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# National Convention—Socialist Party

HELD IN BRAND'S HALL, N. CLARK AND ERIE STS., CHICAGO, ILL.

### May 10th to 17th, 1908

The National Convention was called to order at 12:30 noon, May 10th. Number of delegates or alternates in attendance, 215, out of a possible 218 provided for in the apportionment.

Telegrams of greetings and congratulations were received from all parts of the nation and a number of foreign countries.

Protests were filed against seating the Nebraska and Washington delegations. The certified delegates were seated.

Resolutions, on Labor Unions, against the illegal persecution of the Western Federation of Miners and against stimulated immigration were adopted.

For President

of Terre Haute, Ind.

A committee to study the question of Asiatic exclusion was elected; also a permanent Woman's Committee.

The questions of Industrial Unionism, unity of the Socialist forces, and the farmers' positions were considered.

Platform, divided under three heads—Principles, Platform, General Demands—adopted.

Constitution was revised. Proposed ammendments: Three years' membership to qualify for National Party official position. To elect National Executive Committee and National Secretary by the National Committee instead of by referendum. Basis of representation in National Conventions, one delegate for four hundred members. Term of office two years. The National Committee may revoke charter of a State showing less than 150 members during any period of six months. Platform and Constitution to be submitted to a National Party membership referendum.

Party Congress to be held in even numbered years, other than Presidential campaign years. Organizers to be sent to Southern States. Weak States to be supplied with State Secretary-Organizers. Woman's Sufferage to be made a feature of the campaign.

In a night session, sur-charged with enthusiam, beginning at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, May 14th, the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President became the order at 9:00 p. m. After one roll call for each position, Eugene V. Debs, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was chosen as the Nominee for President, and Ben. Hanford, of Brooklyn, New York, for Vice-President. The last vote was announced at 2:15 a. m. After the vote, in the spirit of fraternal good will, in a scene never to be forgotten, the nominations were made unanimous.

After eight days, with two night sessions, of careful and conscientious work, the Convention adjourned May 17th, at 6:00 p. m., with three rousing cheers for International Socialism, and three more cheers for the party candidates.



of Brooklyn, N. Y.

# Statement of Mileage Paid to Delegates or Alternates to the National Convention of 1908

National Headquarters, Socialist Par-	Iowa—	G. A. Hoehn 11.60	Ohio-	Stanley J. Clark	
ty, Chicago, Ill., May 30, 1908.	Margaret M. Brown 20.50	Caleb Lipscomb 23.60	Robert Bandlow 15.50	H. L. A. Holman	59.40
Alabama—			Isaac Cowan 14.00	Alice McFadin	50.90
Thos. N. Freeman\$43.80	E. J. Rohrer 13.06		Thos. C. Devine 11.00		
F. X. Waldhorst 32.90		Geo. H. Ambrose 74.80	D. P. Farrell 12,80	J. C. Rhodes	41.70
	John M. Work 14.00	James D. Graham 74.80	Max S. Hayes 15.50	M. A. Smith	46.60
Arkansas—	Kansas—	Ida Crouch Hazlett 74.80	Ellis O. Jones 14.00		31.40
Wells Le Fevre 27.10	Other Dichel	Arthur T. Harvey 94.70	Marguerite Prevey 13.50	Utah—	
Dan Hogan 29.60		John Peura 74.80	Fred F. Vautrim 14.00	Robert Leggett	78.60
J. Sam Jones 28.30	A. S. McAllister 26.60	John Powers 60.50	E. J. Ziegler 21.00	Grant Syphers	80.60
Wm. Penrose 23.90		Florence Wesleder 80.70	Oklahoma—	Vermont—	
E. W. Perin 24.70	Ben F. Wilson 24.20	Nebraska—	C. B. Boylan 33,80	L. A. Wilson	44.30
W. R. Snow 10.00	Kentucky-	G C Porter 20.00	Winnie E. Branstetter 32.30	Virginia—	
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J. N. Morrison 86.70	Louisiana— Alex Hymes	Na Hamalia	G. W. Davis	Geo. E. Boomer	74.50
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Kasper Bauer 72.50	Maine—	L. Arnstein (McFail) 10.00	John Hagel	John Downie	
W. S. Bradford 72.50	W. E. Peisey 43,45	New Jersey	Frank P. O'Hare		
Josephine R. Cole 72.50	Maryland—	Con H. Contail	W I Damalda 24.60	Emil Hendrickson	
Cloudsley Johns 72.50	H. C. Lewis 34.50	U D V	W. L. Reynolds 34.80	Richard Krueger	
Wm. McDevitt 72.50	W. A. 100le 34.50	W D Villianhart	C. C. Ross		
H. M. McKee 72.50	Massachusetts—	U. B. Killingbeck 40.00	O 31.50	A. Wagenknecht	72.50
Mary F. Merrill 72.50	James F. Carey 43.00	Leman M Dailler 22:50	Oregon—	West Virginia—	
J. B. Osborne 72.50	Geo. G. Cutting 43.00	C U Straball	C. W. Barzee 72.50		17.70
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Colorado—	Patrick Manoney 43.00	C. T. Furnian 42.00	Wm Adoms 1970	E. T. Melms	
Thos. L. Buie 45.20	Squire E. Putney 43.00	Col Fieldman	Wm. Adams	W. A. Jacobs	
L. E. Floaten 50.20	Tan A. White 43.30	W F Euhaman 997	Geo. N. Cohen	Emil Seidel	
	Mishing 98.40	Inline Corbon	Jos. E. Cohen	Chas. Sandburg	. 6.40
Connecticut—	Michigan—	Dan Uniford 42.00	Edwin H. Davies 10.50	Carl D. Thompson	. 3.40
W. H. Schieldge 44.50	Con U Lesboard	Morris Hillauit 42.00	C. F. Foley	E. H. Thomas	3.40
	Etta Manton 10.20	Robert Hunter	Louis Goaziou 19.70	Frank J. Weber	3.40
Delaware—	A M Stirton 95.54	August Klenke 28.00	J. H. Maurer 35.16	Wyoming—	
	Minnesota—	Algernon Lee 42.00	Ed. Moore 33.85		
Florida—	Jules I Anderson 1600	Thos I Lewis 42.00	Robert B. Ringler 31.80	Wm. L. O'Neill	
	James S Ingalls 1600	Mark Peiser 42 00	J. W. Slayton 19.85	A. H. Ryckman	75.30
Georgia—	M Kanlan 1870	Fred Paulitsch 42.00	Fred L. Schwartz 19.85	Total\$7,	200.00
Idaho—	I G Maattala 21.76	John Spargo 42.00	Daniel K. Young 37.94	10tal	96.496
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F T Dia-	Ester Nieminen 26.90	U. Solomon 42.00	Fred Hurst 41.00	Paid during May 7.5	519.98
E. L. Rigg	Thos. J. Peach 22.50	H. L. Slobodin 42.00	South Dakota—		
	Fline Thorsett 9180	( S Vander Porten 42 00	F Francis Atwood 31 90	Total\$7,	569.98
T U Prower 110	Guy Williams 16.00	Jos. Wanhope 42.00	Freeman Knowles 44.90	This statement covers entire	
Indiana	Missouri-	North Carolina-	Tennessee-	age liability, with the exception	
Pohest Dunbar 350	E. T. Behrens 19.08	J. I. Quantz 41.00	Tennessee— J. E. Voss	\$72.50, due Delegate F. C. Varn	ner of
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F G Strickland 6.85	W. L. Garver 15.66	J. S. Lampman 26.16	W. J. Bell 41.20	National Secreta	
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### Correspondence of National Executive Committee and Minutes of Sessions, May 11 and 18

