

# History of Socialism

## Dr. Willett, of Helena, Quotes Eminent Authorities in the Realms of Social Science.

Aristotle has said, "The state is by nature clearly prior to the individual and to the family since the whole is of necessity prior to the part." The proof that the state is a creation of nature and prior to the individual when isolated is not self sufficient, and therefore the individual is like a part in relation to the whole. But he who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must either be a beast or a god.

Socialism is that contemplated system of industrial society which proposes the abolition of private property in the great material instruments of production, and the substitution thereof of collective property; and advocates the collective management of production together with the distribution of social income by society, and private property, in large proportion of this social income.

The leaders of Socialism in the present century have generally been men of extraordinary capacity. Some of the earliest English socialists were Robert Owen, William Clark, Graham Wallace. Among the extremists was William Morris who was prominently spoken of for the position of poet laureate when it was made vacant by the death of Tennyson. The founders of socialism were Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, Herr Bebel, Ferdinand Lassalle about 1848. The early thinkers of France were Cabet, Saint Simon, Fourier, Jules Guesde and Dr. Paul Brousse.

Modern socialism began to make itself felt in Belgium in 1867. One of the earliest supporters was Dr. Caesar de Parpe. There were two factions which united in 1879. This was brought about by the two socialists, Voortruit of Ghent, and Volkshaus of Brussels. Holland

has not been so prominent as Belgium but it has an able leader in Donala Newmerhaus. Emile Vandervelde is the leader of the Belgium movement. Of the Scandinavian countries Denmark and Sweden have made the most marked progress.

Danish socialists after various reverses became strong in the eighties.

Socialism has developed slowly in Austria, but of late under the leadership of Dr. Victor Adler, is beginning to be felt as a force and the recent demonstrations for universal suffrage have been instigated by the socialists. Switzerland is the most democratic country in the world it has been the home of much agitation and socialists from all countries have flocked thither, yet pure socialism has not become a political factor.

The Latin countries generally have furnished a less favorable soil for socialism than the Teutonic countries. Socialism has made itself felt in Spain and Portugal. In the former it gained its first political success in 1891. Russia seems to lend countenance to the idea of a violent overthrow of existing institutions of late. There is a conservative faction which influences the industrial centers. The earliest indications of socialism in the United States were destroyed by the civil war, but foreigners came from France and Germany and planted the seed which germinated and culminated in starting the labor party in the '70s.

The United States had its wave of Fourtistic socialism in Brook farm and similar efforts. Among those taking part in the movement were Albert Brisbane, Horace Greely and George William Curtis. In 1860 this early Socialism had very nearly disappeared or been absorbed. The Uncle Tom's Cabin

of socialism, "Looking Backward," was written in 1888 by Edward Bellamy. From the enormous sales of this work was the beginning of that phase of socialism which was called nationalism. This movement was absorbed by populism and labor parties, which have eventually turned toward socialism. Socialists like to compare the growth of socialism to that of Christianity; both have found their chief strength among the masses. Socialism has grown the most rapidly of the two. Imprisonment and death give more zeal to its adherents and it has become a religion to many. Modern socialism may be divided into two classifications, ethical and non-ethical. The ethical attempts to show that the present order works cruelty and injustice, and socialism which they urge men to adopt will establish righteous relations among men and promote human welfare. They think that an exposition of the benefits of socialism and an appeal to the conscience are the forces that are needed to bring about the new social order. The non-ethical system is not to be understood as anti-ethical. Non-ethical socialism means that the ethical element plays no part in the production of anticipated changes. These changes are results of economic laws working in society. The most that we can do is to work with these social forces accelerating them somewhat. This non-ethical socialism is that of Karl Marx its founder. The evolution bringing socialism is described as the development of completed industries into monopolies. We trace the industries from the middle ages in which production was carried on in small shops. The tools were

owned by the workers. This period of small industries is followed by a period of manufactures, or modern or grand industry. The industrial revolution was brought about by a series of inventions and geographical discoveries. These may be enumerated as follows: Kay's flying shuttle invented in 1768. Watts' steam engine, in 1769. Hargraves' spinning jenny, in 1770, the water frame of Richard Arkwright, in 1769. Crompton's mule, 1779, Cartwright's loom in 1789, and Whitney's cotton gin in 1793. These inventions may be called fathers of modern socialism. Socialism is expected to come as a result of evolution, as Karl Marx says, brought about by the intelligence of man. It is not thought by modern socialists that it will all come at once. No one expects to go to bed one night under the capitalistic regime and wake up in the morning with socialism in full swim.

Naturally large monopolistic undertakings will be socialized first. Business after business will be absorbed into the co-operative commonwealth.

The following are names of those expressing either advanced socialist principles or sympathizing with the same:

Emile Zola, France, Victor Hugo, France, Ruskin, England, Emerson, America, Hall Caine, Isle of Man, Edward Markham, United States, Enrico Ferri, Italy, Allen Benson, Detroit, Michigan, Jack London, Oakland, California, author of "The Call of the Wild," "The Sea Wolf," Upton Sinclair, New Jersey, author of "The Jungle," "Prince Hagen," "Manasses."

