

The National Platform

The phraseology and the length of the platform adopted by our national convention at Chicago is meeting with considerable criticism within the party. Notwithstanding the recognized ability and party eminence of most of the committee on Platform, and notwithstanding the fact that the platform was adopted unanimously by the convention without discussion I believe that it is open to justifiable criticism.

The platform starts with an appeal to "the American people." Now all Socialists know that there are two American peoples, the capitalist people and the working people; that the "people" are divided into classes—working class and capitalist class. Socialists and Socialist platforms have not hitherto appealed to any such nebulous abstraction as "the American people," they have appealed to the international working class. The introduction of the word American is superfluous and out of harmony with the internationalism of our movement. In regard to the statement that "Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom," it is exactly as true that capitalism came into the world in the name of freedom.

Aside from the length and redundancy, which are its most obvious faults, in its first part the platform harps upon certain phrases which have so long been the shibboleths of other and antagonistic schools of thought that their use tends to violate the recognized philosophical bases of our movement. "Private property" and the "liberty of the individual" are phrases which have long been the stock in trade of the advocates of the present individualistic competitive system. Of course Socialism will secure personal property in objects of personal use to all, while capitalism denies sufficient personal property to the majority; and, of course, Socialism will secure the liberty of the individual, while capitalism crushes it; but at the same time Socialists know that plentiful personal property for all depends upon collective property in essentials first, and that individual liberty is bound up in social welfare. Socialists therefore emphasize more especially the principle of common property and social welfare, as it is through this that the welfare of the individual must be reached. Laying the stress upon the individual and what attaches to him is a departure from our usual method of expression that is to be regretted. We can well afford to leave such phrases as "private property" and individual liberty" to the capitalists and the anarchists. Of these two phrases "private property" is by far the most objectionable. It is the time-honored phrase of the enemy and belongs not in the mouths of Socialists. And "essential private property" and "private property in the means of life," as used in our new platform, are even more ambiguous and questionable. Such attempts to anticipate objections to Socialism by capturing the phrases of the enemy seem cheap and out of place in the platform.

The very first paragraph should state the aim of the Socialist Party—the common ownership of the means of production to be gained through the capture of the powers of government by the working class. But this platform must be read more than half way through before the statement of this aim is found.

The style of the document is not suitable either for a political platform or for a scientific statement of principles. Such phrases as "world process," "mental and moral harmony," "strain and crisis of civilization," "blossoming of our common humanity" are too sentimental

rhetorical for either. A comrade, in conversation, spoke of the platform as "more of a wail than a challenge," and I believe that the characterizations is an apt one. For instance, the passage reading: "If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery it must be by the union of the workers," etc. There should be no "ifs" or uncertainties in a platform; it should be positive, strong, aggressive, defiant. The above passage should read something like this: It is the mission of the working class to save the world, etc.

It is no answer to these criticisms to point out that the platform does stand for internationalism and the class struggle, as shown by other passages. It is perfectly true that it does and that it corrects all its own faults in other passages. But that is not sufficient. The platform should not only be right in spots; it should be right in expression and in spirit from the first word to the last.

"The Public," Louis F. Post's Single Tax and radical Democratic weekly, in discussing our new platform and the previous one says:

"The platform of three years ago emphasized what Socialists call the 'the class struggle,' and it wholly ignored American ideals and traditions in its pronounced internationalism. It was written without in a style and spirit well calculated to intensify every prejudice against Socialism and really to attract none but 'scientific' Socialists of the most uncompromising type. And although it made some concessions to opportunist Socialists by formulating a collection of 'immediate demands,' it did this so grudgingly as to repel all believers in them except thorough-going Socialist Party Socialists.

"Quite different is the platform of 1904. While it does not discard the 'class struggle' idea, which it could hardly do without ceasing to be socialistic; and while it retains internationalism, as a great many besides Socialists would have it do; yet, it lays its emphasis more discreetly than its predecessor did, and it presents its claims in a manner better calculated to attract the average American voter."

This condemnation of our previous platform and praise of the new one, coming from an opponent of Socialism, will doubtless be regarded by most Socialists as creditable to our old platforms and discreditable to the new one. We certainly want a platform with all its "emphasis on the class struggle," a platform of "pronounced internationalism," a platform which is satisfactory to scientific Socialists and "thorough going Socialist Party Socialists;" we do not want a platform which is more pleasant to non-Socialists, we do not want a platform written "discreetly" to "attract the voter" by concessions to the traditional prejudices which capitalism fosters, for our purpose is not to catch votes but to make Socialists.

The appeal, towards the end, to disinterested altruists from the other class is superfluous. Those who would be worth anything to the movement will come just as quickly without, and would understand just as readily that they were welcome to work as comrades in the cause if the appeal was directed solely to the working class.

