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MOORE'S FAKE LABOR TICKET EXPOSED

THE EGAN HALL MEETINGS

When the Seattle Socialists were turned out of the Labor Union Hall by the "Union Labor" Political clique, which represents not "real labor," but Moore-organized Labor, the effect was not what said clique expected.

The Socialists profited by their opponents' blunder. Instead of the small hall at the Labor Temple, seating only three or four hundred and on a side street at that, they now have a hall holding three times as many in the very center of the city. They are it seemed for a year of Sundays.

Some thought the price pretty steep, and no doubt Moore's "Union Labor Clique" thought the Socialists would be afraid to tackle it, especially when Walter Thomas Mills stood ready to take the vacated Union Hall and fight the Socialist Party therein.

But the Straight Socialists have been justified and the Moore-organized Labor Leaders put to shame, while poor Mills has taken to "barking on the street corners" to procure an audience for his meetings in the Labor Hall from which the Socialists were expelled.

The Socialist Party meetings in Egan Hall have proved a tremendous success, even exceeding the Harper meetings in the same place a year ago.

Beginning with the "Meeting for the Unemployed," Saturday night, Nov. 23, followed by the Sunday night crowd, Nov. 24, who listened to an address on "What is Socialism?" both of which meetings hundreds of people stood through the two hours' sessions, the climax was reached last Sunday evening when two hundred extra chairs were brought to supply the demand and at least a hundred remained standing throughout.

This last evening was attracted by a debate which was hoped for on the School Election issues. Prof. J. Allen Smith, one of the "Labor Mayor" candidates, was challenged by Herman F. Titus, one of the Socialist candidates. But the University professor failed to appear and the audience was addressed by our proletarian attorney, H. M. Walls, and by the Socialist candidates, John Downie and Herman F. Titus.

It was a most enthusiastic audience and they testified to their appreciation of their treatment by a collection amounting to about sixty dollars. This was contributed to meet the expenses incident to the School Election and to go toward the hall rent.

The Seattle Socialists, in spite of the Pustonian detection, led by Mills, have thus begun to find in their decided way. They are providing first-class musical talent to attract and hold these great audiences. The finest contralto singer in the city, Leola Furt, is engaged permanently. She is the star pupil of Mrs. Hornbrook, the remarkable teacher of Voice Culture, who also provided another of her "finds" last Sunday, Miss Martel Window, with her bird-like voice. The audience was well over ninety by these two singers.

The "Telegraphers' Trio" of instrumental music was scarcely less noticeable, while the violinist Doyle and Mrs. Titus at the piano gave in their selections at intervals. After the regular audience was dismissed the Socialist young folks had an informal dance.

The idea is to furnish a first-class entertainment and give straight Socialist instruction at the same time. It is evident the working class appreciate our efforts. They come in their overalls and work clothes, and through the beautiful hall even as early as 7 o'clock. They constitute a magnificent audience, and the singers say no other night is so responsive to our work, and so inspiring to sing to. There is no formality, but frank good will and keen attention.

The speakers relate the same experience. These audiences are eager to hear any man who has something real to say on real topics of the day. They are thoughtful, earnest workmen, men finding out what is the matter with society and not content with "hot air."

The Egan Hall Sunday night meetings have already become established as the Washington "Socialist Home," and are a splendid success. For next Sunday the Socialist Party has challenged the "Seattle City Party," the new name of Mayor Moore's Municipal Ownership-Labor-Union Reform Combination, to debate this question.

Resolved, That the Platform of the "Seattle City Party" does not represent the interests of the Wage Workers.
Emil Herman and Edwin J. Brown

have been selected to represent the Socialist Party and the challenge has been sent to Mayor Moore, State Senator Geo. F. Cotterill and to several "Labor Leaders," including Rust, Listman, Frank Cotterill and Maloney, former organizer of the Carpenter's Union, now "Labor Mayor Moore's" Supt. of Streets and especial organizer of the Chain Gang.

We don't suppose any of them will have the courage to appear before this audience of a thousand workmen and discuss these questions like men. "Labor Mayor" Moore and his Moore-organized Labor Leaders prefer to put their opponents in jail instead of meeting them in open debate before the workmen.

