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THE PARTY OF ORGANIZED LABOR

KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY No Longer Union Men 364 Days in the Year and Scabs on the 365th—The Day of Election

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 24, 1900.

Dear Comrade:—The enclosed resolution was adopted by the Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis yesterday, with but three dissenting votes. The attendance of delegates was unusually large and the vote was preceded by an interesting and, at times, very exciting debate. The vote showed a strength for our party, which exceeded our most ardent hopes, and the comrades are jubilant over the result.

Yours Fraternally,

M. BALLARD DUNN,

City Organizer S. D. P., St. Louis.

ADDRESS TO ALL MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS OF ORGANIZED LABOR OF ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY.

"Fellow Workmen and Citizens—With the revolutionary fathers of this American Republic we hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are born equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men deriving their

just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any government becomes destructive of these ends it is not only the right, but the imperative duty of the people to alter or to abolish it and establish such new government as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. The experience of the last 25 years has taught the American people an expensive lesson. The civil war with the tremendous sacrifice of a million human lives became a source of wealth for a comparatively small number of capitalist speculators. The natural resources of the north and south became the property of combines and corporations. The millionaires increased in number like mushrooms. Chattel slavery was abolished, but white slavery—wage slavery—became more destructive than ever before. The Republic of Washington, Patrick Henry, Adams, Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin, etc., became a republic of the Vanderbilts, the Goulds, the Carnegies, the Rockefellers, the Mark Hannas—a republic with a few hundred millionaire tramps and millions of Proletarian tramps.

"In view of these terrible conditions, and in view of the fact that the Republican and Democratic parties are simply the political machines of the ruling capitalist class run against the interests of the wage-working class, the C. T. & L. U. of St. Louis hereby submits the following for the earnest consideration of our members and friends: It is a crime for Organized Labor to follow the banner of the old Capitalist parties. There is little difference whether workmen are shot down by Democratic state militia or by Republican federal troops; by means of Democratic Winchester rifles or by means of Republican riot guns; whether trades unions are enjoined in Republican courts in St. Louis on in Democratic courts in New York! For ten years we have witnessed a most desparate civil war. Remember Homestead! Remember Buffalo! Remember Brooklyn! Remember Tennessee! Remember Cripple Creek! Remember Coeur d'Alene! Remember Pullman! Remember the great miners' strike! Remember the unemployed movement to Washington! Remember Cleveland! Remember St. Louis! Remember the coop-

eration of the Democratic State government, the Republican city administration, and the St. Louis Transit Co.! Remember the bloody work on Washington avenue.

"The time has come when we must listen to the voice of such experienced and honest labor leaders like EUGENE V. DEBS, the leader of the great Pullman strike, and now the presidential candidate of the party of Organized Labor, known as the Social Democratic party. We can no longer be union men 364 days in the year and scab on the three hundred and sixty-fifth day—the day of election. We appeal to every honest and intelligent man and woman to investigate and study the principles of the political labor organization represented by EUGENE V. DEBS and JOB HARRIMAN in this great national campaign. This is no longer a fight between Democrats and Republicans, but a serious struggle between labor and capitalism."

In order to insure a complete and intelligent discussion of this most important question it is necessary that all delegates be present.

The time for action is at hand!

DEBS UNPURCHASABLE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept 24.—A Chicago special to the Indianapolis Journal says:

Eugene V. Debs is a 10,000-vote factor in the State of Indiana. His importance in the Presidential equation has been understood for some time past by insiders, but it is very doubtful if the general public realize it or has up to this time the most shadowy idea that he is of the slightest consequence.

Debs is running for President on the Social Democratic ticket. He is not put forward by either of the great parties as a decoy or to drag votes from a rival. He is there of his own volition and to represent the principles of a small but earnest element in our population. He represents ideas that are tenaciously advanced and clung to by a determined class of voters who can not be swerved from their allegiance by any of the means usually employed to direct or control the movements of little fellows who mix into large political affairs.