However, although some of its phrases are lax and loose, the platform as a whole states our position accurately and does not violate Socialist principles. Any attempt to change it or substitute another one by referendum before the election would be a grave mistake, and would greatly hamper the work of Presidential campaign. Those who

are dissatisfied would be wise to wait until after election before trying to get a better platform. The proposal of substitute platforms or of amendments by referendum at this time would throw the party into hopeless confusion and discomfiture. But if those who are dissatisfied simply vote down the new platform on referendum, thus re-adopting the previous platform, a far better one they will do less harm to the party than by initiating new platform referendums. And by accepting the present platform, for the present, with all its faults, they will be doing still better.

COURTENAY LEMON.

The June Comrade

A magnificent life size portrait of Eugene V. Debs the presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, graces the cover of The Comrade for June. The portrait is the work of Comrade F. A. Dalme, and the many admirers of the Socialist standard bearer will be delighted with it. The issue also contains a full page half tone picture of Ben Hanford. Perhaps the most interesting article in the June Comrade is the one by Debs, entitled "Stray Leaves from the Note Book of a Labor Agitator." A comprehensive digest of the utterances of the whole Socialist press regarding the Chicago convention will undoubtedly prove extremely valuable to every Socialist. Highly instructive will be found an article on the great Hungarian Railway strike and another one on the new Labor Cabinet of Australia. The issue has a goodly sprinkling of cartoons. Price, 10c a copy.—The Comrade, 11 Cooper Square, New York.

The Expulsion Illegal Says Headquarters

June 3, 1904.

Mr. W. H. Smith,
Chairman, Committee,
Livingston, Montana.

Dear Comrade:

This is acknowledging yours of the 23rd ult., containing resolution concerning the expulsion of Brothers Walsh, Lynch, Harvey and Hughes from Lewistown Labor Union, No. 156.

Replying will say, that this is a matter that concerns, chiefly, the members expelled; and it was their place, and theirs only, to appeal to headquarters in the matter. They did make this appeal, and President McDonald rendered a decision under date of two weeks ago, declaring said expulsion illegal, and restoring the members concerned to their membership in the American Labor Union.

Fraternally yours,

[Seal] CLARENCE SMITH,
Gen. Sec'y-Treas., American Labor Union.

Peabody of Russiado

Peabody, the citizens' alliance governor of Russiado, is now having his hired soldier brutes tie union men to telephone poles and beat them to death. And even with this kind of treatment the unionist will still continue to vote one of the old parties into power. There is a great difference between bull pen Peabody, republican of Russiado and bull pen Steunberg, democrat, of the Coeur de Alene strike. The same difference as between tweedle de and tweedle dum. Still we have union men right in this county who are contributing money to help their brother unionists of Russiado, and at the same time hobnobbing around in Jeffersonian citizen alliance banquets, called in the interest of boosting "Smiling" David Hilger for lieutenant governor. Ah, you're a nice bunch! A disgrace to the country that reared you! Depraved humanity! A bunch that should have lived two thousand years ago to scab the job of Judas Iscariot.

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EUGENE V. DEBS, PRESIDENT.



BEN. HANFORD, VICE-PRESIDENT.

A Trip Trough Carbon County

BY H. LYNCH, TRAVELING SOLICITOR

"Them damn Socialists are absorbing all of the farmers in Carbon county! Why they are going crazy! Just let the farmers get a dose of Socialism; then they will see where they are at," shrieked Banker Vaile of Red Lodge to Farmer Spray of Fish Tail. Banker Vaile is connected with a banking institution, that for years has waxed fat, off a rate of interest ranging all the way from from 12 per cent "to the ceiling," extorted from those of Farmer Spray's ilk, on borrowed money used for the purpose of facilitating further productivity by the farmers to be given up to Mr. Takemin, albeit a mere subsistence. Furthermore, when the farmer must sell, the markets are poor, and prices low, due to overproduction, or monopoly, Mr. Spray's ilk, unable to meet their legal obligations, experience mortgage foreclosures and easily become prey, to the horde of financial sharks, in the category of of Banker Vaile. Hence the political change of Carbon county farmers. The trouble with Banker Vaile et al., is the fear that the farmer and wage-slave will awaken to their interests, and inculcate conditions, which will force him and his kind into productive labor. Nine locals of the American Labor Union with a total membership of five hundred in Carbon county, gives expression of the sentiments here among the farmers. On June 6th, there will be a meeting of delegates from each union, with the object of forming a central body, and affiliating with the miners, who also have a membership of five hundred. One of the prime objects to be attained, is the establishment of a co-operative store, it is said. The farmers claim that for years they have been the victims of the merchants of Red Lodge, who give them whatever they desire, for their products, and in trade only, and on the other hand, charge them exorbitant prices for what they sell. While the merchants here have not yet formed an association, a "community of interest" plan is adopted, with perfect solidarity. They claim that every Monday morning, one of their number visits each place, quoting fixed prices, on the various articles, for the week. The Socialist movement here is strong, and handled by aggressive workers in the cause. Fully two thirds of the miners employed here are of Finnish origin. They are slow to assimilate, but are thrifty, honest and of sober disposition. They are nearly all Socialists, and take organs of that political faith, printed in the language of their fatherland. At the Spring