CORRESPONDENCE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DURING MAY.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, 180 E. Washington St., Chicago, Ill., May 1, 1908. To the National Executive Committee Dear Comrades:—I herewith report the consideration given to the subjects

submitted under date of April 23rd.

1st—The nomination of two audi-

There will, therefore, be no meeting fornia, favoring the coupon system.

Motion adopted. Floaten of Colo-

on May the 7th.

Upon the third proposition Comrades Berger, Floaten, Thompson and Simons voted in the affirmative. A meeting of the National Executive Committee will, therefore, be held the day following the adjournment of the National Convention.

Motion adopted. Floaten of Colorado, voting no.

PLANS FOR SPEAKERS AND LITERATURE.

The National Secretary read the following National Executive Committee Motion, adopted in December session:

MOTION.

LETTER OF COMRADE HILL QUIT, APRIL 27TH.

"I hereby nominate Comrades Ber-lyn and Smith as auditors to go over your books, and if they accept, I will ask you to record me as voting for them without further formality.

"I must confess I do not see why the National Executive Committee for o should meet three full days ahead of the convention. I do not suppose and a that we will have more business than what could be conveniently disposed of in a day. The convention might last a week, as it is, and to add three days more to it, seems to me an unnecessary hardship for the non-resident members of the Committee. I would suggest that the meeting of the National Committee be called for the morning of May 9th instead of May Tth.

"Fraterial of the convention might that 10 State Secretaries had endorsed that 10 State Secretaries had endorsed that 10 State Secretaries are on file.

Bell of Texas raised the point that State Secretaries might better confer by themselves.

Moved by Berger that the Executive Committee adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock. Motion added April 2; also letter to locals dated April 2; also letter to State Secretaries based on same, dated April 2; also letter to State Secretaries based on same, dated April 2; also letter to State Secretaries based on same, dated April 2; also letter to State Secretaries based on same, dated April 2; also letter to State Secretaries had endorsed that 10 State Sec of the convention. I do not suppose and a letter to State Secretaries based that we will have more business than on same, dated April 2; also letter to

"Fraternally submitted, "J. MAHLON BARNES, "National Secretary."

MINUTES OF NATIONAL EX-ECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET-ING SESSIONS MAY 11 AND 18,

Chicago, May 11, 1908. The National Executive Committee met in special session, pursuant to in-structions of the National Conven-tion, at 180 Washington St., Chicago, May 11, 1908, at 8:45 p. m.

The following members were present: A. M. Simons, Victor L. Berger, Morris Hillquit, J. G. Phelps Stokes, Carl D. Thompson, and John M. Work. There was no opportunity to notify A. H. Floaten who was not in MOTION

Work as secretary.

Moved that we hear a statement from the provisional organization contesting the seating of the Washington delegates, and then hear a statement from the other side. Carried. A. Hutcheson of Seattle, Washing-ton, then made a statement in behalf

of the provisional organization, after which Alfred Wagenknecht, State Secretary Kruegar, and Emil Herman, made statements in behalf of the organization now recognized as the Socialist Party of Washington.

The matter was discussed and both sides interrogated about the matter. It was then moved: That we reject the protest against the seating of the Washington delegates and the peti-tion for a referendum in the State of Washington, on the ground, first, that since the enactment of the Amend-ment to the National Constitution in November, 1907, no controversy has arisen in the State of Washington; second, that the State Organization of the Socialist Party in Washington, against which the protest is made is the duly regularly constituted Com-mittee of the Party in Washington; and that we recommend that the Na tional Organization offer its good services to the State Committee of Washington in an effort to bring about unity between the contending sides. Carried.

The Committee then adjourned.

JOHN M. WORK,

National Headquarters, Socialist Party.

Socialist Party.
Chicago, Ill., May 18, 1908.
National Executive Committee called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 10 a. m., the following members being present: Berger, Floaten, Stokes, Simons, Thompson and

By general consent the meeting of State Secretaries then in session was

taken into conference.

A. M. Simons elected as Chairman.
Franklin H. Slick elected secretary.
National Secretary Barnes read
National Committee Motion No. 9,
and letter based thereon written to
State Secretaries dated Feb. 26th.

