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PLOT FRUSTRATED

Mine Owners Plan Destruction of an Unused Mill for Purpose of Prejudicing Cause of the Strikers---Exposure Spoiled the Scheme and it Miscarried.

Sheriff Gilbert has been notified by the head officials of the Western Federation of Miners at Denver that a plot had been formulated to blow up an unused part of a mill at Colorado City, owned by the United States Re-duction and Refining company, other-wise known as the mill trust. According to the information given

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Sheriff Gilbert by federation officials, a conspiracy exists to blow up the plant, after which fire would destroy the debris, effectually hiding the handiwork of the persons directly implicated.

The dynamiting, it is further stated by the federation leaders, was to be done by agents employed by interests who are now so bitterly fighting the strike at Cripple Creek, and which wish to see the Western Federation of Miners completely annihilated as an organization.

In case the plot was successfully consummated reports were to have

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.

Hand and Machine Shearers Preparing for Next Convention. Assessment No. 1.

Wallace, Idaho, Oct. 1, 1903. Dear Sir and Brother-Notice is hereby given that an assessment of one dollar per member was levied by the executive board of Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' union No. 275, A. L. U., for the purpose of meeting expenses of next convention in Butte, Montana, Monday, July 25, 1904. The new constitution provides for a salary for regularly, elected delegates to the annual conventions, and in order to meet this expense, it will be necessary to levy an assessment. The next convention promises to be an all important one, and will be of the

been sent broadcast that the dynamiters and firebugs were members of the federation or men hired by that organization. This would throw disorganization. This would throw dis-credit upon the strikers and their leaders and change public sentiment from their favor to the mill and mine owners, who would promptly call on the governor for additional troops.

Sheriff Gilbert gave his personal pledge to the federation leaders that he would at once investigate the reand see that the abandoned trust was fully protected by deputies.

It is not generally known, but much of the information concerning much of the information concerning the movements of the mill and mine operators since the strike began is being gathered by private detectives employed by the federation. The federation leaders claim that only by hiring sleuths have they been able to circumvent some of the unlawful schemes of those who wish to disrupt unionism in Colorado.—Ex.

utmost interest to every shearer in greatest possible benefit to our members. This assessment will apply to every, member admitted before July 25, 1904, and should be in the hands of the secretary-treasurer as soon as possible after receipt of this notice, in order to give him an opportunity to make all necessary preparations for the convention.

Address all remittances to Wallace,

M. C. FORREST. President and General Organizer. R. C. SMITH,

> Secretary-Treasurer. PLATTE RICHARDSON. G. F. BALZER,

G. A. JOHNSON, Executive Board.

FACING TWO WAYS "LABOR" MAYOR

Schmitz Has Shown Political Acrobatic Abilities and Inclinations That Would Command Admiration Even in Montana, Where Kaleidoscopic Changes Are Common.

(Special Correspondence of the A. L. | U. Journal.)

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 26. The old style unions of San Francisco are just now finding out that their "labor" mayor, Eugene E. Schmitz, has played them false, and although he is running again on the Union Labor party ticket-without the Socialists' support this time-it is freely predicted that he will be buried in obtivion at the approach-

ing election. The political somersaults of this chameleon-like politician are won-derful to behold. Hardly had he taken his office, two years ago, as the "union labor" mayor than, as the guest of the Union League club, he avowed his fealty to the Republican party. His appointments to office were, with one or two exceptions, Republicans, in violation of the city charter, which he had sworn

was due to the engineering of the notorious S. P. and Spring Valley Republican politician, Abe Ruef, who took advantage of the feeling among the union men who had just emerged from the teamsters' strike, in which the entire power of the mayor's office, police, etc., had been used against them by a Democrat, Mayor

Schmitz has been notoriously the willing tool of Ruef ever since and just before the Republican prima-ries he wrote a public letter, bidding for the Republican endorsement, in case he was the candidate of the Union Labor party. This letter was plainly a promise to the cap-italists to "be good," and was so in-terpreted by them, the Call going so the capitalist element to muzzle the unions. We might say he has al-California Northwestern and the linemen's strike, complaint having been made by both unions involved of police interference with strike pickets, just as in the old days under

It was with the aid of Ruef's solid Republican delegates that Schmitz carried the Union Labor primaries against Michael Casey, and Ruct still remains a recognized leader of the Republican party. In the fall of 1962 Sphmits because

a Democrat for two months, his expenses being paid to speak for Willie Hearst, Democratio candidate for Congress from the New York tenderloin. He afterwards, at Hearst's expense, turned the country in the interest of that "great friend of labor" for president.

Thus in the limited period of a few months, our mayor has shown his ability to represent three distinet political parties. A similar course on the part of any other politician would have stamped him as a charlatan, but in our present mayor it seems quite natural.

