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AIMS TO BETRAY UNION LABOR

The Duplicity of the Democratic Party Exposed

UNION WORKINGMEN OF SAN FRANCISCO:

On November 4th you will be called upon to exercise the most sacred and powerful of your rights as citizens—the ballot. It behooves you, therefore, to consider well for which of the three State tickets you should vote. For local candidates for assemblymen, senators, judges and justices of the peace there is only one party that a workman who is true to his brothers can vote—the Union Labor party. But the Union Labor party has no State ticket. It is nevertheless necessary for union men to vote that State ticket which best represents union interests.

The Republican party is out of the question. Every union man knows that it is dominated by the railroad and the Spreckle, DeYoung combine. Henry I. Gage, who refused to obey the mandates of all out the militia to shoot the striking teamsters, was turned down at their convention as punishment for looking favorably toward labor. No matter what pretenses the Republicans may make, the act and the nomination of "Pickhandle" Pardee conclusively prove that they are the enemies, not the friends, of labor.

But the Democrats have nominated one union man on their ticket—an "honorary member." And on his strength they are relying to pull him out of the hole into which they fell last fall. It is "up to you" union men now whether you will support the Democratic party or not.

LAST YEAR YOUR FOES.

Why, we ask, is there a Union Labor party in the field? What was it that put the Democratic party into such a deep, deep hole last fall? Every workman of San Francisco knows that it was the infamous union-smashing tactics of the McNab machine which aimed to

of the Union Labor party contemplated by the Democrats.

The Democratic party has become very much disorganized. To build up its strength it must get political patronage. The public treasury must be used to restore the falling fortunes and recruit the exhausted ranks of the Democratic party. To this end an immense effort is being put forth to win the Governorship, which has about "three thousand good jobs" at its disposal. Lane, being looked as a good union man and the friendship of the Democrats for Union labor is said to be proved by the endorsement of thirteen out of eighteen assemblymen, one out of four senators, one out of nine judges, two congressmen and the Superintendent of Schools—nineteen out of thirty-four local officers, in not one of which could the Democrats elect a man of their own. Why these endorsements?

THEIR CUNNING SCHEME.

The shrewd Democratic managers hope thus to secure Union Labor support to elect Lane and get the three thousand jobs with which to build up their machine. And next year, when with Union Labor votes they have built up their machine, they will turn its energies to the destruction of the Union Labor party. That the Democrats have no regard for union principles is shown by the fact that though willing to endorse the Union Labor candidates in some districts where they could not defeat them anyhow, when their support is really needed to prevent government by injunction and to secure interpretation of the laws in behalf of labor, and not in behalf of the capitalists, they the Democratic party nominates judges and justices of the peace in opposition to the Union Labor nominees, thus doing as much as it can to throw the judiciary into the hands of the capitalist-inclined

of the labor union. Will you, fellow-workmen, vote the ticket of such a party? Its record is one of enmity to union labor and its program is a skillful attempt to mislead and betray the working class. The first duty of every union man is to smash the McNab machine.

How shall it be done? It is not to be done by building up the Republican party which is just as bad an enemy to labor as the Democratic. The only thing to do is to vote for workmen nominated by a party of workmen whose fidelity to the cause of labor is beyond all dispute. It was because the Democratic and Republican parties had proven themselves the foes of the workingclass that the Union Labor party was called into existence. Union men recognized the fact that to secure a friendly administration, union men responsible to a union party must be elected to office.

A UNION LABOR TICKET.

Now, although there is no Union Labor party nomination for State officers there is a ticket composed of union men put in the field by a party of workmen—a party that declares as its fundamental principle the advancement of all measures which will benefit the working class—the Socialist party.

The Socialist party has constantly advocated that the workmen organize into a party independent of the capitalistic Republican and Democratic parties. This it has constantly proclaimed as "the first step." It has organized a great number of workmen and has nominated a State ticket. Locally it has put up no candidates in opposition to the Union Labor nominees. Its State ticket is composed of union men.

For Governor, Gideon S. Brower of its Executive Board; for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, H. G. Walker, President of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union and now a practicing attorney of Oakland; Mr. Walker has been discharged and twice blasted for his active work for trades unionism.