Debs is not the candidate of the railway men and is not put forward by the organization he has been building up. His candidacy has nothing whatever to do with the union or any organization of railway employes. Railway employes very generally have the utmost confidence in Debs' personal honesty, and he is singularly free from suspicion of taking part in political intrigue from selfish motives. The taint of the "grafter" does not

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WARNING NOTICE FROM DEBS

To our Comrades and Friends:

The persistence with which the report is circulated that I have resigned, or intend to resign, in favor of the Democratic candidate, impels me to issue this denial of the falsehood originated by the capitalist press to deceive and mislead our friends and supporters.

Comrade Harriman and I have been nominated as candidates for vice-president and president, respectively, of the Social Democratic Party, and we shall stand assuch candidates to be voted for on election day, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is not at all improbable that this report may be sprung afresh on the very eve of the election, too late to be met and contradicted by the weekly Socialist press of the country, and for this reason I take the liberty to request all Socialist papers, and any others that may be friendly to our party, to publish this statement and keep it standing in the last three or four issues preceding the election.

To resign at such a time would be rank betrayal, of which no honorable man would be guilty; but if from any inconceivable reason such a step became necessary, I would not under any possible circumstances resign in favor of the Republican or Democratic party. They are alike the representatives of the capitalist system; they are one in the support of private property in the means of production; they are agreed as to wage slavery; they do not offer in their hostility to Socialism, and I would as readily think of resigning in favor of one as the other of these parties.

Our party comrades understand this, and cannot be misled; but there is danger that some of our friends may be deceived, and hence this warning note.

The Republican papers declare that Socialists will vote for Bryan, while the Democratic press charges that Socialists are in the pay of Mark Hanna. These old campaign liars know better, but they understand each other. This fall they will be made to realize that with all the corruption funds at their command there is no private property in Socialists.

Others may prefer Capitalism and Slavery. We stand unyielding as a wall of granite for SOCIALISM AND FREEDOM.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 21, 1900.

(Friendly papers please copy.)

DEBS UNPURCHASABLE.

(Continued from 1st column.)

clung to his garments. He is unpurchasable. This fact has been very clearly proved within the past week, for he has been approached and the arguments usually potent with minor party leaders used on him in vain to secure his withdrawal from the field. This advance was sternly turned down and in a manner which forbade its repetition.

Estimates as to the number of votes Debs will poll in Indiana range from 5,000 to 15,000. He is conducting a personal canvass and is scheduled for a large number of speeches in localities where he has friends and followers. He is sawing wood strictly on his own wood pile, and is having nothing whatever to do with either of the great parties, and is so conducting himself that no one can impain his personal or political honesty or question the integrity of his motives. The worst that can be said about him by those who are most put out by his candidacy is that he is fanatical and dangerous. That is something he does not care for, and, furthermore, expects. Indications are that he will gain in strength instead of losing, and that he will have about 10,000 votes to his credit election day in his own State. Debs still lives at Terre Haute. He has made a living since his release from jail for the part he took in the great strike of 1894 by lecturing.

Debs & Harriman buttons can be had of The Socialist for 25c a dozen.

The Socialist

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Entered as second class matter at
Seattle, Wash., postoffice.

Come to think of it, we never told you we enlarged **The Socialist** three weeks ago from three columns to four and from an eleven-inch to a thirteen-inch column. Growing is so natural to a kid like this that we just forgot to say. See the snip leave his old suit of clothes behind.

Do you live in the city? If so, have you registered?

Ask somebody if it is necessary to register in your precinct.

The time is short. No vote without registration.

Comrades, be ready to send returns of election in your precinct and city and county right away after election. We cannot depend upon the capitalistic press to be prompt with our returns. **The Socialist** is printed Thursday afternoon, so as to reach all subscribers before Sunday.

The election occurs on Tuesday. If you attend a keep tally on the count Tuesday night, as you ought, why, you can have an envelope all stamped and directed to **The Socialist**, ready to post after the returns Tuesday night. We want to be able to send out the most complete returns at once, so that the Washington comrades as well as those East may have their news on Sunday.

