

## Our Cartoons; Next, a Press

Some weeks ago we announced to our readers that there were several features that we desired to add to the Montana News, among them being the cartoon feature. With this issue we begin the cartoon series and if business continues in the future as in the past they will become a prominent part of each and every issue of this paper.

This addition of course means more weekly expense and it also means that the Socialist comrades over the state should wake up and get to work, sell your cards, send in the money and send for more cards. We cannot expect to carry on a successful campaign with 95 per cent of the Socialists assuming a dormant state and leaving all the hustle to some one else. Get a move on you!

Now that we have added the cartoon feature, we are going after another proposition.

At the present the Montana News is printed at another office and we must have a power paper press of our own. One can be secured very cheap and the only Socialist paper in the state should receive support enough to buy a press. Just watch this space for our announcement as to how we are going to go after it and how it will be bought! We must have the press! We've got to have it!! We will have it!!!

You remember last year we made an effort to move the News to Helena; the project fell through for a time, but the aim has been accomplished, the News is now located in Helena, and doing business at 22 Park avenue. We have been struggling for the cartoon feature for a few months and now it is a realized improvement to the paper. We are going after the press proposition next. We will tell you next week how it is to be done, and not like the slow process of moving to Helena, it is to be accomplished in a few weeks, if the Socialists of Montana want a Socialist paper in this state. All you need to do is to get ready to help us!

After we have put in the new power paper press that will handle the printing of the paper and all kinds of book and job printing, we will add another feature or two.

Now, comrades, there are a few of us spending all of our time to put this paper out; sacrificing every day in the cause, and we call to you fellows who have been asleep for some time to awake and come to your duty; not only to push this paper before the people, not only to give it your support that will continue the new features and add more; but give your support to the state headquarters, where evidently a funeral was held some months ago; to a local quorum that needs a bugle sound in their ears that a great campaign is on; to the state committee that is dead, dead, dead.

Arouse! Arouse!! You sleeping proletariat. We have both old parties asleep in their boots. The money power is wringing its hands. The capitalist dome is trembling. The word has been sounded, send it along the line. To action, that is the call!

Watch this space next week and we will tell you how we are going to get a power paper press that will save an enormous expense to this paper weekly, and which money can be put into propaganda. Comrades, we must have the new machine and save our money, and it will depend upon your help in securing the same.

Watch this space for our explanation of how we will get the press.

## Situation in Cascade county

HENRY LYNCH.

Cascade county presents a condition of affairs which vindicate the constant warnings of Socialists, as to the inevitability of periodic depressions, under the wage system, due to the fact that the employee, receives but a meagre proportion of the wealth that he has produced, and is unable to buy back a sufficient amount to prevent a cataclysm. Hence the closing down of industries, and the permanent unemployed problem. Symptoms of the imminent upheaval are on here with a vengeance. In the city of Great Falls, which has made no progress in the last three years, but rather retroceded, there are three hundred empty dwellings. Two years ago there was not available in this town, even an attic as a habitat. At the time referred to the Boston & Montana Smelting Co., which is the main support here, had on its payroll, approximately seventeen hundred employees. The tax list supplied by the county assessor, now shows one thousand and five names, subject to taxation, which warrants a safe estimate that eleven hundred men are now employed by this corporation.

It is said the output of copper is greater now than before, due to the introduction of new machinery, and a greater amount of work required of each man. Retrenchment has been the practice of the Great Northern system. One half of the force obtain in the shops, that were required two years ago. The increased power of locomotion, has resulted in dislocating the force, formerly employed on the road, without corresponding increase in pay. The engines are capable of handling double the tonnage, previously hauled, employing one half of the number of crews.

At Stockett, five hundred coal miners are averaging two and one half days each week. This is the first break in steady employment in that camp in the last three years. Three hundred miners are working the same average in Sand Coulee. Neihart is working sixty-five men, which at one time previous, worked three hundred. On all sides this town shows evidences of former prosperity.

Though Neihart is a silver mining camp, the depreciation in the value of that commodity, cannot be ascribed to the stoppage of work there, rather the proverbial mining-litigation, procrastinated by that troublesome insect, the lawyer—the barnacle who is a product of the present cut throat system, and waxes fat off the fringe of graft, and quarrels for his fellowman. Monarch is in good shape and will poll a majority for the Socialists in that precinct, due to the untiring energy of Comrade Rector. Belt is the most pitiful of them all. Previously employed thirteen hundred men; employed now three hundred. Average two days per week. Over half of the shacks are vacated. The ordinary demeanor maintained by the Amalgamated Copper Co., elsewhere obtains here. The wage slave has no politics; at least no class politics. He has a lock on his jaw. There is room for a Socialist organizer in Belt—some one kindred to Wilkins, made up of kicking propensities, when the occasion demands it. There is a union there, under the U. M. W. of A., that meets once in awhile, which is quite a help to the company, in keeping tab on its wage slaves.