The Socialist party has been giving reason to regret their tacit fusion with the Union Labor party years ago, by the continuous and ersistent persecution of the police department. They have lately been forced to get out an injunction to protect the right of free speech in a city ruled by this so-called "labor mayor.'

How completely under the thumb of the capitalist class our present city government is may be judged by the remark of a sergeant of police in stopping a Socialist street meeting at which the writer was present a few nights ago. The speaker, a colored man named Woodbey, referred the "cop" to the U. S. titution for his right to speak. "We don't care anything about the

constitution," said the policeman.

The musicians of this city also have a grievance against the mayor, who is president of the A. L. of L. union, of which more in my next letter.

Let me say in conclusion that the workingmen of this city are finding out that it is not only necessary to elect men of their own class to office, but that these men must be pledged to a definite labor platform, must contract -no entangling al-liances, and must be answerable to the organization that elected them and to the working people at large.

In my opinion, the best way to arrive at that method is to support the Socialist party, which demands everything that the unions demand, and more, whose platform is entirely practice, and which, furthermore, is composed not of gmfters manquerading as labor unionists, but of men who know what the working class wants and how to get it. B.

A REMARKABLE EDITORIAL

Denver Post Declares There Must Be a Readjustment of Relations Between Contending Parties or Organized Labor Must Be Wiped Out---If Events at Cripple Creek Were Transpiring on Larger Scale the Republic Might Topple.

The following remarkable editorial | appeared in a recent number of the mammoth Colorado paper, the Denver

An orbitless planet was pictured in a recent story as rushing toward our solar system. The astronomers, so the story ran, quickly discovered the approach of the catastrophic wanderer. They calculated its distance, the speed of its rush through space, and announced that, in a certain time, it would smash into the

And then? But not until the people actually saw a new star, which grew larger and larger and seemed like an awful angry eye in the heavens, did the announcement of the astronomers become the sensation of the world.

Larger and larger grew the terrible orb, and civilized society was convulsed between the freezing assurance of the scientists that there was no doubt about the accuracy of their calculations and the feverish hope that perhaps the sun would not be affected by the collision or the strange planet might find an orbit in our system without a jar.

And that is the condition of society today with regard to the labor movement. Society has been warned It has seen the growth of the new power. And it beholds that power growing larger every day. The Socialists say that it is impossible for individualistic society to survive the final collision, and that a new social formation is inevitable. And it must be remembered that

some of the greatest minds in the world today are those of Socialists. And it should be remembered that Socialism has percolated through the world and its principles are more or less believed in by persons who do not call themselves Socialists' and who have no idea that they are revolutionary seeds. And thoughtful men, who are op-

posed to Socialism and believe it is chimerical, realize that the time is rushing toward America when it must decide between two courses, one a vital readjustment of the present relations of capital and labor and the other the wiping out of or ganized labor to preserve the present relationship.

Owing to an extraordinary combination of conditions the tragical alternative is being enacted today in Colorado on a small scale. The government of Colorado is using its military forces to put an end to the Western Federation of Miners.

The country may well look upon the scene with anxiety,(for in miniature-compared with the whole-it represents the climax which is rushing upon the land.

And if the situation were national instead of confined to a far western state, and if it were a national labor organization instead of the Western Federation of Miners, and if it were the United States government instead of the Colorado government, it would shake the foundations of

For a long time The Post and others strained every nerve to put off and prevent this climax. Great etforts were made to arbitrate the Colorado City strike, efforts which seemed successful, and when the federation declared off the strike in the smelters there the people of Colshadow seemed to reced and fade.

But that hope was vain, and the dark chapter is now being written. The National Guard, raised to a high degree of efficiency by the new state administration for just such a contest, is now engaged in crushing the strikers at Cripple Creek in a manner that nothing can justify except the proposition that the Western Federation of Miners is treasonable and must therefore be destroyed. . . .

The Western Federation of Miners is Socialistic. The organization stands for the principle of the cooperative commonwealth. Meantime, it works as a trades union. But it has advanced to a strength in Colorado, in association with other unlons, that brought the people sharply face to face with the call for a readjustment of the relations of labor and capital.

As a concession to that call the people of Colorado amended the state constitution, ordaining that the legislature should enact an eight-hour law in the employments recognized as hurtful to the health of the workers.

Fixing hours of labor by law is a recognition of the demand for readjustment of the relations between employer and employed. The present relation, so far as the law is concerned, is nothing but the crude right of an employer to employ and the employe to accept employment on any terms. Hours of labor and wages are fixed by the efforts of labor and trades unions, but the law and the government have nothing to do with either. Therefore the eighthour act was an opening wedge for the recognition by the law of labor's rights as the rights of owning property are protected by the laws. But the legislature refused to pass the eight-hour act, conceded by the

And the Western Federation of Miners, in the course of establishing an eight-hour day in the smelters, necessarily sought to unionize them, and, to do so, finally invoked its power in the mines and gave battle in its chief stronghold, Cripple Creek, where a strike would be most far-reaching in its force.