For Secretary of State, Fred C. Wheeler, for two years President of the Los Angeles Council of Labor.

For Treasurer, Oswald Seifert, Treasurer of the Cooks' and Waiters' Alliance of San Francisco and one of its most trusted and honored members.

For State Printer, J. S. Lavery, a member of the committee of the Los Angeles Typographical Union which has charge of the fight against the Los Angeles Times.

For Clerk of the Supreme Court, Scott Anderson, President both of the Sign Painters' Union and of the District Council of Painters and Decorators.

Of the fidelity of such a ticket to Union labor there can be no question. It has already received the unanimous endorsement of Los Angeles and San Diego Union Labor.

Let San Francisco workmen also remain true to themselves and their brother unionists and VOTE THE SOCIALIST STATE TICKET.

Platform of the Socialist Party of California

The Socialist party of California in State Convention has affirmed its adherence to the principle of International Socialism, adopted at the National Socialist Convention, held in Indianapolis in 1901.

The Socialist party aims to organize the working class and to sympathize with its program to secure the following demands:

1. The ownership and democratic management by all of the means of producing and distributing wealth.

2. Equal opportunity for all to have access to the means of producing wealth and for the full product of their toil.

3. Pending the secondment of the "domestic domestic" class for all measures which will benefit the working class.

4. The abolition of the wage system and the platform and principles of the international Socialist party in their entirety, and call upon all workmen and women to work for the abolition of the wage system, and vote for the candidates of the Socialist party.

Sixty unions of New York have voted to assist the Socialist party morally and financially to establish a daily labor paper. Montana State Federation of Labor endorsed the Socialist party platform by a vote of 63 to 7.

The Glassworker is the name of a new journal published in Chicago by the Amalgamated Glassworker's International Association. Its editorial policy will be along the lines of Socialism.

At Poplar Bluffs, Mo., the factory-owners threatened to discharge men attending Socialist meetings. As a result the men have put up a local Socialist ticket which will win, and the capitalists begin to think they were dealing in "Poplar Bluffs."

San Diego, California, Union Labor Party has endorsed the Socialist State and County ticket.

To show where the machinists stand, James Weir attended the following meeting which passed without a dissenting vote: and then cheers for the entire Socialist ticket was given with a will.

At an evening meeting held at the Mechanics' Hall, San Francisco, the following resolution was adopted: "The only means by which the working class can obtain all that which it produces, and that, therefore we endorse the platform of the Socialist party."

Another motion prevailed that this resolution be printed in the press of the city.

Union Labor Endorses the Socialist Ticket

The third of the series of conferences held by the union delegates at Council of Labor Hall, concluded, last Saturday night, with the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the Unions should place a Union Labor Ticket in the field for municipal election to be held in December and inasmuch as the Socialist party of California has given evidence of its intention to obtain from nominating a municipal ticket and to support a ticket nominated by the Union Labor Party, said ticket to be made candidates who are within the ranks of Organized Labor, therefore we endorse and support at the polls all of the Trades-Unionists, nominated by the Socialist party as candidates for State and County offices."

As almost all of the Socialist nominees on the State ticket are trades-unionists in good standing, the above resolutions are a practical endorsement of our ticket.

The Los Angeles Conference took similar stand to the San Francisco Union Labor Conference, and passed resolutions refusing to endorse or support any of the nominees of the Democratic or Republican parties, even though such might be Union men.

Such class-conscious action cannot but be hailed with rejoicing by every Socialist, who can thus perceive that the working class in this country is at last separating itself from the capitalist class, in recognition of the fact that their interests are opposed.

This unity of action means the hottest campaign ever waged in the City of Los Angeles, and will bring into one line the seven or eight thousand Union men and the several thousand acknowledged Socialists whose numbers have been so

Labor Forced Into Politics

"Labor should keep out of politics" is the unanimous chorus of the capitalist press and the mistaken, but often honest and sincere, labor leaders who see nothing beyond the trades union movement.

