

Problem for Missouri Socialists

The Maplewood News

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Candidates of the Citizen's Progressive Party.



W. B. MacBRIDE.
Residence, 3351 Oxford avenue.
Present Incumbent.

For Marshal.



WILFRED JONES.
Present Incumbent.

For City Attorney.



M. JOHANSEN.
Founder of Johansen Bros. Shoe Co.
and now retired.

For Council—Ward 2.



Geo. W. BOSWELL.
Salesman Flew Candy Company.



DR F. E. GUIBOR

For Collector.

For Treasurer.



JAMES J. BRIDELL.
Residence 7415 Flora avenue. Real
Estate and Insurance Agent.



JOHN H. COOKSON.
Present Incumbent.



ARTHUR D. WILLECKEN.
Present Incumbent.
For Assessor.

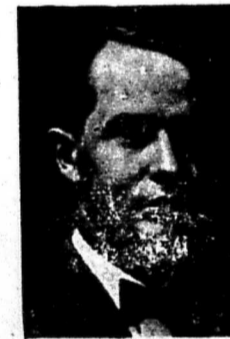
For Police Judge.



RONALD F. STEVENS.
Present Incumbent.
For Council—Ward 3.



EDWARD D. OWEN.
Painter and Decorator.
For Council—Ward 4.



DR. J. P. MARSHALL.
Dental Surgeon.

TO YOU MR. VOTER

The Conservative Party are asking you to turn out of office officials who have given the City a good, clean, progressive, honest and careful administration of city affairs; belonging to a party whose members have always been the friends of the City, loyal to its interests and self sacrificing in their service to its cause and to take in their place a set of inexperienced officers put forward by a party which has not only opposed the organization of municipal government, but has pursued a policy of opposition and obstruction to improvements in the City and have continually subjected the officials in charge of the city government to personal and unjustified criticism.

Has the Conservative party by its acts in the past deserved victory at the hands of its citizens. What has any man who is now a leader in the Conservative party done for Maplewood, or for his own neighborhood, to improve its condition or beautify its surroundings? What man on the Conservative ticket has ever done anything to boost Maplewood; how much of his time or how much of his money has been devoted to interested public affairs? Your interest and the City's interest demand that your ballot be cast for the nominees of the Progressive Ticket.

Come and hear the issues fairly discussed Saturday night at Forrester's Hall.
Monday night at Powhattan Theater.

City Central Committee.

Geo. D. Perkins, Chairman.
M. H. Moore, Secretary.



Pursuant to the Election laws of the State of Missouri, the following is published as the official Ballot to be voted at the Election to be held on Tuesday, April 4th, 1911, in the City of Maplewood, Missouri, viz:

PEOPLE'S CONSERVATIVE TICKET	CITIZEN'S PROGRESSIVE TICKET	SOCIALIST TICKET
FOR MAYOR John C. Straub	FOR MAYOR Francis E. Gulbor	FOR MAYOR
FOR MARSHALL Louis M. Ruck	FOR MARSHALL Wm. B. MacBride	FOR MARSHALL
FOR CITY ATTORNEY J. K. P. Ragland	FOR CITY ATTORNEY Wilfred Jones	FOR CITY ATTORNEY
FOR POLICE JUDGE James S. Marshall	FOR POLICE JUDGE Arthur D. Willecken	FOR POLICE JUDGE
FOR ASSESSOR George Bolz	FOR ASSESSOR Ronald F. Stevens	FOR ASSESSOR
FOR COLLECTOR William Ellison	FOR COLLECTOR James J. Bridell	FOR COLLECTOR
FOR TREASURER William T. Hartwell	FOR TREASURER John H. Cookson	FOR TREASURER
FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (1) William Klein	FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (1) Mikkel Johanson	
FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (2) J. P. Valenti	FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (2) Edward D. Owen	FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (2) George W. Boswell
FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (3) Charles F. Gebelein	FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (3)	
FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (4) Chas. S. Humphreys	FOR COUNCILMAN WARD (4) J. P. Marshall	

STATE OF MISSOURI,
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, } ss
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS.

I, M. F. O'Brien, City Clerk of the City of Maplewood, County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, hereby certify that the above and foregoing tickets and names constitute and compose a complete and correct list of all nominations of offices filed with me for the City Election, to be held in said City on Tuesday, April 4th, 1911, and that they are arranged in the order and form in which they will be printed upon the ballot. And that the polling places of the several Wards in said City for the holding of said Election are established as follows:

- Ward 1, 7305 Manchester Avenue.
- Ward 2, 3348 Greenwood Boulevard.
- Ward 3, 3101 Sutton Avenue.
- Ward 4, 2725 Sutton Avenue.

Polls to be open at 7:00 o'clock A. M. to sunset of said day.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Maplewood this 23rd day of March, A. D., 1911.