But, reduced to a naked issue, it is now the life or death of the Western Federation of Miners.

The strike began without violence, nevertheless the National Guard was at once put into motion. It's not a parallel case with Chicago when the United States government crushed the railway strike led by Eugene V. When President Cleveland sent United States troops to Chicago they simply protected the moving of trains—that was all. They entered no homes, surrounded no meeting

At Cripple Creek the measures taken by the military are the same as the United States army used in occupying the Philippines, with the exception that the governor grudgingly and slowly respected the writ of habeas corpus.

Otherwise the "bull pen!"

Cripple Creek is a comparatively small place in a far western state, but consider the consequences were such scenes enacted in the big cities as is now ruling the boards in Colorado. Fancy United States troops in possession of Denver and taking into custody county and city officers and citizens of local repute and holding them in their camps and welcoming resistance as an opportunity to make short work of a task frankly described by General Chase as the erad-

The miners at Cripple Creek realize too well what it means to make any show of foreible resistance to the National Guard. That would mean the red finis of a dark chapter.

The members of organized labor are beginning to realize that a life and death struggle is going on in Colorado for the maintenance of the principles of unionism. Many of the unions in Denver and in other towns and cities throughout the state are contriguting liberally to the strike fund. The Brewery Workers of Denver have levied an assessment of \$1 permonth per member. The Bridge and Structural Workers, with headquar ters at Pueblo, have levied an assessment of \$2 permonth per member. The Bridge and Structural Workers, with headquar ters at Pueblo, have levied an assessment of \$2 per member, while the Macchinists of Denver are raising family by popular subscription. Such activity on the part of organized labor a coording closer together and placing more faith in that old proverb: "The injury of one is the concern of all?—Miners' Magazine.

Bro. Brodberry of Idaho Falls Un. as financial secretary. W. D. Clark ion, No. 230, has resigned his position has been elected to succeed him.

WELLS RELEASED

Friends of Defaulting Shearer Have Made Good Deficiency and Charges Have Been Dropped---He Has Learned a Lesson Through Several Months' Incarceration.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 28, 1903. Members Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' Union:

Brothers-On September 14th M. C. Forrest, president and general organizer of the Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' union No. 275, A. L. -U., succeeded in reaching a settlement with Mr. Samuel Wells, who has been confined in the jail at Great Falls for some time, charged with embezzlement of funds of this organization. During June and July of this year Mr. Wells represented himself as an organizer of the American Labor Union and collected several hundred dollars from shearers as initiation fees, which he failed to remit to headquarters. He succeeded in collecting quite an amount-before any information regarding his work reached headquarters. When the headquarters did receive word that he was doing this work, steps were immediately taken which

to this organization for a settlement. Always willing to do justice to all, and believing that Mr. Wells had received sufficient punishment to show him the "error of his ways," the officers decided to accept the offer made and withdraw the charge, which has been done. Mr. Wells is now at liberty. It must, however, be understood that Mr. Samuel Wells and Mr. Philip Burt are not members of this

resulted in the arrest of Mr. Wells.

He has lain in the jail at Great

Falls for several months awaiting

trial in the district court. When

his trial was about to come up, some

relatives or friends made overtures

executive board during the month of August. M. C. FORREST, President and General Organizer. R. C. SMITH,

union, having been expelled by the

Secretary-Treasurer Sheep Shearers' Union No. 275,

HAVE NO TROUBLES.

Western Packing House Employes Will Declare No Sympathetic.. Strike for Easterners. Replying to rumors that a strike

movement was brewing among the packing house employes of the west, in sympathy with a possible strike of Chicago packing house employes, the representatives in Denver of the American Labor Union and Denver Butchers' Union No. 162, A. L. U., have made the following official statement:

The employes of the packing houses west of the Missouri river are affiliated with the American Labor Union, and condemn press statements that they are going on a strike as false. They have never even dis-

cussed the proposition. They have submitted no demands to the employers, and have no grievances. Out of 200,000 members of the American Labor Union, 5,000 are employed in the packing industry between the Missouri river and the Pacific coast, and in every instance the conditions of labor are satisfactory to them. There is no affiliation between the American Labor Union and the eastern packing house employes, who are generally organized under the Amerionn Federation of Labor.

M. E. WHITE, Member Executive Board A. L. U. E. H. MESSALL, C. J. EVERELT, Press Committee Denver- Butchers' Protective Union No. 162, A. L. U.

THE A. L. U. AND POLITICAL ACTION

Calgary Paper Takes the Malconents and Union Disruptionists to Task and Scores Some Telling Points Against Those Who Seek to Tear Down.

There are many well intentioned | but ill-informed persons advising working men not to join particular unions, the advice generally being very profuse in words but sadly lacking in reason, and the source from which it emanates adds to the advice just the least shade of suspicion.