Stockett is owned by Jim Hill, and "Vinegar" Johnston. What land



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"Vinegar" owns there, is not large enough to start a disturbance on. It consists of one lot. He became in possession thereof, by filing on it whilst Jim Hill and another contestant had it in litigation. There are nearly two thousand inhabitants in Stockett, but as it takes two thirds of the property owners to incorporate into a town, Mr. Hill has not yet consented to take chances on paying any taxes. Hill rents the lots at ten dollars per year, and the wage slave builds on the lot, with this proviso however, that before doing so he sign a contract relinquishing his title, on thirty days notice, in case his character becomes obnoxious to Jim Hill. Would work nicely in case of labor trouble. Fifty dollars per year is charged for lots occupying business houses. All the staple businesses are corralled by the company. Extortionate prices charged on some articles. Grocery stores and saloons allowed out of town. There are three separate libraries maintained by the Miners union, the Finnish Socialist club, and the Slavonian societies. The amount of reading done by these working men, accounts for Stockett being the stronghold of Socialism. Comrade Hendricson, national Finnish organizer has rendered good work there. About the same condition prevails in Sand Coulee, among the different nationalities. Parenthetically speaking of Mr. Hill, who requires no introduction, he is said to be the only man, who can successfully give something away, with a string to it. He is a large donor of the church. Expiates his exploiting methods, by squaring with the Almighty, and using the viceregents of Christ as intermediaries. The activity of these Divines, in attempting to stifle the conscience and stammer the brain, through religious prejudice, in what concerns the economic welfare of the wage slave—the study of Socialism, is prima facie evidence of the quality of goods to be delivered. Ten years ago last spring, Hill made a donation to the church, and two weeks after declared a reduction of 10 per cent in the employees wages, but the railroads tied him up into an inextricable knot, that neither he, nor his bosom friend, Archbishop Ireland could disentangle, other than by complete capitulation. Mr. Hill in 1899, at a dinner given by the Delmonico club of New York, (a coterie of labor skinnners) declared that the time was ripe, for America to assume a philanthropic and religious like attitude. "Throw open the channels of commerce to China, and import five hundred thousand Chinese laborers into the United States in the next two years," quoth he. Mr. Hill operates a line of steamers between the sound and the Mongolian domain, and buys labor power at wages that are most conducive to profit, on his trans-continental lines of steel railways.

A spare dressed individual, butted into a flock of Socialists, who were standing on the corner of 3rd street and Central avenue, Great Falls. As usual they were remonstrating the graft system, and the way out of it. The "rusty's" coat had seen better days. The arm's end protruded and shined like unto a Mississippi nigger's heel in the sunlight. He was low browed, shock haired, and "was not a Socialist" so he said. Manifestly no! Wore a Roosevelt button on his coat and a Cleveland badge on his pants. Explained that he had done no work for sixty days, on account of being dislocated in the smelter, by the introduction of the "merry-go-round," a machine used in the foundry, which eliminated thirty men. One of the sympathetic Socialists, rather crudely interjected, suggesting that he wear a miniature tin bucket, to represent the damphool dinner pail. The wage slave who will carry a torch for the Strenuous One became irritated and exclaimed: "I am a union man, you Socialists want to put politics and religion in the union. I am a republican and against Socialism on three accounts: First, I am a gold bug. Second, Socialism will destroy ambition to work. (with molten iron in a foundry ten hours a day for 17 per cent of the wealth produced) Third, I have just as good an American right to be a billionaire as Rockefeller. (another rip in the coat sleeve) The last count put the Socialists out.

The farmers in the vicinity of Belt, wholly ignorant of the cause of their exploitation, are again grasping for a new patent medicine. The late nostrum is a panacea for all previous ills. Now they are to organize into a farmers equity association, with headquarters in Ohio, and the plan is that they hold all their marketable products, create a scarcity in the

market, raise the price of wheat to one dollar and one-half per bushel, etc. In other words, they are to create an artificial price, instead of the trust, and meanwhile, they are to be indemnified by the association, in case of a stringency in the wherewith, in order to made the trust effective. As a member of the association, the farmer is to subscribe for a two by four newspaper, at one dollar per year, which is to lead him out of the wilderness. A meeting was held on Saturday, which was fairly attended. The shyster politician was in evidence—a member of the farmers association, who to save his neck could not distinguish between a blade of corn and a cocklebur. He was there to see the farmer through, legally, and incidentally accept any remunerative position, that might happen along contingent to the cause. The old party political buttonholer, in the farmers' association, is a prototype of the union labor fakir in the unions, who is "agin" Socialism in the union, but ever willing to bobtail with the republicans, provided he is slated for political sinecure.

Preliminaries have begun toward placing a Socialist ticket in the field in Cascade county. The local spellbinders of the party of the second part, otherwise the democratic party, are busier than a black ant, trying to get off a hot stone, vocalizing the panicky condition, and attributing the responsibility to republican maladministration, as ignorant of the real cause, as a bovine is of the planets in the immensity of space. The plain facts are, the full dinner pail in this vicinity, has been beaten into an unrecognizable mass, and is treated as a colossal joke.

