

Oklahoma State Platform

OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

Adopted by Referendum Vote.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma maintains its adherence to the principles of international socialism and its participation in the national platform of the Socialist party.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma declares its object to be the political emancipation of the working people and its sympathy with it; for the purpose of capturing the powers of government of the state of Oklahoma and using this power for the betterment of the conditions of the workers. The Socialist party of Oklahoma demands the state ownership and control of such industries and means of transportation as are collectively used by the people of Oklahoma; such as the coal and mining industries, the oil industry, the cotton ginning and compressing and cotton-spinning industries, the stock yards, packing and cold storage industries, the electric lines, the interurban electric lines, etc., such industries, to be under the democratic management of the workers in such industries, to be operated not for the purpose of making profits for the state, but to give to the workers in such industries the full social value of their labor.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma stands for universal suffrage, and advocates the extension of the franchise to women upon the basis of equal rights; and will fight every move having for its object the disfranchisement of the working class, whether through so-called poll tax, grandfather clauses, educational, property or residence qualifications, or in any other manner than the gradual taking away from the workers the right of suffrage, thus prevent the workers from securing the powers of government.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma demands the enactment of laws, that will effectively give into the hands of the people the use of the initiative and referendum. The Socialist party charges that the Democratic administration and the interests it represents are in a state of war with the people, and that the Democratic administration has further, continued and extended this war against the people, even after the fact had been determined of its having lost the popular vote.

As such measures we are: The people against the sale of the school lands.

The legislature immediately after sold part of the school lands.

The people initiated a referendum on the Taylor Ribbons Ballot election law. The legislature elected this referendum by passing a law equally as obnoxious as the Taylor law, which repealed the Taylor law, and thus took away from the people the right to vote on the Taylor law.

The capitalist interests of the state initiated an amendment to the constitution to be known as article 49 of section 9; and further initiated a law to determine the location of the state capital. On these measures the Democratic governor called a special election, so as to make them a party issue; as it requires but a majority vote of the people voting at such election.

On the other hand, the initiative petition signed by more than 35,000 voters demanding the right of women upon the same terms as the men, is held up in the courts on the word of one man, one of the benchmen of the Democratic administration. No special election is called on this measure. It must wait for the Democratic Election, when it requires a majority of all the people voting at such election for the state officer receiving the highest number of votes, to pass this measure.

The Socialist party further demands the enactment of law providing for the right of Recall, and such election that recognizes the right of the political parties taking part in such elections to representation on the executive boards and to the ballot of each precinct. Such election boards are to be elective, and not appointive. The Socialist party demands the repeal of an act bill No. 126, which gives the state officer the taking out of the hands of the people the right of initiative and referendum, by limiting the time for the securing of petitions to 90 days. In violation of the constitution provision of 90 days; and which law further gives into the hands of the legislature the right of veto to make any measure suggested for initiation by the people. If of passage through an unduly small and self-serving assembly of the ballot.

The Socialist party demands the free administration of justice, and the maintenance by the state of facilities for the poor to obtain legal aid.

GREAT CHANGE WORKED IN BUTTE

(By W. J. Allen)

In Butte the change in class rule in all municipal affairs. The city council, composed of workers against dishonesty, accident, and death; so as to give to the injured and sick, no longer to be suffered by him, complicity, oppression, and relieve him from the severity of going into the courts and sue for compensation, while doing so, and follow him to the courts.

The Socialist party demands the establishment of sanitariums for the treatment of tuberculosis and other social diseases.

The Socialist party stands for every measure that will add to the material, intellectual or moral welfare of the working class; and as the working class of Oklahoma is largely made up of agricultural workers, we stand for the following:

Farmer's program: As measures calculated to bring into collective property the land, and encourage the farmer to have the use and occupancy of the land sufficient for a home and the support of his family, to hereby advocate and pledge our efforts to secure the following program:

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By purchase of arid and overflow lands and the state reclamation of such lands now held by the state or by the purchase of all lands sold for the non-payment of taxes.

By the purchase of irrigated and unimproved Indian lands.

By the retention of leased lands at the lowest rate of interest, and the payment of the improvements thereon, at an approved valuation.

Separation of the department of agriculture from the political government.