election, the Socialists "went away round" the redemocrats, forcing them into a bunch, like sheep, and made a tie vote for the mayorality. They are making a strenuous campaign for the fall, and expect to clean out the "Honest Abeites" and "Jeffersonian simplicities." Mr. Charles Spray, formerly spoken of, is the probable candidate for sheriff on the Socialist ticket, and is one of the most prominent and popular men in Carbon county. His election, if nominated, is assured. The elevation of Red Lodge and vicinity is nearly that of Butte; is subject to frequent squalls of inclement weather, and short seasons. Growing alfalfa is the chief work engaged in, raising three or four crops in favorable seasons. Cattle raising is carried on, but as the country is thickly settled, no great amount of money is made along this line. Carbon county has a life of but seven or eight years, having been formed from Yellowstone county and a cession from the Crow Indian Reservation.

John Mitchell has scored another victory. This time it is in Red Lodge, and as usual, the victory is for the operators. Any one who is interested, and at sea, as to how Mitchell manages to herald himself as a conservative labor leader, thru the means of the capitalistic press; have his phiz stamped on cigar boxes, and otherwise enjoy the encomiums of plutocrats, can have his ambitions gratified, by visiting Red Lodge, and consulting the miners, (one and all of them) of No. 1771 U. M. W. A.—a local organization under his Tzar rule. The recent trouble ament the checkweighman was the outcome of a violation of House Bill No. 25, by Superintendent Pettigrew of the Northwestern Coal Co. A miner, Mr. Smethurst, was unanimously elected checkweighman, without any solicitation on his part. Mr. Smethurst is an honest, intelligent and capable man, who refused to be "handled" by Pettigrew, and during his incumbency, saved for the miners, an amount equal to his wages. He insisted on a new order of things in the weighing of the coal, that saved to the miners six to ten tons of coal per day, previously stolen from them, by the company, and consequently incurred the enmity of this corporation boss. After filling a railroad car from the chute, the coal that fell off the car and scales, was shoveled away at the loading of each car, and appropriated by the company. Smethurst insisted

on the including of this. Pettigrew is of a boorish nature, and after the election of Smethurst, by the miners he tore Smethurst's weigh-sheets off the desk. Some idea can be had of the amount of coal, the miners are required to handle without pay, when it is known that the mined coal is run thru a screen twelve feet long, with one and three quarter inches opening. The nut coal and slack made after screening is mined free gratis. Moreover, all the coal that falls off the cars, from the top of the slope to the screen—some one hundred and fifty feet, is lost to the miners. The attitude of Pettigrew toward the duly elected weighman precipitated a strike. The miners returned to work, pending a settlement, and instructed their District Workers to prosecute Pettigrew for violating the law. The miners say their present lives are all prey to the well known situations of General Manager Horn, and consented to leave the violation of a Montana law to their king, and Horn's corporation friend—John Mitchell. Obviously Horn felt that his case was safe in Mitchell's hands. He was correct; Mitchell has done the needful. State Coal Inspector Welsh, refused to take the case up. The miners expected this much from this worthy, as they say he is a servile corporation tool, and already two petitions have been filed with Governor Toole, praying for his dismissal, but the moves have thus far failed to stir His Excellency. Likewise County Attorney Caswell, who they claim is rather representing the Northwestern Coal Company, than the county of Carbon, found the necessary "flaw" in the labor law, and refused to act. Mitchell's decision in the case has not overawed Mr. Smethurst in the least, and through his efforts the Attorney General of the State, has ordered Justice of the Peace Hawthorne, to proceed with the case, but the ultimate result in favor of Pettigrew is expected. The Northwestern Coal Mining Co., places bread in the mouths of every man, woman and child in Red Lodge, and any unfavorable action toward the company means banishment from this town. Mitchell's decision in the matter does not conjure well with the union shibboleth. The interest of one is the concern of all! Indeed, notice was received from from the state District Workers, advising that the miners better sacrifice Smethurst, than precipitate further trouble. The system adopted, whereby disputes are settled, that

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Socialism depends upon truth and education.

The Clark daily papers appear to be "butting in" on the Heinze-Amalgamated trouble to a great extent.

Some of the leading eastern papers are announcing to their readers to keep their eyes on the Socialist movement, as it is growing with alarming rapidity.

Nearly every reasonable politician believes that the reorganizers will capture the machinery of the national democratic convention. In such an event the Bryan-Hearst forces will be watched with interest.

The National bank of Elk City, Oklahoma has been closed by the comptroller of currency and the yap who has been supporting the present system that makes national banks safe—safe for the banker—is now holding the sack and looking for his deposits.

Judging from Bryan's interview in Dallas, Texas the other day as to the national convention, there is nothing sure but that he will bolt that convention if his platform is not adopted and his candidate nominated. It is hardly possible that Bryan can dictate the platform to the democratic convention soon to be convened at St. Louis.