The condition of the merchant with limited capital, in Cascade county, offers little encouragement—the little fellow, who is up against the real thing, ground between the upper and lower millstones of the trusts and the unions—is up against the catalogue, who, by the volume of business, and ability to under-produce and under-buy, can sell, and make a fair margin of profit, at the under dog's cost price. In the eternal fitness of things, he is an acceptable candidate, rapidly being forced into the wage slave ranks, to materially potentiate society upon a constructive and orderly basis.

Out of the great unemployed condition here, there is little hope. When confronted with the fact, that in the adjoining county of Fergus, and in Cascade, the land shark operates with impunity, that in the former county one individual alone, owns twenty-eight thousand acres of land, while in the latter, ten concerns own fifty thousand acres of river land; that the Northern Pacific is paying taxes on ninety-six thousand acres of land in Cascade county, one hundred miles from their right of way, or more properly their road bed; that the continual introduction of new and improved machinery, is constantly going on in all lines, which invariably results in the displacement of men, in addition to burnt up crops,—when these conditions are so pronounced, a condition should be set up, this winter that should inspire the middleman, the farmer and the wage slave, to take himself into his chimney corner, get his think box into service, and qualify himself to vote intelligently, for his economic welfare—for Socialism.

Great Falls, Montana, August 1st, '04.

H. LYNCH.

Notice is hereby given that a mass convention of the Socialist party of Fergus county will be held in Lewistown on Friday, August 12, 1904, for the purpose of nominating a full county ticket and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. All party members in good standing are eligible to attend.

A. T. HARVEY, Chairman.

The Socialists of Deer Lodge

## CALL TO EFFORT.

You can raise your voice for freedom,  
If you cannot wield the sword;  
If the feet are slow and feeble,  
Fill with thunders is the word;  
It can face the coward braggart  
With the lightning flash of truth,  
And lay bare the lie of power  
With the giant strength of youth.

That a wrong has proved successful  
Is no reason it should live,  
And 'tis duty calls to action;  
And the angels weapons give  
To a man who weighs his honor  
'Gainst a party or a cause,  
When he knows its life disgraces  
Nature's just and righteous laws.

And to you who feel the throbbings  
Of the mighty pulse of time,  
There is borne the clarion summons,  
Like a prophet's voice sublime;  
For the man who owns his manhood,  
And whose presence masses wait,  
That he lead them from oppression  
Thro' the Red Sea waves of Fate.

Fling the weight of custom from you,  
Stand erect and be a man,  
Dare to scorn the gold of treason,  
To God's vast uplifting plan;  
Dare with avarice to grapple,  
That has robbed the people's purse;  
Dare to face the mob of vultures  
That have proved the people's curse.

And from all the land of freedom,  
From the North and from the South,  
Shall resound a cheer of triumph,  
Echoed swift from mouth to mouth:  
For the heart of man beats proudly  
At the voice of Freedom's call,  
And there vibrates through his being  
Life and hope and joy for all.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

## IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT DATES

The noted Colorado Woman Orator will fill the following dates in Montana:

- Great Falls, 11th and 12th.
- Monarch, 13th and 14th.
- Belt, 15th.
- Neihart, 16th.
- Sand Coulee, 17th and 18th.
- Stockett 19th and 20th
- Helena 21st.

There is probably no truth in the report that the prohibition party has turned the beer contributed them by the breweries to the republican party, but The News would suggest (upon personal acquaintance in the past) that they give it to the priests of the Catholic church who are fighting Socialism. They might distribute it in a manner to kill Socialism.

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- For Clerk of Supreme Court—  
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- For Secretary of State—  
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- For Attorney General—  
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- For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—  
Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.



Cleveland badges, while McKinley prosperity wind blows around your legs. You are a union man that ought to be fed on horse blood for six months with a view of getting a little horse sense into your head.

There are two or three points of interest to be noted and thoroughly impressed upon the mind of the thinking people in regard to the assassination of M. von Plehve, late minister of Russia. His killing was no more than an outgrowth of a government that he supported. Like begets like. He was the prime murderer of the Jews. He favored the anarchistic rule of the Russian government over its people. He fostered and encouraged a system that breeds anarchy. He got burned with the fire of nihilism that he had kindled during his life. The condition of the populace of Russia is such that they have no other way of being heard at the throne of the czar than through the bomb. A petition of the American stripe, presented to the ruling powers, is unknown; a just protest is prohibited; a request for better condition is met with death, consequently no avenue of redress is left open to the common people, and their only way to be heard in the turmoil of anarchistic conditions is through the sound of the bomb which brings death at the door of the rulers. The third point that we desire to call your attention to is the fact that after the killing—and several were killed besides the Russian minister—there was a great stampede to hold requiem mass over the remains of von Plehve, but what was done about the other poor souls? Have you thought of that? Just imagine seeing the spectacle where the priesthood were rushing frantically together to hold the requiem high mass over the big bug, while the poor devil that met death in the same trap was forgotten. Now, what do you Christians think happened when they all got to heaven? All being killed at the same time, must have entered heaven at the same time. Do you think that Jesus on the right hand of God rushed down to meet von Plehve and forgot the poor men that were there also? Do you think that the requiem high mass held on earth over von Plehve would fix the matter up with Jesus for the murder of the Jews by von Plehve? Just spend ten minutes thinking on this matter and comparing the teachings of Jesus, such as the camel passing through the eye of the needle, the poor woman that gave the few pennies, the rich man shall not enter the kingdom of heaven, His telling the rich young man to give his wealth away, etc., etc., and see what you think about this requiem high mass, von Plehve's chances and the poor devil who is forgotten, when they stand at the judgment bar, where no czars nor wealth is known.

