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## How the Farmers Land Is Quietly Slipping Away

Well, "Citizen" Watson shook hands with the Strenuous one. Ah, me!

Mrs. Otto Kempendorf and little boy left Wednesday morning to visit the Fair.

### THE THEORY

The farmers are a prosperous and ever-growing class.—Always Wrong Bulletin (rep.) Prosser, Wash.

(And remember, please, the Bulletin boasts that the republicans do not indulge in "theories.")

### THE FACT

The farmer knows he has been a favored child of fortune these last few years. He knows it because politicians have told him so. His pocketbook and bank account may not tell him so, but if the money is not in one or the other of these places, it is surely his own fault.

For do not the census reports for 1900 tell him that the 5,737,372 farms in the United States increased in value from 1880 to 1900 from \$10,197,096,776 to \$16,614,647,491, or 64 per cent? And did not the value of his live stock products increase during the same time from \$1,576,884,707 to \$3,075,447,703, or 95 per cent? Of course they did, because the census bureau says so, and the census bureau not only knows the facts, but tells them—perhaps too freely at times.

Therefore, it might reasonably be expected that the census reports would show that the farmer owns the land he tills, or is paying for it very rapidly. But in that respect the census reports are again disappointing. They do not show any thing of the kind. On the contrary, they show that the American farmer is slowly sinking from hopeless debt to absolute non-ownership of the land, as surely as the quicksand's victim is engulfed in the mire into which he goes more deeply with every struggle to get loose.

The American farmer shares with the American wageworker the distinction of belonging to the most pitifully deceived class of human being on the face of the earth. The farmers of most other nations are not taught to expect anything but a bare living, and are therefore seldom disappointed. But not so with the American farmer. The political orators tell him—during campaigns—that he is a most prosperous as well as a most independent person, and the capitalist newspapers that supply him with "information" repeat the tale the rest of the year. The simple fact seems to be that the farmer is a participant in a game in which every other member, except himself and the wage worker, may fleece some one else to reimburse himself for the loss of that which another has taken from him. If the manufacturer charges the wholesaler too much for his product, the wholesaler can take it out of the retailer, the retailer can pass it on to the consumer, and the consumer, if he be other than a wage worker or farmer, can look around for someone to "do," with a fair prospect of making a successful search.

But not so with the farmer. If he has been charged an excessive price for his food clothing or farm machinery, he cannot reimburse himself by demanding more for his grain, his wool, or his livestock, for the simple reason that he must sell, if he sell at all, for whatever he can get. Like the wageworker, the farmer cannot fix the price of a thing he sells, or a thing he buys—all this is done for him by eager gentlemen, who, perhaps, may fear that these tasks, in addition to their others, might break down the health of those who till the soil and manufacture its products.

In 1880 the American farmer owned 74.5 per cent of the land he tilled. In 1890 he owned but 71.6 per cent, while in the following ten

years, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Morgan and the rest of the "captains of industry" got in their work upon him to such an extent that the census of 1900 found him with only 64.7 per cent of his land his own.

In other words, while the value of the farmer's land and his live stock increased 150 per cent in the 30 years ending in 1900, 9.9 per cent of the land that he absolutely owned in 1890, was owned by the landlord class in 1900. These figures certainly indicate "great prosperity" for some one. Is it for the farmer? Well, generally speaking, a farmer who owned 160 acres in 1880 has lost the ownership of 16 acres since then.

From which it appears that the same inexorable laws are in operation in this country that have given Ireland to the landlords, placed the ownership of half of Prussia in the hands of 31,000 men and given practically all the land in Austria to the "nobility." The American farmer need only sit tight, "stand pat" and vote either of the tickets that his capitalist friends vote and his land will slip through his hands as noiselessly and as surely as the brigand's booty follows him into the brush after the train has been robbed.

For farm tenantry is increasing with all the irresistible steadiness of the tides, though it is all flood and no ebb, with this treasury tide. In the whole country, as has been shown, the percentages of farms operated by tenants increased from 25.5 in 1880 to 35.3 per cent in 1900.—ALLAN L. BENSON, editor of Detroit (Mich.) Times.

### Report of National Quorum Meeting

The National Quorum of the Socialist party was called to order by National Secretary Maily at 11 a. m., June 11, 1904, in the office of the National Headquarters, Chicago. Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin, B. Berlyn of Illinois, John M. Work of Iowa and S. M. Reynolds of Indiana being present, Chas. G. Towner of Kentucky absent.

On motion of Comrade Berger, Comrade Berlyn was elected chairman. W. L. Oswald of the National office was elected secretary.

Letter from Comrade Towner explaining his absence was read by Secretary Maily, and same was ordered on file.

Secretary Maily further reported as follows: Referendums on Platform and Trades Union resolutions are now before the membership. Seriatim vote on constitution will go out today and close July 25th. Some demands have been received for the submission of the State and Municipal program to a referendum but in accordance with the action of the national convention the program was first to be revised by the national committee and then submitted to a referendum. Comrade Oswald of New Jersey has been engaged as bookkeeper in the National office, Comrade Martin having taken charge of literature department and newspaper plate matter. Comrade Clark is on a vacation, Comrade Oneal being temporarily in charge of his work. Contribution blanks for the half day's wage donation to the campaign fund have been sent out, and by this time the comrades should be energetically circulating them and the outlook is for a generous response.