Well, labor has kept out of politics, in the sense that they mean, for years and years. They, that is, the capitalistic crowd, do not want labor to stay away from the polls. They are willing to get labor votes. What they mean is, that they do not want the laboring class to unite as such with a well defined political program intended to benefit the workmen.

This week, at Parkersburg, West Virginia, Judge Jackson of the United States District Court, sentenced seven representatives of the United Mine Workers to prison for disobeying his injunction which practically forbade them to talk to the "scabs" who have replaced the striking miners in that section.

We do not know what Judge Jackson's politics are. Neither do we care. Experience has shown that there have been Judge Jacksons on the bench who have been both political parties. They are the legitimate product of the present conditions, where the lawyers conduct the politics of the country, make the laws, and draw their largest incomes from the capitalist class from business which is distinctly corporation business. The bench is drawn from the bar, and the bar is essentially aristocratic and capitalist in sympathies and its interests. Labor has kept out of politics, but the capitalist has not. He never will. He has interests to protect, and he knows that through the government he can protect them, and further them, and gain unfair advantages, too, by the same token.

No one ever thinks of telling the capitalist to keep out of politics, and he would be laughed at if he did.

But the song is ever sweetly trilled under the same conditions.

that he holds the balance of power, etc. Labor will get into politics some day, and it will be because such men as Judge Jackson will force the workmen to that step. The more decisions like that of Jackson, the sooner will there be a distinct and formidable labor movement.

No judge who sat on a bench in a country dominated by a party made up of laboring men, would ever have called unions, "leeches" and "vampires," as did Judge Jackson.—The Duluth Labor World.

Campaign Fund

Comrades, Friends and Sympathizers The Socialist movement is an intelligent proposition. It has for its slogan the overthrow of capitalism and the elimination of private property which is social in its use and the abolition of the wage system, so you cannot expect any aid or assistance from the capitalist class as such.

The people must be taught Socialism in order to overcome the foolish idea that a great number of them hold relative to Socialist principles.

It is the purpose of the Socialist to take advantage of every opportunity to promulgate the principles of Socialism.

Under the capitalist system, the sinews of war is money.

The greater part of the work for Socialism is voluntary, but literature, printing and many other items cannot be secured except for cash.

This is a precious and opportune time for getting a bargain.

The people are in a slough of despond as to how to extricate themselves from the forces tending to consolidation and industrial revolution.

They are weary of the promises and issues of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Their prejudices against Socialism are breaking.

We need speakers and literature. In organization there is strength, method and success.

The dues will not suffice, therefore we feel it necessary to ask you to contribute liberally to the campaign fund. Acknowledgments will be made in the ADVANCE, Free-Press, acknowledged.

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Woe Unto Ye, Tyrants!

Though the strikers had done all that they are charged with, to our masters and their hired editing spokesmen we would say: You have no cause before History's high court of equity, for you do not come with clean hands. You who have said, "The people be damned!" you who have asked, "What's the Constitution between friends?" you who have characterized your Declaration of Independence as "a seditious document," you who have called your Ten Commandments "an infidel dream," you who have highly computed "plain duty" at so much per cent, you, who, pursuing "manifest destiny" beyond the sea have given the order, "Burn and kill! Make Samar a howling wilderness! Kill all over ten!" you who have joked about "the rifle diet for strikers," you who, invoking the name of Omnipotent God, have given Pennsylvania the command, "Shoot to kill! Shoot them in the head or heart!"—you capitalists and defenders of capitalism can lodge no valid accusation even against riotous strikers, for your own lawlessness, your own treachery, your own blood guiltiness pass all reckoning. The blood of unarmed strikers shot, the blood of workmen slain for profit in mine and factory and railroad "accidents," the tears of countless children in profitable mills, the bitter tears of the widows orieted from the homes you did not build—these cry against you and deny you utterance.

The workers have no apology to make. Robbed of the freedom of childhood, robbed of the joy of womanhood, robbed of the pride of manhood, robbed of the due honor of old age, robbed by and for the capitalist class—they come no longer with humble pleading, but with a plea of self-defense and with resolute demand.