MOTION NO. 9. "That the National Secretary shall be instructed to issue subscription lists to the locals for the purpose of 2nd—Shall a National Executive raising money to conduct the presi-Committee meeting be held May the dential campaign. One-half of the money collected on these lists shall

3rd—Shall a National Executive Committee meeting be held the day following the adjournment of the National Convention.

The following were nominated for auditors: B. Berlyn, Winfield R. State Secretaries had replied. Two Gaylord, A. M. Simons and Jas. S. Smith. Comrades Simons and Smith having declined, leaving but the required two nominees, no ballot is plies were received: Favoring sub-

having declined, leaving but the required two nominees, no ballot is therefore necessary, comrades Berlyn and Gaylord are declared elected, and have been notified to appear at the National Headquarters Wednesday, May the 6th.

Upon the second proposition Comrades Berger, Floaten, Hillquit and Thompson voted in the negative, Comrades Simons in the affirmative. There will, therefore, be no meeting fornia, favoring the coupon system.

"That applications be solicited from each local of the Party for dates at regular intervals of one, two or four weeks. That a transcript of applications received shall be supplied the State Secretaries, the same to be a basis upon which the National and State Organizations may co-operate for organization and campaign purposes."

AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 18,

1908. National Secretary Barnes called the meeting to order at 2 p. m. Comrade Simons elected chairman.

Berger, Floaten, Simons, Stokes,
Thompson and Work present.

MOTION BY BERGER-"That mendments adopted by the Convention shall be submitted, together with

the corresponding sections of the old Constitution. The amendments to be printed in italics." Adopted.

MOTION BY FLOATEN—"That the National Secretary see to the printing of the Platform, Constitution and the report of the Secretary to the and the report of the Secretary to the International Socialist Bureau."

Meeting called to order by Victor L. Berger. J. G. Phelps Stokes was selected as chairman and John M. the locals in accord with the action of the Convention and urge upon them the necessity of nominating candidates of the Convention and urge upon them the necessity of nominating candidates as early as possible." Adapted.

MOTION BY BERGER-"That

National Secretary Barnes suggested that some provisions be made for early control of the Party nomi-

MOTION BY FLOATEN-"That adopted. the candidates be invited to confer with a sub Committee of this Committee within two weeks. Sub Commit-tee, Berger, Thompson, Simons, and any other member of the Committee that can be present." Adopted.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Women met in the Office of "The Daily Socialist"

Comrades Simons, Konikow, Prevy for: and Branstetter present.
Mrs. Simons elected permanent

consent. Comrade Prevy elected Treasurer

by unanimous consent Comrade Branstetter elected Cor-responding Secretary by unanimous

MOTION NO. 1.

"Moved by Comrade Konikow, seconded by Comrade Branstetter: That an appeal for funds be made through the Party Bulletin and other Socialist publications. Such funds to be used in the publication of leaslets for wo-men." Carried.

MOTION NO. 2.

"Moved by Comrade Simons, seconded by Comrade Branstetter, that Comrade Konikow be appointed to report work accomplished in Foreign Countries by the Socialist Party, for suffrage; also those methods used in lefforts to reach women with our Committee, in regard to which decided differences of opinion might exist

MOTION NO. 3.

MOTION NO. 4.

"Made by Comrade Konikow, seconded by Comrade Prevy; that Miss Anna Maley be recommended by this Committee to act as National Organizer, 'subject to suggestions made by this Committee." Carried.

MOTION NO. 5.

"Made by Comrade Branstetter, seconded by Comrade Prevy, that we suggest that our organizer go immediately into those states where wo-men have the ballot, and remain there until the close of the presidential cam-Carried.

MOTION NO. 6. "Made by Comrade Prevy, seconded by Comrade Branstetter, that Comrade Livingston of Chicago and Com-rade Konikow of New York, be in-structed to investigate the conditions present Socialist Sunday Schools

MAY WOOD SIMONS, Chairman. WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER,

Secretary. MOTION BY FLOATEN-"That the Womens' Committee be requested to provide a brief appeal and it will be given space in the Party Bulletin."

MOTION BY BERGER-"That we endorse the recommendations of the Committee regarding the gathering of data, the publication of leaflets, provided that the literature is first submitted to the National Executive Committee for approval." Adopted.

MOTION BY THOMPSON-

Letter from T. E. Carskadon, Ur-

Letter from I. E. Carskadon, Urbano, Ohio, on campaign medals and insurance features, received and filed.

Letter from Ernest Stephens of Spokane, Wash, asking for a ruling on Section 9 of Article 12. Letter filed as the subject is covered by defining the subje filed, as the subject is covered by de-cision of National Executive Committee session May 11th and later approved by the action of the National Convention.

Letter from Omaha asking for an additional charter.

MOTION BY BERGER—"That we recognize Comrade G. C. Porter as official representative of the party for electorical purposes in Nebraska."

Letter from Local Erie suggesting change in candidates resignation blanks received and placed on file.

Florida, asking for remittance of a zation.

Letter from Kentucky State Com-

mittee for special attention referred for future consideration. The need of a safe for the office was suggested by the National Secretary and a suitable one was available

for \$100.00. Motion that it be secured Letter from Henry John Nelson, Esq., of Philadelphia, Pa., upon the advisability of carrying the Philadel-

phia free speech fight to the higher courts, received and filed with thanks to the sender for the information and suggestion it contained.

MOTION BY WORK-"That No. 1 of the rules of order of the National Executive Committee be stricken out and the following substituted there-

"The members of the National Ex-Mrs. Simons elected permanent ecutive Committee in attendance at chairman of Committee by unanimous any regularly called or adjourned meeting, or voting upon any correspondence proposition, shall be a quorum." Defeated.

COMMENT ON MOTION BY WORK.

Work, voting yes, explained his vote as follows: "Many important questions have failed of action for lack of a quorum voting. I am not in favor of permitting those who neglect their duty to prevent the remainder of the Committee from transacting business. This has no application to Comrade Stokes, who was not in America and did not know of his election as a member of the Committee until a few

COMMENT ON MOTION BY STOKES.

