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CONSTITUTION SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS

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ARTICLE I.

Purpose.

Section 1. This party is organized for the purpose of establishing Industrial Democracy; to that end it is affiliated with the International Socialist movement, through affiliation with the Socialist party of America.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

Section 1. Every person eighteen years of age or age, residing in Texas, who accepts all obligations of affiliation with all other political parties and agrees to abide by the State and National Constitutions and Platforms of the Socialist party, shall be eligible to membership when endorsed by majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the local, and a card of membership shall be issued to him upon payment of the first month's dues.

ARTICLE III.

Funds.

Section 1. Every member shall be required to pay fifteen cents per month dues, payable before the end of the month, together with such local and branch dues as may be levied by majority vote, and shall be paid through the Financial Secretary to the due sump system.

Sec. 2. Members who are sick, out of work or disabled, may have their dues paid by the party organization with which they are directly affiliated.

No member who is in arrears shall be allowed to vote in the party councils nor shall be put out of work to work.

Sec. 3. Members who fail to pay dues for three months in succession shall be dropped from the rolls.

Sec. 4. Special assessments may be levied by vote of the membership in the state, or in party subdivisions, affecting their prescribed territory. All donations to party funds shall be without conditions or reservations annexed or implied.

Sec. 5. The apportionment of dues, aside from local and branch dues, shall be 5 cents for the county, 10 cents for the state.

ARTICLE IV.

Organization.

Section 1. Persons living in precincts or towns where there is no local may become members-at-large by application to the state secretary, subject to such tests as can be made, but there shall not be more than four such memberships issued in any one precinct or incorporated town, and when a local is organized therein all members-at-large shall join the local.

Sec. 2. Two or more members-at-large in a precinct or town may elect one of the number as secretary, and such organization shall be known as a "Socialist Community," with all the privileges and functions of a local.

Sec. 3. The unit of organization shall be the local, consisting of not less than five members. Not more than one local charter shall be issued to the members in one voting precinct or incorporated town.

Sec. 4. Locals may be divided into branches of not less than five members each, for convenience in meetings where such is desired.

Sec. 5. Each local or branch shall meet not less than once each month for propaganda purposes.

Sec. 6. Persons applying for charter for a local or branch must, where it is possible without extra expense to the party, be tested as to eligibility and purpose by a party member of the party standing before charter shall issue.

Sec. 7. Loss of fifty cents shall be collected from each local or branch who application is made for charter, as a payment for charter and expenses incidental thereto, duplicate charge paid for by organization at cost.

Sec. 8. When the first branch is chartered, there shall be formed the parent local, and it shall be known as branch No. 1, the parent local becoming branch No. 1, and receiving charter on such from the new local secretary, the local charter passing to the local secretary.

Sec. 9. A local shall receive its charter from the secretary to which it permits dues.

Sec. 10. Any local in an unorganized county may conduct an election of county secretary. When a county secretary is thus elected the state secretary shall issue a charter for such county organization.

ARTICLE V.

Financial Reports.

Section 1. Each branch shall report to its local secretary on the first of each month a financial report, setting forth the number of members, of the dues collected, and giving the names of the members in good standing, withdrawn or admitted since last report.

Sec. 2. Each local shall render to the county secretary by the 15th of each month a financial report of the preceding month, remitting herewith the county, district and state dues collected, and giving the names of all members in good standing, admitted or withdrawn since last report.

If the county is unorganized he shall report and remit to the state secretary. A duplicate of report shall be sent to each branch.

Sec. 3. Each county secretary shall report to the state secretary by the 25th of each month a financial report of the preceding month, remitting therewith the state dues collected and reporting the financial standing of the local and member-at-large in the county.

Sec. 4. The state secretary shall render a monthly financial report of the preceding month to each county secretary and to locals and members-at-large in unorganized counties. His office shall be open at all times, and shall be provided with all necessary office help and equipment at the expense of the party.

No member shall be eligible for nomination as state secretary-treasurer unless he has been a member of the Socialist party in Texas in consecutive good standing for two years immediately prior to nomination.

Sec. 6. When a local or branch fails at any time for three months to secure the numbers thereof shall each be notified that its charter is forfeited.

When a county organization fails for two or more months to secure the locals in such county shall be notified that the county charter is forfeited.

ARTICLE VI.

Party Officers.

Section 1. Members of the party elect all party officers in local and file note.

Sec. 2. Officers of branches, locals shall be a recording secretary, financial secretary, organizer and business agent; of a county, a secretary-treasurer and organizer, of a secretary-treasurer, a secretary-treasurer and the state, a secretary-treasurer.

Sec. 3. County and state secretaries shall be regularly bonded to secure the proper handling of the party funds as they are likely to have to handle such funds, and to be at the expense of the party.

NO MEMBER SHALL SERVE AS STATE SECRETARY FOR MORE THAN TWO TERMS.

Sec. 4. The state and each county and political district in the state shall elect a secretary-treasurer, as prescribed by law, select a chairman, whose duties shall cease with the expiration of legal requirements.

Sec. 5. No member shall serve as a party official while his local is in arrears for dues. All officials shall be representatives of the party in any capacity are its agents and servants, and cannot, as such, be elected or removed, and their party duties or obligations, on matters of importance, shall be referred to the local membership.

Sec. 6. Each organized county, local shall have authority direct in the business affairs and organization in the territory and is authorized to levy assessments within their territory.

ARTICLE VII.

Political Committees.

Section 1. Municipal, Precinct, County, District and State Political Committees shall be elected within their prescribed territory, on a local and in a manner prescribed by law. Their duties shall cease with the expiration of legal requirements. All party committees and sub-committees shall be elective and not appointive.

Sec. 2. Each permanent committee shall meet on call of its chairman when the party's political business demands. Each meeting shall keep its proceedings to the secretary of its territory.