In this case the advice came from a local newspaper, issued daily, and consisted of a column of misrepresentation and lack of understanding.

The writer regrets that the unionists should allow the Socialist to control the unions; anyone who knows places, invaded no courts, seized no anything at all about unions knows civil officers. to control any union, the control is in the hands of the majority, and that is where it should be. .

But the attack is aimed at the A.

For why? Because It is the only union that proposes to use the ballot as a means to better the condition of the workers generally, not the members of the union slone, but all who labor, and that, too, by constitutional methods, and as far as possible without strikes.

It is easy to see why the political schemers of the old party persuasion should make attacks of this kind now, just prior to a general election; the Calgary unionists are talking labor representation and must be dis-

Agals, the charge is made that the A. L. U. is Socialistic. All unions are EXPULSION NOTICE.

O. C. Smith Resigns.

Hope, Idaho, Sept. 28. The Hope A. L. U. held a meeting

in the Highland house on Sunday

evening which was well attended there being about 80 members pres-

ent, O. C. Smith in the chair. There

were some visiting brothers from Sand Point present. O. C. Smith

made a very nice address, after which he tendered his resignation, which

terests of organized labor.

American Federation of Labor barely held to its present policy, in a vote of 9,000 delegates. The trades unions in Germany are entirely So-cialistic, as proved by their votes, the same may be said of Italy, Spain, France, Belgium and other countries, while in Great Britain the growth of Socialistic unions is on the in-And why is this so? For the simple

more or less Socialistic, even the

reason the unions are just what their members desire them to be, and as they begin to understand their true position they inevitably become dissatisfied with the union that falls short of their ideals.

Too long have the working men been voting against each other, while the politician has been laughing at their folly. What is the good of having a vote if the workers commit such an illogical act as voting opposite tickets; if the interests are id tical in the shop, mine or office, why should they not be identical at the hallot box? If they want to imtrove their condition and combine in a union to do that, why should they disagree on election day? Working men strike together, work together, starve together, why should they not vote together and get by their vote what they fail to get by the strike? Because up to now they have not seen through the trickery of the politician; but the time is not far off.-Bond of Brotherhood, Calgary,

was accepted with regret by all'the members. It was agreed upon to Fred Sarbach and F. E. Sarbach give a banquet in honor of O. C. have been expelled from Montpelier Labor Union No. 335, Montpelier, Smith at Foy's hotel on Saturday night to the members and their Idaho, for working against the in-

> The California state board of examiners refuse to allow the bills for President Roosevelt's entertainment, and the commissioners are out just \$94 apiece.

Protecting Teddy.

President Gompers and President Mitchell of the American Federation of Labor project to use all their in-fluence to avert a war on Roosevelt

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THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION REVIEWED

August 13 commenced a series of weekly contributions by the secre-tary treasurer, reviewing the newly proposed constitution, which will be voted upon by referendum of the membership of the American Labor Union in December, 1903.

ARTICLE FIVE.

Article 5 defines the duties, powers, responsibilities and compensation of the General President. Section 1 defines the office:

"Section 1. The General President is the executive head of the American Labor Union and its chief executive officer,"

Section 2 is important only in the length of time for which the President is elected. The manner of election is covered elsewhere in Article 11 of this constitution, Heretofore the General President has been elected at the annual convention each year. June last was the first referendum election ever held, and if the new constitution is adopted, the President and all other general officers and members of the General Executive Board will hold office until December 31, 1904, the last day of the first term of office under the new constitution. Lengthening the term from one to two years ought to have a beneficial effect upon the organization, as it will enable the officers to make plane and execute them without fear of having them interrupted by a a change in administration. It is, however, only a protection to the organization in the event of the good behavior of the officers, for in case of bad behavior any officer can be removed by the membership without delay. Section 2 reads:

"Sec. 2. He shall be nominated and elected as provided in this constitution, and shall hold office for two years and until his successor 1 Jane s duly qualified and installed."

Sections 3 and 4 recite powers and duties so clearly belonging to the President that it is unnecessary to discuss them:

"Sec. 3. He shall preside at all sessions of the General Convention and shall exercise such authority while the General Convention is n session as appertains to the presiding officer of that body.

"Sec. 4. At the opening of each regular session of each General Convention, immediately after the calling of the temporary roll of oficers and members thereof, he shall appoint the following committees to consist of not less than five nor made than fifteen members each, the members of said committees to be selected proportionately from national, international and local unions:

"Credentials,

"Rules-special and general After report of the committee on credentials has been received and adopted, he shall immediately appoint the following additional committees, to consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen members each, selected proportionately from national, international and local unions)

"Constitution and by-laws, "Ritual and secret work;

"General officers' reports,

"Finance and salaries,

"Grievances and appeals, "Printing,

"Labor and abor statistics,

"Resolutions, petitions and greetings,

"American Labo. Union Journal.