Comrade Hughes has returned from a trip in the interest of the News at Butte and Anaconda, and is now in other parts hustling for subscribers. His work in Anaconda was very successful and as a result of his efforts in the great Copper City, assisted by the comrades there, a large bundle of the News will find its way to that noted place weekly. As to Butte there appears to be something wrong, for not as much was accomplished as should have been. It appears that Butte is on the immediate edge of a labor trouble similar to that in Colorado, and that none but the real nory ones can stand the strain without trembling. This condition seems to permeate the laboring ranks and the timidity of human nature exemplifies itself by being, as you might call it, docile. The News should have a list of 500 in Butte in place of a small handful, but it will not be accomplished until the test has been put there, the same as in many other places, and then the true and tried can be lined up. Many Socialists have been heard talking of the Appeal teaching state Socialism, but over in Butte it appears that many of the membership have gone the Appeal one better and made it Butte Socialism, and will not subscribe for the paper unless it will move to Butte. This sore feeling toward the News will be eradicated in time; it will take education. There is no reason why such a condition should exist, and the laboring people of Butte must learn sooner or later that the Montana News is the paper that stands for their class, fights their battles, and must have their support.

If the laboring people do not care to see a reproduction of Rockefeller's Colorado drama in Montana, they can avoid it by voting the Socialist ticket. There is only one way to avoid it, and that is to get your own class in power. So long as you elect the other fellow to the offices you must face the bayonet. Elect your own men to office and get behind the guns in place of in front of them. If you have a governor in the chair the militia will never be called out in the interest of the mine owners' association. You surely remember Governor Waite called out the militia to sustain the position of the miners. That is the way for you to have the conditions now. After Socialism has been established there will be no calling the militia out to settle labor troubles. They will all be settled when the co-operative commonwealth is established.

Roosevelt condemns the labor agitator and so did Cleveland. Cleveland called out the federal troops during a strike in Illinois and Roosevelt called them out during labor troubles in Arizona. Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, democrat, called out the militia and bull-pen the laborers. Governor Peabody of Colorado, republican, called out the militia and bull-pen the laboring men. In fact both old parties condemn the labor agitator, and so did the Jews condemn Christ when he was agitating the Christian religion.

The Weekly People of New York is pretty quiet about its bourgeois platform recently adopted in national convention. Possibly De Leon did not compose it.

The Anaconda Standard has discovered that the two old parties so far as principles are concerned, are the same. Good! You're improving.

About two million laborers are out of employment at the present. The plutes are giving them a shorter work day, eh?

**Debs Idea of Moyer Acts**

A comrade, writing to me from Denver, wants to know what I would think if I were advised that Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, had declared in favor of the Democratic party and was now urging the members of his organization and workmen in general to support that party; and the said comrade asks me to answer his question through the columns of the Socialist press.

First of all, I would say that if I received such advice without knowing the sender I would strongly suspect him of falsehood and slander. If I know him to be a man of veracity I would demand the proof and in the absence of this I would still maintain that there could be no truth in such an allegation. Charles H. Moyer, as presi-



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dent of the Western Federation of Miners, has a record of loyalty to labor without a blemish so far as I know. I have said this over my signature and from the public platform many times.

Mr. Moyer is not only a loyal trade unionist, but he is also a Socialist and he has to be both to hold the official position he occupies in the Western Federation, as his organization, in convention assembled, has twice committed itself to the support of the Socialist movement.

In the light of these facts and many others not necessary to mention I cannot conceive of the possibility of Mr. Moyer deserting the Socialist movement and giving his support to that arch-enemy of the working class, the democratic party. I therefore deny the imputation flatly that Mr. Moyer could be guilty of such official and personal turpitude.

No matter what the circumstances may be I refuse to believe until at least the proof is produced which establishes his guilt beyond all doubt, and if this should ever come to pass I will be compelled to conclude that Charles H. Moyer, the victim of capitalist brutality, succumbed to softening of the brain while languishing in a capitalist dungeon, or, that he has turned traitor to the working class. One or the other of these conclusions would be inevitable, but until the absolute proof is furnished I shall hold as I have in the past that Charles H. Moyer is true to his trust and that a man who is capable of rendering such service to the working class as he has to his credit is in capable of betraying that class. EUGENE V. DEBS.