G. W. WILLETT.

# Gambling in Butte

## Heinze Sheet Admits Its Causeless Attack on Ambrose.

Several weeks ago the Heinze News had a convulsion because Alderman Ambrose, "a lying socialist" said in the city council that gambling was going on in Butte. Not content with trying to prove its assertion that Comrade Ambrose was simply a liar it vilified socialists and socialism with the choicest assortment of the king's billingsgate that its subservient flunkeyism could muster. But, "Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel." On January 8, while floundering in the mire of the Shadwell murder, it delivers itself of the following startling and incriminating confessions. "His (Shadwell's) mother says he left the house with \$500 in twenty-dollar gold pieces and \$200 in bills. She says he won more money at the M. & M. He cashed in only \$17. While he played he had a \$20 bill in front of him with his checks. The men about the table say that he put the gold piece in his hip pocket when he left." Again, "Shadwell had been winning money at cards and the races since he came out of the penitentiary last July. He was in a big game in the Elite on West Park street Friday night and won the \$500 in gold that he showed to his mother Saturday afternoon before he left the house." Oh, no, there is no gambling going on in Butte since the Heinze Sunday-school gang is running it. Yet these statements are taken from a paper that called Alderman Ambrose a "chronic agitator" a "gallery-play fellow" who talked "just to get his name in the papers," and "to start a brawl."

The Heinze reign in Butte is the most infamous brazen imposition ever practiced on gullible working men. Heinze poses as the leader of the "reform forces" and the opposition to corporation rule with the sang froid with which he cocks

his hat on one side and poses admiringly before the mirror, a la Lawson. The articles by "Max" now running through the Montana News show with photographic accuracy the "reform" party, in the hands of capitalist schemers, as the garbage pail for all the filth that slips through the meshes of the orthodox political parties. It is no whit different from any of them except in its added cosmetic of hypocrisy. And it is a commentary on the opium-like stupidity into which the working class are drugged by the brutal bull-dozing of the capitalist class that they submit tamely, to such disgraceful government, when they know its every pretense is a lie, and that its whited sepulcher shelters the charnel house of lust and debauchery.

This same Heinze is posing with Clark again for the reconstruction on rehabilitation of the "labor party" for the coming elections. All the grafters, and boodlers, and heelers, "Swede Sams," "California Kids" those who have felt the seductive, silky feel of the millionaire's wads are gathering with hyena-like eagerness around the carrion. These creatures without an ounce of manhood in their bodies, will with prostituted brazenness presume to tell workingmen which way to vote.

The socialist is the only man who stands fearlessly erect, and with a haughty contempt hurls the truth into the very teeth of this rabble. He tells them their whole system is a lie and an abortion that he hates it as he hates the hell litter that it breeds; and urges the workers, the builders of the world, to cast off its slimy oppression forever, and boldly declare for the free and decent system where human beings will have a chance to be men and women, without the incentive of every evil gain to debase them.

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The shorter haul accounts only in part for the striking superiority

of the British post. The main reason for the inferior character and greater cost of our own is that the money order and parcels post rates and limits are arranged to suit the express companies, and that the rates of payment to the railways for hauling the mails are fixed by a system so preposterous as actually to invite and reward the collusive defrauding of the government.

Ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho "bull pen" infamy has been assassinated by a dynamite bomb, and two miners have been arrested on suspicion. Ten to one the fellow who did it voted an old party ticket. Those who know how to deal effectively with Stuenenbergs throw socialist ballots instead of bombs.—Worker.

Revolutionary Livingston, the proletarian stronghold of the Northwest, is making big preparations for commemorating the outrages of "Bloody Sunday." The unions will take part in both meeting and parade, and resolutions will be passed condemning the unprovoked murder of the working class.



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## Finished Product of Labor

BY JOHN M. WORK.

One day I had occasion to help an old blind man on the street car. He was both blind and ruptured, but he had a sack of old rubbers on his back and he told me that he made his living by collecting old rubbers and selling them.

I made some inquiries into his past and discovered he had been a wage slave all his life, sowing that others might reap.

There seemed to be just one bright spot in his life. He had once been driver of a hack that was frequently used by Abraham Lincoln: He told about it with manifest pride. It was evidently a cherished memory an oasis in a desert life.

He was one of the victims of the capitalist system. He was one of the human stepping stones whom the capitalists have trampled into

the mud in order to climb to their financial eminence.

He gave his life to them, and was compelled, in his old age, blind and ruptured, to eke out a miserable existence by collecting rubbers.

All the higher things of life were locked, barred, and bolted against him. He was crushed, humiliated, robbed and beaten and thrown away, in order that the capitalists might live in palaces, and buy jewels for their women.

They deprived him of everything that is worth living for, robbed of everything that distinguishes a man from a beast, coined the prime of his life into profits, and then cast him off to live the life of an abandoned, homeless, worthless dog in his old age.

## CHAPERONES A BIG PRIZE FIGHT

### Heinze Reform Gang Aids Crime in Butte--Shameful Brutality.

McGinness the superintendent of Heinze's Sunday school administration in Butte has added fame to his deathless renown as the apostle of reform, by again violating the state law more openly and shamelessly than any criminal in Deer Lodge, and allowing one of the most brutal prize fights to take place with his sanction that has ever disgraced the West.

The News has shown that gambling still goes on with the full sanction and knowledge of the entire city force. The Hart-Callahan prize fight was advertised in the papers. The public looked on to see if the Heinze administration, that got into office on a platform of defeating corruption and crime would connive in such brazen defiance of law and order.