ARTICLE VIII.

Political Certificate.

Section 1. Prior to the days set by law for primaries or nominating conventions, a preliminary convention shall be taken, as provided in Section 2 of Article VI of this instrument, for the naming of candidates for all nominations to be made and all party members receiving nominations thereby shall be declared nominated by the convention or meeting.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of all party members to take active part in every political campaign by nominating and voting for candidates of the Socialist party. Under no circumstances shall the Socialist party of Texas, or any of its divisions, members or political candidates, fuse with, act with, compromise or trade with, or endorse any other party or political faction or the candidates thereof; neither shall any nominee or candidate of the Socialist party accept nomination or endorsement from any other party or political faction.

Sec. 3. No member of the party shall announce himself a candidate for nomination to any office, either party or public, in opposition to a party candidate. No member of the party shall be nominated for political office unless he shall have been a member in good standing for one year.

Sec. 4. Any member violating the party section shall be ineligible for as a candidate of the party or as a party officer, and may be reinstated by his official of the party who is elected to political office shall continue to hold party office, but shall resign the latter forthwith.

ARTICLE IX.

Political Meetings.

Section 1. When the party is required by law to nominate candidates by conventions, the party shall hold conventions for the purpose of nominating candidates previously chosen by referendum and performing other legal and political duties as required by law. Pending such time, mass meetings shall nominate and perform these duties. No other power shall accrue to conventions or mass meetings. Their proceedings shall be reported to the secretaries of and to the locals and members-at-large in the territory affected. Conventions and meetings shall adopt their own rules, except on such points as are covered by this constitution and bylaws and shall provide for other than majority vote.

ARTICLE X.

Initiative and Referendum.

Section 1. Any measure of importance may be initiated through the various secretaries by ten per cent of the members in their prescribed territory affected by the measure.

When the party machinery fails to work, the members initiating may proceed to poll the motion, through the officers of same, notifying the secretary and subdivisions shall abide by the decisions of a majority.

ARTICLE XI.

Section 1. The platform as adopted by party convention shall be the declaration of the party as to principles and platforms to party subdivisions shall conform thereto.

ARTICLE XII.

Chautauqua Bureau.

Section 1. Under the direction of the state Legislature to date, line, all voted amounts, reach the sum of $16,237,824, and adding the $600,000 appropriated by the 16th legislature state capital location bill brings the total to $16,837,824. Of this amount a total of $8,074,796 was available up to June 30, 1910, leaving the amount of $2,762,128 appropriated for the current year ending June 30, 1911. Estimating that receipts of $1,828,000 the total income of the state for all sources, leaves a shortage of $3,155,128 for the year.

So much for this year, now let us see how the record runs for the three and a half years of statehood.

As shown above the total appropriations made since statehood reach the sum of $16,837,824, the total amount of direct taxes assessed for state purposes from statehood to June 30, 1911, amounts to $5,788,593.28 and deducting 10 per cent for non-collectible taxes $5,010,833; add to this $1,750,000 for sewer and special taxes of all kinds which is really more than the administration claims they can collect; leaves the sum of $8,076,991 as the total income of the state which can be applied against the total appropriations of $16,837,824 and will leave a deficit of $8,761,279 on June 30, 1911. Add to this the total amount of outstanding state bonds and it gives a state deficit of $11,761,279 and adding to this debt $2,000,000 for public buildings and $1,000,000 for the public school bonds, leaving $14,761,279 of debt to be paid.

And this under a constitution which says that the state debt shall never exceed $1,000,000.

State's Credit Ruined

For years Oklahoma was very popular in the fact that it is the only one state in the union which had gone through the first two and a half years of organization uniformly new and without a deficit, as Texas, Nebraska, Delaware.

Texas, in trying to charterbond territorial warrants commanded a premium. When the Haskell administration assumed charge warrants at once dropped to par and since have gone below par and Oklahoma now has been compelled to discount their salary warrants. Nebraska territory has been unable to sell the public building warrants at any price, contractors refuse to bid on a large state capitol building on a large state scale, warrants have gone down from 95 cents on the dollar for his warrants and a block of fifteen of regular pen-building warrants, which were issued several weeks recently sold for 92 cents on the dollar, and Delaware, the only and perfect being forfeited its charter and dissolved its existence.

Is it not a sad state of affairs when the Kansas Board of Investment refuses to buy state warrants, and Oklahoma's state treasurer and investment advisor, Mr. Bryant, has to make a special trip to Kansas City to sell the state's warrants, and Oklahoma's state is so

Opinion of Haskell The Oklahoman

Col. Joe Cloud, leader of the Sons of Washington of Chickasha, and a veteran of the Confederate army during the war, has sent the following to Governor Haskell as follows:

I would rather have my arm severed than to vote for such a democrat as you are. He is not a democrat he is a grandstander, a four-flusher, and a fraud. He is not a friend to the constitution or anything else that stands in the way of Haskell and his ambitious schemes.

He has some kind of a law in his head that he calls a constitution. He would not have taken the pot out of his mouth if he thought that he did not do the prohibition question. I believe he hadn't been thinking of running for office again. But he underestimated the people of Oklahoma are so well acquainted with his methods that he will never again have the chance to hoodwink the people of Oklahoma as I served for Haskell in the last election. I have been voting the democratic ticket for forty years, but I never vote for such a thing as Haskell again I'm sorry for him, however.

I thought at first Haskell was being persecuted, but I know now that there is no persecution, he is much smoke. I know that Mr. Bryan lost 20,000 votes in Oklahoma, because of his friendship for Haskell and I also know that if the state is to be redeemed from the rule of Haskell then that one man, J. N. Haskell, has got to be defeated. I hope you could persuade the people of Oklahoma to work for a man of the Haskell stripe, he has done his dirty work long enough. Stop on the fence from the polls, I would rather see the people fail in a good candidate.