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C. E. Carlier, councilman from the First ward in Anaconda, Montana, writes a letter to the Anaconda Standard telling why he as a union man is opposed to the eight-hour day for the policemen. In fact, in his whole letter he does not give one reason, but at the conclusion he tells the whole story in a short sentence, when he says: "I am a member of the republican party." That is just about all any ordinary person needs to hear from such a cur. He is a union man and believes in eight hours for a day's work for the job probably he is on, but not for the policeman. Oh, no! he doesn't believe in putting any unnecessary strain on the poor (?) taxpayer. It would be too bad for Rockefeller. You republican cur dog, you ought to be barking up a tall tree for the Amalgamated tax condition, with the bosom of your trousers awaiting

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National Headquarters,  
Socialist Party.

William Mailly, Nat'l Secretary,  
Chicago, Ill., August 9, 1904.

The International Socialist and Trades Union Congress meets at Amsterdam, Holland, on Aug. 14, and the sessions are expected to last for at least six days. The Socialist movement of all countries will be represented, and the number of delegates will probably be over one thousand. The sessions will be held in Gebouw concert hall.

The representatives of the Socialist party of the United States present at the congress will be Comrades Algernon Lee, Mrs. Julia Pollock and Jacob Romm of New York; Mrs. Corinne Brown and William Johnson of Chicago; Charles Kiehn of New Jersey, and Nicholas Klein of Minnesota. Comrade Lee acts in the place of Comrade Untermyer, who was elected by the national convention to represent the Socialist party at the congress, but who afterwards resigned his mandate.

The Socialist party will present a report to the congress, a sufficient number of copies having been printed by the national headquarters for distribution among the delegates at the congress. The report is printed in English, German and French, the work of writing and translating having been performed by Comrades M. Hillquit, Alexander Jones and Ernest Untermyer.

Contributions to the national campaign fund since last report are as follows: Half day fund, \$238.94; previously acknowledged, \$1,510.31. Regular contributions, \$37.25; previously acknowledged, \$446.40; total, \$2,232.90.

#### National Campaign Speakers

Dates announced for the campaign tour of Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist party presidential candidate, are as follows: Sept. 1, Indianapolis, Ind.; 3, Louisville, Ky.; 4, joint demonstration, Cincinnati, O.; 7, Baltimore, Md.; 8, Wheeling, W. Va.; 11, St. Louis, Mo.; 13, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 14, Atlanta, Ga.; 15, Birmingham, Ala.; 16, Little Rock, Ark.

Ben Hanford, the Socialist party vice presidential candidate, is now booked as follows during August: 7, Danville, Ill.; 9, Springfield, Ill.; 10, Mt. Olive; 11, St. Louis, Mo.; 12, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; 13, Memphis, Tenn.; 15, Huntington, Ark.; 16, Denison, Tex.; 18, Joplin, Mo.; 20, Emporia, Kan.; 24, Kansas City, Mo.; 25, Chillicothe; 27, Muscatine, Ia.; 28, Davenport, Ia. Hanford is booked to speak at Haverhill, Mass., Labor Day, and will afterwards fill dates in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.

John Spargo is booked on his western tour as follows: Aug. 29-31, New York state; Sept. 1, Franklin, Pa.; 3, Cleveland, O.; 4, Toledo; 6, Chicago; 7, Rockford, Ill.; 8, Dubuque, Ia.; 11, Omaha, Neb.; 13, Denver, Col.

M. W. Wilkins, Harry M. McKee, George E. Bigelow, Charles G. Towner and George H. Goebel are working in their respective territories and meeting with success everywhere. They report extraordinary interest at their meetings and all make confident predictions for the campaign.

John M. Work will lecture through Minnesota during September.

#### Expulsions for Fusion

State Secretary Latham of Texas reports to the national secretary as follows: "I have to advise that the following named per-

sons were on July 9 expelled from the Socialist party by Local No. 40 of Big Spring, Tex., for violation of their pledge and the anti-fusion resolutions, in having voted in the Democratic primaries on that day: T. M. Curlee, John Dorn, George Braune, Eugene Moore, George Crawford, J. T. Larkin, D. A. Bailey, N. Gooch, Robert Mann. The said action of Local No. 40 was approved by the state committee of Texas."

#### Note on National Party Referendums

National Referendum "D" on adoption of national constitution closed at national office August 4, and all sections of the constitution were adopted by large majorities. The difficulty in tabulating the votes on the various sections by states, however, renders it impossible to make a complete report this week. This announcement will be made at an early date.

### BUTTE ITEMS

The Socialist Finlanders of Butte have organized Local No. 3 with about 100 members, 20 of whom are women. They comprise a splendid, intellectual looking crowd, of young people principally.

The German adherents of Socialism in Butte have concluded to unite with Local No. 1 instead of organizing into a fourth wing.

We are told that the Socialist ladies of Livingston and Missoula are arranging to organize Socialist guilds in the near future. The ladies of the Butte guild send greeting and wish them success in their undertaking.