Last September on Labor Day, an attempt was made to pull off a big fight, but the brutal exhibition was stopped by the sheriff on complaint of a citizen of Butte. The socialists have been assured that law would be enforced, and the Heinze News outrageously insulted Alderman Ambrose for courageously asserting that the laws were being violated every day in Butte. Where,

O, where is the Ministerial Association? Was there no citizen with moral backbone enough to raise one little peep of protest against a form of amusement that would bring the blush of shame to the barbarians of the dark ages? They are doubtless busy planning political conspiracies to deceive the people, for the sulphur laden air of Butte is innocent of their indignant remonstrances. Alderman Ambrose, "the socialist freak from the seventh ward," according to the Heinze News, some time ago took the pains to go before the Ministerial Association and inform them that gambling was going on in Butte the same as ever. They asked in helpless impotence, "What shall we do?" He told them to preach about it from their pulpits on the next Sunday. But no voice of protest drifted down from a single pulpit.

The Heinze "reform" forces have no intention of stopping crime, in Butte. It is not to their interest. The only question is, how long can the working class be fooled into upholding such a farce by their votes?

The last word from England is the news of the election of Comrade Will Thorne, who was elected Monday at Westham by a majority of 5,000 over Sir J. G. Hutting the Tory candidate.

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The Helena Independent has delivered itself of some more drivel—this time on the woman suffrage question. It begins its most intelligent discussion with the dignified statement: "This is a dangerous subject." The very attitude of bourgeois society towards woman, and all subjects connected with her is a testimony to the subordinate and inferior position in which she is held under the capitalist regime. She is not considered as an independent human being, a normal living organism, pursuing her way through the evolution of nature, according to the instinctive laws of her development. In the society of capitalism, forced upon her by the economic assumption of man, she takes her place as either the drudge or the toy. In the governments of men, by men and for men, she has nothing to say. But changing economic conditions have changed the servile submission of her sex. She is earning her living, and she wants something to say about the conditions under which she earns it. Even the Independent admits that the ranks of the woman's suffrage army are growing. But it says that, "It is a curious truth that the more the movement grows the less attention it receives from congress and the legislatures," and it further asks, "Why is this?"

The reason lies wholly and solely in the fierce control of government by the capitalist class. They must control government to keep their graft upon the masses of sweating toilers. They fear the popular vote, and they are bending their energies to the restriction of the suffrage instead of its expansion.

The Woman's Anti-Suffrage association, of which Mrs. Lyman Abbott is president, shows the extent to which the capitalist class will go to keep the yoke on the necks of the workers. These women all represent the capitalist and exclusive class. They do the bidding of their masters, the men, in order that they may continue their lives of idle and dishonorable luxury, fed by the bounty of men. It is not from the working class that the opposition to woman's economic and political freedom comes. Whenever the measure comes up the unions unanimously endorse it. The Socialist party, the world-wide party of the economic interests of the working class, is the only party in the world that declares unqualifiedly for the economic and political equality of all human beings, woman not excluded.

The Montana Record comes out with an editorial advocating that congress should provide the president with a private car, and make an appropriation for hauling it from place to place. With the apparent innocence of lambs, it declares that "the president receives only a paltry sum in salary (\$50,000). He can ill afford to reach into this sum for the expenditures that attach to extensive railroad travel."

The wealth that the workers produce is flowing in a luxurious stream

to keep these idle parasites in unparalleled magnificence. The poor work, and the idle and useless spend and it is the irony of the hypnotism of class rule that some poor miserable wage slave is prostituting what feeble intellectual powers he may have to write such flunkeyism for the chance of a job at \$20 a week. Much he knows about private cars and railway jaunts at \$20 a week. Much of the comforts of life his wife and babies can get at \$20 a week. And yet so long as these corrupt and vicious exploiters of labor can buy the mental and physical energies of men who ought to be conscious of their manhood, to be their flunkies, and do their shameless work of flaunting their stolen gorgeousness before the dazzled eyes of those they trample on, so long will the kings thrive under the name of a republic. When the workers, who are praying for a job as they wouldn't pray to their God, use their mental power to resist their own domination and not to help it along they may expect to have a chance to live like men.

The Montana state constitution is a document to which socialists can point with pride. While far from complete and not covering all requisite points, even to the extent that it will be necessary to remodel it in several details at the next convention, it is such a clear, decisive and business-like statement of the protected position of a revolutionary, working-class, political organization as to evoke the admiration and confidence of all those who desire a practical organization.

It is a wise provision that three socialists in a locality can do the business of the party and continue the organization.

Three socialists are entitled to representation. The best section in the instrument is Article VI, Section 11. It reads thus: "No person can retain membership in any socialist local in the state of Montana, who is a member of any alliance, organization or association, whose principles are antagonistic to the interests of workingmen; any local retaining such person in membership after due notice shall forfeit its charter."

This hurls the class challenge in unequivocal terms at all opposers of workers' interests. Citizen's alliances can take notice and profit thereby, as also all so-called socialist organizations. You cannot serve God and Mammon at the same time.

Now the senators are crying because Roosevelt has shouldered them out of any say-so in the control of Panama. Teddy is running the American circus just now, and he is running it as his predecessor, Grover I., did, for the benefit of the diamond-studded bloods in the grand stand who are getting panicky. They hope his bully-ragging and big stick will tide them over the crisis—but it won't.