The grim reaper of death, says the dispatches has gathered in Matt Quay of Pennsylvania. It is useless to attempt to say much about him for he is now dead and gone to—to meet Mark Hanna. Political boodling had been his suit for many years. And possibly he is not so much to blame as the common rabble that he lead around by the nose for a few paltry dollars or official office sop.

John A. Smith (colored) a member of the carpenters union in the east has brought suit against the order because of the fact that white men refuse to work with him. It's dollars to doughnuts that the negro is whiter than that "free American" white man who refuses to work with him. But that is about the depth of unionism as advocated by the average unionist, provided he has not become class conscious.

The late report that Russia has offered to withdraw from Manchuria under certain stipulations sounds as if the end of the war might be in sight. But even if it is, what has the laboring class of Japan or Russia accomplished? Countless numbers slain and multiplied countless numbers to return to a slave system that is even worse than death. The direct fruits of capitalism the world over.

The Methodists have staid solidly by their old admonitions of many of the evil sports, such as dancing, etc., and the young folks of that church must bear in mind that tripping the light fantastic is sufficient crime in the eyes of the maker to place them on the grate in the hereafter. Cut it out girls and simply attend church to listen to a man tell of the glories of the future life for so much gold per. And when he gets a raise in salary listen to him tell how the "Lord has called him to a new field." Yes the Lord has to stand lots of these sacrilegious utterances.

Cyrus E. McRaddy and Alfred C. Parker both of national bank fame—famous for the "busting" part of the deal have been sentenced to prison for five years. They stole through the system hundreds of thousands of dollars; the poor man who stole a few postage stamps got life. This is some of the fruit of the glorious system. And during all this the country is full of prosperity. 'Rah! 'Rah!! 'Rah!!! for the redemocran parties which have been in power for forty years.

That Supreme Court Decision.

The late decision by the United States Supreme court knocks the stuffing out of the fellow-servant bill, of which you have heard so much empty democratic-republican talk of in past campaigns.

It has been rendered by this plutocratic, capitalistic slot machine court, in the case of the murder of a fireman on the railroad. The robbed hirelings have decided that the fellow-servant fireman was an employee under another fellow-servant operator employee, and consequently the fireman's death was due to the negligence of the operator and not the company. You see during the murder of the fireman by the railroad, the operator was not a part of the active ingredient of the railroad company, but the fireman according to the decision was, in plain language with the technical phraseology of the court torn off, murdered by the carelessness of the operator. But then the laboring people have elected hirelings to office to appoint tools of the money power, and as judges render decisions by past precedent and money considerations, it is no more than can be expected.

The whole proposition shows clearly that if the people desire to have the law interpreted rightly they must elect men from their own ranks. The republican papers have offered the editorial suggestion that probably this decision will act as a set back in the active efforts of the past in urging electors to pledge themselves to a bill of this kind. Such is not the case the people will move onward and upward and in the next few years will awake—come to their senses and, elect people of the laboring class who will not render decisions so much per.

Such unreasonable moves and decisions as these are sure the casu belli which will disrupt the whole rotten system in the near future.

Landlordism in Heaven

I know they preach to us the blessings of poverty, but I never could see it in that light. Bishop Matz of Denver recently preached a wonderful sermon on the blessings of poverty. He told the poor of his congregation to be satisfied with their lot here and they would have corner lots in the New Jerusalem. It may be that you will hardly believe this statement, but the following are his exact words as reported by the Denver "Post": "The poor of earth will be the landlords in heaven, and the rich will be the tenants." I had hoped landlordism was to cease at death, but here comes a man who pretends to be the vicegerent of God on earth, who declares that we are to have landlordism in heaven, only those who have been poor tenants here, will be landlords there. Of course, men who represent the robber classes so completely as to do the hierarchy of the church could not possibly conceive of a society without landlordism, even in heaven. But this lying claim is put forth intentionally to deceive, in order to make the poor more content to be robbed and plundered on earth, by being solaced with the promise of getting even with their robbers in heaven.—Freeman Knowles, in "The Social Paradox."

Will not Take up The White Man's Burden

The charge is that "the Filipinos will not work." The sentence is not complete; it should be read: "The Filipinos will not work for foreigners." That is to say, they will not work for the vampire and the wolf whose sole intent is to amass wealth by the labor of others. This is a fact of which every Filipino ought to be proud, for it places

the Filipinos in marked contrast with all the peoples of the east, excepting Japan where a similar condition is found.

In India and China and in other eastern countries the "white man's burden" consists in making colossal fortunes out of the inadequately paid labor of the brown man.

But the Filipinos and the Japanese will not "take up the white man's burden;" they prefer to let the white man carry it himself, and hence his complaint.

The Hawaiian, the Indian and even the shrewd Chinaman are deceived by the professions of those who declare that "it is all for the brown man's benefit." But the Filipino knows that unless this philanthropy promises to yield 50 or 100 per cent profit it will never be put into practice.—Sixto Lopez and Thomas T. Patterson, in the Springfield Republican.