WHO NOMINATED SMITH AND WILKIN

Notices are being sent out to Union men urging them to vote for Smith and Wilkin as the candidates of Organized Labor.

These circulars are calculated to mislead Union men.

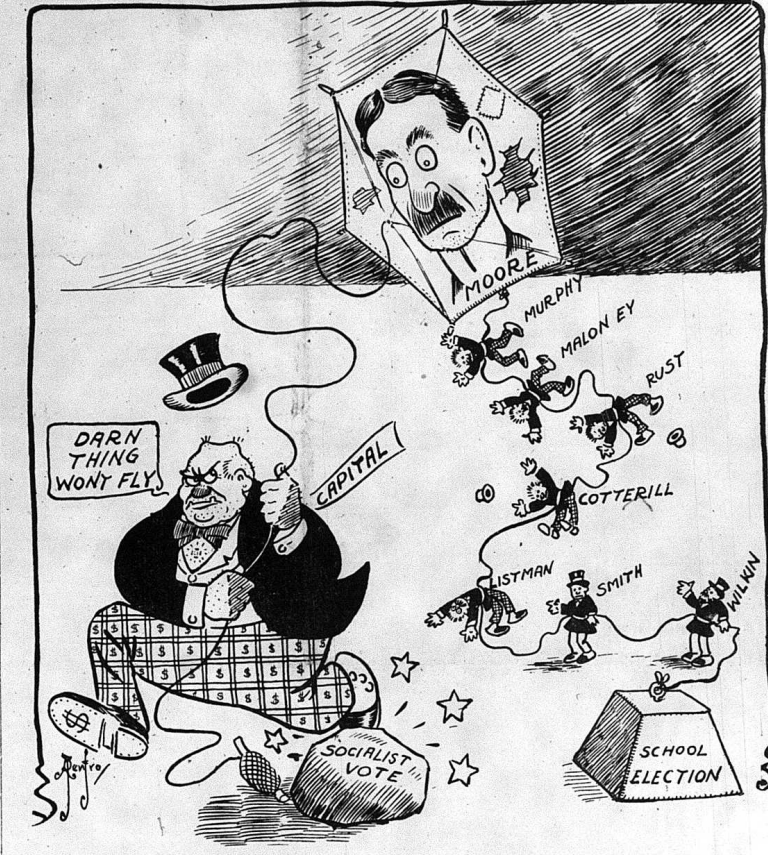
For Smith and Wilkin were never named by the rank and file of Organized Labor in Seattle. On the contrary these so-called Labor Candidates were named by Moore, Sam Murphy, a "Labor Leader" who was given the job of Library Commissioner by Mayor Moore. It was Murphy and a half dozen other "Labor Leaders" who constitute a political club to mislead Labor for the benefit of the present administration of Seattle, who got together in a private room in the Labor Temple to listen to Comrade Sladden. Smith and Wilkin for School Directors.

It was not Organized Labor but Moore-organized Labor that named these candidates.

Prof. Smith was put on as the direct representative of the "Reform wing" of the phibid, spotted party behind Mayor Moore. Kid of the Typographical Union, a "Mills Socialist," "Reformer" endorsed by the Central Council, as John Downie, the Socialist candidate, is a delegate from the Carpenter's Union to the Central Council, it is hardly likely any endorsement of Moore's candidates was "unanimous."

But the truth is, no motion to endorse Smith and Wilkin was ever introduced in the Central Labor Council. The motion was only made to recommend all unionists to register for the School Election, as Union men were greatly interested. No one was asked to vote against the Smith and Wilkin, with their usual indirectness, the Moore Clique of "leaders" claimed the motion as favorable to themselves and their schemes. They here, "The Socialists" as their organ and can by means of it cheat hundreds of the rank and file who take that paper and read no other. Years ago, as far back as the street car strike, "The Socialists" warned the wage workers of Seattle to trust no capitalist daily, particularly not such reactionary mid-daily stars as "The Star" and "Other Scripps" papers throughout the country, which cater to the "Labor Vote."

Now that Labor is inclined to go dally in its own book, such a hidden one as the "Scripps-McAra syndicate" and the Hearst tribe and certain "Democratic" papers everywhere, affect to represent Labor. In fact, they are Labor's worst enemies, as an open enemy is always less dangerous than a hidden one, a pretended friend.