Our might-have-been Comrade Pelton, sometime of the Equality colony, writes a letter to the Seattle Fusion organ, telling why such a Socialist as he is, can support Bryan. His chief reason seems to be that Socialism will come too soon, so he votes for Bryan. We advise all men who are afraid of Socialism to go and do likewise.

Another might-have-been Socialist who likes to pose as a Socialist before himself and others who don't know better, is Jones, G. R. Jones, of Toledo, Ohio.

My old-time reform friends like Cotterill and Mecklen, quoted Jones' letter so much that I got it, expecting to find some argument. And here is all he says: "I am a Socialist and believe the hope of this nation and the world lies in brotherhood Socialism, not party Socialism." "I am for the Socialist propaganda, not for a Socialist party."

He is against all parties; he is for brotherhood, equality, liberty; he believes in the triumph of love and good will, in short he is a benevolent dreamer, trying to fight battles with holy water and paternosters.

He overlooks the historic and inevitable separation of men according to class-interests, even while acting out his own class-interest as a medium manufacturer in his support of Bryan. All he means when he says "I am a Socialist," is, "I am a Christian; I am a believer in the brotherhood of man, in the Golden Rule." Go study man, thou sluggard, and let Karl Marx be your teacher.

NO COMPROMISING.

Some counties are forgetting that our constitution forbids all alliances with capitalist parties.

In Clallam county we are informed the comrades have filled out two vacancies with one Republican and one Democrat, both candidates on their respective tickets.

We are loth to credit the report, for nothing but evil can result from such a mixture. Possibly they thought the ticket must be filled out in order to be regular, and had no eligible men in their own membership. But this is an error. A single candidate on a ticket may be nominated, and that one candidate's name must be printed on the official ballot.

Comrades, if you have taken the false step as reported, make haste to correct it. Refuse to vote for any candidate whatever who is not a member of our party. By this sin of Fusion fell all the political angels of the past. This thing has all been fought out in Germany and nothing saves the party and the cause but the most upright and uncompromising adherence to our own candidates. In France today, Socialists are again unhappily divided because Socialists have taken cabinet positions in a capitalist administration.

We in America must begin right and stay right.

The Spokane convention of the Mid-Roaders on Oct. 2 adopted this resolution: "We recommend and urge all middle-of-the-road Populists of Washington to refrain from voting the fusion ticket headed by Gov. Rogers, but to work for and to vote the ticket of the Social Democratic party, as it is nearer to us in principle than any other ticket in the field."

Come on, brethren, and we'll show you a better way than even the middle of that beloved road of yours, which, after all, only meandered through capitalist meadows.

The full state ticket of the S. D. P. duly authenticated by Chairman Selbert and Secretary Curtis, was filed with Secretary of State Jenkins on October 3. The delay was occasioned by the attempt to get a candidate for Supreme Judge from the extreme eastern part of the state; but our friends there have been so slow or ganizing that the attempt was abandoned.

Dr. D. M. Angus, of Prosser, and Capt. J. H. May, of Orting, Pierce Co., were finally selected by the State Committee as nominees for Supreme bench according to instructions of the state convention.

A STRIKING COINCIDENCE.

Scene I.—Labor Leader No. 1 to Social Democrat No. 1: "You want to keep your eyes open. Several of us are coming over to join you Social Democrats pretty soon."

S. D. No. 1. "Is that so? Who?"
L. L. No. 1. "Never mind just who, I, for one. And five or six more. And we'll bring a lot with us. We can study up a little Socialism, you know, and then we'll make out our application to join your party."

Scene II., same week. Labor Leader No. 2 to Social Democrat No. 2.—"Say, old fellow, we've just been offered \$3,500 to turn our influence, paper and all, over to the Social Democrats. What do you think of that?"

S. D. No. 2. "Don't believe a word of it. Social Democrats haven't got so much money."

L. L. No. 2. "Well, you are fresh. Did I say Social Democrats offered us anything? Republicans, man, Republicans, they're the boys that have the stuff, and we're not in this thing for our health."

SOCIALIST SNAP SHOTS.