COL. MAPLE STILL IN THE RACE

Oklahoma City Maple is Sandridge. He will hold on to still in the race for governor of Oklahoma, and is making a fight for the office.

Bill Murray said: If you see it in the Oklahoman it is a lie.", Please bear this in mind when you are reading the following, which has been handed out with reference to the Socialist party and social conduct.

A group of newspaper writers the other day were speculating as to how many people believe what they read in their newspapers, and the opinion was that very few people believe what they read in their party papers.

Those who know that every staff is pure lies made up out of nothing but the imagination of the party hack work for a living it seems strange that there could be found one man in this honest country who would swallow it.

Take last Sunday's Oklahoman where it says in one place that the people have all left the Republican party and gone to the Socialist party, and in another place says the republicans have all left anyone. They make the statement that 20 per cent of the voters of Oklahoma are so gross when they have the U. S. Census at hand that would prove the exact figures, showing that the socialist are about 4 per cent.

Having no real issue to talk about the old parties are forced to bite paid lies, whose business it is to stir up prejudice and hate among the people to keep them from the real issue which is Socialism vs Capitalism. Socialism is the only party that takes the cause of people and it is foolish to believe that their employers, bosses, check and all, are the ones who are for the people.

The Socialist party is the party of opportunity, and that is why the capitalist press is so bitter against it.

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ADMINISTRATION EXTRAVAGANCE

The levy of one mill state tax for the present year is simply done for political effect, the Haskell administration hoping thus to fool its people with the talk of low taxes as they did in 1908 just before the election when they made a mill and a quarter levy and were confronted with a deficit of over a million dollars at the end of the year.

The total taxable valuation of all property in the state for the year 1910 is about $926,000,000 and a mill levy on this will produce $926,000 in taxes if it is all collected. It is generally estimated that about 80 per cent of any levy will be collected, but allow 90 per cent for this year, will give us $834,000 income for the state from direct ad valorem taxes. The last report of the state auditor shows the sum of $295,000 special taxes of all kinds and even from the various departments for the year ending June 30, 1909. Estimating that receipts from the same source for the year ending June 30, 1911, will be over double this amount or $600,000, gives a total income of the state from all sources for the year of $1,829,000.

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Oklahoma Costs More.

In the signed article upon per capita cost of state government in the Nebraska State Tribune, prepared for the Nebraska legislative body, the Haskell or actual manufacturer his own, regardless of the wishes of the facts to the case. He gives the expense of state government in Oklahoma at $1.45 per capita, and Nebraska equally $2.12.

He gives page 26 of the state auditor's report the appropriations made during the year ending June 30, 1910, as given at $1,898,652.50 and these include only the appropriations made at the first session of the second legislature. At the special session additional appropriations amounting to $48,258.85 were made for the same year, making the total up to $1,946,911 and deducting this by 1,000,000 the lowest population of the state gives the per capita cost as given above.

We look at the comparison below and see whether it is not this state is hit in Oklahoma

	Per Capita
Oklahoma	$1.45
Kansas	2.00
Texas	1.70
Nebraska	2.12
Ohio	2.00
Indiana	2.00
Wisconsin	2.00

It is interesting to note in the connection that the appropriations made by the last legislature for 1911-12 greater than the entire revenue of the state government in Kansas, which is a Socialist state, including all assessments and taxes collected and expended by state officers.

Oklahoma is lucky if she can pay the bills for the year for the bonds, but Kansas has been doing it for two years.

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THE "DRIVE" TO SOCIALISM!

By ROLO MYER,
Socialist Nominee for Congress, Idaho

The "drift" to Socialism does not exist. It is a DRIVE to Socialism.—Buffalo (N. Y.)

I.

"In the principal countries of Europe the Socialists have already SET THE ISSUE for every political party, and they will do so in America."—Prof. Chas. Rudisill, Washington, D. C., early part of 1909.

II.

"Socialism will probably PUSH FORWARD the political parties against which it is pitted."—A. Cunningham, in the Indiana, summer of 1908.

III.

"The Socialist party LOOMS UP as the most important claimant for the honor of PRESERVING republicanism in its best endeavors."—N. Y. Press, Republican, Nov. 4, 1908.

IV.

"The Socialist party will grow until it FORCES those at the head of good government to take into account and apply remedies."—W. J. Bryan, Denver, 1908, after election.

V.

"I am ALARMED at the trend toward Socialism."—L. M. Shaw, Republican, December, 1908, after election.

VI.

"An increasing number of congressmen are forced to DO something for the working people in order to hold their political seats."—Louis Kopelin, Washington, D. C., April, 1910.

VII.

"We need to supplement our criticism of the Socialist position by a STRONG PROJECT to construct an alternative platform."—Catholic Fortnightly Review, 1910.

VIII.

"We warn the democratic leaders that if they DO with victory at the next election they must adopt substantially the SAME PLATFORM as that which carried the Socialists to victory in Milwaukee."—Chicago Examiner, Democratic, April, 1910.

IX.

"We are not to be deterred by any outcry of patriotism or Socialism from going into any EXPERIMENT which promises to benefit either farmer or wage earners."—Roosevelt, Straddle Republican Campaign Letter, October, 1908.

X.

"If we are to have Socialism, it is much better to put in power men who believe in the PRINCIPLES of Socialism, rather than men who are running on Socialist planks merely to catch votes."—Exchange.

XI.

"OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS IT IS PROVED, THEREFORE, THAT HOW MUCH THEY WILL YIELD YOU DEPEND ON HOW DETERMINED AND HOW STRONG YOU WAKE THE SOCIALIST VOTE."