Comrade Maily then gave a systematic review of the situation in the various states and territories, taking them up one by one. In the course of the statement the following actions were taken:

Secretary Maily advised sending H. M. McKee through Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina, in order that we might have an electoral ticket in each state. The

suggestion was endorsed by the Quorum.

Suggested by Comrade Berlyn that the Quorum issue a concise statement of our position on the Colorado situation.

On motion it was ordered and Comrade Berger was instructed to draft same.

On suggestion of Secretary Maily Comrade Berger moved that National Secretary be instructed to telegraph all state secretaries that the Quorum recommends them to notify all locals in their respective states to arrange for public protest meetings against capitalist anarchy in Colorado and that at such meetings collections be made to assist the Western Federation of Miners in Colorado. Adopted.

Adjournment for recess.

Quorum reconvened at 2 o'clock.

Continuing his review by states, National Secretary Maily submitted correspondence from W. Harry Spears of Chicago, claiming recognition as temporary state secretary of the Socialist party of Illinois, as the result of action reported to have been taken by the state executive committee. Also letter from Jas. S. Smith, state secretary, notifying National Secretary not to recognize W. Harry Spears, as the latter is a suspended member of Local Cook County.

Comrade Spears, having asked an opportunity to present his case, Comrade Berger moved that each of the two claimants to the state secretaryship be given one-half hour in which to present their arguments to the Quorum, and that they be notified to appear at four o'clock. Carried.

Correspondence from state secretary of Indiana presenting the necessity for an organizer in that state was read, and Secretary Maily recommended sending an organizer as requested.

On motion of Comrade Work it was decided to send Comrade Towner into Indiana for a period of from six weeks to two months.

Letter was submitted from State Secretary of Vermont asking that an organizer be sent into that state. Moved by Comrade Reynolds to send Comrade Hanford to Vermont for a short period previous to the state election in September. Carried.

The National Secretary was instructed to procure information as to the cost of maintaining the present state organizer in Florida with the intention of lending assistance to that state.

On motion of Comrade Reynolds the action of the National Secretary in approving Local Laurium, Mich., in the matter of expelling John B. Rastella for having accepted a nomination from a capitalist party, and on demand refusing to withdraw his name from the ticket, was approved.

The National Secretary reported that Mrs. Ella Reeve Cohen was performing organizing work in Delaware for the national headquarters, receiving sufficient financial aid to cover her traveling expenses and those of speakers engaged. Approved.

The National Secretary recommended that a referendum be initiated in the Indian Territory on the question of territorial organization. On motion of Reynolds he was empowered to take such a step.

The action of the National Secretary in calling a convention of the Socialist party of Maryland to nominate electoral ticket was endorsed.

The National Secretary reported having called a state convention in Rhode Island for June 12th, upon request of locals, and presented correspondence from locals relative to conditions in that state.

Berlyn moved that in view of the special circumstances existing in Rhode Island, the locals of that state be authorized to form a state

organization if they deemed it necessary, and that they be telegraphed to that effect.

The National Secretary reported having agreed with Comrade Chas. E. Randall after the national convention not to recommend that a national organizer be sent into Utah within at least 60 days, upon promise of Comrade Randall that he would upon his return to Utah, recommend unattached locals in that state to apply for charters direct from the national headquarters. The Secretary also reported that in response to request in letter from Comrade Randall's blank applications for charters had been sent to unattached locals in Utah. Secretary Maily's action was endorsed.

National secretary reported having issued calls for the Wyoming state convention to be held at Laramie June 19th, in accordance with referendum. A call had been issued by F. W. Ott signing himself "State Secretary." Comrade Ott explained that this call had to be published to comply with the law of Wyoming.

Moved by Comrade Reynolds that the National Secretary be empowered to take necessary steps toward securing an electoral ticket in every state. Carried.

The subject of general organizing work was taken up.

The National Secretary reported Organizer M. W. Wilkins to be in West Virginia, G. H. Goebel in Arizona, Robert Salties in Rhode Island, and that Geo. E. Bigelow would begin a tour of South and North Dakota in July.

Proposition was submitted Wm. A. Toole, Baltimore, Md., offering his services as organizer during his two weeks' vacation in July at the same terms as last year. Comrade Work moved to accept the offer. Carried.

Correspondence between national secretary and National Organizer Goebel on matters in April financial report was submitted and the Quorum voted to allow the charges of Comrade Goebel up to May first, but to establish hereafter the principle of not paying for baths, laundry and similar items.

Four o'clock having arrived, it was on motion decided to admit the Illinois contestants, Comrade Berlyn resigned the chair in order to avoid the charge of exercising a biased judgement, he being a resident of Illinois. Comrade Reynolds was elected in his place.