It is said that F. A. Heinze, with several of the anti-trust main guys, will tour the state in an automobile, and try to secure in advance action on the political wire-pulling machines throughout Montana. The Socialists are seriously contemplating procuring an auto and sending Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett over, the same route. After the Heinze delegation has exposed all the corrupt methods of legislation unjustly forced upon the wealth producers by the two old political capitalistic parties, no doubt the mind of the average wage slave would be found in a receptive state for heeding the practical teaching of social economy. Perhaps this idea of propaganda work is a poor one, eh, comrades? Well, it would help some.

Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett of Denver left Butte on Monday morning, Aug. 8, on a lecturing tour through the state, and will deliver the first lecture at Clancy, Mont. Mrs. Hazlett is an able, talented speaker and made many converts for Socialism during her stay in Butte. Don't fail to hear her when she comes your way, and be sure to take your wives and daughters with you that they may understand the grand tidings of great joy.

News comes that Comrade Hicky is doing successful work at Livingston in the Socialist field work.

The Butte Socialist Glee Club is going to be reorganized under the direction of Comrade Newman; they are to assist in the street propaganda work, which is now being carried on at Butte.

The Deer Lodge county Socialist convention will hold forth at Anaconda Sept. 6.

A committee has been elected to make arrangements to receive Eugene V. Debs, Socialist nominee for president of the United States, who will speak in Butte October 3.

Keep your eye peeled for the Socialistic diagram, which will scientifically illustrate and explain present conditions under capitalistic rule and future conditions under Socialism. See next issue.

The Press of Helena is harping on a railroad commission, but what is the use to stop with a railroad commission? Why not have the people own the railroads the same as they do the postoffice system? Why elect the farce railroad commission to do the bidding of the railroad companies for a stated salary, the same as the man who is hired on the Press to write such trash, when there is nothing to the proposition but humbug for the people?

### Marlowe's Taxes Reduced \$144,000

Few Interesting Points Showing  
How the Moneyed Fellows Always Play the Poor Dupe.

Marlowe's new asset.  
Thomas A. Marlowe has a new asset. Who? Henry C. Smith, now district judge.

Judge Henry C. Smith appointed a Mr. Cory as county commissioner, who within 24 hours, votes to reduce Marlowe's corporation taxes.

Marlowe happens to control the city of Helena by owning the street railway, the power plant, the light plant and the gas plant. There is not much left for the people to own, but Marlowe believes he should be guaranteed a profit on his franchise and that other people should pay the taxes, not him, so he sees Smith and Cory is appointed.

Cory cuts \$144,000 out of Marlowe's taxes. Bully for Henry C. Smith. Smith is a candidate for the chief justiceship.

Henry C. Smith needs Marlowe, Carter and Heinze in his business. Smith is trying to show Marlowe, Carter, Heinze and the Standard Oil people that they need him.

Thos. A. Marlowe, being the owner of the National Bank of Montana, the Helena street railway, the power and light plant and the gas plant, believes he should be protected from the onslaught of vulgar, common taxes, that having turned over to him the power of taxation he—Thos. Marlowe—should be exempt from such annoyance, just as are the public schools, court house and federal building, the Catholic and other churches.

From a Socialist point of view, Mr. Marlowe is right.

Given the functions of government, he is entitled to all privileges to such functions belonging.

Our streets are not taxed, why should the rails be taxed?

But if the people, through their legislatures and courts, select Mr. T. A. Marlowe to collect their taxes and operate their governmental functions, such as money, gas and electric light and power, and the carrying of the people on the cars, why not extend his jurisdiction to the sewer, the streets and alleys, the library and schools? He would not have to reach far; then all taxes could be collected by Mr. Harry Walker, who undoubtedly could adjust his mental and moral system to receive additional funds and apply

them where they "may do the most good."

Then why not abolish the mayor and city council and subordinate officials; also the county board and elective offices, for Mr. T. A. Marlowe has demonstrated to the satisfaction of this and that portion of the human race that he needs no reinforcement from God or devil; on the contrary that he and his lieutenants are equipped to operate the universe without friction. Mr. Marlowe fully realizes the gravity of our present chaotic conditions and shall shortly have them whipped into shape.

T. H. Carter is leaning considerably upon Marlowe, as T. H. Carter is busy, very busy, nowadays with his Concessions on the Pike.

T. H. Carter, too, has invested in a theatrical combine, out of which he draws much wealth and pleasure. Wealth from the box office and pleasure from the "green room."

Then T. H. Carter cleaned up \$250,000 cash from the \$5,000,000 government appropriation for the St. Louis World's Fair graft. For doing this T. H. Carter was retained at a nominal salary of \$5,000.

T. H. Carter proposes to return to the United States senate. Carter told Marlowe to fix Smith.

Smith told Marlowe to fix Carter.

The three fixed the assessment roll, and ——— the people.

The Amalgamated has swallowed Heinze and Heinze is to draw the people with his tongue into the maw of the Amalgamated.

As chief justice Henry C. Smith will do the "right thing at the right time."

Heinze will elect his anti-trust and turn the mover to Carter and the Amalgamated.