Comrades, when you send in your money to the state organization you are sending it in to the support of the News just as much as though you had it labeled Montana News. If enough money is not on hand to pay the bills of the paper at the end of the week the money has to come from the state headquarters at Livingston. It is the party organization that supports the paper. This is not intended in the least to militate against those who desire to apply their money specifically to the paper. But a big fund at headquarters makes us feel as comfortable here in the office as if the money was in the News drawer. There is no jealousy between the state secretary and the business manager of the Montana News.

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OLD PARTY MACHINES AND HOW THEY

OPERATE

BY ONE WHO HELPED TO OPERATE

(Continued from last week)

VIII.

(Star Chamber Proceedings.)

A secret council of ward-healers is just as much of a "Star Chamber" as was the secret council chamber of an absolute monarch in the days of Divine Rights. The ancient King summoned to his council the creatures of his own creation—the Lords of his realm. The doors were locked and the "creatures" by the King's command issued to the people the kings will. Such proceedings are generally called "Star Chamber" edicts or manifestoes. It was such methods of Boss Rule that resulted in a Brutus for a Caesar, a Cromwell for a Charles Stuart, and a Washington for a George III.

In Golden City we did not have the star chamber of a royal boss, but we did have a campaign council of ward-healers, subject to the mandates of a Fusion Triumvirate. We met on a Sunday afternoon in the parlors of the Exchange. About thirty "heelers" were present. We had a goodly supply of the choicest "spirits" known to the genius of man; and between plots we sent beautiful rings from clear Havanas upwards into space. The council was called to order by the Democratic Alderman from the Bad Lands and I was chosen secretary as a Spinney-Populist. The first order of business was communications. Secret councils never read the minutes of former meetings. The principle communication was from the triumvirate at the helm of the Fusion machine. If a lot of honest populists had been present, the council would have probably been in session yet, but the machine never selects any long whiskered patriot to sit in a wardheeler's council. A man who does not understand the "ropes" is a nonentity in such a meeting as we held in the Exchange.

"Gentlemen of the Council," said the Chairman, "you have before you the plan of campaign as proposed by the leaders of our party, what is your pleasure?" The secretary was instructed to read the "plan," paragraph by paragraph.

The first paragraph dealt with the finance question. Without "the sinews of war" no great battle can be waged. The Constitution—builders of our great Republic never intended that "a government of the people by the people and for the people" should require a fat purse to induce freemen(?) to vote for free government; but times have changed since then, and we have changed with them. Every saloonman, every dance-hall proprietor, every "block" landlord, was required to make a donation. Every "lord of the tenderloin" was taxed a double-egg; every gambler who expected any favors had to pony-up. The question of finance was easy. Each ward-heeler was assigned to a certain district as tax-collector.

The next paragraph dealt with the registration lists. It was necessary to know the exact political standing of each voter in the bad lands. In the respectable part of the city, the majority of men are either outspoken in their politics or will not hesitate to say what candidates they will support; but in the bad-lands every body is more or less expecting a "flash" of some kind or another. If, for instance, a man is a Democrat, he can be purchased easily for his own ticket; but, if, on the other hand, he is a Republican, drastic measures will have to be used. One scheme was to keep the opposition voters away from the polls and vote floaters in their names. The main thing however was to have a correct list of the names registered.

The next paragraph dealt with the subject of watching the polls and how best to obstruct the doubtful fellows, and how to facilitate the rush of the faithful. These are questions that all professional wire-pullers are adepts in. Prior to this election the Legislature of California passed a bill enacting into law the Australian system of balloting. Of course the question of how to know how each voter voted came up. Before the Australian system was adopted, men voted any old kind of a ballot, and it was easy to mark the ballot for the voter. But necessity is the mother of invention. The most effective method of beating the Australian system is the well-known Endless Chain plan. It is worked as follows:—first a certain number of official ballots are either bought or stolen from the "judges" or the printer or through the manipulations of the "knowing ones." Clerks, judges, inspectors, or even "officials," can sometimes stretch their consciences for a little filthy lucre. At any rate, by hook or crook, the official ballots are obtained. They are immediately brought to the most experienced ward-healers.

Finally the polls were opened. The ward-healers got busy rounding up their men. The purchasable floaters were herded into hotels, saloons, blocks, out-houses, barns, livery-stables etc. The "lords" were sent to Rose Spin-

ney, and the conscientious fellows who preferred city jobs to a monetary bribe were sent to Frankie Reiney. But the boys who needed a couple of "cart-wheels," or a gallon of "juice," were taken in charge by the heelers.

The St. George is within a stone-throw of the polling booth. Under the Australian system the booths are private. John Brown, a floater, is ushered into a private parlor adjacent to the bar-room. In the private parlor is a keen, sharp, shrewd fellow, who understands human nature like a phrenologist.

John Brown is introduced to him by a ward-heeler. "Have a drink, Mr. Brown," says the man in the private parlor. "Take this ballot, hide it on your person somewhere; it is already folded and marked; go to the clerk and ask him for a ballot to vote; go into the secret booth, fold up the blank ballot given to you by the clerk, and hide it on your person somewhere. Then go to the ballot box and deposit this marked ballot of ours and walk out. The moment you bring back the new clean ballot to us, you will be paid whatever sum you agreed to vote for."

Then the clean ballot was marked again. It already had the official stamp on. It in turn was given to Bill Jones who went through the same performance as John Brown.

Another plan was to go to the polls and claim illiteracy. In such a case the favorable judge was called upon for assistance. Sometimes when it is hard to work the "Endless Chain," the voter goes in to the booth and with the aid of a carbon paper inserted between the official ballot and its duplicate, proof can be given as to how the voter voted. If the carbon-marked duplicate shows that the official ballot is paid for the machine, then the voter is marked his price.

