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Guide to Collection

Socialist Party (Alaska)

Records of the Socialist Party, Juneau local, 1911-1914

MS 4-7-2

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Juneau Local organized July 22, 1911 with sixteen charter members. A number of locals were established in Alaska and affiliated with the Socialist Party identified as an economic and political movement uniting the working class. "In this battle for freedom the Socialist Party does not strive to substitute working class rule for capitalist class rule, but by working class victory, to free all humanity from class rule and to realize the international brotherhood of man."

From the Socialist Party Platform adopted by National Convention, May, 1908, amended by referendum September 7, 1909.

The minutes of the Juneau Local reflect efforts to encourage Alaskans to run for local office on Socialist Party ticket support National candidates, and Alaskan delegate to Congress. Activities include forming a library of literature on socialism, efforts to acquire a lot for a meeting hall, monitor polling places, protest against fish traps and Ward T. Bower, Fish Commissioner, etc.

There is no acquisition record for receipt of the minute book, correspondence, financial records, and miscellaneous files from the Juneau Local. They comprise 2 inches of records.

## INVENTORY

- 2-1 Minute Book. July 22, 1911 through April 14, 1913.  
1 v.
- 2-2 Correspondence. August 1912 - through June 22, 1914.  
Includes letter resolutions to the Governors of New York and West Virginia regarding labor injustices.  
12 items
- 2-3 Financial records. 1911-12, 1914.  
includes packets of receipts and cancelled checks; pages 13-22 torn from an accounts register; list of Alaska locals; expenditures and receipts journal.  
5 items
- 2-4 Miscellaneous.  
Socialist Party information, platform ballots, newspaper clippings on election returns, resignation forms, decoration list for Socialist Hall.  
18 items