Comrade Spears not having appeared, Comrade Jas. S. Smith began to speak at 4:08. A few minutes later Comrades W. Harry Spears, J. H. Bard and Chas. Erickson of the opposition were admitted. It was then decided by unanimous consent that Comrade Spears should begin speaking at once, and Comrade Smith should follow him. Comrade Spears spoke for 35 minutes. Comrade Smith then made a brief statement, after which cross questions began and continued till 6 o'clock. Owing to the length and involved nature of the debate, the secretary did not attempt to record same.

At the close of the debate the meeting adjourned for recess.

The Quorum reconvened at 8 o'clock. A communication from Comrade M. V. Konda, offering to act as Slavonic speaker in the East, providing his railroad fare is paid, was read, and the National Secretary was instructed to procure full particulars.

Communications from and to Comrade Spargo, relative to a western tour, were read and the National Secretary was empowered to arrange a tour for Comrade Spargo, not to extend beyond election day, the national office to assume responsibility of employing him after election day. Carried.

National Secretary reported that

he was preparing a report for the International Socialist and Trades Union Congress in accordance with request of the secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, and had requested and received the assurance of the cooperation of Comrades M. Hillquit, Alex. Jonas and Ernest Untermyer. The Secretary also recommended that same be gotten up in printed form in English, German and French, for distribution among the delegates to the Congress. The report would accede to the request of the International Bureau as much as possible and give an outline of the growth and development of the Socialist and Trade Union movements in America since 1900.

The resignation of Comrade Ernest Untermyer as delegate to the International Socialist and Trades Union Congress was read, and upon motion, accepted.

The National Secretary was instructed to notify Comrade M. Hillquit, the alternate delegate, of Comrade Untermyer's resignation.

Applications for credentials to the Congress were received from Comrades Nicholas Klein and Mrs. Corinne S. Brown, and both were granted. The Quorum then took up consideration of national campaign matters. Comrade Berger suggested that various committees be appointed to conduct the campaign. After discussion, in which Comrades Work, Reynolds and Berlyn expressed themselves against the suggestion, the matter was dropped.

National Secretary reported that Debs would rest as much as possible from lecturing during June, July and August, filling only dates that were either arranged for or promised before he was nominated for President. That Comrade Debs would be prepared to open his campaign in September, and work unremittedly until election day. Also that Debs had placed his entire arrangements in the hands of the national office and would carry out whatever plans were made for him to the best of his ability.

Hanford had notified the National Secretary that he would be ready for active work in the field July 15, and placed his arrangements under the entire direction of the national office and would do everything possible to make the campaign successful.

An outline of the campaign tours of Comrades Debs and Hanford, as he had planned them, was then presented by the National Secretary Maily. Briefly they were to route Debs from Chicago southward through the southern states, then the southwestern section, to the Pacific ocean, up the coast to Washington, then through the northwestern and central states back to Chicago. From this point he would work east, returning in time to close the campaign in Terre Haute on Nov. 6th. In the meantime Hanford would fill dates in Maine and Vermont before the state elections, afterwards going into the southwest. He would then work in the eastern and central states and close before election in the Pacific states.

After considerable discussion the general plan was approved with the modification that Comrade Debs should not go into any state south of Kentucky and Missouri. Consent was given Maily to go on record as believing that Comrade Debs should go into certain cities of the south, which the modification of the Quorum would exclude.

The National Secretary's plan of charging a definite sum to locals for the services of Debs and Hanford and furnishing advertising matter with the speakers was endorsed.

Moved by Comrade Berger that each candidate receive \$500 toward their expenses during the campaign, and more if necessary; carried.

The Illinois case was then taken

up and it was moved by Work: That having listened to the presentation of both sides and given the matter due consideration, the Quorum decide to recognize James S. Smith as state secretary of Illinois. The motion being put to a vote resulted as follows: Yes—Work, Reynolds and Berger; Berlyn not voting; none against.

Berger wished his opinion in the case to go on record as follows:

"I vote as I do because the national committee deals with state committees only and not with any minority faction of same. Furthermore, we have never been notified that the majority of the state committee of Illinois has removed Smith or has assented to his removal."

The National Secretary submitted a list of pamphlets in English and other languages which he proposed should be issued during the campaign and his plans in the matter were approved. A sketch for a colored lithograph containing portraits of Debs and Hanford was also approved.

Secretary Maily reported in regard to the Literature Bureau, that the same was being got into shape pending result of referendum on constitution; the report of convention proceedings would be ready in a few days, orders are coming in and there is probability of a good sale.

The National Secretary also reported that account books for local and state officials were mentioned to local secretaries in circular and orders are coming in. As soon as the number of orders warrant, books will be printed. Circular letter to locals upon plate matter had been sent out. Responses beginning to come in. Also that he had written to papers that had already promised to take plate matter and majority had agreed to take from the national office. That 100 papers were needed before the American Press Association would handle same, and he hoped soon to have sufficient to begin sending out plates. Articles by Debs, Simons, Martin, Oneal and others are ready for the first issue.