It is conceivable that new matters might arise for adjustment by the Committee, in regard to which decided differences of opinion might exist

DISBURSE.

Express and freight Postage Telegraph and telephone salaries (office) Printing

"Made by Comrade Prevy, seconded by Comrade Konikow; that leaflets on 'Work done in foreign countries for suffrage.' 2. 'How the suffrage and Socialism will effect working women.' 3. 'General appeal to women,' be published. These leaflets to be edited by Comrade Simons." Carried.

MOTION NO. 3.

among the members of the Committee. Under the proposed motion, if adoption radically different from the opinion of the other members might by his solitary vote commit the National Office to what the majority of the Committee would regard as a serious blunder. among the members of the Committee.

Comrade G. C. Porter of Omaha, Neb., was granted the floor to ex-plain the legal position and the gene-ral condition of the Party Organization in that state.

MOTION BY BERGER—Supported by Thompson, "That we appoint Comrade Porter organizer for Nebraska for two months." Adopted. Simons not voting.
The question of organizers and

speakers was generally discussed.

MOTION BY BERGER—"That State Committees in organized states

under any plan, can have full control of the National Speakers while in their state, if they so desire." Adopted.

MOTION BY THOMPSON—
"That the National Office agree to pay not more than \$25.00 per more they of the

not more than \$25.00 per month of the salary of Comrade W. H. McFall of New Hampshire for the next five of present Socialist Sunday Schools and to suggest plan for their extension and improvement." Carried.

Moved that we adjourn. Carried.

MAY WOOD SIMONS,

Chairman.

Chairman.

Chairman.

Chairman.

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Chairman.

the call of the secretary, meet once a month from now until election." Adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT. To the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of the United States. Dear Comrades:

We have examined the records of the National Secretary-Treasurer from

\$43,991.95 Disbursements

44,058.67 Cash over ..... 66 72 It appears from a verbal statement by your Secretary-Treasurer that approximately this amount is due Mrs.

Lena Morrow Lewis, but the details of the transaction are not sufficiently clear to fix the exact amount. we do not grant another charter to Omaha." Adopted.

We have verified the amount in Bank by a personal visit to the West-

ern Trust & Savings Bank, but find that it is deposited to the credit of J. Mahlon Barnes and not to the credit of your body. This is open to criti-cism. The funds of the organization should be kept in the name of the organization and an amendment to the Constitution should provide for an election of trustees to hold title to Resolution from State Committee of the money and property of the organi-

MOTION BY FLOATEN—"That the Secretary be instructed to address he locals in accord with the action of the Convention and urge upon them the necessity of nominating candidates as early as possible." Adapted.

MOTION BY BERGER—"That

Letter from Kentucky State Com.

Mile the accounts are at present kept with commendable neatness and accuracy, changes in the office force may occur, and this may not be the fact in the future, and we, therefore, recommend a system of duplicate carbon copy receipts as the best method of preventing errors whether intended to address the convention and urge upon them the necessity of nominating candidates as early as possible." Adapted.

MOTION BY BERGER—"That

Letter from Kentucky State Com. tional or otherwise.

We also submit a detailed statement of the amounts and the sources of income and avenues of expenditures, and while the disbursements are not classified as completely as we would wish it, was as much as we could ac-

wish it, was as much as we could accomplish in the time at our disposal.

In this connection we advise a quarterly, or at most a half yearly audit.

Respectfully submitted,

WINFIELD R. GAYLORD,

E. M. WINSTON,

R. H. HOWE,

Auditing Committee

Chicago, Ill., May 11, 1908.
February 1, 1908, cash on hand. \$ 138.31

Supplies	1 790 44	
Tuppines	1,139.64	
Literature	1,634.00	
Buttons	695.49	
Special contribu-		
tions	40.50	
Western Federation		
of Miners defense		
fund	7.488.67	
Agitation	1.571.45	
Russian S. D. L.		
Party Chicago Daily So.	596.89	
cialist	305.50	
National campaign		
fund	5.00	
Convention assess-		
ment	5.228.85	
Rent	180.00	
One day wage fund.	29.84	
Miscellaneous		
miecemaneous	19:06	<b>西斯斯斯</b>
		\$43,8
		September 1

National dues ....\$24,318.75

Cash over as per bank reconcile-ment

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	740.50	
Office equipment	306.30	
Organization and		
agitation	6.329.49	
Buttons	722.82	
International con-		
vention	692.38	
Western Federation		
of Miners	7,488.67	
Russian S. D. L. P.	596.89	
Electric light	153.97	
Exchange	44.29	
Constitutional con-		
vention	72.55	
Executive Commit-	14.00	
tee meetings	556.60	
Rent	1.410.00	
Chicago Daily So-	1,410.00	
cialist	1,014.27	
Miscellaneous	1.033.50	\$37,014.55
Cash on hand	1,000.00	154.61
Checks, etc., on		104.01
hand		351.85
Cash in bank	6,719.12	301.50
Checks afloat-	411444	
No. 1710\$30.00		
No. 1730 1.50		
No. 174030.00		
No. 1741 25.00		
No. 1742 30,00		
No. 1743 30.00		
No. 1744 25.00		
No. 1745 9.96		
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	STATE OF THE PARTY	0,031.00

\$44.058.67 Owing to the illness of Comrade Barney Berlyn, the undersigned took charge of the audit, securing the aid of Comrades Winston and Howe, who have served efficiently and faithfully.

WINFIELD R. GAYLORD, Auditor.

STATEMENT BY NATIONAL SECRETARY. The recommendation in the above

eport that the funds be deposited in the name of the secretary with the title of the office attached is timely and has already been complied with. This course naturally suggested itself in view of the large amount of funds on hand within the last few weeks as a result of the return wood the capital of the capital

the National Secretary-Treasurer from February 1st, 1907, to April 30th, 1908, a period of 15 months, and respectfully submit the following report.

We checked the receipt stubs and the vouchers for expenditures into the cash book and footed the same, and the following is a condensed account of the receipts and expenditures for the period covered by our examination.