A nice little row on about school books, eh, and right along the lines of Socialist argument, too. What foolishness in these little one-horse capitalist to believe they can ever fix things so as to give their class a chance to compete with the big concerns which control the business of this country? Fiddlesticks! The latter are both in a question of capital and ability far better equipped for any undertaking. The big concerns will continue to do the business and fleece profits from the people until Socialism comes to the rescue. Mr. Bryan and his freeze-out middle-class following are not in it.

Why should any man of honest intent oppose the adoption of the Socialist idea of production? That a National Board of Education and a staff of highly competent educational specialists should prepare all the text books for schools and colleges, while the mechanical work is done by a publicly owned plant is a good, sound business-like proposition. In that direction only, lies the hope of excellence in the product and economy of cost to the people. But no private capitalist would get a chance to hold up the people for the profits that are in the business then. That's the rub. There wouldn't be any rake-off in the game. Maybe that is why the workers continue to uphold the capitalist parties. No, they have nothing to gain and everything to lose by doing so. Possibly they like to be robbed? I give it up.

The Social Democratic press of the country is doing magnificent work for the people's cause in this campaign. It is inspiring and boldly aggressive. Its arguments against Capitalism are unanswerable. From a standpoint of literary ability and brains its work ranks A 1. No wonder that under its sledge hammer blows and unwearied activity "the battlements of Babylon are falling." Comrades, friends, fellow disturbers of the peace, the Capitalists' peace, everywhere: Let us keep this literature on the go. It is our main dependence for a workers' political party would naturally lack the wherewithal to put many speakers in the field. There are no hoodlums, no "barrels," no big wads in this party, and for obvious reasons.

ELECTION NUMBER

No. 12, Oct. 28, will be Election Number, to contain pictures and biographies of all our candidates, the platforms, directions for voting, a sample ticket, reasons for voting the S. D. P. ticket, etc., etc.

We ought to issue at least 10,000 copies to distribute among the voters everywhere. Send in orders at once. Remember, 20 or more copies are only 1/2 cent a copy.

Many people don't know even yet that we have a ticket. The capitalist papers never mention us or our ticket, if they can help it.

This Election Number will be the best introduction of our candidates, giving their faces and their lives.

TREASURER'S REPORT Of the Socialist.

Receipts.	
Amt. reported last week.....	\$186.37
Sept. 20—A. F. Lindwall 67 (10 subs.)	1.00
Sept. 21—Subscriptions	8.80
Sept. 23—H. Holtkamp 7 (5 subs.)	50
Sept. 23—H. Sweeney 5 (5 subs.)	50
Total	\$197.17

Expenses.	
Amt. reported last week.....	\$153.12
Sept. 20—Key to Headquarters	35
Sept. 20—Lock to Table Drawer	40
Sept. 20—Two extra keys	50
Sept. 20—Postage	10
Sept. 20—150 Debs & Harriman Buttons	2.25
Sept. 20—Wrapping paper	25
Sept. 20—Paste	10
Sept. 20—2,000 copies Harri-man's "Class War in Idaho"	5.00
Sept. 22—Aug. and Sept. tele- phone service	1.50
Sept. 24—Deposited at P. O. to cover postage	2.50
Total	\$166.07
Balance on hand	31.10
	\$197.17

Receipts.	
Amt. reported last	\$197.17
Sept. 27—J. D. Curtis 5-6- (40 subs.)	4.00
Sept. 28—E. F. Rotscheck 4. (5 subs.)50
Sept. 28—D. Burgen (5 subs.)50
Sept. 30—W. C. B. Randolph 6-1/27. (7 subs.)75
Sept. 30—Subscriptions	6.66
Total	\$209.58

Expenses.	
Amt. reported last week	\$166.07
Sept. 27—Pigott & French Co., 2,000 copies No. 7	20.25
Sept. 30—Two pictures	3.00
Bal. on Hand	20.26
	\$209.58

SOCIALIST NOTICES.

Geo. R. Minshall, secretary, Hoquiam, under date of Oct. 1, writes that he is requested by the Social Democratic Club of Hoquiam to notify **The Socialist** that the Socialists of Chehalis county are going to hold a mass convention at Montesano—but omits to give the date.