It's a Bum Kite with Too Much Tail

DAILY DOINGS IN SEATTLE

Friday Evening, Nov. 29, 1907.

Comrade Titus spoke at University between Second and Third Avenues to an enthusiastic audience of five hundred people upon the school campaign. After the speech, the crowd gathered in front of the University. Sladden spoke for about two minutes and a half and was arrested. Audience entirely favorable to the Socialists.

Saturday, November 30.

Sladden called into court room at 9 a. m. No one present but His Honor the Court, and a few court attaches. No public audience whatever, as court is not yet in session. The Court assumes a wise look, says: "Sladden, you may go." Sladden goes in wonder. No trial; no bonds required. It's a discharge.

Tonight at 7:30 Comrade E. J. Brown addressed an audience of 200 people at Second and University for more than an hour on the school campaign. Audience was appreciative and paid closest attention. Sladden succeeded Brown on the stool and announced that thought it was reported Wapensteen and Moore had left town on a hunting trip, they had left their orders behind, and invited the audience to march to Pike Place and see it demonstrated. Everybody went and witnessed his arrest after a speech lasting fully 30 seconds.

An instance occurred this evening which shows the attitude of the patrolmen towards us very plainly. I sat opposite a gentleman in a restaurant who spoke to me and smiled very pleasantly. I spoke in return, but failing to recognize him in civilian clothes asked where I had met him. A very bland smile crept across his face and I recognized him as an officer who had arrested a number of speakers. We talked about the

street fight and he said: "Tomorrow I change shifts and I'll be out of this and I'm glad of it, you people are making monkeys of us, but we can't help it."

Sunday, December 1st.

Secured Sladden's release on property bonds approved by Judge Gordon at 4 p. m.

Monday, December 2nd.

Titus and Sladden went to Ballard to speak on street on the school election, but too rainy to hold meeting. Also raised in Seattle too much for meeting on University street by Comrade E. J. Brown.

E. T. ALLISON, Secy.

CALLS ON THE WOMEN.

Whereas, in the city of Seattle, Washington, conditions relating to freedom of speech and public assembly have become as bad as in the domain of the Czar of Russia, and whereas, the MEN of Seattle have forgotten the blood spilled by their forefathers to establish American independence, and make no protest against these menacing conditions, therefore be it

Resolved, By Blot Local of the Socialist Party of the U. S., that we call upon the WOMEN of Seattle—if there be any there who believe in the liber-

ties that our revolutionary foremothers suffered to help obtain), to go before the powers that be in the city of Seattle and denounce them for their usurpation of that power which the people never authorized them to assume; the suppression of free speech and peaceable assembly and demand the instant respect of the rights of all men and women without regard to their political affiliations.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be furnished the Seattle "Evening Times" and the "Seattle Socialist."

J. P. LIDON,
Secretary Socialist Local of Blotki, Miss.

SEVEN POLITICAL PARTIES IN SEATTLE

Number One, Republican Party—Composed of the capitalist class and its dependents, lawyers, professors, doctors, professors, editors, superintendents, agents, etc. Naturally well disposed to the Big Capitalists, the Trusts.

Number Two, Democratic Party—Same as number one, except naturally disposed to the small Capitalists and business men.

Number Three, Municipal Ownership-Labor Party—Composed of small capitalists, "Reformers," political mis-describers and hypocrites like Mayor Moore, together with self-seeking and ignorant "Labor Leaders" and such fool workmen as they can mislead.

Number Four, Reform Socialist Party—Composed of Utopians, fresh from the Utopian dream, half working class, half working class, having that little knowledge which is worse than ignorance, never knowing their own mind and hoping for the impossible. Neither fish nor owl.

Number Five, The Socialist Party—Composed of Wage Workers and those who cat their lot with the Wage Working Class, who understand the class struggle both in principle and tactics, who will not tolerate any compromise or fusion, who cherish no Utopian ideal, but work in harmony with Evolution toward the Proletarian Revolution.

Number Six, The Socialist Labor Party—Composed passively, of discouraged old time Socialists and Utopian dreamers and Pharis-sees whose only usefulness consists in driving knowledge of the Class War into some heads with a Sledge Hammer.