"It is further proved that a big Socialist vote will cause the grievances of the producing classes, both in country and in town, to be attended to the best that capitalistic parties can, even before complete Socialist victory. And every grievance remedied both increases your APPETITE for further concessions, and increases the POWER by which you can demand them.

SOCIALIST PRESS.

Wellsville' Weekly, published at Wichita, Kansas, is not so large, but it is full of the right sort of stuff.

The Laborer, Dallas, Texas, is really the best labor paper from the Lone Star State, and we value it very highly.

We are in receipt of the initial number of "Labor" a new Socialist paper published at Bradford, Pa. It is edited by Alfred F. Goodell, J. W. Babcock and P. J. Flahback. Subscription price 25 cents a year.

The Miner's Magazine, published by the Western Federation of Miners at Denver, Colorado, takes the lead of anything of its kind in the American labor movement; revolutionary to the core and clear as a bell. With such a magazine it is small wonder that the W. F. M. is the strong fighting organization it is.

We are just in receipt of a pamphlet

SOCIALIST STATE TICKET

Congressman, first district—W. L. Reynolds, Kingfisher.

Congressman, second district—H. I. Bryant, Coalton.

Congressman, third District—G. M. Snider, Castle.

Congressman, Fourth District—J. N. Gentry, Ada.

Congressman, Fifth District—H. H. Stallard, Ada.

Governor—J. T. Gumble, Oklahoma City.

Lieutenant-Governor—John G. Wills, Granite.

Attorney General—F. M. Alles, Muskogee.

Treasurer—C. B. Boylan, Shawnee.

Auditor—H. A. Kimbell, Ardmore.

Secretary of State—J. V. Kulachy, Fort Cobb.

Examiner and Inspector—W. S. Wehster, Ravia.

Superintendent Public Instruction—S. S. Beck, Tecumseh.

Labor Commissioner—E. E. Hadsell, El Reno.

Clerk of the Supreme Court—H. M. Sinclair, McAlester.

Commissioner of Insurance—E. S. Maple, Apache.

Commissioner of Charities and Corrections—Winnie E. Branstetter Oklahoma City.

Corporation Commissioner—J. F. McCoy, Ada.

State Printer—Jacob J. Trulnett, Oklahoma City.

President Board of Agriculture—J. R. Allen, Healdton.

Chief Mine Inspector—David G. Jackson, Gowan.

Deputy Inspector, First District—Geo. F. Brady, Coalgate.

Congressman Eugene V. Debs, an interpretation," written by that prolific writer and non-resident, Walter Hurt. It can be had from the Progressive Publishing Co., Williamsburg, Ohio, for 15 cents. It is worth ten times the amount asked for it.

"The Little Old Appeal" comes to us every week full of the Socialist spirit that keeps the army on the firing line all the time. In this week's issue there is a splendid article on the Appeal Army, paying a just tribute to the Appeal Army that ever fought under any flag.

SECTION NINE OF ARTICLE NINE.

The democratic administration has proposed an amendment to Art. 9 of the state constitution, which will be voted upon November 8th.

This measure is very deceptive and it would take a dectation of the supreme court to tell what it means.

To Be On the Safe Side.

All Globe who voted against the Carter amendment should vote against this one, for if it means anything at all it means everything that the Carter amendment did. All those who voted for the Carter amendment should vote against this one, because it is backed by the same gang that defeated the Carter amendment and is intended to straddle the question and please both sides.

Vote No.

The Hryan Election Law that will be submitted to a vote Nov. 8th contains all the rotten features of all the rotten laws known to exist and must be defeated if we hope for a fair election and an honest election in the future.

DISFRANCHISED IN TEXAS.

The Laborer, Dallas, Texas, is urging laboring men to buy themselves up into votes that they may use it against the corrupt democratic government. The corporations and trusts have controlled Texas and have gradually disfranchised the working class until they can hardly afford to buy a poll tax. The corporations and trusts have gradually disfranchised the working class until they can hardly afford to buy a poll tax. If we have to pay $1.75 or lose your vote, and even if you do buy a vote the democrats do the counting and your vote is of no avail.

Oklahoma democrats have copied from Texas and as fast as they dare they will have the same election condition here. The past three years has been a continual struggle against machine rule. The democrats have copied from Texas and

GOOD SEED GIVE BETTER RESULTS

OKLAHOMA'S PROSPERITY FOLLOW INTELLIGENT FARMING.

Not So Much a Matter of Weather as Care in Selection of Seed and Methods of Cultivation.

Guthrie, Okla.—That the increased yields of the various farm crops this year are due to good weather conditions, but because the farmers commenced the season with good seed in the ground and paid more attention to the proper preparation of the ground and cultivation of the crops, is the opinion held by the state board of agriculture, as expressed in its bulletin crop report. It is stated that weather conditions have been about the same as last year.

The causes indicate more than an average yield to all products, with the exception of the corn crop, and in that, with a large increased acreage and the condition the same as last year, the yield promises to be much larger than last year. With the larger crop of half's corn, silo maize and other forage crops to years, and with a largely increased acreage in alfalfa and native meadow hay cut, the cattle situation will not be felt so badly this year as last. Oklahoma has already filled this year the largest wheat and oats crop ever produced in the state, at flattering prices, which will greatly add to the state's prosperity.

Do Not Admit Innocence.

McAlester, Okla.—After the dismissal of Ed Alexander last week, Attorney Rush for the government says:

"The government by no means admitted the defendants were not guilty. When the trial was postponed last May we were not limited as we are now. The decision in the Lonabaugh case came up in June and it was then too late to change views taken in this decision that we felt we would be able to sustain a case. The suits already have had good results for Reuben and English have since come and the government over 100 bots and $40,000 in cash.

Others besides Mr. Haskell whose names were dismissed were Frank Hutchings, an attorney, Owen Turner and Walter B. Patton, all of Muskogee. The cases against A. Z. English and F. B. Reuben, prominent Indian citizens of Bah, were nolle prossed several days ago.