Tell us all about it when it comes off, boys.

Lyman, Wash., Sept. 30, 1900.
To the members of S. D. P. of Skagit Co. Comrades:—At a special meeting of Local Lyman on Sept. 26th, it was decided to hold a mass convention on Oct. 14th at Comrade West's house at Sedro-Woolley for the purpose of nominating a full county and legislative ticket. All Locals are hereby notified to be represented.

Fraternally yours,
EMIL HERMAN,
Sec. Local Lyman.

SEATTLE, WASH., Sept. 18, 1900.
A mass convention of the Social Democratic Party of King County, Wash., is hereby called to meet at Social Headquarters, 220 Union St., Seattle, Wash., Saturday, October 6th, 1900, at 2 p. m., to nominate a full county and legislative ticket. A member of the party can attend by proxy if the proxy is given to a comrade of his own Local, and certified to by the chairman or secretary of said Local.
HENRY KNUST.

NOMINATIONS BY CONVENTIONS

Opinions by Eminent Jurists, Both Democratic and Republican—Judge Winsor and Judge Humphries declare refusal of Pierce County Auditor to file S.D.P. ticket to be illegal—He may be mandamus'd by Court and compelled to print ticket on official ballot.

Pierce County has an auditor who thinks he is bigger than the law. He declined to receive and file the nominations for county offices made by Social Democrats in that county, in a regularly organized convention. He claimed they must be nominated by petition, and we are told the Pierce County comrades are hustling to get 300 names on their petition.

Probably this big-head Fusion officeholder will help us rather than hurt us, by his blunder. For in getting the necessary 300 signatures the comrades will stir up the whole county to indignation and sympathy.

All the same, we show below, by the highest legal authorities, that the convention method is just as legitimate as the petition method or the delegate-convention method.

Some other big-head in some small county, may attempt to disfranchise the Social Democrats, and this authoritative statement from both parties will forestall such and reassure other comrades also.

Judge Humphries, recognized as one of the leading Republican lawyers of the State, authorizes the following opinion for publication in *The Socialist*.

"Under the statutes of this State, any convention duly assembled and organized, representing a political party or a principle, has a right to nominate candidates for office. When nominations are made by a convention thus assembled and organized and the certificate made out as provided by Sect. 1350 of Ballinger's Code, and filed with the county auditor, it is his duty to place the nominations thus made, upon the county ticket. And in case of his refusal, he can be mandamus'd to do so. Two kinds of nominating conventions are recognized by the statutes, one consisting of delegates elected by electors, and the other being an organized assemblage of electors representing a political party or principle."

Judge Winsor, eminent as a lawyer, and Democratic candidate for the highest judicial position, writes as follows:

Law office of Richard Winsor, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 3, 1900.

"Dear Sir—In reply to your inquiry whether a political party making a nomination through a convention of electors, or in the language of the law, 'an organized assemblage of electors' has a right to file its certificate of nomination without duplicate signed by the necessary number of electors, I answer, it has; and that the officer who refuses to file such a certificate, duly authenticated by the presiding officer and secretary of such an assembly of electors, is trampling the law under foot. The law in such case made and provided is too plain and too direct to permit of any quibbler who happens to hold an office, debarring any assemblage of electors of their right to place a ticket in the field.

"The law defining a convention (first Hill's Code 364), provides that 'any convention, primary meeting or primary election, as hereinafter de-

finied, held for the purpose of making nominations for public offices, and also electors to the number hereinafter specified, may nominate candidates for public offices, to be filled by election, within the State. A convention or primary meeting within the meaning of this act, is an organized assembly of electors or delegates, representing a political party or principle, and a primary election is a lawfully conducted election for the nomination of candidates for public offices.' It will be noticed that there are two classes of conventions, one, an assemblage of electors, another, an assembly of delegates, that such conventions may represent a party organization, or a principle that has not yet ripened into a party organization; one is commonly called a delegate convention, the other a mass convention. The highest and most sacred body of the two is the assembly of electors, who speak for themselves and not through delegates. The law (First Hill's Sec. 365), requires such a certificate to be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of such convention, whether it be a mass convention of electors or a delegate convention of their representatives. It will be observed that Section 364, above referred to, also permits electors individually by petition and without being an organized assemblage, to place a ticket in the field by procuring the signature of a sufficient number of electors; this, however, is an additional method of nomination, and not a limitation upon the powers of an organized assemblage of electors, commonly called mass conventions.