The working class, may it ever be right. But, right or wrong, the working class. This saying of Benjamin Hanford's is the slogan of the Socialist movement, and it will ring ever higher and louder till, as the cry of the working class, victory, it sounds the downfall of class rule, the ending of class strife.

—The Worker.

New York Labor Cheers for Socialism and the Miners

That the coal strike is considered an issue by the workmen in New York as well as in Pennsylvania was abundantly proven by the great mass meeting in Madison Square Saturday night, by the party meeting in the Labor Lyceum on Sunday, and by the meeting in Apollo Hall, Monday evening, by the party.

Saturday's meeting was arranged by the Central Federated Union as a demonstration of sympathy with the miners, and a splendid demonstration it was, not in point of numbers alone, but in enthusiasm, and in the radical spirit shown by the crowd. The organized workmen of the city turned out in force, stayed to the end, and applauded to the echo the repeated declaration that the miner's battle was the battle of the working class, that they are fighting for much less than their rights, that they are entitled to demand not living wages, but the full product of their labor.

Morris Brown of the Cigar Makers' Union presided at the principal stand. In his brief opening speech, he laid down the Socialist position, and to the end the spirit of the meeting was that of a Socialist party demonstration.

John Mitchell was received with tumultuous applause. President Mitchell was as cautious as he is strong of purpose, and, as was to be expected, he confined himself to speaking of the strike, avoiding its political aspect. He appealed for help for the miners for their own sake and for the sake of all workers, since a defeat for one is an injury to all, and his words made a profound impression.

Samuel Gompers was the next speaker, and he also spoke on purely trade-union lines. When Chairman Brown announced, "The next speaker is Benjamin Hanford," there rose a tremendous cheer for the Social Democratic candidate for Governor of New York. "The miner's cause is our cause," when they were met with a victory over the whole capitalist class. This was the keynote of his speech, and he went on, with all that combination of hard logic and fiery eloquence that makes Hanford a truly great proletarian orator, to show that the real and decisive victory will be won, not in the strike, but at the ballot box.

The cheers and applause that interrupted and that followed Hanford's speech, showed that the people are ready to hear the truth, that the day of prejudice against Socialism, is rapidly passing away. Comrades Furman, Pankin and Spargo were given a similar reception. Other speakers were James A. Mahall, John S. Crosby, and Henry George. Crosby's declaration that "This is war, and in war we cannot use the methods of peace" and that "A union without politics is like a church without religion," were quite in

harmony with the spirit of the occasion. After Hanford's address, a resolution was read, pledging support to the miners and further declaring that only by public ownership of the means of production could industrial peace be established. It was carried with great enthusiasm.

Reduce the Age Limit

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 20, 1902.

Karl Brucher,
Secretary of Local Santa Clara S. P.

Dear Comrade:
The Advance in the issue of this date contains the constitution of the Socialist party adopted at the recent State Organization Convention. I presume the same will soon be submitted to the Locals for vote.

Relative to Article 2, concerning the party membership, I take this opportunity to discuss the age clause, and present my views on the same; it reads as follows:

"Any person eighteen years of age or over may become a member of this party, etc." Numerous reasons, gathered from long observation and active affiliation, lead me to conclude that this particular clause is unnecessary to a State constitution; in no case to my knowledge, has the youth of any member of the party, either in the past or present time been detrimental to the cause, while the truth is, that numerous instances can be cited to show that some of Socialism's most earnest and ablest workers joined the party before they reached the age specified in Article 2 of the proposed constitution. They are comrades who today occupy positions of trust and influence in the movement and in the organization, who would most surely be in less conspicuous places and perhaps not in the movement at all, if an age clause of the nature of the one here referred to was in force at the time they joined the ranks of the Socialist proletariat. Comrades who have risen to distinction on the Socialist rostrum as orators and parliamentarians, comrades whose names are suggestive of capacity, energy and in no few instances, literary brilliance.

There are many of our best and most efficient workers whose membership in the organization began before they reached the age of eighteen, and personally, I sincerely doubt whether I would have ever become a party member if I was told at the time I joined the party, that I would have to wait two years before my application could be accepted, and the work of liberal education that Socialism has done so well for me, would have been lost.

