a Saturday Night Socialist Meeting.

The following incident is taken from the Union Picket, and illustrates things just about as they are happening in all parts of the country:

"These Socialists are certainly a hustling, enterprising element in the politics of the present day," said an uptown citizen to a business man on the edge of the crowd at last Saturday night's Socialist meeting on Penn Square. Continuing, the citizen said: "I happen to pass through this square every Saturday night, and, unless it's raining pit'forks, I am sure to find these fellows busy at work pumping their doctrine into a crowd that seems to be getting larger at every meeting. At first mere curiosity prompted me to stop and listen for a few minutes; later I found a certain interest being awakened in me, and I stopped longer, and also took with me and read some of their literature. Now, I must confess that I am deeply interested, and no longer find any reason to deride these men's preaching."

"Don't you think their views are too radical—a little too much on the anarchistic order?" asked the business man, with a merry twinkle in his eyes. "You know it?"

"Anarchistic—your grandmother!" snapped the citizen; "I labored under the same mistake before my curiosity prompted me to stop and listen, and after hearing their arguments and reading their platform and other literature of the party I have come to the conclusion that a very large percentage of the people don't know what they are talking about when they place Socialism on the same plane with anarchy."

"But," interrupted the business man, "you know the Republican and Democratic leaders—"

"Leaders, nothing!" said the citizen; "they would turn every Socialist into a red-handed anarchist if they could. Why, these Socialists are exactly the opposite. They have no use for the anarchist, and, as one of their speakers (just wait a minute, please) stated some time ago, they propose to secure by the peaceable means of the ballot what is being denied them by capitalist oppression and the bayonet and bullet. Does that look anarchistic, hey? (Now keep quiet a minute, please.) It seems strange to me that the general public has not long before this been more thoroughly enlightened on this point, but the way things look here every Saturday night—and I see by their papers that even more aggressive work is being done by Socialists in every (now, wait a minute, will you?) city throughout the country—why it won't take long until the people know exactly what Socialism is and what it really aims at. I tell you (now wait!) I am interested, and if I should attend a few more meetings, which is very likely, or should read some of their literature, which is also very likely, why I don't know but what I may in the very near future cut loose from my crusty old party ideas and vote with these fellows. They are all right!"

"Say, mister, you ought to get on that speaker's box yourself," said the business man finally. "You'd prove a hummer; you wouldn't give your audience a chance to draw a decent, healthy breath. Here I've been watching my chance to get a word in edgewise, but it was no use. D'you know that I am interested myself? I've been neglecting my business every Saturday night so I might hear these fellows pouring hot shot into the fool workingmen and others who vote for the old parties and their own damnation. I have quite recently become a Socialist, too, but I don't have to acknowledge the corn in any such roundabout way as some other people do."

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The next regular meeting of the Cook County Central Committee will be held Sunday, Aug. 14, at 55 North Clark street, at 2 o'clock.

A. S. EDWARDS,
County Secretary.

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PACKING STRIKERS STATE THEIR CASE.

Conditions in Packingtown Explained to Public--Brutal State of Affairs Revealed--Labor a Mere Expense Item.

TEXT OF THE STATEMENT.

Following is the statement: "As the strike of the butcher workmen begins to affect seriously the whole consuming public, as this public is more deeply stirred than by any labor struggle since the coal strike of 1902, it now becomes our duty to place before the public, first, the evils against which we have struggled; second, how the packers forced this crisis upon us; and, third, the two deep issues which make this strike of so much importance to our organization.

"We wish first to offer certain plain, hard facts. We stand ready to prove every statement made.

"When there was no union the men naturally enough were treated by the packers as mere parts of their equipment. The profits alone were considered.

"We will take the conditions in the cattle-killing department as typical of all the other departments. The largest runs of cattle came in on Mondays and Wednesdays. It was cheapest to kill these cattle at once, for this saved extra feeding and avoided shrinkage in weight.

"What has the union done for this community? Briefly, it has forced the packers to give more regular hours, to employ more men, and hence to spread the work among us all, instead of keeping half of us at the doors to undertake the men who are working.

"The union has forced a uniform wage scale for all skilled workers to replace the old system and has raised wages to meet the increased cost of living. This change has vastly improved the community. This condition the packers are now attempting to undo. They are attempting to reduce the wages of the common laborer--60 per cent of our 60,000 members--from 18 1/2 cents an hour to the old rate of 15 cents, or even less.

"This wage the packers now propose to reduce to \$3 a week. And on what grounds? Is it because they cannot afford to pay the difference? This is a question for the public to examine as it examined the coal trust's financial condition in 1903.

