



## SOCIALISTS ORGANIZE

Local Formed at White City With 13 Members.

## POPULAR OWNERSHIP

Correspondent Gives Tribune Readers Some of the Main Features of Their Platform. No Ticket Nominated

### EDITORS TRIBUNE:

We trust the press of St. Lucie county will not be muzzled in affording its readers knowledge of passing events. Even though it may be distasteful to some people it would be folly, ostrich-like, to bury one's head, oblivious of what the ignorant may regard as an approaching danger.

Saturday evening, 13th inst, a Socialist Local was organized at White City, and completed at an adjourned meeting on Monday with an enrollment of eleven charter members, and applications for a charter duly forwarded.

Trusting THE TRIBUNE to afford this opportunity of writing (as the early Christians who wrote in defense of Christianity were wont to style an "apology"), we humbly present our "apology for the action taken.

The dawn of a brighter day is breaking, and St. Lucie county has caught the light. The nation is awakening to the fearful fact of slavery to the trusts, and that emancipation can not be effected through the old political parties; for under the present economic system, which is the life of both parties, the trusts dominate the legislative bodies, so that the laws fostering their growth of power constitute the order of the day. So seductively are the proceeds of labor being poured into the coffers of the trust magnates that the toilers and small merchants and business men generally are scarcely conscious of the extent to which they are being fleeced. Thus the producers of wealth live in abject poverty, or at best live in want of many of life's necessities; while from their labors the masters amass great fortunes, build palaces, sport yachts, automobiles, race horses, \$10,000 dinners, and even build palaces for their horses and dogs. Have you a palace, brother-workingman?

Vainly may Bryan say, "Curb the trusts." Vainly may he attempt it if elected president. No congress of the old parties would seriously undertake it so far as profits are concerned. The Bryanite theory of reviving the competition of small corporations is effete. To attempt the restoration of it may be likened to the turning back of the hands of the dial to arrest the progress of time. The trust has come to stay; and under the existing political systems will dominate legislation to its own interests versus the people's.

The Socialist offers the only remedy: for the people to own the trusts. Congress and legislatures would, under Socialism, no longer consist mainly of lawyers who know practically nothing about the varied industrial interests; but each industry would have its own representatives in the legislative bodies, elected by the workers in that industry and that industry will have its standing committee to recommend measures in the interest of the industry it stands for; yet every proposed law or bill must be voted on by the whole body, so that none may suffer detriment. Thus safeguarded it is not likely that an unwise law could be passed in the interest of one class of workers to the detriment of others. Yet if it should happen so, then the Referendum comes in, so that any law or measure objected to by a majority vote of the people becomes null and void. Is it not plain then that no corporation would spend money to influence legislation for self interest in the face of certain defeat of its bill by the referendum? And more than that, if any member is found acting contrary to the principles on which he was elected, for the sake of graft or ambition, he is at once called home. This is done by what is termed the Imperative Mandate, on this wise: each officer when elected signs his resignation, which is left undated until proven guilty

of misdemeanor, or recalled by a majority vote of his constituents; then another is appointed in his place by the proper authorities. How different it is now! Representatives are elected on promises they never fulfill; pass laws so skillfully worded that the courts can decide as they please on questions arising out of their ambiguity, and that is just as it suits the corporations. The people are powerless. And when the next election rolls around the smooth-tongued orators are again full of promises and are nominated again, though apparently by the choice of the people, the voters in reality have no choice save to throw away their votes at the primary on someone else with no better prospect.

Reform is in the air. The people feel that they are being robbed. They are murmuring, and the murmuring is swelling as the throes of the mighty deep. The old party leaders are becoming alarmed. The press-tools of Capitalism—magazines, dailies, etc.,—are urging reforms. For humanity's sake? "No," they unblushingly say; "to lead off Socialism." It is always party above people's interests. Is it not plain then that the reforms now being proposed are due to the principles of Socialism? And which can be better trusted, those who act on principle or those who are governed by policy?

Especially as the methods proposed by the former are more certain of reforms and secure against graft.

Mr. Bryan is astute enough to see that the railroads are fast becoming a trust the most dangerous to the liberties of the land; but he is shrewd enough not to suggest it as an issue in the next campaign lest the corporations desert his banner. Mr. Hearst has a wider vision in seeing that the best, if not the only, chance of overthrowing the Republican party lies in relying mainly on

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## TWO OLD FRIENDS IN THE HURRICANE

One of the reports that reached here of the storm last week among the Florida keys, and which touched a tender spot in the hearts of every old-timer on Indian River, was the news of the wrecking and demolishing of the steamer St. Lucie.

What Indian River resident of the nineties does not remember the St. Lucie and her captain, the genial Steve Bravo?