"The same act of 95 changing the form of ballot, is a legislative construction clearly sustaining this position. It provides that, 'Every ballot shall contain at the head, the names of all recognized political parties in the order following, to-wit: Republican party ticket, Democratic party ticket, Peoples' party ticket, Prohibition party ticket, and any other party placing a full ticket in nomination in the order in which the same shall be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners.'"

"What then, are the recognized political parties, and what is a recognition? The recognition is that of this act, and the parties recognized are those specifically named by the act. It never was intended to preclude the organization of other and new parties, and their putting a full ticket in nomination; it would be unconstitutional if it did.

"The Social Democracy is a party representing a principle, and, for my own part, I would spurn an election accomplished by any jugglery that would prevent any such political organization having the same right to file its ticket that every other political organization has.

"Believing that I have covered the points submitted by you, I respectfully transmit the same for your consideration. Yours respectfully,
R. WINSOR."

Directions given in No. 5, of *The Socialist*, for organizing convention, and filing ticket are exactly correct.

No. 11 of *The Socialist*, Oct. 21, will be a FARMERS' NUMBER. We invite our subscribers and others to answer briefly the two questions: (1) "Why should farmers become Socialists?" (2) "Why are Washington farmers becoming Socialists?"
You farmers yourselves please give your own answers. We want facts from the field.

LABOR DAY PROGRAM

Advertisers Indignant—Money Said to be Obtained Under False Pretense—Mr. Middleton's Defense.—Rank and File of Labor Unions Indignant Also.

The article in last week's *Socialist* has awakened intense interest among the business men who advertised in the Labor Day Program, and also among all the Labor Unions. The advertisers are indignant that out of \$2,000, which they contributed to help the Unions, the latter got only \$100, while the other \$1,900 go to Mr. Middleton and his agents.

The rank and file of the Labor Unions are indignant that the honorable name of Organized Labor has been used for private profit. In fact, it is felt that Labor itself is on trial before the public, and, unless the great body of workmen shall investigate the matter without fear or favor, disown all dishonorable transactions, and punish the guilty, the confidence of the public in Organized Labor itself will be permanently injured.

The *Socialist* has no doubt of the final result. Laboring men may be deceived and misled. But at heart they are right. They will never for a moment sanction a dishonorable or dishonest act in their name. In this instance, when once they understand the facts of the case, they will either restore the money to the advertisers from whom it was obtained by assurances that it was to go to the Unions, or they will see that it is disgorged from the private pockets where it now is, and placed in the Union treasury for which it was contributed by the advertisers.

Mr. Middleton makes the defense that the Union Record, of which he is Business Manager, was authorized some time ago, by the Central Union, to print the program and pay into the Union Treasury 10 per cent. of the profits. He admits \$1,000 profit, and says he has paid over \$100 to the Union, according to contract. He adds that this is ten times as much as the Union ever got out of a Program before and he can't see where there's any kick coming.

The trouble with this defense is that it misses the point entirely. The point is this: Did the advertisers understand they were dealing with Middleton, Manager of the Union Record, and that he was to get the profits? Or, did they suppose they were dealing with Middleton, the well-known Secretary of the Western Central Labor Union, equally well-known as Chairman of the Labor Temple Committee, and widely announced as Chairman of the Labor Day Committee?

If Middleton, the printer, had gone around soliciting ads. as a business venture, no one would be kicking now. But when Middleton, as "Chairman of the Labor Day Committee," secures ads. for an "Official Program," published under the auspices of the Western Central Labor Union, with no hint of any private advertising scheme, the case becomes one of misrepresentation, the use of official position to further private interests.