"We submit here but one point on which the public appears to be unformed. Our secretary has for one year received weekly reports from every cattle-killing room in the country. These reports show that the average cost in labor for killing and dressing a bullock from the yard to the cooling room is 44 cents. The average bullock weighs 700 pounds. The labor cost is but 6-100 of a cent a pound. The average price of beef at wholesale is 10 cents a pound. The labor cost is therefore 6-1000 of the selling price. Labor is not to blame for the rise of meat prices in the last four years. Can the packers afford to pay 18 1/2 cents an hour? If they can shall they be allowed to reduce the wages?

"The packing industry has not suffered from the depression as some others have suffered. Hundreds of thousands of men are out of work and will soon be willing to work at any wage. Shall the packers be allowed to use this oversupply as a club with which to reduce the wages of their men? In other words, are we to be treated as mere expense items or as the workers who have helped build up this industry?

"DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY. "There is a deeper issue. If the packers refuse to agree to any minimum wage for the unskilled how long will it be before they attempt to reduce the wages of skilled men? For in this industry the unskilled men may soon become the skilled men. Let them, while unskilled, be forced to become accustomed to the wretched living possible on \$5 or \$6 a week. Let them grow used to living like the most recent immigrants, and when they rise to the skilled positions the low standards to which they have become accustomed will still be adhered to.

"This is the problem which confronts us: Shall the standard of the most poorly paid workers of Europe be established by the packers as the standard of life for American citizens? Shall labor be treated as a mere expense item, or shall it be treated as a sharer in the profits of industry? Shall this industry be developed solely for the profit of the packers, or shall it be developed to the good of the community as well?

"This is the real issue in the contest in which the butcher workmen are engaged. We leave the public to judge whether right is not on our side.

"Executive Board Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. By 'HOMER D. CALL, Secretary."

"Every trade unionist in the land should read Debs' 'Unionism and Socialism'--not next year, but during the present campaign. It opens the eyes and illuminates the mind. Get it going, comrades! Ten cents, this office.

"The Chicago Chronicle says Socialism would break up the home. We hope it will break up the kind of homes that cluster around the packing plants, where the fetid, rotten air is only a little worse than the green and rotten river near by. Neither the fends of hell nor John R. Walsh could devise a more orthodox hell to punish rebellious workers in.

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LIST OF PRIZES FOR GAMES AT PICNIC.

No one having won a prize can enter another race.

Married men's race--3 vol. set Alex Dumas' "Celebrated Crimes." 3/4 turkey morocco, full gold hand bound. \$15.00, donated by Nat Acranoff.

Single men's race--Pair gent's trousers to order, \$15.00, donated by G. G. Olson.

Men's race, open--Box of 50 Berlin's best cigars, \$3.00, donated by Barney Berlin.

Men's 100 yard dash, open--Fancy vest to order, donated by A. Christian-son.

Single ladies' 100 yards--Ladies' gold fountain pen, \$2.50, donated by A. B. Conklin.

Married ladies' 50 yards--One copy "Struggle for Existence," \$2.50, donated by W. T. Mills.

Ladies' open 75 yards--One copy Vol. IV, International Soc. Review, \$2.00, donated by C. H. Kerr & Co.

Fat men's race--One copy bound Vol. No. 2, "Chicago Socialist," donated by Chicago Socialist.

Married ladies' open 50 yards--One copy "Human Work" by C. P. S. Gilman, \$1.50, donated by Wm. Johnson.

Young men's race, under 19--One portrait of Delegates to National Convention, \$1.00, donated by Geo. D. Evans.

Young ladies' race, under 19--One portrait of Delegates to National Convention, \$1.00, donated by Geo. D. Evans.

Single men's race, 100 yards--Box of 50 A 1 Cigars, \$1.75, donated by a Comrade.

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The constitution of the State of Colorado provides that "the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall never be suspended, unless in case of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it." There has been neither "rebellion or invasion," and yet the traitor who rules as Governor of that Russified province suspends the writ in violation of the constitution, and is the only man banqueting the delegates to the national convention of the Republican party.

Procure your tickets for the Annual Picnic, now for sale at the office, Room 27, 163 Randolph Street; open Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, 6:30 to 8:30; Sunday, 10 to 12 a. m.

To the workers: Beginning with the issue of The Socialist for August 20, and ending November 12, we shall send the paper thirteen weeks for ten cents in a club of ten. Now, comrades, start the work for the campaign all along the line. Send in ten names and addresses with One Dollar.

Elliott's Park, where the sixth annual picnic of the party is to be held, is the largest and best equipped picnic grove near Chicago. It is especially arranged for large gatherings--such as the gathering of Socialists that will be there Sunday, Aug. 7.

Have you read "God and My Neighbor," the latest book by Robert Blatchford? It is a powerful contribution to the literature of liberalism. Fifty cents, this office.

John R. Walsh's intimate friend and model of patriotism, Grover Cleveland, is announced to speak in Chicago some time in September. Cleveland will speak in support of the "Republican" party that Walsh supports, and will say nothing that Walsh will not endorse.