Democracy in Big Things Specialists for Details

The supposition that a man has to know what he is talking about in the scholarly sense seems to me quite ridiculous. It is like saying that a man ought to be a meteorologist before he is allowed to say to his friends that it is a fine day. Whether he understands meteorology or not, the day is fine to him; whether I understand political science or not, the "Times" leading articles are palpably ridiculous to me. About the really important things men have always claimed a common and general right to judge. Mankind has appointed solemn academies and created haughty aristocracies in order to settle the trifling things—heraldry, or Greek accents, or how to take off one's hat. But the things that were really serious were much too serious to be trusted to the educated classes. The man who talks about the weather is criticising something even more majestic than the "Times" articles. He is criticising the heavens themselves, the throne of the thunders of all the gods that men have feared.—G. K. Chesterton, in London Daily News.

Socialism and Incentive.

Joy of activity, joy of fame, joy of achievement, and joy of service—these are the joys that might play on the healthful, eager, sensitive organism and draw it into a due share in the great labor of the world. And it is claimed that they will not be sufficient under Socialism; that the fear of starvation must be added, or men, undeterred by vacant days or the pitying scorn of their fellows will yield themselves to luxurious indolence, because, forsooth, they know that society will treat them kindly as it would a stray cat, and will give them shelter and food. Such a contention is false to all faith in our common humanity; more than this it is false to the facts of human experience.—Vida Scudder, in Socialism and Spiritual Progress.

The article sent to many of the Socialist papers by Comrade Thos. Edward Will of Kansas can be no surprise to the true Socialists; it is written by a fusion, opportunist, sentimentalist windy Kansas mind, and not satisfied with a loud article without any facts or truths whatever he proceeds to ridicule in a personal way the position of the revolutionary Socialists. However it is nothing new to the writer to hear such as this from Kansas. It is the echo of the old populist movement when the hypnotic power of the "crown of thorns and cross of gold" caught up the fusionists and carried them into the camp of democratic oblivion. Were Mr. Will fair he would cut out this ridicule of a personal nature for any Socialist knows that the program as presented to the convention was a piece of intellectual hog wash.

The proposition of the Western Federation of Miners becoming affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, takes on a two sided appearance. In the future it will be a fight of the non-Socialists lead by Gompers, a tool of the money power, to control the organization, and the Socialist element lead by intelli-

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The other day when President Roosevelt arrived home after a free trip at the expense of the laboring mules of this country, he stepped down from the coach and walking to the engine shook hands with the engineer and fireman. Guess he isn't a politician, eh? Why those wage slaves will swell up for six months and tell about that, how the president came to the engine to shake hands with them. We pity the man who would try to put a little Socialism into their heads after that hand shaking. In fact the hypnotic influence will extend further than just to the two.

Well the pope of the Catholic church has decided that women must not be allowed in the choir. This is civilization, and the good old Catholic ladies who have looked up to the man as being the real thing as the handiwork of God, will probably say amen. The next edict will probably be to put them out of the church, and the third one will be to give them the death proxies of the men to take their place in the hot regions. Easy for the men so long as the women will obey gracefully and cheerfully.

The Helena Independent published an editorial over the head "What Started the War," and then uses a whole column to tell what started it. The whole question could be answered in just one word—capitalists. And then in a very few words could tell why they started it. For profit was the reason they started it. In every war in the world the cause has been for profit and the capitalist has been the fellow to reap the profit while the poor laboring mule fought the battles.

Beginning next week the Montana News will contain a report of the Socialist State convention. This issue, we can give our readers very little matter relative as to what has been done, as the convention did not convene until Monday noon and some time must necessarily be spent in getting all preliminaries arranged ready to get down to business. However a stenographical report will be started in our next issue and continues from issue to issue until completed.

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W. L. Cragg and A. T. Harvey left last week for a trip through the Black Tail country in the interest of the grocery firm which they represent. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

The county commissioners met Monday. The bill of Road Supervisor Tom Mishow created quite a discussion, the commissioners claiming that it was about \$12. to high although they drew about twice that amount in salary for the time they put in rectifying the same. Wonder where the tax payers come in.

After a long illness, at the hospital Mr. Olson for the first time was out Monday.

The wool ware house is about completed and will be ready to receive wool in a few days.

Arthur Wright has opened a saloon in the building formerly occupied by the Acme cafe.

Three thousand machinists on strike at Chicago is another sign of republican prosperity.

Carl Grunwald accused by Elsie Quinn of being the father of her baby was acquitted in the district court Monday.

Notice Socialists!

The regular meeting of the Socialist Local of Lewistown has been changed to Sunday night at 6:30 p. m., at the News office, when every member is requested to be present and bring a friend.

J. H. Walsh, editor of the Montana News left last Saturday morning for Helena where he goes as a delegate to attend the State Socialist convention. Mr. Walsh has secured the services of a competent stenographer and will have a verbatim report of the convention including all the speeches, and the same will be published in the News. This will be the first State Socialist convention ever held in the state and reported verbatim. Every Socialist in the state should order a few copies of the News and have this report on hand. It will be a great document to have on hand during the campaign, and of especially historic interest in the future. Send in your name with an order for a bundle of these papers. How many do you want?