The National Secretary submitted forms for proposed resignation blanks for Socialist candidates for use by state, county and city committee, and suggested that same be issued by the national office for the convenience of the various organizations. These forms were prepared in response to numerous demands. Approved.

Quorum adjourned at 12:45 to meet again July 9th at 8 p. m.

W. L. OSWALD, Secretary.

### Don't Like the Nominations.

The editor of the Argus, in a late issue, donated about two hours of his valuable time, expostulating the merits of Messrs. Walsh and Lynch, candidates for Congress, and state secretary respectively, recently nominated at the state convention of the Socialist party. The writer of the article is bewildered as to how these names, could possibly be considered by even a Socialist convention. The humorist, in order that he point out his periodic flashes of witticism, and protect against the lethargy of his readers in "catching on" to funny remarks, breaks his sayings in appropriate chunks, by indiscriminately slaughtering the interrogation point. He thinks the act of the convention has a striking resemblance to P. T. Barnum making a collection of curious animals. He also thinks it was the bauble act of a bauble party, while in the state of "baubility."

Who knows? Perhaps the Montana Socialists nominated Messrs. Walsh and Lynch that the price of alfalfa in Oregon may enhance, or to stabilize Western union stock, or then again they may have had in view the giving of employment, at cheap wages, to cheap hairbrained jackscrews who pose as country editors on country papers, with country circulations, and whose intellectual ability begins and ends at writing up tea parties, divorce cases and political roorbacks. At any rate, better than the common folk and the Irish pass it up for further consideration to the Almighty, or down to "Citizen" Watson.

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George O'Mally of Silver Bow.
- For Lieutenant Governor—  
John W. Frinke, of Deer Lodge.
- For Congressman—  
J. H. Walsh, of Fergus.
- For Chief Justice of Supreme Court—  
C. M. Parr, of Silver Bow.
- For Clerk of Supreme Court—  
John Peters, of Carbon.
- For Secretary of State—  
H. Lynch, of Fergus.
- For State Treasurer—  
Erik Olson, of Cascade.
- For State Auditor—  
W. C. Phelps, of Lewis & Clarke.
- For Attorney General—  
E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.
- For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—  
Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.

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The republican papers over the country are talking about "our convention" which reminds one of "dad and me killed a bear."

It appears that the parties who held up the N. P. train couple weeks ago have made good their escape. Well, it's pretty serious to have a train held up, but the train owners have held up the people repeatedly, and no blood hounds are put on their trail.

The next important event is the democratic national convention to be held at St. Louis, after which the three cornered fight will begin, with the laboring mules who are "free American citizens" rocking to both of the old parties and leaving the party that stands for them and them, alone.

The Butte miners are going to raise \$25,000 to assist the Colorado strikers in their legal fight in the federal courts. If the laboring people would spend this money in the cause of Socialism, and see that their membership elect their own class into power the continued anarchistic condition would be brought to an end.

Mr. Black in his nominating speech at Chicago stated a truth in the very first sentence he uttered, when he said: "We are here to inaugurate a campaign which seems already to be nearly closed." Evidently Mr. Black was viewing the facts and future from a real materialistic conception of facts. Socialism will ring down the curtain of these farce republican side shows, where the people go wild with imaginary enthusiasm over the worship of a man like the heathen unto the wooden idol.

Senator Beverage got off quite a joke when he opened his speech in seconding the nomination of Roose-

velt, when he said "One difference between the opposition the democrats (and ourselves) is this: They select their candidate for the people, and the people select our candidate for us." Guess that's poor. After reading the program previously arranged for the whole republican convention where delegates are a lot of ninyhammers, the above comes as a huge joke.

## The News will Move to Helena.

With this issue of the paper we complete business in Lewistown, and will move immediately to Helena, the capitol of the state, where we will continue the publication in the future.

While the News has lived in this little city for nearly two years, during which time it has supported the interest of the laboring class, and during which time it has raised the ire of many whose old pet schemes and Lewistown rings have been exposed to the public, it has at the same time grown to be a state paper, the circulation out of the county now being greater than that within Fergus county.

Consequently it becomes necessary to move to a place more centrally located in the state where the heat of the battle waxes the fiercest and where the paper can be improved upon and can conduct a still better fight for Socialism.

With these few remarks we bid adieu to Lewistown as the home of the Montana News, and ever mindful of impressing the fact upon our friends of this vicinity that they are as dear to the News and the cause of Socialism as ever, and further that our active fight against our enemies will not subside in the least, but an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth will be meted out to the best of our ability.

We realize the condition and believe that the move will be in behalf of Socialism and the further educating of the masses of voters of the state ready for the ushering in of the cooperative commonwealth.

## Local Evolutionary Steps

Conditions in the locality of Lewistown are changing at a rapid rate, and such is the case during the past few years. The power that has posed in the Fergus county bank ring is being gradually wrested from them.