Address of Frontier Soldiers Wanted.

Guthrie, Okla.—The National Indian War Veterans' association, with headquarters in Denver, Colo., is sending letters to the military posts and to newspapers throughout this state to obtain the names and addresses of those who served in the regular and volunteer service after the Civil war until 1857 against the hostile Indians on the western frontier, in order that their names and addresses may be placed on the association's records, that they may benefit from the pending congressional bill to obtain pensions for them. Henry Hoover of Denver is national president and C. D. Hauser of Denver, secretary.

Farmer Dragged to Death.

Alva, Okla.—Henry Dunn, living four miles south of Alva, was dragged to death his body being found by one of his boys. Indications are that he fell from the buggy, his foot caught between the shafts and the wheel and in this manner he was drag ged two and one-half miles, the team reaching home and finding the barn yard gate, the horses turned around a number of times, disfiguring the body.

Farmers in Street Duel.

Marlow, Okla.—On account of bad feeling over some land matters, Charley Harris and T. D. Leo engaged in a street duel in the center of Main ave. Leo was almost instantly killed. Both were farmers and neighbors, Leo leaves a wife and two children. Harris surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Crawford, who was near at the time that the adjoining county Attorney Burns hold an inquest tonight. No verdict was rendered. Harris was placed in jail pending his preliminary hearing.

Hogs Shortage is Paid.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—In a practical demonstration of the merits of the Oklahoma bank deposit guaranty law, State Bank Commissioner Cockrell, on the first anniversary of the Columbia Bank and Trust company of Oklahoma City, drew out a statement showing that of the $2,047,128 owed depositors by that institution when it closed its doors, only $1,163 remains to be paid, and that the bank says the commissioner, when it is called for.

Cotton Pickers Wanted.

Mangum, Okla.—Greer county, the banner cotton county of Oklahoma needs mexican pickers. There is estimated to be over 50,000 bales of cotton ready to be picked, and it is impossible to secure hands to save the enormous crop. If sufficient pickers can be secured in the next few days, notwithstanding the supposed shortage of the cotton crop, Greer county will produce as much or more cotton than she has for several years.

The Socialist Party

Under this heading the Industrial Democrat proposes to deal from time to time with party matters in this state from an unbiased and unprejudiced standpoint, and we would suggest that the membership study them carefully, with a view to working out formulations of resolutions for party tactics and party management, and see from the standpoint of each individual who might be incidentally concerned as matters stand at the present time, or as they may stand at any future time.

The basic principles of Socialism need no safeguarding at the hands of the Industrial Democrat or any other publication, but the Socialist party organization which is subsequent to these principles, and which is nothing more nor less than the means by which these principles are to be consummated and propagated, should be organized on correct democratic principles and managed by fair, broad-minded individuals if the movement in this state is to keep pace with the movement in other states throughout the nation.

The experience of the Socialist party in Oklahoma during the past year has demonstrated the fact that organization as such as well as the personnel of the management is imperative, and as the time for the next state convention is near at hand some definite ideas as to present needs should be evolved and some concrete plans formulated to carry those ideas into effect.

Evidence enough is at hand to show conclusively that the present condition of affairs is entirely inadequate to the needs. If other evidence were lacking, the mere fact that the condition has been ignored in its entirety by the present party officials on the claim that it is incapable of legal construction is enough to warrant the membership in throwing it overboard bodily and drafting a new one from the ground up.

The Socialist principle and the Socialist democratic movement are organism demonstratively managed, where the membership have the same right as organizations dominated and dominated by two or three individuals who may aspire to a political machine and a stock in trade to barter and traffic with between the old parties as their own personal and private financial and statesmanship assets. Before the initiative and referendum law, which we have in Oklahoma, there were frequently elections and numerous capitalistic measures to be voted on. Many of them, in fact most of them, are non-political in their nature and involve propositions wherein it is impossible as well as foolish to under take to enforce political alignment. We do not pretend to claim that it is wrong to practice political alignment in the various propositions, but we do say that the membership should speak—as a small clique, convention or committee. When the party position is to be defined it should be done by a referendum of the party and the referendum should be free from coercion or intimidation from any source.

In any other state than Oklahoma the state secretary of the party is simply a clerical whose duty it is to keep a clerical work at a stipulated wage. It is not the province of the state secretary to dictate party policy, hold the executive committee, name the tickets which the membership should read, take the initiative in the establishment of organizations which drain the treasury and stifle the work of the organization, and expel members from the party indiscriminately who do not see fit to be intimidated or bulldozed into the fold and call.

When the new constitution is drafted—and the membership will certainly demand a new one—means should be provided for getting the party expression on such matters as above mentioned, and when that expression is obtained, and obtained legally, no true Socialist will very opposes the party's position to its detriment, but he should certainly not have his individual ballot crossed and be expelled from the organization with it in nonconformity therewith.

The Socialist party should be easy to organize and hard to get out of. A man should be allowed to hold his membership in any local he is best adapted to and where he can work to the best advantage. There should be no initiation fee in the Socialist party and where a member is persecuted by a bigoted bunch of selfsepted bullies who compose one local, that should in no ban on his application and admission to another local. Country organization, the plan of keeping your money at home instead of sending it to Oklahoma City to be squandered on wildcat newspaper enterprises and such like, should be encouraged to detail. Dues and party "organs" should be eliminated and the Socialist party in Oklahoma placed on the high, broad plain of respectability where it belongs, and where the majority of the present membership justify it in being. These and more are the questions which will be discussed in this department's succeeding issues, and we invite correspondence along this line.

(Next week the question of "County Organization.")