Further, when the solicitors sent out by Mr. Middleton, represent in so many words that the money contributed is to go into the Labor Union Treasury, there can be no doubt that the money paid by the advertisers must either go back to them or be paid over to the Union.

To show the difference between the straightforward and the misleading method, we reproduce, word for word, the contract used in preceding years and that used this year.

Official Labor Day Programme
Authorized by
Western Central Labor Union.
LABOR CLARION
L. W. Kidd, Manager.

You are hereby authorized to insert 2 inches Advertisement in OFFICIAL PROGRAMME, to occupy space 2 inches on Page 6, for which I agree to pay the sum of \$2.50, payable on proof of publication.

FELITZ TENT & AWNING CO.,
F. Felitz.

P. J. Lesker, Solicitor,
Seattle, 1898.

ADVERTISING CONTRACT
Accounts Payable Only
To Order of W. H. Middleton, on Delivery of Program and Contract.
Official Souvenir Labor Day Program
—1900—

Published Under Auspices
Western Central Labor Union
Seattle, Washington, August 1, 1900
We hereby promise to pay to W. H. Middleton, or order, at Seattle, for consideration named hereafter, the sum of TEN Dollars, for ONE INCH of advertising space in the Western Central Labor Union Official Souvenir Labor Day Program, payable on delivery of Program and Contract.
(Signed) THE COMPANY.
I hereby guarantee, in consideration of above payment, that not less than 25,000 copies of said Program will be issued and circulated.

W. H. MIDDLETON,
Chairman Labor Day Committee,
By A. M. Weaver.

Note the difference. One authorizes L. W. Kidd, Manager of Labor Clarion, a printing concern, to insert a 2-inch adv. for \$2.50. The other agrees to pay to W. H. Middleton, "Chairman Labor Day Committee," \$10, for a one inch ad., and Middleton, in consideration of such \$10 payment, guarantees a 25,000 circulation.

To show still further what the advertisers think, and to give fresh evidence of the representation made by solicitors, we print below two letters from two of the most prominent business men in Seattle. These letters came by mail, quite unsolicited and unexpected:

Seattle, October 1, 1900.
Editor, *The Socialist*, 220 Union St.,
Seattle Wash.

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of a copy of *The Socialist* of September 30th, and notice your article regarding the program for Labor Day. The man who solicited my patronage, represented to me that the entire proceeds were to go to the Labor Temple Fund. I told the solicitor that as an advertising medium, it was of no help to me, as I did not consider it a business proposition, but to help a charitable cause, I would subscribe \$10. He said that was all the same and he would insert my business card in the program. I regret that the facts are as you state. This office is continually overrun by solicitors for charitable purposes and I have not been loathe to contribute to same, but I do not like to be imposed upon as your article suggests.

SHERWOOD GILLESPIE,
General Agent.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 2, 1900.
Editor *The Socialist*, 220 Union St.,
City.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a marked copy of your paper containing an article entitled "Facts about Labor Day Program," which I have read with considerable interest. I subscribed for our firm \$10, because the solicitor assured me that the money would go to the Labor Temple Fund. Had it not been for such assurance I should not have made the subscription, for I cared little or nothing for the advertisement. I am astonished to learn that from such liberal subscriptions the Temple Fund got but \$100.

(Signed.)

THE PLATFORM AND TICKET

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic Party of the United States, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of International Socialism and declares the supreme political issue in America today to be the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the powers of government. The party affirms steadfast purpose to use those powers, once achieved, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of private property in the means of production, and establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

In the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation and communication), and the large and ever increasing class of wage-workers possessing no means of production. This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class the full control of the government, the pulpit, the schools and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is, reducing it to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and suppressed, intellectually and physically crippled and degraded and its political equality rendered a bitter mockery; and the contest between these two classes grows ever sharper. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies goes the annihilation of small industries, and the middle class depending upon them; ever larger grows the multitude of stultified wage workers and of the unemployed, and ever fiercer the struggle between the class of the exploiter and the exploited, the capitalists and the wage workers.

