

San Francisco, Jan. 3, 1897.

To the Comrades of the S.L.P. of California:-

At the State Conference of Cal. Sections held at San Francisco Jan. 3., 1897 a resolution was passed by which the State Ex. Com. was empowered to devise means for issuing a State Party organ.

Until now the Ex. Com. did not see its way clear to present any practical proposition towards that end.

The Ex. Com. is of the opinion that the issuance of a weekly paper by the Party is and will be for some time to come beyond the pecuniary resources of our Party.

The State Ex. Com. has reached an understanding with Mr. M.W. Wilkins, Editor and Proprietor of "The New Charter" now published at San Jose; to publish his paper as the official organ of the S.L.P. on the following basis, which it wishes to present to the Sections in the State as the Ex. Com. does not wish to act alone in such a matter without the approval and co-operation of all the Sections.

1. The New Charter is to be removed to San Francisco from San Jose.
2. The policy of the paper is to be in harmony with the principles and tactics of the Nat'l. Ex. Com. of the S.L.P.
3. The State Ex. Com. of the S.L.P. is to pay \$10.00 a month rent for a set of rooms for three months, for Mr. M.W. Wilkins and place enough type at his disposal on his arrival to enable him to publish his paper. (The type will cost us nothing.)
4. The Cal. State Ex. Com. shall have access at all times to the books and subscription list of the "New Charter".
5. The entire income of the paper is to belong to Comrade M.W. Wilkins.
6. The New Charter must be issued as a weekly after three months.
7. The first issue of the paper must be out on or about Feb. 10th 1897.
8. Every effort is to be made by the State Ex. Com. in good faith to increase the subscription list and forward the prosperity of the paper.

The State Com. recommends to the Sections the adoption of this agreement as it gives the Party in this State an already established paper of 3000 subscribers and the former State organ of the Peoples' Party at a cost of only \$30.00 to the Party.

Com. M.W. Wilkins, in his paper, during the Campaign advocated the election of Matchett and Maguire and has eliminated the Labor Exchange department some time ago and advocated nothing but international Socialism.

*Give number of votes for and against.*  
If this meets with the approval of your Section we would wish you to state the number of subscribers your Section is willing to procure and in what other possible way your Section can render assistance.

Yours fraternally,  
Ediel Hecht,  
Sec'y State Ex. Com.

*Please give this matter your immediate attention*