GREAT SOCIALIST INSTITUTION

Comrade C. W. Hallowell of Frederick, Okla., was in Oklahoma City last week soliciting aid for the Hanford Memorial Mineral Wells Sanitarium and Orphans' Home. This is an institution of which you have probably heard but little about, but it is a very healthy institution and should receive the unstinted support of every Socialist in the country.

The Hanford Memorial Mineral Wells Sanitarium and Orphans' Home is a membership association incorporated under the laws of Oklahoma for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a National Socialist Sanitarium and Orphans' Home on eighty acres of land, with two and one-half miles southwest of Frederick, Tillman county, Oklahoma, through which runs the "Pinson" railroad.

On this land is situated very valuable mineral wells, the water of which possesses great curative properties.

Forty acres of this land on which are located the mineral wells, which when developed, and advertised will be worth $50,000, is a donation from Comrades James Waitz and wife, the former, the last named, and was given in honor of our deceased Comrade Ben Hanford of New York. We have purchased forty acres more adjoining.

This corporation is NOT a stock incorporation, it is simply and only a membership association, one dollar or more, if you are able, is the membership fee, which is used for donations and from endowment funds the association has received, for erect suitable buildings and conduct a sanitarium and orphans' home under rules and regulations as may be adopted from time to time.

The management of this association shall be at all times responsible on purely Socialistic lines, the officers of which shall be Red Card members of the Socialist party.

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"The Mining Financial News" of Wall Street, New York, estimates the yearly earnings of the Hanford plant at $500,000. This being true we feel justified in calling upon the workers of America to join in with us and raise the membership of this association to at least a half million members and with that amount of money we can do great good. THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL SANITARIUM AND ORPHANS' HOME in America. Tell all the comrades about our association. Send all membership fees and donations and receive membership certificate to

J. M. HALLIBOOK, Sec'y.
Manitou, Okla.

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For several months this paper has carried a large number of subscribers on credit on their promise to pay when their crops were marketed this fall.

Although we had to get out under the most harrassing difficulties and make great personal sacrifices we realized that the Comrades could ill afford to spare the money, and as during the long summer months we have borne the burden without complaint, feeling sure that when the crops were marketed that every pledge would be redeemed and we could free ourselves from debt.

Comrades, the harvest time has arrived and we are expecting you to redeem your pledge, and so strong is our faith in you that we have already provided our creditors that they shall have the money.

This is a small matter to each individual, but to us it amounts to several hundred dollars. So we ask each one who owes for his subscription, to send it in at once, and those whose subscriptions will expire in the near future are asked to renew, that we may be able to fight your battles during the coming campaign.

THE LAW.

"There is no limitation of the time for prosecution in a prosecution for murder. In all other cases an indictment of crime must be found within three years after its commission."—Revised 1873, Snyder's Statute of Oklahoma.

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Comanche—Local meets every first and third Saturday in each month at 2:30 P. M. Moss Branch, Secretary.

Cumberland—Local meets every second and fourth Saturday at 2:00 P. M. J. D. Allen, Secretary.

Coalgate—Local meets every Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock at the city hall. Dwight Spencer, Secretary.

Cordell—Local meets every Sunday at 3:00 p. m. at Woodman Hall. Chas. Quigley, Secretary.

Durant—Meets every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. J. Rowland, Secretary.

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Elk City—Local meets every Sunday at 2:00 P. M. T. H. McLemore, Secretary.

El Reno—Local meets every first and third Sunday at court house. R. H. Haddall, Secretary.

Fort Sill—Local meets every Saturday night at 7:30 at Franklin school house, 1-2 miles west of Hobart. E. S. Maple, Secretary.

Friendship—Local meets Tuesday night before each full moon at Friendship school house six miles east of Stratford. W. W. Eldridge, Secretary.

Hobart—Local meets every Sunday in court house at 4:00 P. M. Chas Davidson, Secretary.

Lone—Local meets every two weeks at Union Sch-ol House. Mrs Chas. Haas, Secretary.

Linn—Local meets every second and fourth Sunday night in each month. M. L. Coats, Secretary.

Lookeba—Local meets every first and third saturday in each month at 7:30 P. M. at Lookeba Hotel. D. M. Thomas, Secretary.

Mt. View—Local of Scott, Okla., meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Mt. View school house, 1 mile south of Scott. B. E. Wright Secretary.

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Purcell—Local meets every Friday night at city council room. J. J. Frank, Secretary.

River View—Local meets at school house six miles northwest of Erick once each month Mrs. Lula Wilhelm, Secretary.

Sasakwa—Local meets every few weeks at Sasakwa school house. Secretary.

Sulphur—Local meets at Sulphur school house the second and fourth Saturday night of each month. Axtin Dorling Secretary.

Surprise—Local meets at the office of C. W. Hallowell the second and fourth Saturday night of each month. Frederick, Okla.

South Green—Local meets every second and fourth Saturday night in each month. P. R. Fry, Secretary.

Shay—Local meets every first and third Friday night in each month. Otis Wood, secretary.

Snyder—Local meets every other Sunday afternoon at Burnett hall. E. B. Cook, Secretary.

Vinita—Local meets every Friday night at 8:00 P. M. at Andrew Sis Bro's on north First st. R. J. Prestlove, Secretary.

Wilburton—Local meets at school house Friday night on or before full moon in each month. Lee Jay, Secretary.

Wagoner—Local meets first and third Sunday in each month in M. I. Moore's law office at 3:00 P. M. R. J. Brooks, Secretary.

Yuba—Local meets every Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. R. J. Lyles Secretary.

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McCLAIN COUNTY, OK

McCLAIN COUNTY.

The Socialist ticket polled 107 votes in the election of 1907 in McClain county and 373 in 1908.

In the summer of 1907 one of the first Socialist encampments was held at Byars. The speakers were O. F. Bennettator, G. W. Davis, Wood Hubard and D. O. Watkins. The encampment was a financial success and enjoyed by all present.