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For further particulars apply to C. W. DOHERTY, L. H. YOUNG, Agt Lewistown Tkt Agt Gt Falls.

The Butte Miner calls the Democrat of this city to task for offering the olive branch to the Heinze gang in the coming fall campaign; but the Miner appears to be slightly mistaken as to where the Democrat really stands. The Democrat is strictly a Heinze sheet while masking as a Simon pure democratic paper. Go to it you fellows, however, for it is signs of the times, and the signs are that the real lineup is not far distant, when Heinze, Clark and the Amalgamated with all their hirelings with democratic or other sheets must face the music of Socialism. Then it is when all the whole rotten system of capitalists will get together, and after the battle will look like nine spots.

Forest Grove Notes

Sid Frost, Art Gifford and Frank Wight are with the local shearing crew on lower McDonnell creek.

Billie Howe the carpenter is still employed out here, he has not been in Lewistown since he left to work on Winnetts house.

Crops are looking well, and the range is in much better condition than at this time last year. The sheep men report a very successful lambing season.

Big, good natured Jim Atchison is the new Postmaster. He intends in the near future to build an addition to his house to accommodate the postoffice and later perhaps a store.

The republicans have a candidate or two seeking nomination from this neck of the woods. Among them, we are informed, Sam Tyler is looking for the nomination as Assessor. He is liable to make Plum lump, chasing that nomination.

Frosts are building an addition to their home, this will give them some much needed room. August Westveldt has completed his new residence; and the McCauley home is awaiting the painters, when completed it will be the finest house in this section.

There will be a celebration at Forest Grove on July 4th, horse races and other amusements will entertain the crowd during the day; and in the evening will usher in the biggest dance ever given in this section. Roy Ayres has promised to deliver the oration.

The farmers on the head of Flatwillow are complaining of the way in which the county officials are juggling the road petition. The trouble is this new road would cross about three quarters of a mile of the land fenced in by Tommy Cruse. He is opposing the opening of the road as he does not want that country settled up; and his wish is of more weight in contolling the actions of the county board and surveyor than the necessities of many small ranchers. But as long as people vote for this system that makes the millionaire a god, who can do no wrong and who rides roughshod over the rights of the people.

There is, as usual two sides to the Wakefield trouble; in the News of recent date you gave the story told by Wakefield about his encounter with Nate McCauley. As a matter of justice give the following version as repeated to your correspondent. Wakefield had pastured a small band of horses in McCauley's pasture for several months, and when

settling up McCauley said he would charge him \$40 for the use of pasture. Wakefield left the house and went to the barn, in a rage, McCauley followed him saying "don't get mad." When McCauley entered the barn Wakefield struck at him and then made a motion to pull a gun; McCauley seized a fork, and struck Wakefield on the wrist but did not prod him.

Last Friday night there was a dance at the Forest Grove Hall, given to help raise a fund to pay for carrying the mail from Lewistown. This is the third time the people of this vicinity have paid for a mail route. The Government forces the inhabitants to pay for three months service before a regular mail route will be established. The post office is badly needed in this district a large business will be done as the surrounding country is thickly settled. The dance was very well attended despite the cold weather, it was daylight before the crowd dispersed. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Westvelt, Mr. and Mrs. Lemon, Mr. and Mrs. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler and others whose names are unknown to ye scribe. The young folks were well represented.

The labor trouble at the Borg coal mines near this city has been adjusted and the men have gone back to work. It is a winning for the men. The new scale is by the day at \$3.50.

The associated press dispatches say that the "exposition authorities were greatly chagrined because upon the occasion of the visit of Miss Roosevelt to the grounds that the gate keepers did not recognize her and compelled her to purchase an admission ticket." Wouldn't that make you sick? Who is Miss Roosevelt, the president's daughter, a little slip of a girl that is no more in this great universe than any other Miss. This is plutocracy, this is codfish aristocracy, this is the result of excessive money. Senator Carter of Montana cow towing to this slip of a girl; the girl is all right; nothing but a young dutch descendent of a girl; no blame attached to the girl, but to see the brainless yaps like Carter and a few other exposition leaders swelling up their breasts while they have a picture taken with Miss Roosevelt. How do you country girls like this? If you were to go to the exposition such men as Carter would not recognize you, and you are just the same as Miss Roosevelt—a girl. Oh, this is a great country of slimy plutocracy where ability is based upon the almighty dollar.

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Circular Letter for
Local Secretaries

May 20, 1904.

Comrade Secretaries:—
Your earnest and prompt attention is requested to the following important matters:

1. Books for Local Officials. From among those who have been giving attention to the detail work of party organization (a most necessary work, and too little appreciated by many), there has been coming to the National Office requests for sets of books for Branch, Local and State officials. Lack of funds has made it impossible to get out such books, but if the members take hold and push the subscription blanks, now being sent out in compliance with the action of the National Convention, calling on all members and sympathizers to contribute one-half day's pay during the month of June, one-third to go to Local, one-third to State, and one third to National organization, all divisions should be able to equip themselves for permanent and solid organization.