(SEAL)

M. F. O'BRIEN,
City Clerk.

Socialist Politics in Maplewood

ST. LOUIS, MO., APRIL 8, 1911.

The above is a reproduction of the front page of the "Maplewood News" of Maplewood, St. Louis County, Mo.; also a reproduction of the various party tickets that were officially published in the same paper prior to election.

Your attention is first directed to the front page. As the cut indicates by the large headlines at the top, the pictures are those of the "Candidates of the Citizens' Progressive Party," alias Democratic Party. In the upper left-hand corner is a picture of W. B. MacBride and in the lower left-hand corner is a picture of Geo. W. Boswell. MacBride was formerly a member of the Socialist Local in Maplewood and Boswell is still a member of the party in Maplewood.

To the right of the front-page cut you will find the three tickets as officially published. The first is the "People's Conservative," alias Republican, ticket; second, the "Citizens' Progressive," alias Democratic, ticket; third, the "Socialist" ticket. The "Citizens' Progressive" ticket is complete, except for Councilman in the Second Ward, which is vacant. The "Socialist" ticket is blank everywhere except for Councilman in the Second Ward.

During the campaign Boswell spoke in meetings of the Progressive party from the same platform as the Progressive speakers. In his remarks the chairman of the Progressive meetings impressed it upon the voters to "write Boswell's name in the blank space" on the Progressive ticket. On election day cards were distributed urging voters to write Boswell's name in on the Progressive ticket.

This constitutes as positive a case of political trading as could be found. The failure to nominate Socialist candidates except for the one ward, the convenient vacancy on the Progressive ticket for that very office, all indicate that an "understanding" was had by which the Socialists were to vote

the Progressive ticket and the Progressive would then write in Boswell's name on their ticket. Boswell was elected as a result.

Local Maplewood has flatly violated the National Socialist Constitution in thus refraining from making nominations. Article 12, Section 3, of the National Constitution reads in part as follows:

"no state or local organization shall under any circumstances fuse, combine or compromise with any other political party or organization, OR REFRAIN FROM MAKING NOMINATIONS, IN ORDER TO FAVOR THE CANDIDATE OF SUCH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS,"

That a Local of three or four years' standing, with as many members as Local Maplewood has, should refrain from nominating a candidate for Mayor and all other offices, except one solitary nomination in a single ward, can have but one explanation, and that is that a gross violation of the National Constitution has taken place.

In this connection it is interesting to note that both Boswell and MacBride, as leaders of the so-called "protestor" organization, were loud and vociferous in denouncing what they alleged to be a violation of the constitution by the old Local in St. Louis. As Simon-pure, clear-cut, scientific Socialists, they were deeply grieved at what they claimed to be "fusion," etc. In the election last fall the St. Louis County Socialists had no county ticket, because MacBride, as County Secretary, failed to file same when the nominations were entrusted to his care. Just about election time he received an appointment as Marshal from the capitalist Mayor of Maplewood. Whether this was his reward for not filing the Socialist nominations is best known to himself. He left the Socialist Party immediately afterwards.

The failure to file the county ticket last fall, the failure to nominate this spring for any office except one that was conveniently vacant on the

Progressive ticket, indicates that Maplewood Socialists have peculiar ideas regarding Socialist Party tactics and policy.

Boswell and MacBride, together with McLaughlin and Kiefner of the "protestor" local in St. Louis, were at the Missouri State Convention last fall in Jefferson City. When their "phony" credentials were not recognized by the convention, they and others bolted and drew up an impossibilist platform of their own.

At the last meeting of the National Executive Committee, Boswell appeared before that committee and stated that a referendum was about to be taken in Missouri to invoke the good offices of the N. E. C. in adjusting the difficulty in the State of Missouri. Boswell thereby induced the N. E. C. to delay action until the April meeting. His assertion about a referendum being taken in Missouri was pure fiction and an imposition on the N. E. C. No such referendum was then in progress, nor has any been instituted since. The State Committee motion recently voted upon was initiated by Comrades Koehler and Bowden when it became apparent that Boswell's statement was untrue.

If the tactics and policy of Local Maplewood, and of Boswell and MacBride in particular, are adopted by other Locals there will soon be little or nothing left of the Socialist Party in this state. While it is natural and usual for impossibilists to go from the one extreme of no platform and no immediate demands clear to the other extreme of rank fusion with a capitalist party, still the comrades of Missouri should carefully consider whether they can afford to tolerate the Maplewood manner of conducting a campaign.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF ST. LOUIS
966 Chouteau Avenue OTTO PAULS, Secretary

St. Louis Socialist Campaign Fund

Table listing donors and amounts for the St. Louis Socialist Campaign Fund, including names like J. H. Panhorst, F. Witte, Mark Stanley, and various smaller contributions.

