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EDITORIAL

PRESTON AND MUNRO.

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HE Presidential ticket of the Socialist Labor Party is a platform in itself.

It is a slogan at the sound of which every honorable workingman in the I.W.W., in the A.F. of L., or outside of both, should be fired with enthusiasm.

It is a summons to every bona fide unionist to rush to the support of his fellow unionist who is thrown in jail by class justice for his firmness on the firing line.

It is a warning against the evils of pure and simple politicianism, the Socialist party and *Appeal to Reason* having furnished at least one member to the iniquitous jury that railroaded an innocent workingman to virtual death by a sentence of twenty-five years.

It is a symbol of the double weapon that the well-poised revolutionist in the camp of the Labor Movement uses in the class struggle with the capitalist class—the weapon of the ballot, and the weapon of man's natural rights of physical force in self-defence.

It is an attestation of the unterrified posture of the Socialist Labor Party—the promotion of the emancipation of the Working Class by all available means.

Preston and Munro—members of the S.L.P., active men in the camp of the proletariat, earners of their living, exploitees of the capitalist master, laborers in the field of Labor's unification, emancipation—this is a ticket that speaks loudly, clearly, emphatically.

The eloquence of imprisoned Preston's silence, supplemented by the spoken eloquence of Munro, is a trumpet blast that summons the proletariat of the land to rally around the banner, the only banner raised at this presidential election around which the working class can rally—the banner raised by the Socialist Labor Party—the banner inscribed:

PRESTON and MUNRO.

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