In a short review we find many interesting steps in our local history making, that are of great importance to the people when called to mind. The first move in the commercial field of Lewistown that showed a sign of opposition to the Fergus county bank ring was the establishment of the Judith Basin Bank, now the First National. The next strong move was the establishment of a paper, the News, one that they could neither buy up or suppress, although desperate efforts were made.

Since the above mentioned transactions in the commercial field the Fergus county bank ring has been made to surrender the city treasury and go outside of the bank to nominate men for city offices as well as for the school board. In fact their power has been lost in the city and will probably remain so forever, as the new conditions would not permit of a return to the old nefarious propositions.

To this great change in affairs the News has done its part in showing the people the real condition existing in Lewistown; that is something that no other paper has ever dared to do.

However, the battle is not finished, but just begun. There is one more very important post of advantage to be wrested from the Fergus county bank ring and that is the county treasury. Today there is lying idle in that bank over \$100,000 of the taxpayers money, which the bank loans out at whatever rate of interest they can get—from 10 per cent up. Does the bank pay Fergus county any interest for this one hundred thousand dollars? Not a red copper.

You poor farmers and others pay your taxes and thereby create this idle fund for the bank to have the year around to loan to you at an exorbitant rate of interest.

This power, and this county treasury, can only be wrested from them

by one party—the Socialist. This we say advisedly, for last election the Fergus county bank cared nothing whether Shaw the democrat, or Croft the republican were elected. It was a cinch with them with either man. With the election of a treasurer on the Socialist ticket this power will be wrested and the peoples' money will be used for their own advantage and not for the Lewistown ring. Will you assist in electing a Socialist treasurer?

## Run by Program

Did you read the program of the republican national farce convention to be held at Chicago? If you did you were informed just what an old party slate is. First, the meeting of postoffice boodlers, Rockefeller exploiters, et. al., was opened by prayer. Ve, Gods! Think of it. Thieves praying—for more public boodle. Second, the program told days ahead of the convention who would nominate Roosevelt for the presidency, and yet the common people follow after this organization and like the dog lick the hand that smites them. Also you must have noticed if you read the daily papers, that the California delegation had a car of the finest fruit and wines; however it failed to state that most of the California delegation were probably drunk; and it also failed to state that the fellows who attended the Socialist convention a few weeks ago in Chicago were the laborers who raised the fruit that the exploiters to the republican convention were boasting of. The system is perfect for the fellow with the graft, but soon the graft will be a thing of the past.

Think of these men going clear across the continent to take part in a convention where the program shuts them out from having a word to say. A lot of numbskulls, shallow brained, prattling ninyhammers.

## Socialism Not a Cause for Crime.

The following editorial from the Great Falls Tribune, one of Multi-millionaire Clark's papers, will strike the reader as being a pretty "conservative" and fair article, considering its source:

As an excuse for the utterly lawless methods adopted by the state government of Colorado and the mine owners against the union miners, we are told that the Western Federation of Miners is a Socialistic body.

General Bell first attributed the troubles to the Socialistic element in the union, declaring that the Western Federation of Miners was not primarily a labor union but a political organization for the promotion of Socialism.

Now comes Governor Peabody, and in a telegram to the Civic Federation repeats the same charge.

Suppose that this is true? Have not Socialists the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

There is no question at all that the Western Federation of Miners made a very serious mistake when it determined to go into politics.

There is no question at all that when it did it weakened itself as a labor organization.

But so far as the rights of these men are concerned it makes no difference at all whether they are Socialists or not.

The question for the Colorado authorities to decide is whether they are criminals, and if they are they should be punished. But the fact of their guilt ought to be determined in a lawful manner, and not by the agents of their avowed enemies.

The political beliefs of these men have nothing at all to do with the case.

It must be admitted that there are criminals among the union men. Probably very few people doubt that the person or persons who brought about the fiendish murders of the Independence miners were moved to it by a belief that they were serving the cause of unionism.

If it could be shown that the union as a body authorized that assassination there would be good reason for driving members of it out of the community and out of the state, but so far nothing of the kind has been shown; and so far as the public is

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informed there is no proof of this. Anyhow, the fact that they are Socialists is not proof that they are criminals.

The Tribune is not inclined to belittle in the slightest the lawless acts that have been committed in the supposed interest of the union, whether by its sanction or not, but all the anarchy and defiance of law and order have not been on one side.

The mine owners started that line of conduct when they bought up the legislature to set at defiance a constitutional mandate.

They are still carrying out the same anarchistic policy when they close the tribunals of justice; when they compel unsympathetic officials to resign, on pain of lynching, so that some one representing the mine owners may be appointed; when they arrest and imprison individuals for no other cause than that they belong to a union; when they break up the cooperative stores of the miners; destroy a newspaper office because it sympathizes with the strikers; and even go to the length of closing up a mine for no other reason than that it employs union labor.

Men who do these things are in no position to prate of law and order. In no position to cast slurs upon an organization because it is Socialistic.

No, that excuse will not go at all. To be a Socialist may be regarded as very foolish, but it is not a crime; and Governor Peabody and General Bell make the case no better by saying that they deported these men because they were Socialists than it was when they declared that they deported them because they were members of a labor union.