Byars has a beautiful lake where the encampment was held and in the year 1906 one of the largest camp meets ever held in the state was held there. Wm. Haywood, Oscar Ameringer, Frank, O'Hare, J. T. Cumbie, H. O. Watkins and others were the speakers. The encampment lasted seven days and was managed by C. H. Armstrong and all expenses were paid out of the receipts without taking collections or expense to the local.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATES FOR McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLA.

Senator—Sam Spencer, Curtis, Okla.
Representative—C. M. Wertz, Purcell, Okla.
Sheriff—W. A. Wallace, Bradley, Okla.
District Clerk—J. H. Edgeman, Byers, Okla.
County Clerk—J. N. White, Rosedale, Okla.
Register of Deeds—W. S. Hamon, Blanchard, Okla.
County Judge—Lucian Amber, Resedale, Okla.
County Superintendent—W. H. Ward, Purcell, Okla.
County Weigher—E. L. Asbury, Purcell, Okla.
County Surveyor—H. Wade, Rosedale, Okla.
County Treasurer—J. J. Frank, Purcell, Okla.
County Commissioners—First District, R. E. Bowling, Rosedale, Okla. Second District—J. T. Tims, Purcell, Okla.
Third District—J. E. Miller, Blanchard, Okla.

AND THIS IS DEMOCRACY.

It was charged and the charge was denied, that Grover Cleveland was a man of immoral character, yet the Democratic party twice elected him to the presidency.

During the late primary, ample proof of immoral character of Judge McMillan was put before the people, yet the democratic party of the 14th judicial district has renominated him, or at least he has been counted in by the Democratic machine.

Do the people of the 14th judicial district admire immorality and lawlessness? Is the moral plane of the people of the 14th judicial district so low that they will re-elect Judge McMillan?

NIGHT RIDERS.

When the county officers were selected for this county there were few that had been a success at anything that they had ever tried and they could not be expected to amount to much. Feeling that they should do something to justify notoriety they possessed upon five peaceful farmers living near Gilbert and throw them in jail for night riders and so bring to everything but partisan politics were they had been without a particle of evidence they were able to get an indictment, but the case never came to trial.

It has always been a custom to excuse from jury service all men who were members of the Appeal to the county marking it easy to get a Democratic jury.

R. W. SMALL.

R. W. Small, candidate for register of deeds on the Republican ticket, has been accused of being a Socialist. Walter Small worked in my office when I was agent for the Santa Fe railroad at Byers, Okla., and has been my personal friend for a number of years. I have had an opportunity to discuss matters with him while doing our leisure hours, and while Small agrees with the Socialists on many points, he has always been a consistent Republican, and has not identified himself with the Socialist party.

Mr. Small work was entirely satisfactory and his experience in office work would make him well qualified for the office to which he aspires. While Socialists have a candidate of their own, I think that we regret the victory of Mr. Small over his Democratic opponent. McClain.

RENOMINATED.

Of the present county officers of McClain county the following were defeated for renomination in the primary: Sheriff, district clerk and county Judge. Those renominated were:

Treasurer—J. B. Thurmon.
County Clerk—C. W. Hoggard.
County Superintendent—J. J. French.
Register of Deeds—C. M. McClain.
County Attorney—L. M. Kest.
County Commissioner—Ben Franklin.

With this exception of the county superintendent A. J. French, none of these county officers deserved to be renominated and a record they have made during the past three years, and if the voters of McClain county were not blinded by party prejudice, their names would be scratched from the tickets.

McCLAIN COUNTY, TAXATION.

County Clerk Hoggard would not allow us to examine the books and records of the county, but you will find from page 14 of the county for 1908 that your officials levied a total of 9.5 mills, which levy would produce a county revenue of $71,250 for 1909. Allowing an equal amount for 1908 we have a total of $142,500 collected since statehood. Add to this the amount borrowed by county officials from the state, and you will see that it has cost you for county government in Oklahoma, more than $150,000 in fees, fines, etc., and the amount was set aside for the reason, that the interest borrowed, who drew pay on county attorney, and is a candidate for re-election, did not request a special grand jury, there being one member under age, another grand jury was engaged and Glasscoe was again indicted on a similar charge. This indictment was set aside on demurrer and the files being lost or stolen, no one was ascertain the contents of the demurrer. The whole attempt to prosecute Glasscoe was a costly farce for the taxpayers of McClain county should elect a county attorney who has sufficient knowledge of the law, that the expensive work of the grand jury will be saved.

PUTRID POLITICIANS.

It is apparent to all that the affairs of McClain county are in the hands of a bunch of politicians who have no respect for their oath of office, nor for the law of the land, nor have they any regard for the welfare of the people.

We have visited nearly every county in the state and while there has been corruption in office, and indictment of public officials in many places, there is none that can equal the record of the McClain county officials for crime, dishonesty and incompetency.

TURN THE RASCALS OUT

NEPOTISM.

Contrary to the state law against nepotism, at $12,000 per year to help the county attorney to draw up illegal pleas and pass the court and help thwart the register of deeds to index the records, a tax ferret to collect taxes, and others to do the work of regular county officials who are drawing pay from the county and yet did not do the work.

The commissioners of McClain county have issued warrants to the limit for 1909 and still owe about $40,000. Look at your tax receipt and then vote.

ESSENTIAL TO FREEDOM.

The first essential to free government is a free and honest franchise which should not be restricted by race or sex, race or previous condition of servitude.

The right to vote, which in reality means the right to express, rather than the mere matter of exercising a privilege, should be made easy to exercise rather than difficult and inconvenient.

And this was the real intention of the framers of our constitution, but but wily politicians have worming into the laws of the various states of the union all manner of hindrances and restrictions until practically half the people of the states are disfranchised.