CENTRAL BODY TO FIGHT FREE BRIDGE STEAL.

The Most Important Business Transacted at Last Sunday's Meeting.

BRO. REYNOLDS OF THE MUSCATINE, IA., BUTTON WORKERS SPEAKS.

Last Sunday's meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Union was well attended. President Louis Philippi in the chair.

Secretary Kreyling submitted an exhaustive report of which the following items are of general interest: All attempts to adjust differences between Sheet Metal Workers No. 20 and Barney Pope having failed this concern was placed on Unfair list.

Secretary Kreyling also reported that grievances of Teamsters Union No. 700 against Lemp Brewing Co. was satisfactorily settled.

The U. B. F. Band composed of Postoffice employees was also placed on the Unfair list.

Attempts to unionize the Welle-Boettler and McKinney bakeries failed and the boycott on these concerns will continue as heretofore.

The Legislative Committee submitted a lengthy report, of which we mention the following points: The United Railways bill in the Municipal Assembly was killed and the matter disposed of, at least for the present.

Request of Cement Workers District Council that C. T. and L. U. aid in unionizing cement work in University City was also referred to secretary.

Mr. Reynolds, of the locked-out Button Workers of Muscatine, Ia., was granted the floor. Bro. Reynolds, in a brief manner, explained the causes of the lockout and the conditions as the exist, and urged the delegates to have their Unions to render all aid possible in order that the Button Workers of Muscatine can carry this fight on to a successful termination.

After some routine business was transacted the meeting adjourned.

Girard Elects Socialist Mayor.

Girard, Kan., April 4.—H. P. Houghton, who headed the Socialist and Labor ticket, was elected mayor of Girard by a plurality of 61.

St. Louis Comrades Support Milwaukee Daily

General Committee Buys \$20.00 of Daily Socialist Paper Fund and Urges Local Comrades to Assist the Milwaukee Movement.

The Socialist Party of St. Louis has subscribed \$20.00 for two bonds and urges all comrades that are able to take one or more bonds, to help the good work along.

This is no time to stand and haggle. The Milwaukee comrades need a daily paper at once. The success of the Milwaukee movement is vital to the welfare of the movement everywhere.

The Mayor will not veto his master's (Jep Howe's) fifty-year Free Bridge traction franchise. If he is wise he will permit its legality by inaction.

The Truth About Milwaukee

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visions and sprinkle the streets of Milwaukee between the tracks.

You never did like us, John. We always put you in the same class as the pickpocket and the "stick-up man."

We admitted that you have more brains than the pickpocket or the porch-climber. But, as far as conscience goes, and the rights of property, we always put you cheek and jowl with the light-fingered criminal who has no respect for the rights of others.

We have never forgotten the way that franchise your company holds was jammed through the Common Council. The tainted money, the "dollar inducements," involved must always stand as one of the black blotches of municipal history.

You did what was expected of you in leaving Milwaukee, shaking your fist at the Socialists, and saying, till the train pulled out, "Good-bye—curses on you!"

All this is addressed to you as a public railway official. Of your treatment accorded people who came to see you, expecting courtesy and kindness, of your tax-dodging maneuvers in St. Louis, New York and Milwaukee, of your numerous petty cheats and shams and evasions, we have nothing to say here.

We will close with handing you the brick you threw our way: "Good-bye—curses on you!"

Socialist Victory In Missouri Town

Special to St. Louis Labor. Cardwell, Mo., April 4.—Cardwell, a town of one thousand inhabitants, has been Milwaukeeeized at to-day's municipal election. The vote:

- For Mayor: P. A. Fitzgerald (Soc.) 92 J. T. Meredith (Dem.) 79
City Marshal: J. T. Fitzgerald (Soc.) 63 M. M. Howard (Dem.) 60 W. E. Hill (Dem.) 55
Alderman, First Ward: S. B. Whipple (Soc.) 31 J. B. Forrester (Dem.) 41
Alderman, Second Ward: Dr. D. A. arker (Soc.) 57 Jas. Benton (Rep.) 44

The Marx & Haas Boycott Election Thoughts

FAIR MAIDS ARE REAPING HARVEST.

Secure Aid from Butte Unions for Striking Garment Hands in the Mound City.

As announced exclusively in the Inter Mountain of Thursday afternoon, the Misses Fannie Sellins and Katherine Hurlley, who are traveling over the United States in the interest of the locked out garment workers of St. Louis, to the number of 1,000, arrived in this city that afternoon.

They were met at the depot by Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners. The carpenters took immediate action on their request for financial and moral support, and voted them the proceeds of a whist party, to take place Thursday week. The Workmen's Protective Union voted the ladies \$25 and the painters \$10.