The idea that men are paid in advance for their vote is all "hot-air." Some men claim that they get their money before they go into the booth and then vote as they please. The man who tells you a fish-story of this kind is a hypocrite and a liar. Politicians don't throw their money away on men who vote as they please. I saw hundreds of men paid for their votes, and I never yet saw a dollar paid to any man who could not furnish indisputable evidence of how he voted. Political machines are as perfect in their operation as a clock.

Every wheel and cog and pinion acts in harmony. It takes hard work and much sooth-saying to get campaign funds, and they are not disbursed without results. Sometimes the bosses will "skin" their ward-healers, and sometimes the ward-healers will not expend all they get; but the moment they are found out, like Othello, their occupation's gone.

Hank Grady operated the "Endless Chain" in Bottle Keno's place for Burns. Kelly worked it in Hobotown for Fusion. Costello deserted Burns and many others changed likewise.

When the polls were closed Burns was down and out, and the ensign of Fusion was flung to the breeze.

The result of the Election was of importance to the people. Burns himself advocated a mild form of public ownership, and some of his candidates went the limit. The new city government, though Fusion in its executive department, was a stand-off in its legislative branch. Between the two factions in the Council a fierce war was waged. Both factions were for public ownership under certain conditions, and each side was anxious to make the public believe that it was the means of bringing about the desired reform.

Public sentiment, and the public press, forced the Fusion people to fulfill their promises—and no one will deny but an immense step forward was made in municipal administration. Even the ward-healers of all parties benefited by the change. Under the old regimes the machine bosses were as tyrannical in power as a Sultan of Turkey or a Czar of Russia. The ward-healers were drummed around like a dog. The very officers of the law were as subservient to the "boss" as the privates in a regiment to their colonel. But since the days of the tidal-wave of Reform, the bosses are no longer petty tyrants—they are pliant tools, smooth and oily.

Buckley, in his palmy days, was a tyrant; Burns, on the other hand, was both tyrant and diplomat. The triumvirate of Fusion were neither tyrants nor diplomats—they were simply politicians who promised to divide the spoils of war upon the merit system. Under the new order of things the ward-heeler changed from being a mere servile camp-follower into a ward politician who had even a voice in the party councils.

Men of the Hank Grady character cannot succeed any more. Even Rose Spinney's type has passed away. There are some Frankie Reineys in politics yet, but the day of the boss and the courtesan is fast passing away. The combines of the future will be on the



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The fact is no boss could rule in the political world if it were not for the dense ignorance of the workers along the lines of political economy.

—Max—

(To be continued.)

Some subs in this week from Seattle and Iowa. Outsiders universally say that the "atmosphere" of the News is something new in the socialist field.

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 Here's your party, come, get in,  
 Join the party.  
 Freedom's yours, when're you will it,  
 Join the party.  
 Here's your place, come now and fill it,  
 Join the party.  
 You have only chains to lose,  
 You've the human race to fuse;  
 Nobler work you ne'er can choose,  
 Join the party.  
 Would you see your sisters freed?  
 Join the party.  
 Would you help kill graft and greed?  
 Join the party.  
 Socialism's no disgrace,  
 If you'd help us win the race,  
 Get inside and cut the pace,  
 Join the party.  
 Would you see class struggles ended?  
 Join the party.  
 See this world in brothers blended,  
 Join the party.  
 Put your shoulder to the wheel,  
 Heart to heart as true as steel,  
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 Join the party.  
 Do you want to help the workers?  
 Join the party.  
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 Join the party.  
 Now, don't stand back and hoiter,  
 Cough up a half a dollar,  
 And get into the collar,  
 Join the party.  
 Do you want a better living?  
 Join the party.  
 Are you tired of charity giving?  
 Join the party.  
 Then don't act like an ass,  
 Join the party of your class,  
 And we'll win the world on masse,  
 Join the party.  
 — FRANK MABIE.

**CIRCULATION**

Comrade Mabie of Chico starts on the 14th for a round up of Aldridge, Horr, Gardiner and Jardine, to get subscribers for the News, and give a general jarring up for socialism in Montana. After this route he goes to Chestnut. There'll be something doing in these parts when Frank gets around there.

Comrade Pennicott sends ih eight more names from Livingston. The locals stand now in regard to size of list: Helena, Great Falls, Livingston, Missoula. Livingston is giving Great Falls a race.

Comrade Snowball of Sheridan sends us in a long list of ranchers to sample. He says "they are mostly renters, heavily mortgaged, and likely to be susceptible to socialism." The Teddy prosperity does not seem to have dazzlingly materialized among the farmers.

Comrade Rector writes that they expect to make a good rustle for the News at the Petersen meetings. He says he hears favorable comments from the sample list he sent in.

Local Maiden has evolved an original idea for extending the circulation of the News. Their entertainment provided them with considerable money to fortify the state organization with. So they have sent in \$10 with which to send the News to a number of persons for three months. We can send the paper to five names for three months for a dollar, for a special purpose of that sort. So we have a list of fifty new names from Fergus county. Those people over there are thinkers. The artist that mixes brains with his colors is the one that gets results.

Comrade A. J. McDonald sends in a list of six from Fergus county.

Comrade Mabie sends in a sub from Livingston. He sends for 20 subscription cards, and says he has purloined eight from Comrade Rooney. He goes to Chestnut Monday in the interest of the News.