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The color of the returns upon the special assessments. Ordinarily and for years the monthly bank balance averaged about one hundred dollars.

As to the verbal statement mentioned in the report, I had no knowledge that it would be included, and it should be here stated that the \$66.72, which appears in bank in excess of the total funds of the organization is explained by the fact that upon a number of occasions organizers, delenumber of occasions organizers, delegates and other comrades have requested me to hold cash for them for safe keeping and I have invariably complied and deposited same in bank.

The convention has taken such actions arounded for the election of

tion as provides for the election of trustees as recommended.

As stated in the note of Comrade

Gaylord, he secured the services of his assistants, one of whom, Comrade R. H. Howe, is an expert accountant, and he wrote the report. The report in my judgment should have contained in non-professional and plain language some affirmative statements as fol-

That not a single error was found in the entire audit.

That vouchers are on hand for every

item of expense.

That a daily balance record is kept

showing daily receipts, daily expenses, checks, money orders, cash and petty cash in hand, daily bank balance and daily balance of total funds. Such a statement can be understood

by every member. It conveys infor-mation desired and also states the

your committee in connection with the report of your auditors. Fraternally submitted,

Signed, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

MOTION BY STOKES. That the report of the auditing committee with comment of National Secretary Barnes and the Convention Auditor's report be received and filed. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION
AUDITING COMMITTEE.
Your committee begs to report that
it finds the cash on hand in the
National Secretary's office as follows:
Balance cash in bank....\$6,758.33 Balance cash in office... Checks, money orders, etc ... 424.48

We find that accounts have been audited by the Auditing Committee of the National Executive Committee up

to May 8th, inst., and we concur in the report of that Committee.

Your Committee has audited the books and accounts to May 12th, inst., which includes the amounts which have been paid to the delegates for mileage to the National Convention mileage to the up to that date.

Your Committee recommends that the amount charged against Okla-homa, amounting to \$158.50, as per the National Secretary's report, be charged off. It appears that the state never received the stamps for this amount, and that it was lost or misappropriated by the State Secretary acting at that time, and was never received at the National Office, nor were stamps issued therefor. The Party

stamps issued therefor. The Party, both State and National, lost the money, one furnishing nothing and the other receiving nothing.

In reference to the additional amounts appearing on the National Secretary's Report, due the National Office for dues stamps, which, including the Oklahoma claim as above.

amount to \$604.96, we recommend that the National Executive Committee cancel such accounts as in their opinion are warranted, or which in their judgment are uncollectable, and charge same to Profit and Loss account. As all purchases of dues stamps are now for cash, a repetition of this cannot occur.

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We are pleased to note that the National Secretary, in concurrence with the suggestion of the Auditing Committee of the National Executive Committee, now deposits the funds in the bank in the name of the office Instead of in the name of the individual secretary as heretofore, and we have verified this by inquiry at the Western Trust and Savings Bank.

In conclusion your Committee

In conclusion your Committee wishes to congratulate the National Secretary and his assistants on the accuracy, neatness and completeness of their accounts and books.

(Signed)

MARK PEISER,
DANIEL KISSAM YOUNG.
WM. L. GARVER,
W. W. BUCHANAN,
GEO. E. BOOMER,
Auditing Committee.

Comrade Krueger, State Secretary of Washington, was granted the floor on the question of the national organ-ization extending its good offices to the Washington comrades, in order to assist in unifying the movement in that state. Comrade Krueger expressed himself as to the character and ability of National organizers who might be sent to Washington and made the claim that the State Committee should in all cases decide as to their desirability. This position was not questioned, having been conceded by a previous motion.

and literature, \$893 for speakers, \$191 for hall rent, \$63 for citizens' papers, \$224 for postage, \$310 for bill posting, S224 for stationery, \$16 for car fare. Compare with these expenses just one item of the expenses of the Democratic candidate—an item of \$120 for toothpicks!

The National Executive Committee, by a previous motion. by a previous motion.

STATE SECRETARIES' CONFER-ENCE REPORT.

Be it Resolved, by the Conference of State Secretaries and Organizers, convened May 18, 1908, Chicago, Ill., that we request of the party press that they give special space in their columns to secretaries and organizers for the discussion of methods of organizers. the discussion of methods of organization; and that they also give spe-cial space to articles by capable and experienced secretaries and organizers experienced secretaries and organizers bearing on the manner of conducting successful meetings of locals and branches, concerning securing and maintaining a strong membership, courses of study, starting and maintaining libraries, securing government reports, etc., containing valuable information how to co-operate with trade and labor organizations and how to carry on effective public meetings.

Be it further Resolved, That the state secretaries and organizers' conference request the National Executive Committee that they arrange for conferences of the organizers for the purpose of comparing notes on meth-ods of touring, speaking and organiz-ing; also that the Executive Committee, as soon as possible, publish leaf-lets on what a Socialist local should do when organized.

(Signed)
S. M. REYNOLDS, Chairman
W. R. GAYLORD, Secretary.
By motion the first clause of the second paragraph was laid over for future consideration. The second

clause was adopted.

Attention was called to the recom-Attention was called to the recom-mendation contained in the report of the Convention Auditing Committee relating to the cancellation of ac-counts for dues stamps, which in-debtedness was incurred prior to the establishment of the cash basis which

was adopted February 1, 1904.

Motion by Thompson: That the following amounts owed by the State Committees for dues stamps be canceled and charged to profit and loss:
Alabama, \$15.50; California, \$57.35;
Colorado, \$50.15; Florida, \$19,95; Illinois, \$150.00; Kentucky, \$2.55; Louisiana, \$5.40; Massachusetts, \$31.25; Nebraska, \$26.25; North Dakota, \$1.25;
Oklahoma, \$158.50; Rhode Island, \$10.00.

\$10.00.

Adopted.

Motion by Berger to adjourn.

Adopted. Adjourned 6:15 p. m.

FRANKLIN H. SLICK,

Secretary.