Their object is to prevent the sale of the manufacture of Marx & Haas, the firm which has locked out the garment workers, and to raise funds to support the 1,000 locked out people. Out of the 1,000 locked out, 600 are girls.

Miss Sellins is president of the local union at St. Louis and Miss Hurlley is secretary. A permanent injunction has been granted against both preventing them from walking the streets around the factory or speaking to anyone in that neighborhood, and federal injunction has been threatened against them.

Every day telegrams are sent from the headquarters in St. Louis to these girls announcing all cases of goods that leave the factory and their destination. The ladies stated that three cases were sent back recently to the firm in St. Louis by Butte stores, on account of the agitation among the local labor men, who were appraised long ago of the grievances of the locked out garment workers.

MINERS GIVE \$500 TO THE ST. LOUIS GARMENT WORKERS.

Big-Hearted Union Again Maintains Its Reputation—A Donation as Well for a Miner in Hard Luck—The Coming Referendum.

Butte, Mont., April 5.—Big-hearted and magnanimous as ever, Butte Miners' Union last evening stamped their individuality once again by voting an appropriation of \$500 for the relief of the locked-out Garment Workers in St. Louis.

CARPENTERS UNITE.

After Years of Contention Peace is in Sight—Organizations Merge.

After years of contention among the carpenters in Philadelphia, peace is at last in sight. The organization in that city known as the Associated Carpenters has ceased to exist, having become a part of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and have been granted Charter No. 1381 by that organization, and the local was duly installed last Tuesday night by First National Vice President Arthur A. Quinn of the United Brotherhood, assisted by President Allen of the Philadelphia District Council of the United Brotherhood.

The merging of this independent organization with the United Brotherhood is the direct result of several weeks' negotiations between committees of both organizations, the Associated Brotherhood turning over to the United Brotherhood their state charter as well as all other properties and funds in their possession.

This ends a long contention between the two Carpenters' Unions of the City of Brotherly Love. During all the time that the carpenters were fighting among themselves, the employers were only too glad to do all in their power to keep the carpenters divided, realizing that as long as the carpenters were fighting among themselves they could not be successful in any movement to better their condition.

Election Thoughts

At the election held Tuesday, April 4, 72,000 votes were cast by Republicans and Democrats, 12,000 by Socialists, and about 70,000 by stay-at-homes.

Significant, is it not, that the passive vote equalled the total vote of both the old parties; significant, too, that 2500 votes were purchased for these same old parties at the expense of the taxpayers at a cost of from \$3 to \$5 each. It was no sacrifice on the part of these 2500 voters—judges and clerks—to cast their ballots and fined time to count up nearly 12,000 votes for the Socialist Party.

The Democratic party stood still, the Republicans lost and the Socialist Party gained. What if this passive vote should arise from its lethargy or discontent at the next election. These stay-at-homes, with their silent vote have taught the Socialists a lesson; they are in a receptive mood, they can be reasoned with and show what they already half believed, that both old parties are aligned with the interests against the people and that no salvation awaits them there.

This means work—now—for the next election. The steady growth of the Socialist vote is a healthy growth. The swaddling cloths of the infant have been laid aside for a more serviceable suit, and the vigor of youth, with its healthy political mind, must on and on till victory crowns its work.

The Mayor will not veto his master's (Jep Howe's) fifty-year Free Bridge traction franchise. If he is wise he will permit its legality by inaction. When this enormity dawns upon the 70,000 passive voters—and it will be in the next four months—then there will be an awakening.

JOHN P. HERRMANN.

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one year, twenty-three men, women and children were crushed to death under your rattletrap cars.

Since the Socialists entered the City Hall your cars are carrying lift-jacks. And you put on an extra floor of scrubbers the week after the Socialist inauguration, so that we now have clean cars.

Yes, John, it's no wonder you heave a brick at us for a farewell parting shot.

The present City Attorney swore out warrants for you as the agent of law breakers. Four times during the past year you have been compelled to appear in police court along with pickpockets and "stick-up" men.

Twice you were fined \$50 for violation of the smoke ordinance. You bucked in the lower courts and the higher courts and you were ordered to obey your franchise provisions and "sprinkle the streets of Milwaukee between the tracks."

Another Finnish Daily Paper. The Finnish comrades at Fitchburg, Mass., are making final arrangements to change their paper, at present issued as a tri-weekly, into a daily, and claim that this will be accomplished in a short time. Success to you, comrades.

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A FINNISH SOCIALIST DAILY.

"Tyornies," the oldest and leading Finnish Socialist paper in America, published at Hancock, Mich., commenced to appear as a daily on the 6th of this month, now being the first and only Socialist daily paper in the Finnish language on the western side of the globe. It already has over 11,000 subscribers.

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