The tendency of such a course has been to disgust the citizenship with what was once their natural and unquestioned right, shake their confidence in the public instruments of government and drive them to a condition of anarchy and dissatisfaction. The fraud and corruption manifest in such recurring elections has driven the masses to the belief that the ballot is a failure and a fraud and the exercise of the same a useless waste of time and energy.

To prove this fact one has only to look at the records of the "solid south" states where the disfranchise has succeeded in foisting upon the people in manner of resolutions under the pretense of disfranchising the "undesirable" negro element.

In Louisiana, for instance, in the general election of 1904, 320,000 votes were registered but only 40,000 votes were cast. In the general election in Mississippi the same year 130,000 voters were registered, but only 58,000 votes were polled. In the same year South Carolina polled only 55,000 votes, while the state of Florida counted 46,000.

This is the condition of affairs which should concern the people upon the people in Oklahoma, and upon their consideration, if the people do not become aroused, they will succeed in their undertaking.

The attempt to "Jim Crow the negro race," has been used as a blind and a hood wink by the time dishonored lawgrafters south of Mason's and Dixon's line, but it has succeeded in slowly and stealthily stealing away your rights and liberties.

And you just sit still and say nothing!

LET THE PEOPLE RULE!!

The shoun of 1907 campaign, was let the people rule, but as soon as the campaign was over, the people were warned it was "Let the people be fooled."

Senator Blair of this district "Lazy" completely betrayed, lied and lobbied against the invasion on one present or another of the sacred rights of the people.

The people be damned slogan was finally taken up by Senator McCurdy gang and they proceeded to contract for a stack for a court house in Purcell for $12,000 without giving the people an opportunity to vote on the proposition, which cost them a law.

Twelve thousand dollars for a shack which this same board of commissioners appropriated at $4,000 for Sarah Spencer.

STOP THE DEAL

J. W. Hocker, J. W. Fletcher, J. M. Moseley and F. W. Goldsby as county commissioners, have brought suit against C. W. Hoggard as county clerk of McClain county to restrain the defendants from unlawfully expending the money of the county, for court house purposes, and have made the attempt to put a charge upon the taxpayers of this county for a period of years without the approval by a vote of the electors of said county. That no authority exists in the laws for said expenditure and the same is contrary to the law.

The voters of McClain county should congratulate themselves on the fact in this case. Will you taxpayers of McClain county allow these men who have liberately violated the law, if so, you deserve to be robbed.

McCLAIN COUNTY.

Amount necessary outside of sinking fund $119,011.20
Estimated revenue outside taxation 16,151.34

Amount necessary to raise by taxation $102,925.66
Population 16,000.
Area, 575 square miles.

Socialism in Texas

CANDIDATES AND OTHERS TOUR STATE TO AROUSE THE VOTERS

By Nat L. Hardy.

Hallettsville, Texas, Oct. 10.—The Texas campaign is the warmest seen in the state from a Socialist point of view. There are ten speakers being routed by the state secretary. Great interest is reported from all parts of the state.

Hickey Makes Tour.

Rev. Reddin Andrews, Socialist candidate for governor, is speaking in the western part of the state to large and enthusiastic audiences, as is Thos. A. Hickey, the Irish orator, who goes to the eastern part of the state before the election. P. G. Zimmerman, Socialist candidate for lieutenant governor, and L. Kirkpatrick, are also doing good work in West Texas, while Robert G. Marsh is polling up a solid fight for congress in the Twelfth district.

State is Stirred.

Rev. M. A. Smith, candidate for attorney general, W. F. Nobles, and J. S. Rhodes, all veteran activists and forceful speakers, are stirred up Southern and North Central Texas as it was never stirred before. They are speaking courses where never before it had been impossible to place a speaker. A Hungarian, who is breaking into virgin territory in South Texas and there are a number of speakers working independent of the state office, among which may be mentioned G. P. McKenzie, A. N. Billingsley, Richard Alexander and several others.

Tickets Are Flying.

Over thirty thousand platform leaflets have been distributed and orders are still coming in. These leaflets contain the state platform, straight tipe to voters, pictures of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, state, district and county tickets.

In Howie county, where the election of the county ticket is reported, the comrades have established a weekly newspaper. There J. C. Johnson, candidate for state senator, First district, has been subjected to a number of indignities, including arrest, but he has challenged his opponents to make a fair discussion of the issues of the campaign.

Campaigns Are Lively.

Numerous county campaigns are being waged along similar lines in all parts of the state and the indication are that the Texas vote will jump from 100 to 200 per cent.

State Secretary Mattson has a plan on foot to insure the counting of the Socialist vote. He proposes to send out to those that will see that they will get into the hands of the Socialist voters citizens with return post cards, so that when one votes he can send a notice to that effect to the state secretary. This will give sufficient data to enable the Socialists to trace election frauds.

THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB.

The newest political party in Oklahoma is known as the Progressive club and is composed largely of the members of organized labor. This movement on the part of organized labor is significant in that it marks the parting of the ways and shows conclusively that it has no faith in the two old parties.

It is to be regretted by progressive Socialists that organized labor did not form a class conscious Socialist party, a party which stands for everything labor wants and is already in office and in a commanding position, for Socialists will gain nothing by opposing the new movement. Instead of criticise the new organization the Socialists should step off and take a look at itself and see if it can ascertain why it is not attractive to trade unionists, and if it can find fault, if any, lies with the Socialist party and not with organized labor.

Certain it is that thousands are staying out of the Socialist organization for the simple reason that they must remain on probation, they are being compelled to have a red card two years before their are eligible to hold office; and then they must show membership in jeopardy by reason of the fact that the movement in this state is dominated by two or three narrow minded bigots who promise to hold the power of party life or death over the units of the organization.

Let us first cast the beam out of our own eyes before we look for the mote in our brother's eye.

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