When steamboating on Indian River was in its prime, the St. Lucie was one of the three favorites that plied the waters for 175 miles each way three times a week, and the passengers who have made the Indian River trip aboard of her are from every section of the world and include every rank, from royalty of the old world and President of the United States to the humblest day laborers of our own section. Her friends were numbered by the thousands and many a steamboat man has had his day on her decks. Her nose plowed the sand-bars and narrows and in the open waters she has many times shown her heels to her rivals for speed and commerce.

A sigh of regret will go up from all the old timers as they hear of the destruction of the old St. Lucie.

Captain S. A. Bravo, who has been in command of the St. Lucie during her service as a transport on the extension is also an Indian River favorite, having been one of the steamboat captains when the St. Lucie plied the Indian River. His crew in reporting the wreck of the steamer at Elliott's key speak in highest terms of his coolness and bravery. This is only what his old friends on the river would expect of him in such an emergency, and all join in rejoicing that he was saved. Reports state that a six mile swim in that terrible storm with waves rolling twenty feet high was his record last Thursday in reaching land.

Captain Bravo, like the St. Lucie, numbers his friends of the old Indian River days by the thousands and includes every social rank. The old-timer can tell of many amusing and serious incidents of Captain Bravo and his steamer and passengers, while the Captain himself can entertain a company for days, about his experiences of the old days on Indian River.

Here's a sigh of regret for the loss of the St. Lucie and a rousing cheer for Steve Bravo, her brave captain.

## HURRICANE VISITED KEYS

Great Damage to Property and Many Lives Lost.

## SOME DAMAGE AT MIAMI

Greatest Loss of Life Was on Quarter Boat No. 4 Where Nearly Seventy-Five Found Watery Graves.

The storm which visited the lower East Coast and Florida Keys last week left a trace of sadness and suffering in its wake. However late reports show that the damage to life and property were not so great as were first reported.

The greatest damage was done along the route of the Florida East Coast extension, along the keys, where thousands of men are employed in the construction work. Over a hundred thousand dollars worth of construction material, boats, etc., belonging to the railway company were totally destroyed and the loss of life will total to about 125. The greatest loss of life is from house boat or quarter boat, No. 4, where 150 extension workers were quartered. The house boat was carried to sea by the first onslaught of the storm and soon battered to pieces by the waves. The men were forced to cling to pieces of wreckage and fight the waves in this way till they were picked up by passing vessels. Only about half of the number have been heard from, while the others have doubtless found watery graves.

Twenty-four of the number were carried to Savannah by the steamer Lucas, while the Russian steamer Jennie, rescued about 45 and placed them ashore at Key West. The steamer, St. Lucie, used as a transport from Miami to the Keys, was battered to pieces at Elliott's key, and 26 lives were lost, the balance of the crew and passengers having terrible experiences and suffering much torture before being rescued.

The residents of the keys have not all been accounted for and it is feared that many of them were washed away by the high tides and waves.

The city of Miami suffered also in the loss of property. While the loss is not as great as the first report stated, still it is considerable. The terminal docks and other water front property was demolished and many houses were twisted and torn, but Mayor Sewall in a telegram to Governor Broward stated that \$50,000 would cover all damage, and that state or national aid was not necessary.

The greatest item in the city was the anxiety felt by the citizens for relatives and friends who were on the keys connected with the extension work. Many hearts were wrung with pain and sadness by the absence of news during the first few hours after the storm, until the good news of the rescues began to reach the city. Then many weeping homes were turned into houses of rejoicing over the return of loved ones once reported as dead.

### Governor to Open Carnival.

Governor Broward will open the carnival at Jacksonville Monday night, November 5th. He will deliver a short address from the hippodrome stage, surrounded by the State militia and prominent Floridians, and at the conclusion of the ceremony his portrait in fire will be burned in the sky, as part of the fireworks programme. The pictures of other prominent men will be shown also. The opening ceremony will probably include the reading of a telegram of greetings from President Roosevelt. The sendoff is to be the most auspicious of any programme during the celebration, which is the third annual fete Jacksonville has had since the disastrous fire of 1901.

## PAINFUL ACCIDENT TO BERT SUMMERLIN

In attempting to mount an unbroken horse Tuesday afternoon, Bert Summerlin was painfully if not seriously injured. As he placed his foot in the stirrup the pony began to "buck" and

before he could secure grip on the animal he was thrown violently against the horn of the saddle, knocking the breath out of him. He fell to the ground and was struck on the back of the head by one of the horse's feet.

The young man was unconscious for a couple of hours, but is now able to be out. Bert's many friends hope for him a speedy recovery and better luck on his next attempt at horse breaking.

### Married Men Got Whipped.

An interesting and laughable game of baseball was played Tuesday afternoon on the local grounds between the married men and the single men of Fort Pierce.

No preparation was made for the game and the lineup for each side was picked up hurriedly. Overthrows and much scrambling after the ball were the principal features, while considerable base running was done by the single men.

