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WHY TRADE UNIONISTS SHOULD BE SOCIALISTS.

[The "Teller" is a trade-union paper—and a good one—in Terre Haute, Ind. Like the Cleveland "Citizen," the Saginaw "Exponent," the Omaha "Work-ers' Gazette," and several other local labor papers, it actively supports the Socialist Party. Of course, it is some- times criticized by some of its constitu- ents for taking this stand. In reply to such criticism the editor of the "Teller" has written the following arti- cle, which we commend to the atten- tion of every trade unionist whom it may reach.]

Occasionally we get a card from a subscriber objecting to any reference to Socialism. These are not many, but we shall use it as a pretext to define the position this paper occupies. It is generally assumed by those who object to our editorial policy that we de- sire to whip every reader in line who does not agree with us. They look upon the position of the paper as a bid instead of a conviction and insist that reference to Socialism should be ex- cluded.

ANOTHER STATE IS INVADED.

Socialist Party Plants Its Flag in West Virginia. Conservative State, Heretofore Ruled at Will by Mine Owners, Forms Socialist Organization—Now for the Campaign

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

Open air agitation meetings will be held in Greater New York under the auspices of the Social Democratic Party or auxiliary organizations as below. All meetings will begin at 8 p. m. Speakers and platform committees should be on time and not make each other wait. Speakers having more than one engagement in the same evening should report at that one of their meetings which appears first on this list and follow their meetings up in the order given here. Platform committees are reminded not to forget to bring banners and leaflets.

TOBACCO TRUST STILL GAINS.

Apparent Opposition in Retail Field Disappears. Independent Cigar Stores Company Bought Out by United Cigar Stores—That is, the Counter-Trust is Merged in the Real Trust. Once More Confirming Socialist Theory.

UNIONS SUED.

Illinois and Connecticut Bosses Ask Immense Damages. Union Confectioners in Chicago Sued for \$20,000 for Boycotting and Picketing—Danbury Hat Manufacturers Sue for \$340,000 Damages Under "Anti-Trust" Law.

VOTE FOR MORE SCHOOLS! VOTE UNDER THE ARM AND TORCH!

The public schools of New York City have opened and the event brings to light one more example of the in- equality and incompetence of the "Re- form" administration. At least seventy thousand children and very probably as many as eighty-five or ninety thousand—it is not possible as yet to get the exact figures—are put in part-time classes. That is to say, the condition is as bad as it was a year ago, and even worse than it was two years ago, before the Low administration came in. In 1901 there were 58,000 children in part-time classes and in 1902 there were 63,000.

order that the children should not suffer. This offer the Employers' Association rejected. The members of the Employers' Association can afford to send their children to aristocratic private schools. They do not care if the workers' children go uneducated. Nay, it rather pleases them better, for the more ignorant the coming generation of toilers, the easier it will be to master them, these dollar-aristocrats reason. Moreover, they wished to make the "dear public" suffer as much as possible, in order to alleviate sympathy from the unions.

POLITICAL NOTICES.

The attention of Social Democratic voters is called to the following notices of political conventions: MANHATTAN ALDERMANIC CONVENTION. 10th Aldermanic District, at 227 W. Sixty-eighth street, Apartment 11, John Assel's residence, Monday evening, Sept. 21.

CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Social Democratic Party carries on a great campaign of education to unite the working class at the polls. It needs your help in that work. As the organized employers and landlords and the great corporations will contribute to the campaign funds of both old parties, for the purpose of corrupt- ing and confusing and dividing the voters, so we call upon you, our fellow workmen of every trade, to contribute to the extent of your ability to the campaign fund of the Social Demo- cratic Party, that the fight of knowl- edge and reason may be carried into every workshop and every tenement in the city.

CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION.

To the Locals and Members of the Social Democratic Party of the State of New York. Comrades—A state convention of the Social Democratic Party for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Judge of the Court of Ap- peals will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, 1903, 8 p. m., at the Labor Lyceum, 64 East Fourth street, New York City.

THE BROOKLYN DAILY GLOBE CONFERENCE.

The Brooklyn Daily Globe Conference met Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Labor Lyceum. After roll-call the secretary was instructed to notify the organizations whose delegates were delinquent in attendance to appoint new delegates. Action relative to the circular letters to be sent to unions outside New York, asking for dona- tions, was deferred until the New York Conference. It was explained that advantage has been taken of an old charter entitling each member to but one vote and that the shares could not be sold.

A Crisis Before Us.

It behooves the workmen of the United States to best themselves, if they would not see their organization impoverished and destroyed by this latest method of attack from the capitalist class. Far the greater part of our federal and state judges, throughout the country, are men whose whole past training has inclined them to the capitalist side, even where they are not personally members of that class, and who would find it impossible, even if they had the wish, to understand the needs and the feelings of the working class. The appointed judges feel little or no responsibility to the people, except as the vote of the people supports or attacks the executives and senators to whom they owe their appointments. The elected judges have, in many cases—and the custom is becoming ever more prevalent, espe- cially in regard to the higher judge- ships—been jointly nominated by both capitalist parties. With few excep- tions, they have long terms of office— for six, ten, or more years, if not for life.

