

STATE PROGRAM.

Suggestions for the Activity of Socialist Members of the State Legislature While the Socialist Party is a Minor Party.

PREAMBLE FOR STATE PROGRAM.

The principles of the Socialist platform cannot be carried into full effect while the Socialist party is a minority party. The work of Socialist members of the state legislatures and local administrations under present circumstances must necessarily be confined to efforts for the realizing of such limited measures as they may be able to wrest from the capitalist majority for the benefit of and in the interests of the working class. In presenting and advocating such measures the Socialist members of the state legislatures and of local administrations must bear in mind the fact that they are fighting on a parliamentary basis the class struggle which brought into existence the Socialist movement and the Socialist party. They must defend the interests of the working class against the encroachments of the capitalist class, and decline in their parliamentary work any trading with capitalist representatives for favorable legislation. Socialists in state legislatures and local administrations may well be guided by the advice of the permanent Committee on State and Municipal Program provided by the national constitution of the Socialist party.

The following suggestions are made as a preliminary basis for the activity of Socialist members of the state legislatures and local administrations, with the understanding that they are not mandatory, binding or anything else, than suggestive:

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Freedom of speech and expression of opinion by teachers and students. Free text-books for teachers and pupils; uniform text-books on all subjects to be furnished free to public schools, and to private schools on request.

The choice of text-books to be left to a committee composed of teachers and students in all institutions above the grade of high schools.

In history and economics, the proletarian standpoint to receive equal consideration with the capitalist standpoint.

Compulsory education for both sexes up to the age of 18 years.

Co-education in all branches of science, and manual training for both sexes to be continued through all grades.

Adequate provisions for harmonious physical culture and development through a systematic course of gymnastics and open air exercises, a minimum time for such exercises to be made a requirement for students of both sexes throughout all grades.

Extension of the public school system to assure equal educational opportunities to all classes in all branches of learning; public supervision of all educational institutions to secure an equal educational standard.

STATE MILITARY LAW.

The repeal of all militia law which surrenders the power of the governor over the militia to the federal authorities; and members of the state militia to be exempt from all other military service.

The right of privates of the state militia to elect their officers; and state militia to be confined within state limits.

Federal troops to be prohibited from interfering in disputes between capitalist and laborers.

CITIES.

The autonomy of all municipalities in the matter of the ownership and operation of all enterprises vital to the municipality as such.

PUBLIC WORKS.

For the purpose of employing the unemployed and educating citizens in co-operation, the state to inaugurate a system of good roads, a comprehensive system of drainage, forestry and irrigation, state farms in connection with agricultural experiment stations, and to build homes to be rented at a price not exceeding the cost of production and maintenance.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS.

All persons above the age of 60 to be exempt from labor, and to be entitled to pensions of not less than the current minimum wage.

SICK AND DISABLED.

Adequate facilities to be provided, at public expense, for the care and maintenance of all sick and disabled persons.

TAXATION.

A graduated income tax and graduated inheritance tax to be imposed, such revenue to be used solely in the interest of the working class, not to relieve the middle class of taxation.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Public control of the entire liquor traffic.

REGULATION OF CORPORATIONS.

Railroad and all other corporations operating under public franchises to be placed under state control, and to have their rates fixed by law.

THE COURTS.

The abolition of all court costs and sheriff's fees in the commencement of suits, and the abolition of all costs for appealing cases to the courts of last resort.

The establishment of free legal departments.

PRISON SYSTEM.

The present brutal system of treating criminal persons to be replaced by a system of pathological treatment. This includes the abolition of the prison contract system, death penalties and isolated confinement, and the substitution therefore of sanitariums in rural localities with adequate healthful open-air employment, and treatment corresponding to modern scientific psychological pathology.

SUFFRAGE.

The right to vote not to be contingent upon the payment of any taxes, either in money or public labor.

Women to have equal political rights with men.

Residence qualifications for all elections not to exceed sixty days.

LABOR LEGISLATION.

An eight hour day and a minimum wage, uniform for both sexes.

Free state employment agencies. All specific laws detrimental to the working class to be repealed, such as conspiracy, anti-boycott and anti-picketing laws; and the abolition of the injunction as a means of breaking strikes.

Trial by jury in all cases by which a person may be deprived of liberty.

Echos From Myrtle Point.

Dr. Strange returned from Roseburg last week. He will remain for a while on business.

Dr. L. Semler and wife, of St. Louis, are here. The doctor will open dental rooms here.

Miss Mabel Vandecar and Miss Mildred Wilson start for Portland the first of this week, where they will enter business college.

Mr. Harry Hermann is around with his hand bandaged. He was cutting wood a week ago and in some way the ax slipped and nearly severed the first finger on his left hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Guerin and children were in town from Eckley last week. Mrs. Guerin will stay and visit some time.

Mrs. W. Guerin, of Port Orford, is visiting with relatives here. Mrs. Frank Southmayd, of the North Fork, is spending a week in town.

At the Guerin hotel on Wednesday evening, the 26th, Mr. Charles Guerin and Miss Carrie Vandecar were married, Rev. D. H. Hare officiating. Only the immediate relatives were invited.

On Thursday, the 27th, Mr. A. E. Bender and Miss Ada Schroeder were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents at Norway at 3 p. m. by Rev. D. H. Hare. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were invited.

On Saturday evening, the 29th, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bender and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guerin were tendered a reception and dance at the Opera house, which was largely attended and a very enjoyable time was passed.

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Norway Items.

Trolling is the sport of the season and a great many fish are being caught now.

Bertie McCloskey, of the Venus, was up from Bandon Tuesday, the cannery having closed down a day or two for want of cans.

Albert Myers returned home last week after spending the summer near Pendleton. His brother Aaron will remain there for some time yet.

J. H. Grande is buying up apples in this vicinity. He is having them packed and shipped direct from here.

Miss Bertha Barklow, of Myrtle Point, is in Norway packing apples. She has had experience in California packing oranges so that it is quite easy for her.

The many friends of Miss Ada Schroeder gave her a linen shower, on Monday, the 24th. A pleasant time was had and the bride was the recipient of many useful and beautiful gifts.

TRIXY TRICE.

David Fulton, of this city, is an expert cleaner and repairer, and any one in need of his services will do well to call at his residence or drop him a card.

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