The score was 13 to 3 in favor of the singles, and of course the boys are guying the old men. The married men, however, are not satisfied and want another game soon.

Col. F. L. Hennings a single man, umpired, and it is claimed by the married men that this is the cause of their defeat. Next game they will insist on having a married man handle the indicator.

### Presiding Elder Will Preach Sunday.

Rev. S. W. Lawler, Presiding Elder of the East Coast district, will be in Fort Pierce this week on his quarterly visitation to this charge. He is a fine speaker and our people will be delighted to hear him. He will preach at the Methodist Church on Saturday and Sunday, morning and evening. The Holy Communion will be administered Sunday morning. All most cordially invited to attend these services.

## THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

The president has issued a proclamation, naming Thursday, November 29, as a day of thanksgiving. The text of the proclamation is as follows:

The time of the year has come when in accordance with the wise custom of our forefathers, it becomes my duty to set aside a special day of thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty because of the blessings we have received, and of prayer that these blessings may be continued. Yet another year of widespread wellbeing has past. Never before in our history or in the history of any other nation has a people enjoyed more abounding material prosperity than is ours; a prosperity so great that it should arouse in us no spirit of reckless pride, and least of all a spirit of heedless disregard of our responsibilities; but rather a sober sense of our many blessings, and a resolute purpose, under Providence, not to forfeit them by any action of our own.

Material well-being, indispensable though it is, can never be anything but the foundation of a true national greatness and happiness. If we build nothing upon this foundation, then our national life will be as meaningless and empty as a house where only the foundation has been laid. Upon our material well-being must be built a superstructure of individual and national life lived in accordance with the laws of the highest morality, or else our prosperity itself will in the long run turn out a curse instead of a blessing. We should be both reverently thankful for what we have received, and earnestly bent upon turning it into a means of grace and not of destruction.

Accordingly I hereby set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and supplication on which the people shall meet in their homes or their churches, devoutly acknowledge all that has been given them, and pray that they may in addition receive the power to use this gift aright.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 22nd day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and six, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and thirty-first.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President.

## LIGHT DAMAGE ON EXTENSION

Jas. E. Ingraham Interviewed by Miami Record Representative

## DEPLORE LOSS OF LIFE

All Completed Work on East Coast Railway Extension Safe. Loss on Boats and Supplies About \$150,000

J. E. Ingraham, third vice president of the Florida East Coast railway, has been in the city since Friday, and as was to be expected, is taking an active interest in reorganizing the working force of the extension, and also in obtaining all information possible as to the loss of life and the money damage to the extension work, says the Miami Record.

The latter he does not make much account of. In proportion to the whole investment made and to be made that loss is small.

Several boats have been wrecked and are total losses, three of the big dredges are lost and much material has been swept away and will have to be replaced.

"The loss of life," said Mr. Ingraham, in an interview, "is the principal thing. We deplore it and are doing all we can to alleviate the distress among our men. We do not count the money loss incident to the destruction of material and supplies, but we are distressed that perhaps one hundred men in our employ have met death, and that many others have been in peril of their lives."

Mr. Ingraham was asked the question that has been agitated in this city ever since the storm, as to whether that great disaster would put a stop to the work on the extension.

"Not at all," was his answer.

"It will necessarily delay us, but the work will go right along.

"The boats lost will be replaced; the material will be rushed forward to take the place of that which was swept out to sea, and the whole force will be reorganized and within the next few days work will proceed as before.

"The completed work on the keys withstood the storm, just as we expected it would, and only the temporary structures suffered."

When asked if he thought there would be any difficulty in obtaining men to work on the extension, after the experiences of the men last week, Mr. Ingraham said:

"No, not at all. In fact, twenty-four of our men who were brought to the hospital here for treatment of their wounds, are going back today, and say they are perfectly willing to work for the company on the keys; the only stipulation being that they be accommodated with quarters on land and not on houseboats. As their experiences have been very severe their request is but natural and every provision will be made to make them comfortable on land."

Mr. Ingraham seemed very anxious that citizens of Miami should not be discouraged over the storm.

"Miami is all right," he said. "The only trouble is the exaggerated stories printed in the northern papers as to the damage done here. Miami should take steps to correct the wrong impression that the city was under water; that a hundred houses were destroyed and that many lives were lost. As we all know there was no truth in the story and we should do what we can to correct any false impressions that have gone abroad."

The new county of St. Lucie had no sooner gotten rid of the bar rooms than the agitation was begun for good roads. That is the way of it everywhere. The small town or county that ties up with the saloon courts moral lassitude and material dilapidation. Throw off this incubus and there is at once a reaching out for higher ideals of life and its real conveniences and comforts. And there is also the money to buy them.—Palatka News.

The steamer Alligator is making its way from Leesburg to Jacksonville via the big lakes and the Ocklawaha river, a most difficult trip and the first to be attempted by a steamer of its class in 25 years.