The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises continually rendering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of production have outgrown the existing social order based on production for profit.

Human energy and natural resources are wasted for individual gain.

Ignorance is fostered that wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women and children.

The lives and liberty of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are fomented between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes despite their apparent or actual conflicts are interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the means of production. We therefore charge that in this country the Democratic, Republican and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike the tools of the capitalist class.

The working class, cannot, however, act as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied class.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, without distinction of race, color or sex, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class to organize under the banner of the Social Democratic party, as a party truly representing the interests of the toiling masses and uncompromisingly waging war upon the exploiting class, until the system of wage slavery shall be abol-

ished and the Co-operative Commonwealth shall be established.

Pending the accomplishment of this our ultimate purpose, we pledge the effort of the Social Democratic party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor, and also for the securing of its progressive demands.

"Workingmen of all countries, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain!"

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:

First—Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to complete control of government by the people irrespective of sex.

Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

Social Democratic Ticket.

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..... Geneva, Whatcom County.

WALTER GRIGGS, Teacher Equality,

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Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation, and communication; all water works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

Fourth—The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, coal and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

Fifth—The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities for production.

Sixth—The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose.

Seventh—Useful inventions to be free, the inventor to be remunerated by the public.

Eighth—Labor legislation to be national, instead of local, and international when possible.

Ninth—National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

Tenth—Equal civic and political rights for men and women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women.

Eleventh—The adoption of the Initiative

and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall of representatives by the voters.

Twelfth—Abolition of war and the introduction of international arbitration.

THE STATE PLATFORM.

The Social Democratic party of the state of Washington in convention assembled, lays down the following platform:

First—We reaffirm our belief in the principles of International Socialism, endorse the nomination of Debs and Harriman, and the platform as adopted by the Unity Committee of the S. D. P. and S. L. P.

Second—The principles of International Socialism, based on the irrepressible struggle of wage-labor against modern capitalism, are fundamental to our existence as a party. We arraign capitalism as a system incompatible with freedom and justice. We assert that capitalism and wage-slavery are inseparable twins. We demand the abolition of human slavery, the emancipation of the wage-working class, the destruction of capitalism.

Third—We affirm this irrepressible class-struggle to be a historic fact, a process of social evolution. Our demands are therefore in the line of progress. We are as sure to succeed as the laws of nature are inevitable.

Private property based on personal labor is honorable and just. But that has been superseded by private capitalist property, based on the exploitation of labor by others—which is robbery.

The Social Democratic party aims to unite the exploited and robbed laborers into a political unit, fully instructed and conscious of its historic mission and power.

We, therefore, call upon all wage workers to vote for their own class interests, to forsake all parties and measures that do not recognize and advocate the supreme issue of modern times, namely, wage-slaves against capitalist tyrants.

We are fighting for no half-way measures. We will not be content till every workingman understands how he is exploited and robbed by the capitalist and understands also that he has an immediate weapon in the ballot whereby to achieve his own emancipation.

We propose to show every worker with hand or head that he is being expropriated by his capitalist masters, and that the time has come when the expropriators must be expropriated.

Ours is no sentimental fight for human brotherhood though we believe that also will ensue upon our victory. We demand justice. We fight for justice. We will obtain justice.

Fourth—While aiming at the ultimate collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution, we demand as intermediate steps direct legislation, public ownership of public utilities, abolition of the contract system in all public improvements, use of the taxing power to establish a system of public improvements, upon which the unemployed shall be employed.

Fifth—While we recognize the Labor Union movement is a necessity under the capitalist system, we wish to point out the fact that it is impotent to bring any permanent relief to the working class. We feel it our duty to stand by the unions in all their struggles and in turn call upon them to complete their emancipation by united political action.

Sixth—We denounce all wars of aggression and we call upon all workers everywhere to cease to bear arms in the interest of capitalists who seek to make cannon-food out of those who create all wealth in order to perpetuate their mastery over the workers.

Resolved, That we chose a State Executive Committee of five members who shall also act as a State Campaign Committee and instruct it to abide by the result of the referendum now being taken by the Unity Committee.