The Rocky Mountain Husbandman says: "There are just three things that the people of Montana demand. The first is the initiative and referendum. We publish elsewhere in this issue a draft of a bill written by Governor Toole, such as would meet his approval and would, we believe, satisfy the demands of the people in this matter. Next to this is a primary election law." Now, we reproduce this for the benefit of Judge Cheadle, who advocated the same ideas in his speech at Gilt Edge on Miners' Union day, and suggest that he bring action against democratic Governor Toole for confiscating his thoughts, or in the event that Governor Toole brings a similar action against Cheadle, then don't kick on the confiscation act. It is interesting to see republicans and democrats scrambling over themselves to advocate partial Socialistic principles. But let the Montana News suggest to Governor

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Those who are really interested in the initiative and referendum should read the Manifesto of the Communist Party about six times.

The leaders, and those in a position to know, admit that Heinze is out of the mining business in Montana, and also out of politics. His farce political fight if kept up this fall will be to help the Amalgamated.

The Butte Miner appears to have plenty of space to devote to Heinze. Well, Heinze is going to do just what Clark did after elected to the United States senate—go over to the Amalgamated.

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About a year ago the editor of the Miner of Butte discovered that labor created all wealth, but since then it has not been learned as to what proportion of this wealth created by labor belongs to the laborer.

Some of the Comrades over the state who have subscription cards for sale are pretty slow in disposing of them. Get a hustle on you boys for the campaign is now on and the more we can reach weekly the better will be the returns this fall. The Socialists must make a good showing at the polls on November 8th.

For once, at least, the Weekly People and the Milwaukee Herald are together. It is in criticising the Appeal to Reason on giving away a boat for use in the propaganda cause. Cobwebs of prejudice blind the eyes of both papers, and while so blinded attempt to compare the proposition with the ideal Socialistic condition that will exist after the ushering in of the cooperative commonwealth.

The militia were hissed by the crowd at the memorial day parade at Denver. Good! We are glad to see signs of disapproval of legalized murder and contempt for the hirelings who shoot down their fellow workers, but if the people who did the hissing voted either of the capitalist tickets, they had ought to save their hisses until they have washed their own hands of the blood of their fellows, yes of the blood of their own children.—Spokane New Time.

The General Executive board of the American Labor Union has voted by a vote of 8 to 2 (with one member not voting) to remove general headquarters to Chicago. The removal will be made at once; and after June 20th all correspondence for the general office should be addressed to the General Secretary-Treasurer, or to the American Labor Union, General Delivery, Chicago, Ill. Within ten days or two weeks a street address or postoffice box will be made the permanent address, and all unions will be notified promptly. Until then, address General Delivery.

The latest report from Coeur d'Alene City is that an effort will be made by the lumber company to start the mill this week with the non-union men. All members of the American Labor Union employed by the Large Lumber Company in Montana and Idaho, are requested to communicate with headquarters at once, the situation in their camps. The Large Company controls the mill at Coeur d'Alene, and if the company attempts to re-open with scab labor, it is possible that every employe of that company in Montana and Idaho will be asked to stop work and to boycott the company until the Coeur d'Alene mill is fair again.

Comrade Max Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Citizen, and Comrade Victor Berger, editor of the Milwaukee Wahrheit, have been elected by referendum of the International Typographical Union as delegates of that organization to the American Federation of Labor convention, says the Iowa Socialist. The News will await their action, and hope that Berger will not at this convention introduce any motion to double the salary of Comrades as he did before, and we will also await to see that in the event he should, if Hayes will stand ready to amend it, making the increase not quite double. Both are opportunists and it is quite hard to prophesy as to what kind of fusion deals may come up in the next convention of the A. F. of L., but Hays will be equal to the occasion, even though it takes the back page of Hearst's Chicago American to supply the immediate demand conditions.

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**Montana Socialists Have Nominated**

(Continued from last week)

Hickey nominates Langford. Schwend: "It seems to me that there is a little selfishness in this local at Silver Bow county. Now, we will suppose that a general with an army is waiting to attack a fort, and when he does, he should concentrate his light artillery upon the fortress, and employ the heavy in skirmishing in the outposts in his endeavor to capture that fort. Would not that policy be very foolish indeed? It seems to me to be just as a par with the proposition the Silver Bow members have advanced today. We are marching upon the fortress of capitalism. When we approach, we want to concentrate our heavy artillery upon the citadel, and not reserve it for the outposts. That would be suicide. It is to the interest of the Socialist party in Montana to put this man upon the state ticket, because there is where the great attack is going to be made, and there is where we expect to show our strength. We should not accept Comrade Parr's resignation at all. The situation demands that he accept this nomination."

Ambrose: "I move that the Comrade's resignation be accepted by this convention." Roll call. Nays, 24. Yeas, 5. Lost. The roll call was then asked for a vote upon Parr and Langford which resulted on first ballot as follows: Parr 29. Langford 5. Moved and seconded that Comrade Parr be made unanimous choice of the convention. Carried. For Attorney General: Sproule nominated Langford, McHugh nominated E. O. Jackson, Parr nominated H. L. Maurey. Hickey nominated Swan T. Hogevalle. Nominations closed.