NATIONAL NOTES

Charters have been granted by the National Office to locals in unorganized states as follows: East Las Vegas, N. M., 10 members; Mayhill, 13 members; Roswell, 10 members; Lexington, Miss., 7 members; Carson City,

Says the Medford (Wis.) Demo-crat: "The vote of the Social Demo-crats in Milwaukee in the last election was a revelation to many. The party is a growing power in politics in this country, and while it may be many years before it gains control, still it is making the old party leaders sit up and take notice."

politicians, and the local comrades are correspondingly enthusiastic as a re-

Comrade John M. Work desires it location of the meetings within their be stated that several official comtent territory. The terms to be a minimum munications from the National office of twenty-five dollars and half of the missed him en route, or were delayed, and for this reason he is recorded as not voting on several motions.

The proposed National Party referendent submitted by Local Patterson, N. J., and first published in the Weekly Bulletin of March 21, relating to

unity of the Socialist forces, has been seconded by the following locals: Augusta, Ga.; Piqua, Ohio, and Grand Rapids, Mich.

Laura B. Payne, National Commit-tee member of Texas, reports that she failed to vote on Motions 17, 18 and 19, on account of missing the official communications relating to the same.

Charters have been granted by the National office to locals in unorganized states as follows: Vicksburg, Miss., 8 members; Hickery, N. C., 7 members; Alberene, Va., 14 members.

Comrade John Kerrigan, Dallas, Texas, is working upon a form of a monthly financial statement, with a view to devising one that may be used by the several party divisions. He makes the request that State Secretaries send him a sample of one of their financial statements.

According to the Wisconsin law, the Milwaukee Social-Democratic Party has filed a sworn account of their campaign expenses. The total expense of their spring campaign was \$5,371. Of this \$1,110 was for newspaper advertising, Socialist matter having been inserted as advertisements in the capitalist papers; \$2,491 was for printing and literature, \$893 for speakers, \$191 for hall rent, \$63 for citizens' papers, \$224 for postage, \$310 for bill posting, \$77 for stationery \$16 for car fare.

The National Executive Committee, in accordance with the instructions of the convention, has provided for the submission of the platform and constitution to a referendum vote of the entire party membership. The latter to be submitted in the following form: "That amendments adopted by the convention shall be submitted, together with the corresponding sections of the old constitution. The amendment to be printed in italics."

The Woman's Committee elected by the National Convention recommended the appointment of Comrade Anna Maley as National Organizer. The same has been confirmed by the National Executive Committee

By recent referendum May Strickland of Anderson, Ind., was elected State Secretary and S. M. Reynolds of Terre Haute a member of the National Committee.

Contrary to the reports sent to the rest of the world by the capitalistic press agencies, the municipal elections in France have resulted in a satisfactory increase in the Socialist vote. In Paris, for instance, the vote increased from 95,164 in 1904 to 105,461 in 1908, on the first ballot.

In the northern part of France the increase in the Socialist vote was noteworthy. In Lille the vote increased from 12,610 to 16,506.

The returns from some other towns are as follows: Roubaix, 9,997 to 11,-277; Leus, 2,995 to 4,051; Lievin, 2,601 to 3,621; Tourcoing, 1,733 to 3,150; Wattreloos, 1,741 to 2,276, and Limoge, 14,000 to 18,000.

By a recent referendum Tom Clif-ford, 3517 Fulton road, Cleveland, and H. H. Caldwell, 309 Bank street, Dayton, were elected members of the Na-tional Committee for Ohio.

The state convention of Vermont will be held in Whellock's Hall, Barre, Vt., Saturday, June 6.

The state convention of Arkansas will be held at Little Rock, June 1, 2

Charters have been granted by the National Office to locals in unorgan-ized states as follows: New Helena, Neh., 7 members; Tucumcari, N. M., 5 members; San Jon, N. M., 5 mem-bers; Moore, N. M., 6 members.

The statutory convention of the Socialist party of South Dakota as required by the state primary law, will be held at Deadwood on July 14. The regular party convention for organization purposes and the transaction of internal affairs was held April 7 at

Encouraging reports are being re-ceived from all parts of the country containing bright prospects for the impending campaign, and cheering words are being received from the National Convention delegates upon their arrival home.

By recent referendum Alfred M. Henry, 4 Mt. Vernon place, Barre, Vt., was elected State Secretary.

In the recent municipal election in Harvey, Ill.. Comrade J. Coale was elected police magistrate, and Comrade Martin alderman in the Fifth Ward. The result of this election was a complete surprise to the old party politicians, and the local comrades are The sub-committee of the National ice afield until election day. As equitably as may be the dates assigned will be divided among the several states, the state committee to decide upon the of twenty-five dollars and half of the net proceeds of meeting. Aside from the uniform subscription list provided for by the National Committee and the convention, other means of raising

The State Convention of Wisconsin will be held in Milwaukee Saturday, June 13. The basis of representation will be one delegate for every branch of the Social-Democratic Party, and one additional delegate for every 100 Social Democratic votes (or major fraction thereof) cast in the respective county of the branch; in counties containing more than one branch these delegates to be divided according to branches, wards and townships.

COLLECTIONS' FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE MILEAGE TO END OF MAY.

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He re-	" Carbon Co., Pa. 4.50 " Tonopah, Nev. 1.75 " Gillett, Ark. 1.50	is a necessity before Industrial Justice can be secured.  All business under Capitalism demands a profit. When there is no		
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nse 171.	" Columbus, Ohio 1.55 " Augusta, Ga 3.50 " Grayson, La 4.00	some evil; trace it back to its source, and you will find the cause of that evil to be the desire for Profit; or, in other words, the desire to take that which belongs to others.		
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COPY OF LETTER SENT TO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS 1908 BY KEENE LOCAL SOCIALIST PARTY.

We trust you will pardon us in thus addressing you. However, we understand that you are a student of Political Economy, and, as such, we desire to call your attention to certain subjects which to us seem of great importance, and which are either avoided or hopelessly confused in the text-books in our Public Schools.