In a party of the working class, we should embrace all who are in sympathy with our purposes and aims, and especially those whose youthful years are being sacrificed to the lords of industry, i. e., the younger generation.

The young man or woman who can appreciate the philosophy of Socialism, and comprehend and endorse it even tho' vague may be their understanding, cannot fail to be as members a help, a stimulus, and an inspiration to the work of the Socialist education and organization. The doors of science, philosophy and education are open to the youthful worker and student. Darwin, Edison, Huxley and numbers of others whose names are indicative of great advancement and fame, entered in on their careers at very early stages in life, in many cases long before their 18th birthday had been reached. Socialism is the greatest school of education civilization has as yet evolved, it embraces all sciences, and being critical, thorough, and accurate, there is no channel or field of thought which it does not cover, and yet it is suggested and proposed that its doors be barred against the youthful worker or student who aspires to become one of its militant members.

I have always considered that it was one of the problems of organization to attract to the fold the younger radicals, and unless experiences and observations are for naught, it is still a problem, and let me here say that restrictive causes to party constitutions are very poor solutions.

I suggest as an amendment that the words "eighteen years of age or over" be stricken from Article 2 of the proposed constitution.

Sincerely hoping that you may take this matter up, and regretting that I can not be present at your meeting, I am, Fraternally yours,
Jos. J. O'Brien.

Chase's Dates Canceled

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 27, 1902.
Dear Comrade: You have doubtless been apprised of the fact ex-Mayor John C. Chase of Haverhill has been nominated for the Socialist party for Governor of Massachusetts. The comrades in Massachusetts having insisted on Comrade Chase's return to that State immediately, we are obliged to inform you that his lecture tour here has to be abandoned and the dates already made canceled. With regret I remain,

Yours fraternally,
Leon Greenbaum, Nat. Sec.

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State Executive Committee

Los Angeles, September 29, 1902.
Meeting called to order by Secretary Harriman.
Comrade Patten was elected Chairman.
Present: Comrades Patten, Corey, Garbutt, Biddle and Harriman.
Comrade McMartin was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Comrade Neel.
Minutes were read and approved.
Secretary was ordered to see that a typographical error concerning the number of stamps received be corrected to read 75d instead of 700.

To pay Comrade's bill of \$2.85 as per statement rendered.
To refer Comrade Corey's article for local purposes to Los Angeles County Central Committee.
To order 2,000 application cards.
To arrange tours for Comrade Backus through the Northern part of the State.
To purchase a 1,000 mile ticket for Comrade Brower, our nominee for Governor.

To prepare subscription blanks and forward the same to each local in the State for the purpose of raising campaign funds, and to state to each local that they may if they desire retain one-third of the amount they raise and two-thirds shall be forwarded to the State Committee.

Charters were granted to locals Lonsburg and Santa Monica.
Report of Secretary.
Letters written 84.
Referendum on Constitution submitted.
Referendum on amendment submitted.
Referendum on substitute submitted.
Call made for nominations for State Committee.

Call made for nominations for State Organizer.
Petition prepared and sent to County Clerks for nominations made in the State Convention: Gurr, Winer, Leonard and Miles.
Cash on hand at beginning of week: \$101.85; received from Long Beach, \$2.50; Crockett, \$2.50; Oakland, \$5; San Diego, \$5; Soldiers' Home, \$2; total, \$118.85.
Disbursements: Stamps, \$2; minute book, 60c; copy book, ledger, \$1.95; cash book, journal, \$3.25; two small tables, \$4.25; letter press, \$4.50; letter files, \$1; office expenses for week, \$7; total, \$24.55; balance on hand \$84.30.
Adjourned to meet October 5, 1902.

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County Central Committee

San Francisco, October 2, 1902.
The County Central Committee, Local San Francisco, at a meeting held this date, elected a Campaign Committee of eight, viz., E. E. Kirk, Dr. J. E. Scott, Miss Spradlin, S. M. Hilton, A. W. N. Lyons, Scott Anderson, John Reynolds and W. E. Walker, to carry on active campaign work. Scott Anderson was elected as Special Organizer and Secretary of the Campaign Committee.
The first meeting of the Campaign Committee will be held in room 8, Odd Fellows' Hall, at 2 p. m., Sunday, October 5th.