Number Seven, The I. W. W.—Not political at all. Infected with an Utopian Dream of overthrowing the Class State with its guns and armies, by a Universal Strike.

Fortunately, in Seattle, all these various divisions flock by themselves and every one can be seen in action and known by what he can accomplish.

After awhile two flags will lead all the workers except the stragglers behind the lines. The Capitalist Class will get together for their Waterloo and the Proletariat will stand as one beneath the Red Standard of Victorious Revolution.

SPLENDID LETTER FROM THE STATE ORGANIZER

Tacoma, Nov. 30, 1907.
Dear Comrades: We are not quite there yet. There is ever so much work still to do, ever so many workmen still to educate. Thousands of dollars will have to be organized. Thousands of Socialist Party locals will yet have to be organized, bringing into the regular army their own workmen. And to do this all effectively, to do it all so that it will "stick," we must be organized.

There are two ways to organize Socialist Party locals: 1. Send a speaker with more or less ability to an unorganized town to hold a Socialist meeting. Let him raise enough disturbance to secure the necessity for organizing, secure their signatures to a charter application. Have the applicants meet that same night after the propaganda meeting to elect temporary officers. All are in a hurry to get home. The speaker is in a hurry to get out of town to make his next date. The meeting adjourns, every one is jumping sideways, no one has a clear conception of anything. The acting secretary receives the charter. The chairman is instructed in putting motion. Everybody informs everybody else about the meeting. Some attend, a minute look. Not one of the members has read the state or national constitution, much less studied them. Nobody knows what to do. Every body gets tired. Maybe they meet again. Only three or four come. They may try to meet again. Then they forget. End.

2. An organizer, after having convinced the least five good Socialists of the necessity for organizing, secures their signatures to a charter application. A meeting is called. A chairman is elected. The members are advised in making motions. The chairman is instructed in putting motion. The motion before the body is the election of officers. A member arises and is soon talking about "green cheese." He is told why he is out of order. One question at a time must be considered. Business must be transacted with dispatch. The remarks on the motion before the house must be "short and sweet." A secretary is elected. He is in-

structed as to his duties. The organizer and financial secretary are likewise instructed. Copies of the state and national platforms and constitutions are given the members with the request to study them and to send to the organizers papers which advocate organization are recommended and yearly subscriptions are solicited for them. Good literature is recommended. The organizer tells what he has to do for the day, for the week, for the month, for the year, and to conduct the meetings. He tells of the necessity for regular business meetings. The women and children come to "out a figure" in politics. It is successful. It remains continuous for its own benefit, to the state office, and to the national office. It is as for its own benefit, to the state office, and to the national office. It is as for its own benefit, to the state office, and to the national office. It is as for its own benefit, to the state office, and to the national office.

To organize a local in the above way takes no less than three days and makes a week. But it has paid. To do this kind of organizing money is required now. We want to so build up our membership that the income from dues will be sufficient to pay the expenses of further work. Not only is it necessary to organize new locals that are permanent, but some locals now in existence must be made permanent. They need instruction in how to become alive. I am fairly well convinced, being State Organizer, that I am elected to do some real organizing as I understand it. I do not know it all. Am very willing to learn more and to unlearn mistaken ideas. But what I do know is yours for the asking. If you need my services, if you know where my time can be needed immediately, to write the state office. Information by mail will be gladly forwarded. I am ready for work. Sincerely,
A. WAAGENKNECHT, State Organizer.

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By J. F. Mable of Mont.

After a hard-fought battle, lasting two days in the Superior Court of Spokane, before Judge Sullivan, a brilliant victory for Free Speech on the streets of Spokane was won. The test was made in the case of Edna Hazlett, editor of the "Montana News," who was arrested by an officious policeman while speaking on the corner of Stevens and Riverside avenues on one night of September of this year, tried before a police judge and fined \$5.00 and \$11.00 costs for blocking the streets. The case was appealed by Comrade Hazlett to the Superior Court of Spokane.

The second trial began on Saturday, November 10, at 10 a. m. Realizing the importance of the trial, and knowing how bitterly it would be contested, James D. Graham, state secretary of Montana, went out to Spokane and spent a week there arranging enough Hazlett editors to be present. They were lined up for the final struggle every precaution had been taken to insure success. The trial lasted until Monday at 4 p. m. when the jury retired to reach a verdict.