"Minute: "Press,

"And all special committees, not otherwise provided for."

Sections 5 and 6 are of a "imitar character:

Sec. a. He shall appoint a conductor and doorkeeper to serve during each session of the General Convention only.

Sec. 6. He shall decide all questions of or 'er arising during the

Celiberation of the General Convention, subject to appeal to the Ceneral Convention by any member thereof." Section 7 protects the general treasm of from a possible indiscrimi-

nate and dishonest expenditure of funds by the Gecretary-Treasurer by making the President also responsible. The section rea is: "Sec. 7. He shall approve all orders, bills, claims and vouchers of

every character against the general freesury or any department thereof before payment of fe ids may be made therefrom." Section 8 simply states a reatir duty

Sec. 8. He shall provide for the di. "bution and dissemination of all signs, passwords, rips and signs a which may be prescribed by the General Convention."

Section 9 is quite important. It reads:

"Sec. 9. He may convene at f lo of union at any time, preside therein, inspect its work, correct as correct, examine its books, and require conformity with the constitution, by-la s, rules and regulations of the American Labor Union, and may, in his judgment, authorize any general officer, member of the General Executive Board or general organizer to exercise the authority granted in this section.

To build up so perfect in organ ation as the founders of the American Labor Union hope it will become will quire just such a system of general supervision and discipline at all times and places as is provided in the above section. There must be strict confo mity with the

laws, else laws are-useless. Sctions 10, 11 and 12 state powers that have always been im; led to

and exercised by the General President:

"Sec. 10. He may grant charters for state, district and city un. as

in accordance with the terms of this constitution. "Sec. 11. He may grant charters to national or international un-

ions seeking admittance to the American Labor Union, provided they conform to the requirements of this constitute a and a charter has not already been granted to a national or international union having juris ction over the same industry.

"Sec. 12. He may grant charters to local unions in accordance with the terms of this constitutions

Section 13 authorizes the General President, for cause to suspend any general officer from official position. It is probable that personal or malicious reasons would never allow the President to exercise the power conferred in this serion, for the reason that elsewhere in this constitution a suspended oneer is guaranteed a full and impartial hearing, and to the event of the chuses for aspension were found to be groundless, the Executive 3 of 1 could immediately reinstate the suspended onicer. The action talls.

"Sec. 13. He may suspend 10: came from official and notion any general officer except memor, of the General Executive Board, and any local officer of any state, dist let, city or local union united with the American Labor Unio per tire investigation and decision by the General Executive hours to such suspension shall not deprive the individual suspended of the street in his union."

Section 14 gives the Pre enority to appoint a chief clerk:

*Sec. 14. He has power to appoint a chief clerk in personal charge of the General Presidents office, for wie se conduct he shall be held entirely responsible, and whose compressation shall se one bundred und twenty-five dollars per month, pays ble monthly."

The work attached to the pereral office of the American Labor

Union has now grown to such proportions and importance that it is necessary no post of it be neglected. In the case of the President especially, who is compelled to be away from headquarters considerably; it is important that there be an assistant at all times, empowered to transact the business of the President without Interraction.

"Sec. 15. He has power to commission, appoint and dismiss general and local organizers: con consation of greeral organizers to be one hun ired dollars per month and reasonable grans ortation and living expenses when absent from their headquarters; payable only upon submission of the regular expense account form adopted by the American Tabor Union: com ensation of local e ganizers to se either by commission or salary as may be determined by the General President."

The right to appoint genera' and local organizer, is conferred upon the President in the above section. The compensation for general orgas zers f one hundred collars a han h and reasons le transportation and living expen & is certainly not a ces se.

For the first time the crest out is required to be bonded, as fol-

"Sec. 16. He "hall give .. bond .a a . liab'e surety company to be at c ! 1 by the General I coutive Board in the sum of fen thousand dollars; sald bond to be retained g the General Executive Board." Section !" res 's.

"1 . .. 17. He sha" wibin o each regular session of the General Convention a report a sting forth all his official acts and shall recommend such legis' ton as be during for the Lest inte ists of the Ameriean Lator Unio..."

The sair y of the P esident is fixed by rection 18, as follows:

"St .. 13. He hall devote his satire time to the interests of the Ame, can Labor 'nion and small receive as compensation for his services se hundred at a seventy-fit o doll 's per mon' i, payable monthly, and when absent from the general har quarters in the interests of the A serieur La' or Union, he shall receive reasonable traveling and living a cpens. s, payable only upon submission of the regular expense account form adopted by the American Labor Union."

In smach as this section was discrused thoroughly in both committee and convention and as amendments to make it greater and less were both defeated, it is to . e presumed that the above fig re is just about co rect. In connection with this it should be considered that the President is required to travel almost constant'y, and with the other personal expenses incident to the position, and with a family to support at home, less than the salary above stated wou i provide a decent.