We the undersigned on healf of the Socialist Local Krean with

importance, and which are either avoided or hopelessly confused in the textbooks in our Public Schools.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Socialist Local Keene, wish to
point out the importance of Labor in the carrying on of all Industry. In
fact, taking the raw material as furnished by Nature, everything is placed
at the disposal of mankind by Labor, and by Labor alone. From this fact
we may draw a conclusion in a single sentence which may be used as a
just basis for determining to whom the products of Labor belong. This
sentence is, "Labor produces all wealth; wealth belongs to the producers
thereof." But you answer, "Business can not be carried on without money,
or so-called Capital, and that in return for the use of Capital interest should
be paid." While this may be true under our present industrial system, it
does not prove that Capital of itself is entitled to interest, but does clearly
prove that our present Capitalist system is false, and that its overthrow
is a necessity before Industrial Justice can be secured.

All business under Capitalism demands a profit. When there is no
profit then business stops. Let us form a definition of this word upon
which all our Industry depends. "Profit is that portion of the product of
Labor which is confiscated by the Capitalist through the private ownership
of the tools of production and distribution." To profit may be either directly or indirectly traced all the industrial evils of today—in fact, all the
evils of intemperance, bribery, impure food, filth, disease, etc. Think of
some evil; trace it back to its source, and you will find the cause of that
evil to be the desire for Profit; or, in other words, the desire to take that
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			D. J. MURPHY, GEO. O. GRAY.	
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**	Smith Chapel, Ark	1.80	Cal.—RichardsonX	
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**	Goshen, Ind	1.50	Mo.—SchenkeiX	
"	Montrose, Colo	3.00	N. J.—Kearns X	
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	Naples, Ida.	1.00	Ore.—Barzee X	
"	Payette, Ida	3.90	Pa.—Maurer X	
	Dover, N. J.	8,20	Pa.—Moore X	
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John	Schultz, Fairbury, Neb	.35	Utah—Syphers X	
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	Clark, S. D	1.70	Wis.—BergerX	
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	Orange, La	1.30	Carl D. Thompson is therefore elected.	
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	Jennings, La	1.00	I. MAHLON BARNES,	
	Vlamath Fall	10.61	National Secretary.	
**	Klamath Falls, Ore	1.00		
	Buckley, Wash Br. 1, Kings Co., Brooklyn,	2.25	RESOLUTIONS BY LOCAL DULUTH,	
, 20	N. Y	2.00	Whereas, the National Executive Com-	
6th A	D. Kings Co. Brooklyn	2.00	mittee of the Socialist Party has adopt-	

#### Report of Action by National Committee on Motion No. 20

MOTION NO. 20.

"That the National Secretary's ruling of March the 14th, declaring out of order a motion submitted by Comrade Walker of New Jersey, be over-ruled."

VOTING YE	S!
Kentucky	Dobbs
Louisiana	Van Brook
Maryland	
Montana	
New Jersey	
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Alabama	Baldwin

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Arkansas	Le Fevre
Arkansas	Hogan
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Kansas	McAllister
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Michigan	King
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Missouri	Behrens
New Hampshire	Drew
New York	Spargo
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Ohio	Devine
Ohio	Rodgers
Oklahoma	Laudermilk
Oregon	Barzee
Oregon	Alexson
Pennsylvania	Maurer
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Texas Utah West Virginia Wisconsin Wisconsin Wisconsin	Synhere
West Virginia	Gillespie
Wisconsin	Thompson
Wisconsin	Heath
Wisconsin	Berger
Total, 46.	

NOT VOTING. Illinois ..... Collins Indiana ..... Arnold Massachusetts Carey
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Missouri Schenkel
New York Fieldman
Pennsylvania Moore
Tennessee Voss
Vermont Dunbar
Washington Burgess
Washington Herman Washington ...... Herman Wyoming ...... Hastings Total, 12.

Motion is therefore defeated.

tion which they (the members) should decide, the sooner it is decided the better. In order to secure an expression from the National Committee on this point, I vote in favor of the pending motion while reserving approval of the whole contention of the New Jersey comrades. To determine the number of party members the National Committee, in my judgment. National Committee, in my judgment, acted with perfect propriety in taking the average dues-paying membership of December, January and February as a basis. To have taken the averas a basis. To have taken the average for the past year would have denied representation to new members who have entered during 1908. I do not approve the criticism of the National Secretary for having ruled a motion out of order on the ground of unconstitutionality. He is properly clothed with such discretion, which is necessary if business is to be expedited. If he should mistakenly exercise this discretion there remains always relief through appeal to the National Committee and to the entire membership, if necessary. I disapprove of the original New Jersey motion because I think it unnecessary. The National Secretary, in my judgment, should observe the spirit of that motion, however, because payment of the assessment is essential to 'good standing.' It is necessary and proper that we should make provision to continue the membership of members who are unable to pay either regular dues tinue the membership of members who are unable to pay either regular dues or special assessment, but any rule that makes purely voluntary the payment of special assessments is full of ment of special assessments is full of mischievous possibilities. As a party we are organized for self-preservation and every member must be prepared to assume not only the routine obligations of monthly dues, but the extraordinary obligations as well. Otherwise we might say a soldier enlists solely for parade and not for war. We Socialists enlist and obligate ourselves to defray soutine expenses, but if the constitution provides that the ex-

Chicago, Ill., May 13, 1908.