The National office has had prepared a full set of specially ruled and printed books for Branch or Local organizations, consisting of Minute Book, Financial Secretary's Cash Book, Financial Secretary's Ledger, with space for one hundred members for over two years; Treasurer's Cash Book and a book of orders on treasurer. If we are assured a sufficient number of cash orders from Locals and Branches we will be enabled to furnish the entire set and also a letter file for \$3.00, the actual cost in quantity. These will be sold only in full sets, shipped by express at expense of Local. We have also had prepared Receipt Books, Cash Books and Ledger, all specially ruled and printed, for State secretaries. With these books in use by Local and State bodies we will be able to secure uniform and systematic methods so necessary to perfect organization, which we must have to cope with capitalism. If your Branch or Local will take a set of these books at price noted, please send a postal card to the National Secretary, as soon as possible so that we may be able to decide on the number to order. Immediate action is requested.

2. Socialist Plate matter for Local Papers. The National Convention adopted a resolution directing the National Secretary to arrange for furnishing Socialist plate matter to newspapers. The plan is as follows: If we can get one hundred or more papers to take one page a month (six columns to the page), it can be furnished for \$1.00 a page to each paper using it, saving that much typesetting. The plates will be furnished by the American Press Association from their branch office nearest the paper taking the plates. Papers pay express on plates, and freight on return after being used. (Bases will be furnished with first plates to papers which have not already got bases. Newspaper publishers understand this.) The matter can be used all at once or as much of it each week as space will permit. It will be prepared under direction of the National Secretary and in view of the general interest, pro and con, in the subject of Socialism, reliable matter should be appreciated by the more progressive labor press as well as by many local papers, and this presents an opportunity for comrades everywhere to extend reliable Socialist news and propaganda. See your local publishers and try to get them to take the page once a month (later it may be issued oftener), and by way of inducement the Local or comrades so disposed can offer to pay for the plates in whole or in part, as might be agreed with the local newspaper publishers. This would not furnish you a local paper, but it would get Socialist news and argument before local readers. The money and energy expended in trying to establish local papers had much better be used in building up strong party papers with ability to secure the best possible talent on their staffs. Let every Branch or Local canvass the situation, and if possible get one of your local papers to take the

plates. Write as soon as possible to the National Secretary and let him know what you have done in the matter. This can be made one of the most valuable methods of propaganda if taken up promptly and pushed vigorously.

3. National Campaign Fund. A fund for the Socialist party presidential campaign must be raised at once. In accordance with the resolution adopted by the National Convention, party members and sympathizers everywhere are called upon to contribute one-half day's pay sometime during the month of June, 1904. It is proposed that one-third of the amount thus realized shall be retained by the local organizations, one-third shall be remitted to the State organizations and one-third sent to the National organization. Where no local organizations exist contributions shall be divided equally between the State and National organizations. In unorganized States amounts shall be divided equally between the local and National organizations. In organized States all remittances should be made through the State secretaries portion due the National organization can be sent in the form of money order or draft payable to the National Secretary, William Mailly. Lists will be sent out by the National Secretary through the State and territorial secretaries to all the local secretaries. The State Secretaries will countersign these lists, keep a record of them before forwarding them to the various locals, and be responsible for their return to the National Secretary, with the amounts reported as collected on them. This will ensure the local, State and National organizations the receipt of the respective amounts due them. Comrades should get ready for these lists and be prepared to contribute at least one-half day's pay during the month of June. If this is done generally, we can be assured of a good campaign fund with which to begin the great battle against the capitalist parties. Lists will be forwarded to comrades where no Locals exist upon application direct to the National Secretary.

4. Official Report of National Convention. The official stenographic report of the Socialist party National Convention of 1904, the most representative and memorable Socialist gathering ever held in America, is now in the press and will soon be ready for delivery. The report is complete in every detail and is the only one of the kind published anywhere. The discussions, speeches, reports of committees, names and addresses of delegates, etc., are given in full. The report is therefore of great educational and historic value and every Socialist should possess one. The book will consist of not less than 300 pages, 6x9 inches, set in clear type, well bound in stiff paper cover and illustrated by portraits of presidential and vice-presidential candidates. This is the book of the year for all Socialists. We are able to furnish it in paper cover for 50 cents a copy, mail prepaid, or cloth bound \$1.00. This barely covers cost. Orders should be sent in immediately to the National Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE! Correspondents are requested to use separate sheets of paper when writing upon each of the foregoing matters. The work of the National Headquarters is subdivided into departments and letters are distributed according to subjects. Strict observance of this request will guarantee prompt attention to letters and save time and energy in the National office. All letters should be addressed and remittances made payable to

WILLIAM MAILLY,
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In Milwaukee every one of the capitalistic aldermanic candidates was careful to put the union label on his campaign cards. That was to catch working class votes. Yet when the Socialists made a motion recently in the board of aldermen to have the union label put on city printing, the capitalistic aldermen laughed loudly, it was such a good joke. But when the motion was put not one of them dared to vote against it!—Social-Democratic Herald.