Comrade Hazlett sat in the court room beside her attorneys, Kirby and Pence, and took an active part in carrying on her defense.

Every prospective juror was closely questioned as to his politics and his views on Socialism, and if he showed any sympathy with the Socialists, he was promptly excused from service on the jury that was to decide the right of free speech on the streets of Spokane. The jury was composed of eight Republicans and four Democrats. The prosecution put seven witnesses on the stand and attempted to prove that the streets were impassable and that the store of R. J. Hard could not be entered from either Stevens or Riverside streets, and that there were at least two thousand people standing on the streets for an hour and a half listening to Comrade Hazlett's address.

One man by the name of Anderson was on the witness stand and testified against Comrade Hazlett, and on being asked by the prosecuting attorney what his politics were promptly declared that he was a Socialist. On cross-examination this man showed that he knew nothing about Socialism, was not a member of the party, but on the other hand had all the earmarks of a Pinkerton detective. Imagine any Socialist assisting the police in an attempt to throttle free speech.

Fourteen witnesses testified on behalf of Comrade Hazlett and proved that while she had a large audience that it was not a mob and that she had perfect control of the crowd until the arrest was made. It was clearly proved that the Socialist committee that had been appointed to keep a passageway open on the sidewalk and street had done their best, and that pedestrians and vehicles were not prevented from pursuing their course, and that the doors to the store of A. J. Hard, who made the complaint, were perfectly free of access.

It was amusing, and did the hearts of the Socialists good, to listen to the prosecuting attorney so after the Socialists, asking them how they had been. Socialists and why they were Socialists. Every chance the Socialists got when they were on the witness stand they used it for propaganda purposes and the prosecuting attorney soon took a tumble and asked no more questions about Socialism except to ask if the witness was a Socialist.

The attorneys for the Socialists put a local judge and the county attorney on the witness stand, who testified that one man, Kirby, had made the complaint against Comrade Hazlett on behalf of the police of Spokane, was an unworthy character and could not be believed under oath. Another witness for the police, a clerk in the store of A. J. Hard, was impeached, and it was shown that he was in the court testifying against the Socialists in the interest of his master and that his testimony at the previous trial of Comrade Hazlett was entirely different from the evidence he gave at the second trial. Comrade Hazlett went on the stand and testified in her own behalf and stated that she had finished her lecture when the policeman came to her, asking her to clear the sidewalk. Comrade Hazlett did everything the policeman requested, but when the crowd cheered her this was too much for the police officer and he lost his temper, jerked her off the box she was speaking on and placed her under arrest.

On cross-examination Comrade Hazlett was asked if the crowd was unruly. She answered that the crowd was an orderly one as long as it was her crowd, but when she was arrested and taken to her crowd, but the policeman's, and that he could not handle it. It seems that Policeman Ester, who did the arresting, is an overbearing sort of a fellow, who handled Comrade Hazlett rather roughly, and the audience resented his unjustifiably acts. An overbearing sort of a fellow, who handled Comrade Hazlett rather roughly, and the audience resented his unjustifiably acts. The jury were very favorable to the Socialists, and his whole conduct during

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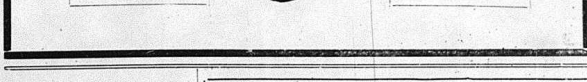
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THE NEBRASKA CONTROVERSY

(Continued from Page Three)

In my opinion the proper solution of this controversy and having you Executive Committee is concerned, is to suspend both sides until such time as the state of Nebraska shall have settled its internal difficulties and gotten its organization into such shape that it will not burden the national organization with continual complaints and controversies.

This seems to be the proper solution for two main reasons:

First, your organization will be of little use to the national organization in its present shape and is more likely to hamper us in the coming presidential campaign than to help us. Even if we endorsed your side, Roe and his wing would continue their work against you, and instead of doing effective propaganda work in the national campaign you carry this element of disruption into wide fields. On the other hand, if we suspend you both, the national campaign will go on without the least rest to your disensions.

