

Correspondence

TURN ON THE LIGHT

Says Local Telegrams—Let Other Locals Endorse

Whereas We believe that the great danger to the future of the Socialist Party will be from within— from unscrupulous looting of the capital class and over-ambitious officials and members, of those seeking to advance personal interests—

Whereas We believe the only protection from the above noted dangers is to be found in keeping the greatest possible number of the rank and file of the party membership interested and fully informed on the internal affairs of the organization; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Branches of Local Toledo, Ohio, in regular joint session, that we most heartily approve of the policy of the National Secretary in furnishing to the party press copies of all correspondence on controversial subjects, and that we commend the papers that have printed same, such as reporting the men and women who pay the dues, as well as furnishing practical propaganda to show how our party is not "just the same as the others."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the National Secretary and party press, and that the National Secretary be requested to prepare and furnish to the party press a statement showing the cost of holding national committee meetings in January, with amount paid or allowed to each member of committee.

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National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Omaha, Neb., May 4, 1903.

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me, however, and there are many Socialists to be found there now. On April 19th, at San Antonio, I had my best meeting of the trip, speaking in the doors. The best movement in the state is in small towns of Elvada, and had the same experience in Del Rio, on 21st. Those two places are farming towns and Socialists are somewhat backward, although there are some good Socialists doing all they can.

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the late Arena I noticed for the first time an article defining the status of the farmer during the first phases of Socialism and such an article or one of its elaborations from our side of the question, published in the Socialist after you have closed your discussion will bring a host of our bread-makers into closer connection with your class conscious crackjacks.

You can't keep us out of the movement and once in we are as liable to say as that prevailing ideas will find their own level.

You can't keep your crop and clean the product, but you will find more antinomies among the wage-work class than among the yeomen. Turn your eyes on our common enemy and let us, your friends, share a sure victory. HIRAM PLATT.

SO EVERYWHERE.

Dear Comrade—As my subscription expires with No. 144, please renew immediately with the following number, as I would feel a void without the Socialist each week. Some people remark that it is not like other Socialist papers. Well, I'm glad it isn't. Why should you change the name? Don't give up the field to anyone. I was one of the early subscribers of the Coming Nation and a hard worker and enthusiast for Ruskin Colony, and have taken the Appeal to Reason ever since the first copy was issued. I have to thank J. A. Wayland for a great deal of the knowledge early obtained in regard to Socialism. But let me state at the rate the converts made by the Appeal are not to be depended on at a critical time, they can allways be slung back to the Socialist public ownership or reform humping party and can not meet the arguments of opponents as students of the Socialist or Worker can.

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