Next week we will discuss Article 6, regarding the General Vice-President, and pass of Article I, regarding the General Secretary-Treasurer. Fraternally yours,

Clarence Fruit

General Secretary-Treasurer American Labor Union.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

A body of musicians met at Hveys 'hall, Oakland Ca,l., 414 Eleventi. street, for the purpose of organizing a union to be known as the Alameda County Musicians 'union No. 2. Seventy-five names were enrolled, several ladies being among the number. A charter las been received from

the headquarters of the Interna-tional Musicians' Union of the World at Cleveland, Ohio. The musicians of Alameda county have for years striven to obtain a charter from the Federation ,but have been refused owing to San Francisco opposition, the union across the bay claiming jurisdiction over this county notwith standing the fact that all Oakland what they have never other craftsmen are allowed char-

ters and the musicians are the only ones refused.

San Francisco musicians come to Oakland and carry money away that should go to local musicians who live here and spend their money in this city. The organization that has been formed proposes to be liberal and charitable in its dealings with the public and will encourage organized bands, thereby assuring a good class of music wherever en-

Representatives were present from the American Labor Union who made speeches, and the A. C. M. P. have applied to that body for a charter also. The meeting adjourned, each member pledging himself to give to Oakland what they have never had

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Basement Bazaar

Cure Blood Poison by my Original Perfected System of Anti-Toxin Treatment, thus avoiding the horrible effects of poisoning drugs."



Are These Your Symptoms

On account of its frightful hideousness, Syphilitic Blood Poison is commonly called the king of all venereal diseases. It may be hereditary or contracted. Once the system is tainted with it, the disease may manifest itself in the form of scrofuls, eczema, rheumatic pains, stiff or swol-len joints, eruptions or copper-colored spots on face or body, little ulcers in the mouth or on the tongue, sore throat, swol-len tonsils, falling out of the hair or eyc-brows, and finally a leprous-like decay of the flesh and bones.

OUR TREATMENT

Improves the patient from the very be-ginning. Our special treatment for Blood Poison is practically the result of my life

Poison is practically the result of my life work and is indorsed by the best physicians of America and Europe. It contains no dangerous drugs or injurious medicines of any kind. It goes to the very bottom of the disease and forces out every particle of impurity. Soon every sign and symptom disappears completely, and forever. The blood, the tissue, the flesh, the bones and the whole system are cleansed, purified and restored to perfect health and the patient prepared anew for the duties and pleasures of life. ures of life.

WE DO NOT TREAT ALL DISEASES, BUT WE CURE ALL WE TREAT;

WE TREAT MEN ONLY AND CURE THEM TO STAY CURED. WE
CURE TO STAY CURED VARICOCELE, STICTURE, SYPHILITIC BLOOD
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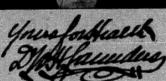
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Colorado. Three members of the Federal union, one member of the Miners' union, and a coal miner, members of the Socialist Labor party, are arrested for speaking to men out of work.

Very few people outside of Colo-

rado know that there is a strike in Telluride. Many in the state do not know why there is a strike here. The reason is that last fall the people of Colorado by a majority of over 40,-000 demanded that millmen and smeltermen should work only eight hours for a day's work. The corporate influence fixed the members of both the Democrats and Republicans of the legislature so neither party would pass the law. The workers demand what the people demanded for them, and therefore the millmen here quit. In one mine here the miners were under contract until next fall, so they could not quit without breaking the agreement. The management of the mine put scabs in the mill, and were endeavoring to continue work, but the cooks and waiters of Federal Union No. 104 came promptly to the rescue, and walked out of the boarding houses, which compelled a closing of mills and mines. The tie-up here is complete—not a mine in the Telluride district has operated since the first of September.

Frank Jordan, of Victor, Colo., delivered the Labor Day address. He has been here since and has spoken to the workingmen three or four times. He is a pleasing, forceful speaker, always advising that force and violence is no remedy for the wrongs labor endures.

On last Monday a coal miner by the name of Philip Veal, who is speaking for the Socialist Labor party, came to the city and spoke in the street. He was ordered to stop, as the merchant in front of whose store he was speaking had sworn out a warrant for him. The marshal refused, however, to serve the warrant. The next day Mr. Veal began likely to result successfully.

speaking one block away to a quiet, orderly crowd. He was promptly arrested, and as we saw it was a question of free speech, Mr. Jordan took Mr. Veal's place, and spoke to the crowd. He was promptly arrested. Then J. J. Weigman, J. C. Barnes and the writer were arrested in turn. We were tried in police court and fined \$35, \$50, \$60 and \$100. We appealed to the county court. Mr. Veal pleaded his own case and was discharged. The persecutors then demanded a jury for my case. I conducted my own case. The jury stayed out all night and disagreed-3 to 3. New trial next week with the other cases

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The Mill and Smeltermen's union of Butte has decided to dispose of the lot it won on Labor Day and contribute the proceeds to the eighthour fund of the Western Federation of Miners, for the purpose of aiding the Colorado miners and smeltermen in their fight for an eight-hour day. The lot is valued at \$150, but the union expects to raise \$1,000 or \$2,000 on it by raffling it off.