Secondly, by suspending both sides to this controversy and having you pay dues directly to the national organization, each local as a local at large of the Socialist Party, you will all receive an equal opportunity to show what you are made of. If you are sure you are right and Roe wrong, go ahead and continue your active work. Your list of names will be held above water by nothing else but national success. If you are not so sure, or if you have the overwhelming number of Socialists in your state, have a big organ, have a hall and reading room, and are carrying on a very active campaign. If that is really so, you have practically won out already and it can only help you. If the national organization keeps hands off and gives you a square opportunity to lick the opposition to a finish.

When you finally win out by sheer merit, you will have no difficulty in attaining recognition as the head of the National Executive Committee. In the meantime, if you are not put the members of the National Executive Committee on the exchange list of your paper so that we may judge for ourselves what sort of Socialism you are teaching.

With fraternal regards, (Signed) ERNEST UTERMANN.

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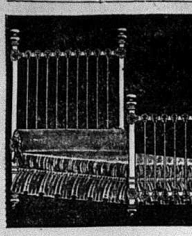
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A DELUSIVE APPARITION

Editor "Socialist" In your issue of Nov. 9th inst., I notice that you have taken exception to some of my remarks on the party press subject, especially the one where I characterized the party press advocate as a "delusory." Not wishing to cause any Comrade any mental anguish without due consideration of the principles and facts involved, I think a more critical examination of the subject-matter in dispute is due those Comrades who reject the above characterization as inadequate proof of their philosophical position.

In this disquisition we shall also consider the taxonomic and superficial statement, that the present unsatisfactory conditions extant in the movement are due to the present management of the press, as there are many Comrades who have been harassing this delusive apparition in cheap, long-winded editorials.

Since both opposing parties as to the subject-matter in dispute are interested in coming to a common ultimate aim, the disagreement is merely on the methods employed to bring about the desired result, a more uniform and revolutionary movement.

Revolutionary sentiment and uniformly progress too slowly for the one party, and they seek to accelerate it through a change in the management of the press, which would nullify the official opportunist sheets and enthroned Revolutionary Socialism.

The other party's aim is identical, only they seek at the idealistic scheme by which their Utopian Comrades seek to accomplish it. They return to the well-established ground which is common to both and which distinguishes proletarian science from the error of the bourgeois apologist and proceed to analyze the chemical and metaphysical tainted ideas of their dualistic Comrades, with that critical insight and unflinching honesty which is the hallmark of scientific materialism, "which," says Dietrich, "forms the bed-rock of Scientific Socialism."

This theory tells us that ideas do not drop out of the sky or come out of the heads of men who reveal them through printing presses, but they grow out of the material and productive forces extant in its environment, which is the material cause of all intellectual and social variation.

The great industrial revolution which took place during the last century has completely transformed production from the individual to the collective or social scale, brought in its wake a new world psychology, one that rebels against the old established property relations and social traditions which have become an anachronism.

Implanted in the mind of the proletarian by these insurmountable forces this new psychology demands its most concrete expression in the modern Socialist movement, which tends to completely destroy the old property relations and institute those that will conform to the material environment of society.

The revolutionary character which this movement has assumed is not due to the oratorical or literary genius of some savior who was rebelliously inclined, but is just what historical conditions have made. It is what it is, and no ideological or Utopian scheme can change or accelerate its logical and inevitable consequences.

It is an indisputable scientific fact, that where the "idea" immigrates prior to the material conditions, it is absolutely ineffective, as its material application is impossible. Any other conception in pure idealism, yes, a belief, if you like it, "in the predominance of the idea over the material or objective facts," a spook of medievalism!

Papers are but the modern method of polishing, elaborating, disseminating and analyzing the ideas extant in society. Their existence depends wholly upon their ability to meet the intellectual requirements of the readers, which requirements are generated under the pressure of capitalist expansion. As material conditions change and intensify, these requirements take the form of a revolutionary character, and those periodicals that do not change to meet these requirements are doomed to utter oblivion.

And the Socialist periodical is no exception to this rule, as it differs only in degree.

Thus the attitude of the Socialist Press and movement as a whole is but the reflex of the material phenomena, or the concrete expression of the rebellious tendencies inherent in the material life of the proletarian. The expansion of the revolutionary path depends solely upon the degree of exploitation, not on some specific code of ideas presented in some specific form.