To the National Committee—Comrades:

Herewith is submitted report of National Committee Referendum No. 11, Motion No. 20, presented by direction of the State Committee of New Jersey:

MARYLAND (CULP)—"I vote YES on this motion to appeal from

MARYLAND (CULP)—"I vote YES on this motion to appeal from the National Secretary, for the reason: "First, I hold that it is the function of the National Committee to construct the construction and not of the National Committee to construct the construction and not of the National Committee to construct the construction and not of the National Committee to construct the construction and not of the National Committee to construct the construction and not of the National Committee to construct the construction and not of the National Committee to construct the construction and not of the National Committee to construct the construction and co

the constitution and not of the Na-tional Secretary; that when a National Committeeman makes a motion it is the absolute prerogative of the mover to have its constitutionality decided by his peers, so to speak, and not by the Secretary of the committee, to whom no such power is granted by the con-

Second, the constitution places the duty of carrying out the provisions of that instrument into the hands of the National Committee, subject to a party referendum, and not upon the National Secretary. The power to execute necessarily carries with it the right to construe, at least until such construction is changed by referendum

dum.
"Third, because a matter has always been construed a certain way does not make it conclusive, any more than does the fact that the United States Supreme Court has always held a cer-Supreme Court has always held a certain way with reference to questions involving capitalism prove that the constitution could not be made to sustain a different view. If the constitution were inflexible, iron clad, immalleable and absolutely predeterminate, we would be in a bad way indeed, so far as Socialism is concerned, and I can see no more reason for claiming that a decision by a former committee that a decision by a former committee is conclusive. Each National Committee has the right to construe for itself."

MINNESOTA (MAATTALA) — "While I believe that the Motion No. 20, by the State Committee of New Jersey is logical in its principles, but it came out entirely too late. This action, if any, should have been taken at least two months earlier.

MINNESOTA (WILLIAMS)—"I vote no on this motion, though I am in hearty accord with the intention of the comrades in wishing to limit the delegation in the National Convention to represent the members who pay not only dues, but also the assessments, this cannot be done till the constitution is changed, as far as I can see. I think the National Secretary has acted properly and his action should stand. He acts as a sort of chairman, and it is his function to rule on the consti-

tutionality of motions.

In this case I think it is the constitution which is at fault, and not the Secretary's ruling.

NEW YORK (LEE)—Taking up the three points urged by the New Jersey Comrades in their comment: 1. The power of the National Secretary to rule out a motion offered is exactly analogous to the power of a presiding officer in a meeting to rule a motion out of order. It may be abused, as may all powers. The remedy for its abuse is in the right of appeal, just as in the case of an appeal from the ruling of the chair in

a meeting.

2. There is no more conclusive a priori reason for taking a year as the period for calculating the membership COMMENT. A period for calculating the membership in order to apportion representation than for taking a month or three months or three years. The National Committee had to decide. It did decide and no appeal to the general vote was taken against its decision. That this respect presents 'a new proposition which they (the members) should it is decided the states during the three months in question and also during the whole year 1907, and also for the month of March, 1908, does not seem to me to show any suspicious irregularities.

3. I know of no provision in the National Constitution of the Province of t

National Constitution of the Party, in its various State Constitutions, or in its common practice which makes the

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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1908.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., May 30, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

National due for St.	~·
National dues from State	Commit-
tees:	
Alabama	\$ 4.00
Arizona	15.00
Arkansas	1.00
Companient	20.00
Connecticut	12.00
Florida	15.00
Idaho	27.00
IllinoisIndiana	122.00
Indiana	46.00
Iowa	25:00
Kansas	75.00
L'omisiana	10.00
Louisiana	10.00
Maine	
Maryland	20.00
Massachusetts	40.50
Michigan	31.80
Minnesota	25.20
Missouri	50.00
Montana	31.80
New Hampshire	6.00
New Jersey	50.00
New York	150.00
North Dakota	16.10
Ohio	53.00
Oklahoma	100.00
Oregon	24.00
Pennsylvania	160.25
Rhode Island	5,00
South Dakota	5.00
Tennessee	6.00
Texas	51.35
Utah	35.00
Vermont	2.00
Washington	11.00
West Virginia	10.00
Wisconsin	95.25
wyoming	14.35
	\$1,376.60
Unorganized States.	φ1,310.00
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Georgia	\$ 2.00
Hawaii	2.00
Nebraska	15.40
Nevada	31.70
New Mexico	14.30
North Carolina	10.70
Mississippi	1.15
Virginia	3.40
Members at large	9.60
	\$1,466.85 282.25
Supplies	\$1,466.85
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	\$5	,949.8
- Expenditures.		
Exchange	\$	5.
General expenses		11.5
Express and freight		86.9
Postage		185.5
Telegrams and telephone		8.5
Wages.		
J. Mahlon Barnes	\$	125.0
W. W. Rihl, 5 weeks		100.0
F. H. Slick, 5 weeks		90.0
C. J. Wright, 5 weeks		90.0
J. C. Chase, 5 weeks		90.0
M. Flaherty, 5 weeks		65.0
J. A. Gavin, 5 weeks		60.0
A. M. Boggess, 5 weeks		60.0
H. E. Allen		60.
T. E. Palmer		24.0
A. L. Benedict		30.0
D. Fleming		66.
M. Hudson		12.0
Extra help		41.
	\$	913.

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Printing Bulletin	114
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Office fixtures	114
Office furniture	252
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Literature	170
Organizers.	
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T. L. Buie	10
S. J. Clark	20
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A. W. Drew	30
G. H. Goebel	30
I Commission	
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Dan A. White	40
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James Williams	30
John M. Work	50
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	458
Delegate mileage	1,51
Insurance	10

Dan A. White	40.00
M. W. Wilkins	4.00
James Williams	30.00
John M. Work	50.00
<u> </u>	458.94
Delegate mileage 7	,519.98
Insurance	10.25
Rent, May	100.00
Books for locals	50.00
Plate matter	36.00
Stationery	46.55
Electrotypes	28.32
Mimeograph supplies	44.30
Auditing books	15.40
Silk badges	28.00
Rubber stamps	14.95
Executive Committee Meeting	
V. L. Berger\$	19.30
A. H. Floaten	59.70
I M Work	5.00

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V. L. Berger\$	19.30
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C. D. Thompson	5.90
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Book binding	10.00
W. F. Miners' defense	18.00
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	\$10,719.49
Summary. Balance on hand May 1 Receipts for month	
Expenditures for month	\$12,927.20 . 10.719.49

Balance on hand June 1. Fraternally submitted.

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