**FIRST BALLOT**

Langford.....	15
Maurey.....	15
Jackson.....	16
Hogevalle.....	4
Butte.....	1

**SECOND BALLOT**

Maurey.....	17
Jackson.....	18
Butte.....	1

Comrade Jackson was declared elected. For clerk of the Supreme Court: Purcell: Nominates D. J. Dolson of Stockert.

Parr: "I have a friend in Butte, and I have pleasure in placing in nomination Mrs. W. H. Pierce." Fairgrave: "Carbon county has not been placed on the State ticket, and we have a man there qualified to fill this position. He has acted as city treasurer and he is an able man, well educated, and we would like to have him placed on the state ticket. His name is John Peters."

Hickey: "Carbon county, of which Red Lodge is the county seat, can be carried, and for that reason I would like to see the man from that county run on the ticket. Therefore, I second the nomination of Mr. Peters."

Ambrose: "I can readily see that when Mr. Parr nominated Mrs. Pierce, that he was looking for a divorce suit; Mr. Pierce in Butte, and Mrs. Pierce in Helena. That would never do. Six years, the length of the term of this office, is a long time, and I do not think as Mr. Pierce's work would detain him in Butte, that Mrs. Pierce would like it."

Mrs. Pierce: "If it is allowable, although I feel the honor conferred on me, I would like to withdraw in favor of the candidate from Carbon county."

Declination accepted. Mr. Peters elected; on roll call Peters received 31 votes; Dolson 4. This concluded the nominations.

Graham: "The state committee should be authorized to fill any vacancy subject to referendum vote if called for."

Sproule: "I move that this convention appoint a committee of three to be known as the state central committee to fill vacancies which may occur. Chair rules out of order."

Parr moves the suspension of the 6th rule of order that the central committee be composed of the

state committee. McHugh: "I would like to renew the motion of Comrade Graham and move that the state committee be empowered to fill any vacancies which may occur subject to referendum. I believe it has been the custom in other states for the committee to have this power. I do not believe the state committee will try to put any capitalist in this office, but will do the right thing."

Walsh opposed the local quorum of Butte having full power if they were going to act on the matter as they had on many things in the past, and especially so in the matter of disregarding the instructions of the state committee. Schwend: "The case spoken of, where the local quorum refused to concur in the views expressed by the state committee, is this: "A few days before the special session of the legislature was called to enact our famous, or infamous, fair trial bill, the members of the legislature were called upon by the state secretary to place their resignations in his hands. This matter was submitted to the local quorum. The members whose resignations were asked for, after considering the matter, discussed it thoroughly and decided not to act according to the request of the state secretary, and the grounds on which they refused were these; that the members from Deer Lodge county were at that time active members of the Socialist party, but were elected as members of the legislature not as Socialists but as members of the Labor Party. They were on the official rostrum as Laborites. After considering the matter thoroughly, and asking to explain why it was from his point of view that the resignations be asked for at that time, and why it was that the other candidates who were elected at the same time on the Labor ticket were not asked to place their resignations and failing to secure a satisfactory explanation from him, we refused to resign."

"Then the state committee, acting upon the advice of the state secretary, asked the local quorum to demand that we resign. We believe that the state committee did not thoroughly understand the situation. Of course the Socialist party had a right to ask for the resignation of those elected by the Socialist party. We were not elected by the Socialist party. There was none in existence in Deer Lodge county until after the election, and we considered that they had no right at that time to demand it. As an Alderman in Anaconda, I was elected on the Socialist ticket, and if asked by the state secretary of the Socialist party, I would place my resignation in his hands. But, as we were not elected on the Socialist ticket, to the legislature, we refused to do so. Mr. Cooney threatened to have our charter revoked. It was finally agreed to refer the matter back to the Anaconda local. The local was, I believe, with one exception unanimous. Mr. Cooney made threats of what he would do, and then the matter was dropped. He had no authority to make this demand. I do not believe the state committees were familiar with the circumstances of the case, or they would not have voted as they did. That is the situation exactly."

Sproule: "I remember the whole circumstances right well. When the matter was first placed before the committee, I do not believe they understood the circumstances. The circumstance was that Comrade Cooney got an expression from the committee men that I do not believe was the general expression of the committee. He wrote me not only as a public man, but privately, and asked my advice in the matter. We had no authority to demand the resignations called for. They were not working under the Socialist charter at that time they had those elections, but as Labor people. While I was down there and spoke in Anaconda, it was understood that they were all, Socialists but as Labor people they were working for this election. My advice to Coon-

ey was simply this. Take care that you don't work up this matter and cause strife between Anaconda and the state committee. Anaconda is capable of attending to its own affairs. If the candidates to the legislature are going to send their resignations to any place, it should be to their own local. But I was satisfied that they were not called to send in any resignations, because they were not candidates in the Socialist election."