Election of all members and officers of the Board of Agriculture by the direct vote of the people.

Introduction of the merit system among the employees.

Erection by the state of grain elevators and warehouses for the storage of crops, and the management of the Board of Agriculture.

Organization by the Board of Agriculture of free agricultural education of the established model farms.

Encouragement by the Board of Agriculture of co-operative societies of farmers.

For the buying of seed fertilizer, and for purchase and common use of implements and machinery.

For the preparing and sale of products of the working of land by groups.

Organization by the state for loan on mortgage, and the purchase of land, the interest charges to cover costs.

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A graduated scale on the value of land and land held for speculation.

Abolition of taxes to assess their own lands, the state reserving the right to purchase such lands at their present or value.

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Many Slaves Stopped.

The engineering department has secured new planning and building orders. The sprinkling announcement has been withdrawn and the new lowered so as to make a saving of \$800 per year. The department has constructed new water mains and laterals and has introduced systems in cleaning storm sewers. Plans have been prepared for opening boulevards and parks in those districts of the city where workmen live. Already they have improved and beautified the sidewalks and improved the streets. More than 1,000 new sidewalks have been laid and will be laid before construction as soon as the employees can get them. But when the employees have been given better service to all parts of the city and have given special attention to working men's districts, it has made a saving of the department of \$200 per year.

All the Socialists are Devoted.

The Socialists are giving their entire time to the affairs of their respective offices. Heretofore officials have been divided between their duties and to their official duties as a side line. One ex-mayor remarked that when he was mayor of Butte he did not give one day a week to his office. The city clerk has reduced the volume of his duties and has given all his time to his official duties as a side line. One ex-mayor remarked that when he was mayor of Butte he did not give one day a week to his office. The city clerk has reduced the volume of his duties and has given all his time to his official duties as a side line.

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individual ever lived. Individuals can do or undo more in a single day than any nation can in a year.

Socialist Next Step in Revolution.

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What are the signs of the times in this article that the present system (Capitalism) is about to collapse and that the new system (Socialism) is about to be born?

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National Platform OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

The Socialist party of the United States declares that the capitalist system has outgrown its historical function and has become utterly incapable of meeting the problems confronting society. We denounce the capitalist system as incompetent and corrupt and the source of unspeakable misery and suffering to the whole working class.

Under this system the industrial equipment of the nation is being used to the absolute control of a plutocracy which exacts as annual tribute of billions of dollars from the producing classes. Untraced of any organized resistance, it stretches out its greedy hands over the still undeveloped resources of the nation—the land, the mines, the forests and the water powers of every state in the nation.

In spite of the multiplication of labor-saving machines and improved methods of industry, which have changed the cost of production, the share of the producers grows ever less, and the price of all the necessities of life constantly increases. The hoarded property of this nation is for the owning class alone. The vast majority of the people are living in poverty and misery. The high cost of living is felt in every home.

Five wage-workers are required to produce the goods that one capitalist consumes. The purchasing power of their wages decreases until life has become a constant battle for the bare necessities of existence. Millions of unemployed walk the streets of our cities and towns from lack of work, and millions of masters to move the wheels of industry.

The farmers in every state are plundered by the increasing prices exacted for tools and machinery and by exorbitant rates of freight and interest.

Capitalist concentration has resulted in the crushing of the small business man. The small business man is being driven out of the markets of properties wage-workers. The overwhelming majority of the people of this nation are being under a yoke of bondage by this so-called industrial despotism.

Under this system the working class is exposed to poisonous conditions of toil, and needless pain to life and limb is willed around with the most barbarous and inhuman laws and is preyed upon ruthlessly for the benefit of the owning class.

In the face of these evils, so manifest that all thoughtful observers are appalled at them, the legislative representatives of the Republican, Democratic and all reform parties remain the faithful servants of the oppressor. Measures calculated to secure to the wage-earners of this nation as already proposed, and just treatment as is already proposed, and just treatment as is already proposed, and just treatment as is already proposed.

The Socialist party appreciates the full significance of class organization and urges the wage-earners, the working farmers and all other workers everywhere to organize for economic and political action.

It pledges our efforts to support the efforts of the wage-earners of the nation in their struggles for economic justice.

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