Carter will go to the senate. Amalgamated will defeat:

1. The 8-hour constitutional amendment.
2. The initiative and referendum.

Amalgamated will increase appropriations for the state militia and damned fools will then march and countermarch and shoot to kill—and not know why.

But all the while the Socialists, with X-ray visions, will enlighten the masses as to the inner workings of the Amalgamated, Heinze, Carter, Marlowe, Smith, Lindsay, Toole, Dixon, and checkmate them.

We do not dip our pen in the gall of envy while dealing with the above gentlemen. They are only creatures of a diseased, a very rotten condition, and should not be charged with their own

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tenness. For instance, T. H. Carmoral, mental and physical rotter was born that way. Smith is abnormal, his head cannot accommodate his ambition, hence the suffering of the people because of his dignity and importance. Marlowe won't last long; he is a sick man, much to our sorrow, for with Marlowe gone the earth will wobble on its axis—life will be a misfit.

There is one great difference between Heinze and Toole, Lindsay, Dixon, Smith, Carter and others of the ilk. A part of what Heinze has sold to Amalgamated is his very own, his smelters, newspapers, followers and ———, but as much cannot be said of the others.

Socialists, don't worry, the animals are performing most beautifully. Rockefeller will have the whole bunch soon, then the people will quietly take it all in.

The ladies of Helena are circulating a petition requesting the

sheriff of Lewis and Clarke county to shut up gambling. They had just as well circulate one asking him to resign from his position of graft.

Comrade Lynch has added a number of subscribers to our list at Havre since our last issue. Guess that old boy ain't a hustler, eh? We have just sent him a letter to go on east, up among the Indians and make Socialists out of them and get their names on our subscription list. He'll do it, and don't you forget it. If the cause had a few more hustlers in the state like Comrade Lynch, the whole Socialist ticket would be elected this fall.

Under Socialism every child will have all the education it is capable of receiving. Now just the rich children have this opportunity, and many of them lack the gray matter to improve the chance.

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# The Class Fight

BY A. T. HARVEY  
LEWISTOWN, MONT.

Comrades who have Subscription Cards Should remit at once.

Teddy, the versatile, hunter, writer, historian, labor unionist, soldier and politician, has appeared in a new role as game warden. The news came that out in the heart of the Sierra Nevada mountains the trout were caught contrary to the laws in such cases made and provided, and the heart of our president was touched by the reported destruction of the trout, so he immediately sent four good and loyal satellites to investigate and report on the alleged extermination of the fish. Teddy can investigate the troubles of mountain trout, but when men in the uniform of American soldiers rob stores, deport citizens, chain union men to telegraph poles, mutilate aged miners in an unspeakable manner, and outrage women in Colorado, Teddy sees nothing to investigate. Go to 'em, Teddy, the fools will vote for you or Parker, so your graft will go on just the same.

Montana farmers are trying to secure the hay, and soon the rattle of the binder will sound above fields of waving grain, while they gather in the harvest which their labor applied to the earth has produced. Five in the morning sees the farmer rustling, feeding his teams for the labor of the day; a hurried breakfast, then ten hours' toil in the field, and the numerous necessary jobs generally designated as chores, keep him slaving till nine at night. Sixteen hours daily he labors saving a crop which will do him little good. The banker will have a generous share, the harvester trust will collect their toll, the railroad and Standard Oil trusts will see to it that their profits are paid, and the grocery trust will about clean him up for the remainder; if anything is left he purchases a new pair of overalls and prepares for a new year of endless toil. Some people, however, insist the farmer is a capitalist, and not interested in receiving the full product of his labor. The only point on which they hang, the fiction of the farmer being a member of the capitalist class, is that he owns some land, but the mere fact of holding a written title to land cannot make him a capitalist; ownership must confer special privileges which enable the person enjoying them to reap the reward of the labor of others before one can be a member of the capitalist class, and that is something the farmer does not do; he labors hard himself, and

gets a poorer return than the majority of laborers in industries where the workers are union men. It may be said that the farmer exploits the labor of his hired help, his wife and children, but in the great majority of instances such is not the case; true, these workers do not receive but a very small portion of the wealth they create, but the farmer does not hold the product of his toil; the big capitalist takes it all from him. The experience of the writer as a farm worker, and from talking with the farmer on Socialism, leaves no doubt that he is ready for the revolutionary doctrines of our working class party.

The published statement of dividends paid by the Kendall Gold Mining company proves that the workers in the mine and mill produced 33 1-3 dollars daily, above all operating expenses, their wages included. And now we learn that the workers at the Standard Oil sulphur works at Lake Charles, La., produce product worth \$14,000 daily; about 400 men are employed there. Now if 400 men are employed and produce \$14,000 worth, then each man produces one four-hundredth part, or \$35 a day. Here are two instances illustrating capitalist exploitation, and the robbery of the workers. In other lines of production it is much the same; the profits on the individual man employed may not be quite as large, but they are large enough to prove that the Socialist contention that under the same and scientific system of production they advocate the daily return for labor would be at least ten dollars. Rockefeller, Rogers, Heinze, Hill and their political jumping jacks, Roosevelt and Parker, are all supporters of the capitalist system because they share the 35 dollars a day you produce and don't get. They are opposed to Socialism because there would be no chance under that system to exploit you—fearful thought, they would have to work and only receive the same as every other worker in return. But you will vote for Teddy and Parker to continue the game.