John W. Carr, who is charged with having sold out the striking Gas Makers' and Yardmen's union No. 269. Spokane, and who was expelled for treachery to his union, is now located in Coeur d'Alene City, Idaho, operating as a contracting plasterer. He is a good man for union men to keep away from.

Efforts to consolidate the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters, which have been under way for some time, are now

BEN HANFORD'S TOUR,

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Ben Hanford, of New York, began a long-deferred western tour, under the direction of the National Lecture Bureau of the Socialist party, in Pennsylvania last August. Since thattime he has spoken in Ohio and Indiana, and is now in Illinois. Hanford is one of the most popular and best known Socialists in the eastern states and is a prominent member of the Typographical Union of New York City, better known as "Big Six."

He has been a trade unionist over twenty years and a Socialist over ten years. Three times he was chosen as Socialist candidate for governor of New York; in 1898 by the Socialist Labor party, and 1900 and 1902 by the Social Denocratic party, which is the official name of the Socialist party in New York state. In 1902 the yote for Hanford for governor was increased from 12,069 to 23,400, putting the party from fifth to third place on the ballot.

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When the trades unionists of Yonkers, N. Y., were looking for a man to answer the sixteen questions recently put to them by John C. Havermeyer, the sugar trust magnate, they selected Hanford as their spokesman, and his speech at the great mass meeting held for the purpose in Yonkers, and at which Mr. Havemeyer was present, created a profound impression and attracted wide attention.

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The Eric People speaking of Hanford's lecture in that city recently, said in part: "It is a moderate statement to make that the address was one of the most clear and powerful and convincing expositions of Socialism ever listened to by an Eric audience. No abler propagandist has ever taken the field, and as Hanford is now starting on an extended tour west, which may perhaps last six months or longer, it is not too much to say that extremely valuable results for the party movement may be confidently expected from his tour."

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Thus the medical man of today

things happen.

Thus the medical man of today who would be successful must never forget that he practices an art. He must never allow theories, however ingenious, to take the place of the one touchstone of practical medicine, observation and experience. He must never treat the disease without considering the patient, for the art of healing is the art of healing individually for besides adequate knowledge and a strenuous endeavor to do the best possible for each individual patient, there is ample room for the power of observation and insight; for the personal influence by which a strong character will secure obedience and inspire hope; for the judgment which divines what kind of remedies are suited to each patient, and for the sympathy which puts one in the patient's place, and not only meets but anticipates his wants.

Too many medical men of today forget that the practice of medic; ine is an art. They pursue theoretical will o' the wisps flying, as it were, over the heads of their patients, to the detriment of both. Happy is the medical man and happy the patient when the former realizes that to be successful he must create a bond of sympathy between both and that nufit this is done no cure can be perfected. We know of no instance in which

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To my mind, the greatest danger which confronts the Socialist movement at the present time is from the demagoguery of the "profession-al proletarian." I am led to this belief partly by an examination of the previous history of labor and Socialist movements. It has always been some self-styled "horny-handed son of toil" who has betrayed and sold out the working class. It has been one of the oldest tricks of capitalist politicians to play upon the idea that the ignorance and coarseness which capitalism had forced upon the working class was a surety of honesty and a reason for reposing trust. The professional proletarian therefore al ways exaggerates just those prole tarian features which capitalism has taught him are most desirable. He boasts of his ignorance, is proud of

his lack of knowledge, and seeks to

trade upon the capitalistic idea of

the "nobility of toil."

A striking ilustration of this position has been afforded by a series of articles which have recently ap peared in The Socialist of Seattle. signed by Comrade A. A. Lewis These articles by themselves would be unimportant, but as typical of a phase of Socialism they are worth of some consideration. They seem to have been aimed primarily at the work of Comrade Walter Thomas Mills. Now, while I will at one agree that there are many things about the work of Comrade Mills with which I am far from pleased, yet nothing that he has ever done is as bad as the glorification of ignorance to be found in these articles The burden of Comrade Lewis' writings consists of sneers at any study of the great body of thought upon which Socialism is built. He wishes to confine us to "right now." He is evidently all unaware that he is here agreeing absolutely with the muddle-headed reformer save that the latter is more consistent and not only insists that all such nonsense as the materialistic interpretation of history, the evolution of industry. etc., shall be left out of "practical politics," but also that all political efforts shall be confined in the same way to "getting something just now."