J. H. Wilhoit of Holly, Colorado, sends in a list of seven. These subs are from the wind swept cattle ranges of Eastern Colorado. We'll see the News sailing along now in the land of Citizens' Alliance Czarism.

Comrade Jas. Morgan of Dietz, Wyoming, district secretary of the United Mine Workers, sends in a list of six this week. The News is continually pressing into new territory. Every week it goes to new postoffices.

**LABOR NEWS**

The Helena Typographical union gave a dance January 11, for the benefit of the striking printers. The sympathy of the working class of Helena with the object of the strike was seen in the immense crowd that was present. About \$100 was cleared for the strike fund.

**OUR BATTLE CRY.**

(FROM THE TYPOGRAPHICAL JOURNAL.)  
 We propose to sell to the employers eight hours out of twenty-four, and we will do as we please with the remaining sixteen.

So runs the battle cry adopted by the International Typographical union in its contest for the eight hour day.

It is strictly to the point. There are no unnecessary words. There is no excuse—not a suggestion of an apology—in the sentence quoted. There are no "explanations" why we want the shorter workday. It is, as one employer has said, "brutally frank."

Certain of our opponents in this struggle have said that our battle cry contained "no argument"—that it was a cold blooded demand. We, as free men regard our time as our own—twenty-four hours of each day—and we have the sole right to say how much of that time shall be sold to others.

Times are prosperous. Labor is a commodity.

Wages have not risen with the increased cost of living.

A merchant who would offer his goods for sale at cost or below during times of prosperity would be regarded as a fool. That is what the printers have done in the past.

Suppose you should wish to purchase a suit of clothes as cheap as possible. You could go to some "shoddy" store and get a suit of clothes for a few dollars. It would look like a suit of clothes—would almost make a noise like a suit of clothes—and would serve your purpose as long as you didn't wear it.

Now, Mr. Employer, you can do the same thing in your business. You can go out "shopping" for printers. You will probably be able to secure men for your composing room at almost any wages you offer. They may say they are printers, and they may even look like printers. And they will serve your purpose—so long as you don't require them to print.

This shorter work day is a business proposition with us Mr. Business Man, and

We propose to sell to the employer eight hours out of twenty-four, and we will do as we please with the remaining sixteen.

Here is the situation (December 26): Three hundred and twelve unions have the eight hour workday. There are strikes in progress in 69 cities. In almost all of these cities we have secured contracts for the shorter workday with the majority of the employers, and in all of them we have complete control of the situation. The country has been scoured for competent printers to act as strike-breakers. What few were obtained are being closely guarded. The first of the year is at hand, and the proprietor who refuses to sign at that time will find "mighty poor pickin," for about 350 unions will submit contracts on that date. After being beaten in the first battle, the master printer's organization is going into the big fight in rather a disheartened and disorganized condition. The ruffraff "working" in the struck offices have proven incompetent, work is piling up, and "strike insurance" benefits, it is rumored, are not forthcoming. Typothetae members are constantly deserting and signing with the union. And last, but not least, public sympathy is not with the employers.

The International Typographical union is in as good shape as ever, thank you. We can—and will—finance this fight. Our members are firm and confident, and we are going to win.—St. Louis Labor.

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**National News**

Report is at hand that national committee member, Lena Morrow Lewis, of California, is seriously ill in Los Angeles. Mail will reach her address, general delivery, Los Angeles, Cal.

The joint convention of Oklahoma and Indian Territories, held Dec. 28, 29, 30, was a marked success. By a recent referendum of the territories, J. E. Snyder was elected state secretary; Kate O'Hare, organizer; J. Hagel, 2 Reno St., Oklahoma City, Okla., and G. F. Bentley, Duncan, Ind. Ter., were elected members of the national committee.

John C. Chase, 64 E. 4th St., New York city, has been elected state secretary, and M. Solomon, same address, has been elected temporary treasurer.

The apportionment for members of the national committee compiled and published Jan. 1, shows there will be 58 members of the national committee in place of 55, the previous year.

Colorado and Kansas each will have one member in place of two; Ohio will have three as against two for last year; Michigan will have two as against one last year; Oklahoma two as against one; Wisconsin three as against two.

The national committee is now voting upon the election of a national executive committee, composed of seven members and a national secretary. Vote will close January 22.

Numerous reports from locals are reaching the national office from nearly every state in the union announcing their intention to observe Jan. 22, "Bloody Sunday" in keeping with the action of the International Socialist Bureau, and the proclamation of the national executive committee.

At a monster meeting held in a theatre in Philadelphia last Sunday under the auspices of the socialist party to gather funds for the Russian revolutionists, Comrade Ben Hanford, being one of the speakers, an effort was made by the police to stop the meeting. Comrade Ed. Moore, acting as chairman, informed the police that they were not in Russia, and that the meeting would not be stopped, and that free speech would be maintained by the socialists of America. The result was that the police subsided, the meeting continued, and a collection of \$135 was taken up.

By a recent referendum in the state of Ohio, Comrade Margaret Prevey, 162 South Main St., Akron, Ohio, has been elected a member of the national committee for the unexpired term of 1905. Comrades Bandlow and Prevey have been elected national committee members for the term 1906.

By a recent referendum in the state of Wisconsin, the due stamp system has been adopted and stamps have been secured by the state committee from the national office.