Just to maintain an appearance of wishing to comply with the constitutional provisions, the Citizens' Alliance rebels of Colorado have published the statement that martial law is now ended. But wolves cannot change their natures, and the thugs, murderers and rape fiends who comprise the Citizens' Alliance and employers' associations, have not, by leaving off uniforms of the militia, become men. For political reasons the militia has been recalled until after election, when the people, if they elect Parker or Roosevelt, will be treated in every state as the citizens of Colorado are today. The Employers' association, or Citizens' Alliance, has failed in its effort to destroy unionism in Colorado, because the union men of other sections have generously contributed to maintain the strikers, but let no one imagine they are going to cease in their efforts. In proof of this the action of the association in binding every member to discharge all union men in his employ after election is convincing. Then, with the union men of America locked out all at the same time, the Citizens' Alliance believes they can administer the death stroke to unionism. Will the American people tamely submit to this? Time alone will tell. If they do, then the nation is not fit for progress, and will sink as Assyria, Greece, Rome, Carthage sank, into oblivion.

The man who cannot see the bunco game played on the working class by the old party politicians, from the frank admissions in the statement on business and political conditions issued by Hamilton & Co., bankers, of Baltimore, is totally lacking in reason, or so steeped in prejudice that he will not allow truth to enter his brain. Just read the following opinions by the bankers:

"It seems to us that very much depends upon the support given by the business interest of this country. If the financial and business interest is satisfied that the democratic party under the leadership of Judge Parker is now fitted to take charge of the reins of government, and this support is vouchsafed to the democratic ticket, there will be a good prospect for the success of the democratic candidate.

If, on the other hand, the business and financial element, because of its disinclination, or rather hesitancy, to trust the democratic party on account of its record during the last two campaigns—which were conducted under the guidance of Mr. Bryan—decides to give its support to President Roosevelt, the chances will strongly favor the success of the republican ticket.

In other words, as it appears to us, the financial, commercial and business interest of this country governs—naturally it must govern—and, when it ceases to govern, the government will simply go to pieces.

The candidate who best satisfies this interest is the one who may expect to receive the majority of the votes on the 8th of November next."

So the financial and commercial interests govern us naturally. We are glad the labor skimmers admit this; they still tell the working mule that he governs, but that is when they are jollying him into voting for Parker or Roosevelt.

A few weeks ago the Montana News published an article showing why Socialist papers fail, and in that article we gave figures showing you the cost of putting out a paper, which we gave at about \$50 per week. Now comes the Seattle Socialist and gives its readers a detailed statement showing that our estimated cost was too low in their particular instance. It cost the Socialist for one week's issue \$67.22. This is too much and proves conclusively that we were correct in our estimate, and that our ideas of why they fail were carefully and truthfully drawn. The deplorable part of the matter is that there must be more failures or a curtailing of expenses. Possibly it would be better to have fewer Socialist papers and have them run on a business proposition under the present competitive system. At the present there appears to be but few papers paying their way. According to the comment from many papers over the United States the Appeal to Reason is the only paper alluded to as making it pay. However, we are glad to say that the Montana News has paid ever since its establishment, notwithstanding the fact that it went through a strike, and stood by the strikers when nearly all the merchants withdrew their patronage from its columns, and after which a gang of the labor fakirs turned against us by putting a Heinze barrel, booze and boodle ticket in the field with the expectation of defeating the Socialist ticket, which was composed of all union men, and the labor fakirs' ticket were all non-unionists. In order, however, to keep the paper going, sacrifices must be made and hustling on the part of many of the comrades continued. The expense account must be kept below the income, and whenever the manager can do that your paper will be a financial success, the first success necessary to keep in the field at all. Comrade Titus can never run his paper, however, at that expense and with a five thousand list, because it will be impossible for him to keep his expense account below the income.

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than words. Well, the chill is only a hunch as to what is coming, for the hand that ruled the powers in Colorado rules them in this state and similar trouble must follow eventually. Rockefeller has no more desire to wipe the unions out of existence in Colorado than in Montana or Idaho. But he does all this damnable work in a systematic manner. If he didn't he could not win the public sentiment he does in this nefarious work. Well, you union men keep on voting the old party tickets and after a while you will get enough of Rockefellerism by proxy through democratic governors and republicans. Steunenburg in Idaho and Peabody in Colorado, for instance.

The writer heard a union man telling the other day what a good governor J. K. Toole had been, and especially to the laboring men. When asked to just suggest one move that Mr. Toole had made to benefit the laboring class he was stalled. But when reminded of the petition of the miners to have the superintendent of mines dismissed, and how he slapped these laborers in the face, he remarked: "Well, he did wrong in that matter, I admit." And so on down the line of laboring men, you will find this to be true. The thing for you to do is to elect your own class to office.

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