

Socialist Columns

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For Councilman First Ward—R. C. Stokes.
For Councilman Second Ward—N. A. Gee.

Candidates to be, not your rulers, but your hired men. We would advance the municipal ownership of utilities whenever possible. We would abolish the contract system in the municipal work. We advocate the payment by the city of the cost of improvements of street intersections. We favor the development of plans for city parks and securing grounds for the same at once if possible to do so at reasonable prices. We stand for the enforcement of state laws and city ordinances as they appear on the statute books. We stand for the strict enforcement of plans and specifications on all city work let by contract.

From the National Party Platform:
As measures calculated to strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of its aim, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression we advocate and pledge ourselves and our elected officers to the following program:

General Demands: 1—The immediate government relief of the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforesting cutover and waste lands, by reclamation of arid tracts, and the building of canals and by extending all other useful public works. All persons employed on such work shall be employed directly by the government under a direct eight hour work day and at the prevailing union wages. The government shall also loan money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works. It shall contribute to the funds of labor organizations for the purpose of assisting their unemployed members, and shall take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the capitalist class.

2—The collective ownership of railroads, telephones, steamboat lines and all other means of social transportation and communication.

3—The collective ownership of industries which are organized on a national scale and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.

4—The extension of the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power.

5—The scientific reforestation of timber lands, and the reclamation of swamp lands. The land so reforested or reclaimed to be permanently retained as a part of the public domain.

6—The absolute freedom of press, speech and assembly.

Industrial Demands: 7—The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers.

(a) By shortening the work day in keeping with the increased productivity of machinery.

(b) By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half in each week.

(c) By securing a more effective inspection of workshops and factories.

(d) By forbidding the employment of children under 16 years of age.

(e) By the forbidding of interstate transportation of the products of child labor and of all uninspected factories.

(f) By abolishing official charity and substituting in its place compulsory insurance against unemployment, illness, accidents, invalidism, old age and death.

Political Demands: 8—The extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the amount of the bequest and the acuteness of kin.

9—A graduated income tax.

10—Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women, and we pledge ourselves to engage in an active campaign in that direction.

11—The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right to recall.

12—The abolition of the senate.

13—The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of legislation enacted by congress. National laws to be repealed or abrogated only by an act of congress or by a referendum of the whole people.

14—That the constitution be amended by majority vote.

15—The enactment of further measures of general education and for the conservation of health. The bureau of education to be made a department. The creation of a department of public health.

16—The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and the establishment of a department of labor.

17—That all judges be elected by the people for short terms, and that the power to issue injunctions be curbed by immediate legislation.

18—The free administration of justice.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole power of the gov-

ernment, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

OTIS GETS HIS

The Los Angeles Times begins to feel the irresistible tide of public opinion sweeping against it as shown by the figures laid before the association of American advertisers that its circulation has dropped from first to fifth place in Los Angeles.

Governor Johnson's opinion of Otis:—"In the city from which I come we have drunk to the very dregs the cup of infamy; we have had vile officials; we have had rotten newspapers; we have had men who sold their birthright; we have dipped into every infamy; every form of wickedness has been ours in the past; every debased passion and every sin has flourished. But we have nothing so vile, nothing so evil, nothing so low, nothing so debased, nothing so infamous in San Francisco, nor did we ever have, as Harrison Gray Otis. . . . My friends, he is the one thing that all California looks at when, in looking at Southern California, they see anything that is disgraceful, depraved, corrupt, crooked and putrescent—that is Harrison Gray Otis."—Hiram Johnson in speech at Simpson's Auditorium.

It happened once that there was a carcass in the road from which arose an offensive odor. All who passed held their noses, but no one made any effort to remove and bury the putrid annoyance. Finally a man came along and loudly cried: "What a stink! Let us get rid of it." Straightway the officers of the law pounced upon him and placed him in prison for using offensive language. Then they removed the carcass and the stink went with it. A stranger passing commented: "The language was not nearly as offensive as the smell, and because it led to the removal of the nuisance the man who used it ought to be rewarded instead of being imprisoned."

Pat was caught red handed in the act of poaching upon the estate of the Lord So-and-So.

His Highness—"What do you mean hunting on my private lands?"

Pat—"Yure land is ut? Sure, and how did yez get it?"

H. H.—"I got it from my father, sir."

Pat—"And the auld gentelman, phere did he git ut?"

H. H.—"He got it from his father. It was handed down from our great ancestors."

Pat—"Faith an' yer great an't-sisters, phere did they git ut?"

H. H.—"Sir, they fought for it."

Pat—"Begorra an' O'll feight yez fer ut."

The socialist administration of Milwaukee has been accused of extravagant expenditure of money in carrying out their socialist ideas. But the investment of money in something that will bring returns is good business though a novelty in city government. And in spite of these investments, and in spite of the fact that they have paid the expenses of work on municipal docks and other expenses formerly met by issuing bonds, and paid over \$200,000 of debt left by the former administration, the tax rate has actually been reduced and the budget for 1912 now ready shows a still greater reduction.

Prof. Kendrick P. Shedd, 21 years teacher of German and French at the University of Rochester, has been asked to resign on account of his socialistic activity. Only another case where a university is given "undesirability advertising." Rev. Albert Ehrigott, pastor of the East Side Baptist church, Portland, has been asked to resign for the same reasons.

"All that we glory in was once a dream. The world will march onward gleam by gleam; New voices speak, new paths begin to stir; Man is emerging from the sepulcher. Let no man dare—let no man ever dare On time's great way to mark: No thoroughfare."

The Socialist vote in Seattle.—The largest vote was for Scott for treasurer 24,381 against 36,266 for the man elected. The lowest vote for any socialist was 18,882 an increase from something over 4000 at the last election.

A small town in Germany has "municipal ownership" to such purpose that it has announced "no tax at all" for this year and probably more.

The South American Republic of Uruguay has made fire insurance a government monopoly.

A socialist paper has been started for circulation among the students at Harvard University.

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