It is reported that the general committee of New York city at a regular meeting held December 23, expelled the following members for disloyalty to the Socialist party: Henry Tannebaum, for acting as a republican watcher on election day; Louis Rose for supporting the socialist labor party; L. Moscovitz, Chas. W. Reed, P. Wallach and Samuel A. Debs for supporting the municipal ownership ticket.

The national committee is now voting on motion No. 43.

Comrade Baur of Helena brings in a list of five. He sends one copy to a veteran friend at Rollins. This is in the Kalispell country that Comrade King is opening up.

**Women's Clubs**

Mrs Reely of the Woman's Club of Missoula writes that the club is to discuss the problems of the bachelor and the home in the near future and she asks for economic data in regard to these subjects. Whenever society can come down out of the clouds of sentiment and get on the firm ground of facts it may hope to solve its problems.

The Woman's Improvement Club at Great Falls is a socialist club, auxiliary to the local. The majority of women in it are socialists, though some belong who are not avowed socialists, but have joined because of the opportunity for economic study which the club presents.

The following paper was read before the club by Mrs. S. Splaine.

**Problem of the Child**

There could hardly be a more serious problem than the one presented by the child of this machine-made and tenement living age. We have only to look at the homes of the children of our large cities, a few rooms in a crowded yardless tenement, sometimes one room in which two or three families live together, parents having to go out day after day to earn a mere pittance for their support, leaving older children to take care of younger ones. No where to play, but the streets. There are thousands of children in greater New York whose only play ground is the streets.

Since play is a necessity to childhood let us consider what this lack of play space means in the way of injury to the child. It means boys forming street gangs at an early age to steal, to destroy, and to stab and shoot as they grow older. The younger criminals seem to come almost exclusively from the worst tenement districts. Statisticts show that in the city of New York alone each year, 2,000 children are tried for criminal offences. But in that city they no longer send them to jails and reformatories of various names for terms just long enough to enable them to learn all that the other inmates know and to re-enter the world wiser and more clever criminals than before. They are now sent to a model village of the New York juvenile asylum.

While there they study in school, work at some trade, or on the farm of 285 acres which surrounds the cottages, and live as nearly as the authorities can arrange it the normal life of healthy children.

We now come to another feature of tenement life, where the mothers work at home for the support of the family, crowded in tenements where the bed rooms are small and dark, where the living room is also a kitchen, a laundry, and often a garment making shop. The overworked mother is irritable, glad to get the children out of her way. There is no where to go but into the dark passageways, foul alleys, and streets. There is danger of their lives under the feet of passing horses, jostled about by the pedestrian, driven on by the policeman. They annoy every one, they crowd about the music halls and saloons, and play hide and seek in the garbage boxes. Children seek always and everywhere activity, movement, life. Very little is done to satisfy this play hunger of childhood. Our gardens are given a place apart, flowers and plants are carefully tended, but the childhood of our cities is without its proper place. A great deal of this street habit could be done away with if there were properly equipped municipal playgrounds, and industrial schools where boys could be taught a trade and girls taught to sew and cook. Our public schools do not fill this need.

Statistics show in the city of New York alone sixty thousand children arrive at school without breakfast, hungry, and unfitted for the work required of them. This curse which poverty lays upon innocent children is an awful one.

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ture men and women is a stupendous task. Children cannot be robbed of their play any more than they can be neglected at their play without at sometime paying the penalty.

Let the nation own the land instead of letting the landlords own it and our children would not want for grounds to play upon. The nation however is engaged in a traffic for the labor of children for profit.

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF LOCAL LEWISTOWN**

Lewistown local will hold a meeting Saturday evening, Jan. 20, and all members are requested to attend if possible, as business of importance will come before the local. Meeting will be held at Comrade Art Harvey's house.

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Next week we shall issue a special anniversary edition, commemorating the ghastly tragedy of January 22 in St. Petersburg. That fatal charge was a bloody challenge to the working class that rang 'round the world. The working class have accepted the challenge. It will never be forgotten until every vestige of capitalist class rule vanishes from the earth.

The locals can order bundles for distribution. The order should be sent in time.

## State Department

Bills could not be gotten out to the Red Butte school house in time for Comrade Petersen's meeting Sunday afternoon, so he will speak there after his return from Armington.

Comrade Palsgrove sends in an order for 100 of the little News socialist leaflets.

Comrade Cragg of Lewistown local has been seriously ill at Gilt Edge, but is on the road to recovery.

The Cascade county comrades have elected Comrade Geo. Wesleder of Great Falls secretary of the county central committee, and Comrade Rector of Monarch assistant secretary.

Comrade Woodruff of Stevensville sends in an order for 250 of the little leaflets on "Primary Principles," and five subscription cards.

Comrade Rector has ordered all the pamphlets we have left on "From Revolution to Revolution," and has sent in a list of names to mail the "Comrades" too, containing the same article.

Comrade King writes from Glasgow: Held a meeting last evening in opposition to four other meetings, and in spite of this had a fair turnout. Everybody informs me that everybody was pleased. Boys promise a full house tonight. No comparison between the movement here and in the Dakotas. Was glad to hear that so able an advocate as May Beals would be kept here. Oh, we will make things hum.

Chico local cleared \$27 at its dance, instead of \$26 as announced last week, \$1 more having come out in the final count.

Local Dean reports an enthusiastic meeting on Jan. 7, and one new member added. There will be a gathering of the clans at the home of Comrade Hudson on the evening of "Bloody Sunday," in memory of our martyred comrades who were shot down in the Russian streets.