Well, what do you think of Hearst supporting Parker and Wall street, after all his howling against trusts? I used to think him and Bryan were on the square, but now we see those Socialist speakers were right, after all. Do you know, I am going to vote the Socialist ticket this fall.

Sections of the working class have in the past had many struggles with sections of the capitalist class. The sections are soon to get together for a final conflict. We are living in hopes that the conflict may be at the polls.

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ONLY TWO PARTIES.

A Republican Editor Sees Some New Phases in the Political Situation.

"The Enterprise," a Republican newspaper published at Riverside, Cal., is beginning to see the true political situation existing to-day. Speaking of the future of political parties it says those not Republicans will become Socialists.

"We started out to speak of the future. We do not need to enter the sphere of prophecy. The present will do. Right here and now there are only two parties which have such programs of constructive statesmanship as to justify their existence as a national organization. * * * Cleveland and the whole species of conservative Democrats belong to the Republican ranks, and in the course of events they should land there another presidential election after this one.

"The radical and all those not afraid to get into the bowels of things and reorganize them--to build a new governmental structure from its foundation stone up--should become Socialists. Socialists are not reformers. They would not correct, but reconstruct; and their day will never come so long as reform will suffice. Socialists do not view with alarm, for they have the course of events well discounted in advance. About everything that is likely to happen they expect. The sensible ones among them do not wish for any sort of political victory until they gain a complete one and are so enabled to put their system into operation. Socialists believe; they abide their time patiently and confidently; and while they wait they are telling their story of happy promise to every one who comes within the sound of their voices, campaigning constantly, day in and day out, year in and year out. Such faithful, persistent work counts even in sawing wood, and it will just as surely wear a way into the reasoning faculties of the great body of electors whose interests are naturally with their party. As to whether or not Socialism is right, deponent sayeth not. But Socialism is alive; be sure of that. And in another four years it should have dug so far into the vitals of the old Democracy that 1908 will see that party a corpse laid away unlamented in the political graveyard never to be resurrected.

"This may not happen, but it is the logic of events."

THERE ARE MINDS DISTURBED.

Says the Utica Press, July 27: "The attitude of labor toward capital, and vice versa, revealed by the strikes now in progress in this country, is far more disquieting to the seriously minded than any immediate results can possibly be. The country can stand a shortage of meat and textile supplies and recover therefrom, but the increased antagonism between the two principal factors of industry that will be engendered will remain a menace to future peace, and it is this feature of the contest that is disturbing to citizens whose desire it is to see both labor and capital prosper. The time seems to be ripe for some clear thinking and fearless definition of the rights and privileges of the parties to the contest."

"Rights and privileges" are fine, high-sounding phrases. Most of us in that same time in our lives believed in them and thought they had a meaning, but a few years of experience in the struggle for life either as a capitalist exploiting labor, or a laborer being exploited, soon expels all such illusion from the mind.

If the writer of the above would do a little "clear thinking" himself he would soon find that in practice "right" in all stages of the world's history has been what the strong and cunning have had the power to take by force of one form or another. As for privileges, well, they are such degrees of freedom as the strong possessing class consider good policy to grant to the weak. The working class have no right to work if the owners of the means of life cannot make profit from their labor, but since chattel slavery and serfdom has passed away the workers have had the privilege to starve if they do not like the conditions laid down by the class who has the "rights."

The packers who own Packingtown have rights, and they have sense enough to protect them with police clubs, militia bullets and bayonets, court injunction and newspaper sophistry, and every ingenious device known to the human mind.

The working class will have "rights" when by their united class interests they become class conscious and take possession of all productive property and the powers of state and use them both in the interests of all the workers. Then the present capitalist class will have privileges. They may either perform some useful labor or starve.

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If the employees of the McCormick International Harvester Company are not satisfied when they get all the newspapers announce the company is going to give them in the shape of baths, restaurant, reading rooms, etc., and all for nothing, then they must be Socialists who believe the workers should receive the full product of their labor.

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RESULT OF NATIONAL REFERENDUM.

The referendum on the platform and the trade-union resolution adopted by the national convention at Chicago has resulted in their endorsement by the party membership by a vote of 5,770 to 549 and 4,980 to 1,180, respectively.

Table showing results of National Referendum for Trade Union Resolution and Platform. Columns include State, Yes, No, Yes, No.

TWENTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The first convention of the Socialist Party of the Twentieth Senatorial District convened at Watska July 24. Comrade J. L. Picketts of Watska was elected temporary chairman and Comrade Chas. Sievers of Watska temporary secretary.

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FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The Wisconsin State convention of the Social Democratic party, as the Socialist Party is known in that State, has been called for Sept. 3, at Milwaukee, and the capitalist papers are already trying to figure out what the Socialists will do in the State this fall.

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