Yet the fact is that one of the main things by which Socialists and Socialism have been distinguished from bourgeois superficiality has been in the basic studies which it has made in just these fields at which he sneers. "The Communist Manifesto," Engel's "Origin of the Family," Marx's "Capital," La-fargue' "Evolution of Property," these are the classics of Socialism, and all of them would come under the ban of Comrade Lewis' censorship. We would suggest that a little less ranting and a little more reading on the part of some Socialists would perhaps be of value to them and to the cause of Socialism.

Engel's "Socialism, Utopian and Scientific," not only goes back into pre-historic times, but concerns itself with the most abstract and metaphysical questions. Morgan's "Ancient Society" is the one great contribution made by an American to Socialist literature, and was so recognized by Marx and Engels, and yet this concerns itself exclusively with pre-historic times and, savage tribes. It is not less, but more learning that the Socialists of this country need. We are still far behind those of almost any country, and particularly of Germany. One of the reasons for the magnificent solidity of the German movement is to be found in the fact that the Socialist publishing house of Vorwaerts sends out large numbers of works on evolution, ethnology and allied sciences. It was the knowledge of these sciences which made possible a knowledge of the class struggle. It is not simply because a man is

hungry that we have a class struggle. Men have been hungry through all history. Animals have been hungry and have fought with one another. But the class struggle as a political expression of a social movement is peculiar to our present soclety. A man may be a reformer, an opportunist, a muddle-head, while ignorant of these branches of knowledge, but he cannot be a classconscious Socialist without at least some of their more general conclusions having reached his mind. It has always been the boast of the Socialist party in every country that it carries on a campaign of education, that it seeks to make Socialists, and intelligent class-conscious Socialists, not mere ranters and howlers. Are we in America going to surrender this proud position? The Socialist movement is now and

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must always continue to be controlled by the wage working proletariat and constitute an expression of their class interests. But the mere fact of being a member of that class unfortunately does not carry with it a knowkledge of proletarian class interests. If it did there would be no need of the Socialist propaganda. Reformers and impossibilists, both to the contrary notwithstanding, Socialists are not born or created by instinct except in so few cases as to effect, but little in general results. This does not mean that a college training is necessary to make a good agitator, or worker for Socialism. Some of the most acceptable Socialist workers in America are men whose lives have permitted them to spend but little time inside the walls of schools. But in every case where men have come to be valued on account of their service for Socialism, it has been because they have taken the time, often from the scanty leisure left after a day's hard work in shop or mill, to master the philosophy of Socialism. Were it possible there were few things that would advance the Socialist movement more in America than to be able to grant leisure to those who must represent us on the public platform that they could better fit themselves for their work.

The worst "grafters" that I have ever known in the Socialist movement have been these professional proletarians who, presuming upon their ignorance, foisted themselves upon their comrades for "their board and keep," and in return often did the movement irreparable injury by the misrepresentations due to their ignorance. For the man debarred by capitalism from the opportunity of learning we may have profoundest pity, but we have no right to encourage him in pride in his ignorance, any more than we have to encourage him to be proud of his poverty. Let us leave such work to preachers and reformers who seek to lull the workers into satisfaction with their sufferings.

The "professional proletarian" is specially dangerous just now because labor is becoming a word with which to conjure in capitalist politles. Once thoroughly inculcate the idea that occupation, and not intelligent recognition of class interests and social philosophy, shall constitute the standard for Socialist membership, and you have laid the foundation for union labor parties, Hearst movements and general confusion. A host of little demagogues will be raised up within the party who will struggle to get control of local party machinery. In the confusion and wrangling that would follow it would be but furnishing troubled waters in which the capitalist politician would fish. Let us have no test of occupation within the Socialist movement. Let us, least of all, measure a man's value to the socialist movement by his ignorance of Socialism.

TO EXCLUDE THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE

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party advocates a new amendment to the state constitution, to read as follows: "Article VI., Section 13. No per-

son shall be admitted as a member of the Socialist party of Montana who is at the time of his application a member of a Citizens' Alliance or any organization antagonistic to labor unionism."

It is claimed by certain soothsayers that the Citizens' Alliance is not opposed to Socialism, but those who understand the fundamental principles of the Socialist party are never too sure of the "pretender." The labor union is a class-co

scious movement on the industrial plane, while the Socialist party is but a class-conscious movement in political action. The labor union is practically composed of wage carners who are organized for self protection and self preservation; the Socialist party is chiefly composed of

wage carners who want certain rights, and propose to obtain them by legislative means. Consequently, labor unionism and Socialism go hand in hand. The duty of the union is to bring all the wage earners of the world together, and the duty of Socialism is to produce a state of society where every wage earner will be ome the actual possessor of the products of his toil. The Citizens' Alliance is mostly composed of "grafters" and "confidence men," and such men have no economic existence in a co-operative commonwealth-hence the reason why it is wise for the Socialist party to NOT permit such parasites and social anamolies to membership within its ranks. Every Socialist and every union

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