Use of Label Denounced.

Among the grounds of complaint enumerated is the fact that the label of the United Hatters is employed by the defendants to further the sale of hats made by union labor, to the detriment of the employers of non-union hatters, and that the journals of the American Federation of Labor and the United Hatters of North America have been used to denounce the goods of Loeve & Co.

HUDSON COUNTY PUTS UP TICKET.

Call on All Voters in New Jersey to Record Themselves against Proposed Constitutional Amendments. JERSEY CITY, N. J., Sept. 14.—The convention of the Socialist Party of Hudson County, held at headquarters on Saturday, was well attended and enthusiastic. The large growth made in all parts of the county during the last year was made very evident by the number of delegates.

ONE MORE SLAP.

Resolved, That the Socialist Party express its unqualified disapproval of the inadequate form of the ballot, which makes writing on its margin impossible, even for an expert. Resolved, That the Socialist Party calls upon the citizens of the state, and especially the working class, to write the word "against" opposite all clauses, on the margin of the ballot; and be it further

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THE PARTY'S EMBLEM. FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK—DR. CHARLES L. FURMAN. FOR COMPTROLLER—MORRIS BROWN.

THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party (the Social Democratic Party of New York) has passed through its second general election. Its growing power is indicated and its speedy victory fore-shadowed by the great increase of its vote shown by these figures.

THE MEANING OF BUSINESS FAILURES. The New York "Times" of September 13, under the headline "Jersey's Corporation Bubble Is Bursting," reports that during the last eight months forty-four corporations organized under the laws of New Jersey have gone into the hands of receivers, with capital aggregating over eight million dollars.

farmers, small business men, or, in a few cases, well paid and frugal workmen, inspired with the capitalist ideal of success and no eager to rise out of their class on the shoulders of their fellows that their zeal overcame their discretion.

den and other Roman Catholic ecclesiastical upon the International Typographical Union. It is not necessary for us to tell the printers what their obligation stands for nor to expose the mendacity of the priests' charges.

Some fifteen or twenty thousand cotton-mill hands of Massachusetts and New Hampshire were allowed to go to work again last week, after being shut out for a month, in order that prices might be raised.

At the recent elections for the Norwegian parliament, the startling result was that the Socialists gained the majority.

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THE SENSE OF JUSTICE. By Peter E. Burrows.

That which lies aback of the agitator's zeal, which initiates, sustains, and gives energy to his protest against modern capitalism, is the sense of justice. It is the sixth or seventh sense, depending not at all upon social sense, or the emotional constitution of its possessor, for it is by a knowledge of facts alone and organic connection with the past that it is sustained.

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PARTY AFFAIRS. Report on Referendum of National Committee on Various Motions Recently Submitted.

National Secretary Mally submits the following report of action taken by the National Committee of the Socialist Party upon the motions made by various committees in acting upon the minutes of the last meeting of the Quorum as reported in The Worker of Aug. 15.

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Current Literature.

All books and pamphlets mentioned in this column may be obtained through the Socialist Literature Company, 184 William Street, New York.

The "Pioneer Volkskalendar" for 1904, which is just issued from the office of the "New Yorker Volkszeitung" fully maintains the high standard of previous numbers.

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PARTY NEWS.

The following contributions to the Special Organizing Fund have been received since last report: Local Chevy...

What Our National Organizers Are Doing.

George H. Goebel reports his work in Virginia as follows: "Opened at Norfolk Aug. 21, with open air meeting and good audience..."

M. W. Wilkins, under date of Aug. 30, reports his work in Washington as follows: "Aug. 17, 17 and 18 addressed meetings at Bucoda, Hamlets,...

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gave him the greater power to deceive," and "he is a good lecturer, but wonderfully illogical." Comrade Bignow says "an orator Mr. Bignow has few equals, and he is, to all appearances, a gentleman, but we are no more of a Socialist than we were before..."

Comrade Phillip's, of New York, addressed a large audience on Gerty Square, Yonkers, last Friday evening. His remarks were forcible and to the point; the crowd frequently applauded and were apparently well satisfied...

The Young People's Social Democratic Club of Brooklyn elected officers as follows: Corresponding Secretary, Lillie Sengors; Recording Secretary, Frank Kruger; Financial Secretary, Louis K. ...

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The ratification meeting of the Social Democratic Party of New York County will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, in Cooper Union, at 125th Street and Ave. C...

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growing. Comrade Mayes also spoke in New London on Tuesday evening, Sept. 8, and at the close of his speech had no difficulty in securing ten names of those interested in organizing a local in New London...

A new local has been organized at Port Alleghey, in McKean County. Comrade Clark of Philadelphia spoke in Reading on Saturday, Sept. 5, and had a good meeting...

Comrades who can and will speak during the campaign are requested to send their names and the address to which they are willing to speak to Campaign Secretary J. Gerber, 64 East Fourth Street...

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