"A stream cannot rise above its source." Neither can the revolutionary tendencies of the working class.

The present unsatisfactory conditions in the Socialist Movement are no more due to the present management of its press than the present unsatisfactory conditions in society (the class struggle) are due to the management of the capitalist press.

YES, OF COURSE

As soon as possible! But in order to own anything it is necessary to take up all the responsibility, the financial burden with all its consequences.

The Socialist Party has no means, no income to establish or to maintain newspapers. The party income is \$1,000-\$2,000 per month. Every cent is needed for the party organization, to maintain the national office and to send speakers and organizers in the field.

So the question: "Shall the Socialist Party own its own press?" is premature and the real question is: "How can the Socialist Party get money enough to own and control its press?"

Every manager and publisher of a newspaper would gladly be relieved of the nerve-racking, endless struggle of existence if the Socialist Party would step in and take up the financial burden. Let us hope that the party might get strong enough to do so in the future. At present every paper has to fight for sweet life and do it without any help from the national office, or else.

The "Social-Democratic Party of Germany" paid last year m. 137,866.37 (ca. \$34,000) to help 18 dailies whose

NEBRASKA COMRADES

Two organizations in Nebraska claim to be the Socialist Party, one with Roe as State Secretary and the other with Wells. Roe is proletarian in sympathy and tactics, while Wells' organization is recognized by the National Office. Work of the National Exec. Com. has twice moved that Wells be recognized in place of Roe, in which matter Wattersson voted with Work, Hillgull and Hanford voted against. Simons refused to vote, saying he declined it "utterly unimportant."

Untermann's opinion appears in the letter to the printer herewith, written in reply to one sent him by Wells, of the "bourgeois Untermann" reference to "Principle," which is the only basis for the one or the other of the National organization in settling State controversies. Again we say, neither of the members not count against the principles they stand for.

Untermann seems to undervalue "Tactics" in some of his sentences, which he would probably do not if he were writing on the subject of Tactics. Theoretically correct principles may in practice be denied by tactics "in concert therewith and often are."

UNTERMANN'S LETTER

Box 97, Grangeville, Idaho, Nov. 15, 1907. Dear Comrade Wells: I thank you for your interesting letter of November 1st, which I read with great attention. It is indeed a very interesting letter, and I am sure that the National Executive Committee neglect to view on all points.

For this very reason I cannot see my way clear to endorsing either one of the present factions. My main reason for this position of mine is precisely that the whole controversy is turning much more around questions of personality than around questions of principle. But it is the principle in which I am most interested.

I have taken a very lively interest in this Nebraska controversy, partly because, having been a member of the old Omaha Quorum, I am someone familiar with the persons involved in it.

Each side in Omaha has kicked out the other. Each side has brought charges of corruption, bad faith, lack of activity, etc., against the other. And each side has failed to make its case to the N. E. C.

So far as I can see, you are all doing what your past and present environment compels you to do, and you are all working for Socialism as you understand it. The whole controversy is a case of "each side for itself." I do not see how the National Executive Committee can decide him and his wing from the party.

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You are mistaken if you think that the mere matter of sending due stamps to one side or the other will make the difference between the Nebraska. So long as the economic conditions in Nebraska do not change materially, your movement will be insignificant. Of course, the mistakes you and the other side make will retard your progress, and what little encouragement comes from the fact

CALLS DOWN SINCLAIR

Mr. Editor: I read Comrade Sinclair's letter in "The Socialist" of November 30th. I could not help but observe that the worthy comrade must have a large and very sore bunion and that I had unwittingly stepped on it.

A careful reading of my first contribution fails to disclose any mention of Comrade Sinclair, but since so many say he is the main subject, I suppose we shall have to so consider it. Although I feel sure his self-classification does him an injustice. For delicacy in the introduction of personalities, in this instance I take my hat off to the comrade.

Now, if he will re-read my article in "The Socialist" of November 2nd, especially the last paragraph, he will see that I did not intend to offend him, but only to point out the fact that he is not the main subject of my article, but only what is said, I shall be delighted.

Read it again, comrade, read it again and fire away. You do not know what my personal belief is on the subject. But be sure to aim at the real target.

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