An Apt Answer.
Smith—What do you mean by swearing before my wife?
Jones—Excuse me; I didn't know she wanted to swear.—Chicago American.



In Style.
"Hello, Bill! Wot you got de crutch for?"
Bill—Huh! Guess you don't read de papers. That's me plugging ankle.—Chicago News.



He Could Rest.
She—If somebody left us \$1,000,000, what is the first thing you would do?
He—There'd be no further need in such a case of doing anything or anybody.—New York World.



Nowadays.
Butcher—Will I chop out the bone?
Shopper—No, I'll have nothing to carry home if you do.—New York Journal.

England's Fig Gardens.
The industry of fig culture in Britain may be said to be centered in Worthing, though how this neighborhood should come to possess the most extensive fig orchards it is hard to say. Those who never have had an opportunity of visiting the Worthing fig orchards would be astonished to learn of the size, age and vigor this tree attains there. Even in cottage gardens in the immediate neighborhood the fig tree thrives remarkably well. It is in and around the village of Sompting that the chief market supply of figs is obtained. The trees are here planted in groves, irregular now because some have died and been replaced by younger trees, and many of them are twenty feet high and as many through. They are not allowed to grow higher than this; otherwise the labor of gathering the fruit would be increased.—London Standard.

The Wife's Mistake.
"The other day," said Jones, "an old woman bounced into our office displaying a notice that we had written to her to the effect that a tax on some property of hers was due. She swore she had paid it. I had the books to prove that the tax was still unpaid, and suggested that she had made a mistake. She declared that she had not, and said: "Don't you ever make mistakes?" "I assured her that I did not, and jokingly added, "The only mistake I ever made was when I was married." "She looked at me a second and then said, "No; your wife made that mistake."

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A TRIP THROUGH
CARBON COUNTY

necessarily arise between master and slave in the Mine Workers Union is oligarchical in the extreme. In Montana the destinies of all the miners in the state, is placed in the hands of three men, called district workmen Mr. Smethurst has been identified with the progress of the local here for years, being the most active in increasing the membership from a small number to five hundred members. He caused the warrant to be issued for the late absconding treasurer and at all times has taken a deep interest, in his fellow workmen. For this sacrifice and by Mitchell's decision, he has the privilege of "hitting the grit" out of the state, in search of work, to support his family cognizant of the fact, that he is on the blacklist of the Northwestern Coal Co. Smethurst enjoys the unreserved confidence, of the miners of Red Lodge, and they will stand by him to the man. Ample experience, in the past, should be sufficient in convincing the unionists, that fakirs in labor organizations, are more fatal to their interests than their outspoken enemies, and repetitions of the Mitchell decision in this case, will only have a tendency, to show the wage-earner his true status; force him into the political arena; vote to eliminate the classes, and inaugurate a system, which places beyond the power of labor leader the opportunity to pervert his interests for self aggrandizement.

Later—The information is given out by the press, that Mr. Pettigrew was acquitted by a "jury of his peers" (dependents.) Comment is unnecessary.

H. LYNCH.

Red Lodge, Mont., June 1, 1904.

In Columbus, Ohio the militia was called out owing to a strike in that city. It appears that things got pretty lively for a time after a boat load of rifles, and it is reported that the scabs and tin soldiers' knees were knocking together with a rapidity that bordered upon an electrical movement.

To John D. Rockefeller.

Rocky is a king, boys;
Rocky is his name,
Rocky has the swing, boys,
Rocky is his fame.
Rocky has his slaves, boys,
Rocky is the way;
Rocky has his knaves, boys,
Rocky is the day.
Oh, serve him well, ye slaves of toil.
And ever be dependents;
Oh, serve him well, ye knaves
And spoil our country's Independence.—Contributed.

Bluestockings

Once upon a time a particular kind of stocking became the badge of a certain learned clique. It was a blue stocking, and the society that sported it came into existence in Venice in the year 1400. Nearly two centuries elapsed before the craze spread, but then a highly inflammable nation—the French—took it up, and no one with any pretensions to erudition rested content without the Bas Bleu club distinction. The same space of time passed by and the fad spread to England, where bluestockings existed until 1810, when, in the person of the Countess of Cork, the last seion of an ancient coterie expired.

This is how we get the modern appellation "bluestocking," usually tacked on as a term of opprobrium to some one more learned than the generality of people, especially if that some one be a young girl and if she be careless about her clothes and personal appearance.

Chinese Widows.

In China, that land of contradictions, it is not considered to be good form in good society for widows, however young, to marry again. By way of compensation, however, the estate of widowhood is held in the highest esteem, and widows are more honored as they advance in years. A widow of mature age, in fact, is regarded somewhat in the style of the finest port wine very old in bottle. If the lady reaches the age of fifty, she can obtain an imperial certificate of her age and virtues, and this tablet is put up prominently over the door of her house so that all may read.—London Times.

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