Comrade Herman Luehman is the star rustler in Helena for the "wherewithal." He sold two of the coupon books, \$1.50 apiece, in two days. The money thus collected goes for the Petersen meetings in the Sixth ward.

Comrade Mabie says in a letter: "I believe you are right about using the money for state work, and letting the organization back up the paper."

Comrade Bjorneby of Kalispel writes to ask when Comrade King is coming to his neck of the woods.

Comrade Lafferty of Canyon Ferry says he and Comrade Griffiths are circulating literature during the cold weather, and not letting a chance go by to take a subscription for the News. They want to have some meetings in February.

The Billings local meets every Sunday afternoon at Labor Union hall. New officers are to be elected next Sunday.

A letter from Comrade Kampfer, secretary of Glasgow local, says: Comrade King made two addresses here on the 9th and 10th, which were exceedingly well received. I

must congratulate you on Comrade King. If you can give him to us, or even some one better, we can assure you of results here.

Local Maiden sends in \$10 for the state organizing fund. That Maiden is a mountain daisy, and her name is Lulu.

Comrade McDonald of Moore has been making a trip through the sparsely settled portions of Fergus county. He says he distributed all the literature the local had and took subscriptions for the News on the trip. He also added a new member to the local.

Winston has been an exceedingly hard point for the socialists to handle. This is a strictly working class town, composed of miners, and they should understand the working class program and the socialist movement. We now have Comrade Chris Gaardahl, who sends in his subscription card, and says he is going to do all he can, and we believe we shall now be able to get a hold there among the workingmen.

Comrade Petersen, after several days spent about Helena and the News office finding out what a pile of work is going on here, left Sunday morning for Cascade county, where a long list of dates await him.

### Report of Murray King.

It has been demonstrated that Havre was not dead but sleeping. No meetings were attempted here Thursday and Friday on account of the organization meetings of the Industrial Workers of the World. Saturday evening a meeting was held in the Trades and Labor hall for the purpose of local organization. The results of the meeting are exceedingly gratifying and there is no reason why Havre will not be able to push the propaganda here and take care of speakers in the future. Comrade E. G. Miller was elected organizer, R. W. Gillispie recording and corresponding secretary, B. B. Ryan, literary agent, and Comrade Ayers, financial secretary. Five socialists were admitted into the re-organized local, and when old members had paid up arrears it was found that the local has now sixteen members in good standing. The comrades are returning enthusiastically to the work of propaganda, organization and education.

On account of the peculiar industrial situation here, Havre presents more obstacles in the way of the progress of the movement than the average town along the Great Northern. The wage population is very unstable which accounts for the slight relapse of the local from its former great activity. A year ago the local numbered 27 and conducted weekly meetings and an intense propaganda. Lack of employment afterwards drove most of the members of the local abroad. Some have drifted back and matters are slowly resuming their old look.

Comrades here are of the opinion that the material for locals could be found in nearly all points along the Great Northern between here and Culbertson on account of the thorough work of certain comrades who they say have spread tons of literature over this territory. The members of the local look to the industrial unions here, which are taking a great hold as a great aid in the work

## The Workingman's Ballot

MRS. MARGARET PALSGROVE.

The people of the United States are still boastful about the voting privilege and other advantages of the American citizen, and I for one would be the last to blame anyone for being proud and patriotic in regard to such matters, provided he knows what he is voting for and if he votes as his better judgement would incline him to vote, but the casual observer - knows only too well that such is not the case.

There is also a movement introduced from time to time by the ruling class of this country to disfranchise the propertyless and also the uneducated classes.

One may wonder if it would really make much difference, when it is so common to give the vote for a glass of beer or whisky, a cigar or, as is so often the case, for fear of losing the job.

We have been reading about those eighteen thousand husbands in Chicago deserting their families because not able to obtain work. Evidently the boss or superintendent did not guarantee to them their jobs when he threatened to take them away on or before election day unless they voted as they were bidden.

Those eighteen thousand men may have been good fathers and husbands all the rest of the days in the year except on election day, but on that day they would repeat their

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Selection—Ruth Baur.  
Reading—Mrs. Moyer.  
The business session will precede the program. Arrangements will be made for exercises commemorating "Bloody Sunday," January 22.

MURRAY E. KING.

Mrs. Sam Stewart has refitted and refurbished the Arlington Hotel. Popular prices. Street cars pass the door.

foolish action, while things were going from bad to worse for the producing class. They still vote for the party ticket which is for the interest of the idler and the shirker instead of voting for the party of their class which stands for and upholds the interest of the worker namely the party of the co-operative brotherhood, the Socialist Party.

And many million votes are cast in just such thoughtless fashion and the voters and those depending on them are plunged ever and again into a worse hell of poverty than before.

Although we may make it out by figures yet we cannot possibly comprehend the large army of wretched and beggered women and children who must face this winter suffering cold and hunger. The children are as sweet and trusting in their baby fashion as other mother's children, but papa has left them, they will not see him again nor enjoy his love, help and protection, and in sorrow, sickness and death there will be no sympathizing father or husband near. These armies of unemployed men take to the road, quite a number commit suicide, nobody cares. Who cares for a poor and homeless tramp?

Each local is to order a bunch of fine subscription cards for \$2.50.

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Comrade Topel of Bozeman sends in a couple of subs this week. The Bozeman list is growing.

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