Walsh: "I believe that we have been misinformed as to the real facts of the case by Comrade Cooney."

Purcell: "I move that a special committee of five be elected by this convention to fill all vacancies that may occur between now and election time. (Point of order.)

Parrs: "I would offer an amendment. I would offer now reconsideration of the adoption of the rules of Order in subdivision No. 6.

Ambrose: "Whose rules, may I ask, are you working under?"

Chairman: "The rules according to Holden."

Ambrose: "Your rules don't go with me, no more than Pat Mullin's rules go in Butte."

Fairgrave: Moves same motion as Purcell.

Graham: Is it understood that this committee as appointed has to fill the nominations, or the state committee. As it stands, it is only to fill vacancies. The state central committee being composed of the state committee."

Holden: "We have no state central committee. We have just done away with Rule No. 6. Now we are formulating a state committee only, that in regard to the committee of five. That is to be the size of that central committee, we want to give them plenary powers. Now in the county of Silver Bow during the county election, we had a committee of fifteen. The state central committee has been knocked out, and we must form it just now and define its powers."

Levengood: "Your state committee is composed of one member from each local in the state. If you want a committee to transact business and fill vacancies, you must have a man from each local to do this work. We must undoubtedly have one from each section of the state. As a state committeeman, I would just as leave have you take it off our shoulders in a minute."

Purcell: "In as far as I understand the proposition, the state committee has stated that between the meeting of the committee, the local quorum does the business of the state committee. Now, the purpose of my making that motion in the first place to have five to fill the vacancies until the election was that this convention has been delegated to nominate the candidates for office and on account of the local quorum doing the business of the state committee between their meetings, I thought it was the business of this convention if we saw fit, to delegate their powers to a committee from this convention to fill all vacancies until election. I do not think it was necessary to strike out that rule, because we were still living up to our rules here when we had appointed or elected a committee to do this work, without suspending it. We were sent here for the special purpose of doing this work and if we saw fit to select this committee, we were still fulfilling our duty; and my ideas for having the committee elected from here was to take the power out of the local quorum's hands and delegate the power of filling those vacancies to the convention, and the convention delegate its power to the committee they who are elected to do this work."

Fairgrave: I move that the entire state committee act as central committee. Ruled out of order."

Chairman: "The motion before the house is that the state central committee be composed of the members of the state committee, subject to referendum vote if we have time. Carried."

Walsh: "I move that we delegate plenary powers to the state committee as state central committee to fill all vacancies that may occur before the election, subject to referendum, provided time is had."

Carried. Maybe: "When Comrade Dick made the remark this morning about referring the nomination of governor to referendum, I said that expressed the sentiments of Chico. I remember we were not allowed to nominate that way, but I understand that under the law now, we are able to do. In case that any of our nominations are rejected, the state committee may fill the vacancies subject to another referendum. I make this in the form of a motion." Motion lost.

Walsh: "I want a photograph of every candidate. Not because you are so handsome, but because you are honored by the Socialist party. (Laughter.) I will leave my card with each one of you, and I want you to mail me your photograph as soon as you get home. I want to publish it in the paper.

Fairgrave: "I move that every member of every local in the state donate one days wages during the month of August; half to go to the local, and the other half to the state. Carried."

Dr. Calder: "I move that the letter of Messrs. Cooney, Fox and Smith be taken from the table." Carried.

Dr. Calder: "I move that this letter be referred back to the Butte local." Carried.

W. H. Pierce: "I will state that when the quorum elected me as state secretary, there was forty locals on the list that the state records had, and during my term there was fourteen of these locals who have never made any report, so that instead of forty locals, we have only twenty-six." Comrade Pierce was here interrupted and his report was considered out of order, it being properly the work of the committee-men.

Comrade Newman concluded the work of the convention with a song assisted by Comrade Jackson. After which three cheers was given for Debs and Hanford, three cheers for the Montana State Socialist ticket, and three cheers for International Socialism.

**Movements of Socialists**

National Headquarters,  
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William Mally, Nat'l Secretary,

Chicago, Ill., June 22, 1904.

Contributions have been made to the National Campaign Fund since last report to the amount of \$26.01; previously reported, \$112.94; Total, \$138.95.

The weekly bulletin is brief this week in order to provide for the publishing in full of the report of the Quorum meeting held June 11th.

Beginning next week the national secretary will send out a special bulletin relating to the national campaign and this bulletin will be continued until after election day. Editors are requested to set aside space in a conspicuous part of their papers for this bulletin and run same under a special headline, such as, "News of the National Campaign." The Bulletin will contain announcements regarding literature, speakers and other matters of interest to the campaign and it is intended that the party membership be kept thoroughly posted on all the plans and movements of the National headquarters.

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The first returns from the organized states upon the contribution lists for the half day's wage donation to the National Campaign Fund came through the state secretary of Montana, who reported \$12.75 collected upon one list alone. This is a good start. If every list would bring as much what a campaign for Socialism could be carried on this year.

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