The resolution against nominating a municipal ticket in opposition to the Union Labor party was carried by referendum vote of the local. For resolution and against nominating, 95; against resolution and for nominating, 37.
A postal card referendum will be taken at once on the adoption of the new State Constitution, as published in the Advance September 20, 1902, and also on an amendment and a substitute for the amendment to the Constitution.

E. E. Kirk,
Secretarys County Central Committee.
Richardson's Tour

To the comrades of my district I announce an outline of work from now until election day.
I must leave the arrangements of meetings with the various county committees, but will be in the several counties on the following dates:
San Luis Obispo, from October 5th to 8th inclusive.
San Diego, from October 12th to 17th inclusive.
Orange, from October 18th to 21st inclusive.
Riverside, from October 22d to 27th inclusive.
San Bernardino, from October 28th to November 4th inclusive.
Yours truly,
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National Platform of the Socialist Party

The Socialist party, in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of international Socialism and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into the collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were owned by the individual workers. To-day the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the maelstrom of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate the entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial domain abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The democratic, republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective owners of capitalism by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize the manner of the transition to socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We therefore consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate: 1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employees, the improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

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

7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the co-operative com-

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

A Protest

Riverside, Cal., Sept. 29, 1902

EDITOR ADVANCE, San Francisco, Cal., Dear Comrade,

I am instructed by Local Riverside, to forward to you the enclosed resolution which was adopted by the Local at the regular meeting, Sunday, the 28th inst., with the request that it be published in the ADVANCE.

Copy of resolution adopted by Local Riverside Socialist party of California, August 28, 1902.

"Whereas it is currently reported that Los Angeles has entered into an agreement with the labor unions there in the effect, that if the Labor Union support the State and County nominees in the coming election, November 4th, 1902, the Socialists will endorse and support a municipal ticket to be nominated by the aforesaid Labor Union.

Now therefore, such being the case, the Socialist of Riverside in regular session, hereby protest against such action by Los Angeles Local, as being contrary to the Constitution and principles of the Socialist party of the State, and we hereby call the attention of the State authorities to the subject for their deliberate action."

The Evolution of the Union-Labor Party

After the great strike of 1889 in Australia a strong protest against the action of the government went up from all parts of the continent. That protest culminated in the formation of a labor party throughout the country. In the following elections to Parliament, the Socialists, Single-taxers, Franchisees and Protectionists joined hands and elected a large body of trade unions to the different legislative assemblies. In New South Wales they elected about one-third of the total number. Victoria and South Australia followed with a lesser number; Queensland coming later with a good party. The Australian Labor party of 1889 corresponds with that of the Union Labor party of California of to-day in every particular. Both at their inception were unclass conscious; both are working along the lines of least resistance.

From information I have received recently from Australia I learn that the Labor party throughout Australia has declared for the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution (Socialism). If the Union Labor party of California is allowed to develop two ways of trustifying, coupled with an active Socialist propaganda will land it in the Socialist camp.

Campaign Success

Summerland September 29, 1902. Dear Advance: I held three good meetings in Tulare county, at Porterville, Exeter and Tulare. The meeting at Tulare was not what it should have been, but the others were first class.

Had to work these meetings up after my arrival in the county, as no one knew of my coming—a condition of things for which I was in no way to blame.

Ventura county was ready and active. Spoke at Santa Paula, twice at Oxnard and twice at Ventura. Had good meetings at all these places and found that our cause is making rapid and healthy growth.

Have now entered Santa Barbara county for six meetings and the outlook is fine.

Yours truly, N. A. Richardson.

Advance Benefit Entertainment

Do not forget the entertainment and dance to be given Tuesday, October 14th, at Scottish Hall, 107 Larkin street. This is under the auspices of the Local San Francisco Socialist party, and for the benefit of the Advance fund to wipe out old outstanding obligations. Some of the comrades are doing valiant work selling tickets, etc., Why don't you get in and help? Tickets are 25 cents and can be had at room 8, Odd Fellows' Building.

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