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After the New Paper Press!



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This Certificate of Stock is issued to-----

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In our last issue, we announced to our readers the addition of the cartoon feature, and in brief, the necessity of a paper press, and also stated that we would explain our plan in our next issue of how to get the press.

And this is the way it is to be done: We have already printed one hundred and fifty shares of stock at \$10.00 each, a fac simile of which is given above. You will notice that by the reading of this certificate or share of stock, you are only investing ten dollars for a time; in other words you are loaning ten dollars to the help of the cause for a time without interest. The interest on ten dollars is all that you can lose. This is nothing compared to the good work that it will do.

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This plan is so simple that none of the comrades can fail to understand it, and they will see by reading the certificate of share that they will have a lien on the press for their amount until such time as the same is cancelled by cash payment made by the Montana News.

Now, comrades, let us get a move on us and put in this press, and as soon as installed it will be a pleasure for the management to announce every month of paying off a share or so of the press stock; cut out the slip in this paper and return to this office with \$10.00 and you will be issued a certificate of share in the effort to secure a press for the Montana News. Several have already pledged themselves to the effort, and we believe from the encouraging words coming in that the money can be raised in a short time.

The campaign is on, comrades, and if you desire to have a good paper in this state during our fight it is your duty to assist this much in helping to build it up. No two or three comrades can afford to sacrifice their time and all they have forever, unless the efforts of great man. He has demonstrated torney. the membership of the party shows by acts that their efforts are this to his own satisfaction at of some value to the movement.

Arouse! You comrades who have come to the front at the right of his acquaintance, it is necessary time, please come again! Stand with this movement and effort to to accept his estimate.

place a paper press in the office of the News! Give us your help in this matter for a short time, and we will not only pay back every cent to the comrades, but with their assist-

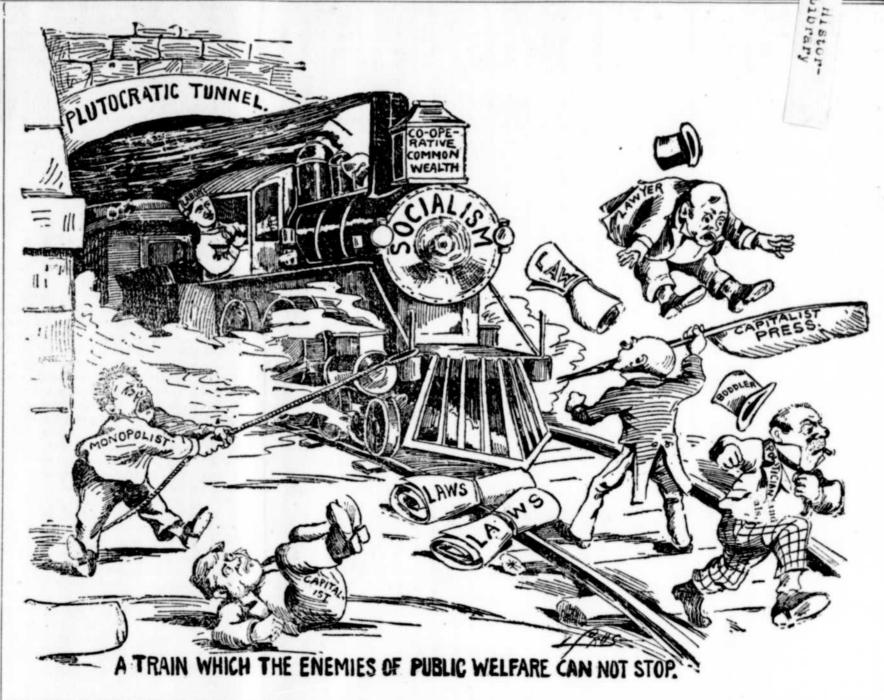
ance, we will do a mighty work in the class struggle.

Send in for a share! Don't wait!

Comrade Spears Asks for Fair Play

Dear Sir and Comrade: I desire space in your columns to show the comrades the manner in which I have been treated by the national cogs fit as if fluted by a master office and those who evidently control party affairs since its removal hand. to Chicago. I presume my name will not be unfamiliar to many of the delegates to the national convention, as I became acquainted with many at the convention, being on the entertainment committee, acting as sergeant at arms, and holding agitation meetings in front of the hotel in the evenings near where the delegates stopped, and I leave it to them if they considered me a traitor to the Socialist party. True, I have views of my own, as some will remember I took opposition to the trade union resolution in opposition to some of my old New York state comrades, because I did not like what seemed to me an indirect slap at the A. L. U. by the A. F. of L. members, both of which organizations I belong to; and besides my views on tactics are not of the "opportunist" character, yet these should not mean that I should be made the victim of those here in Chicago who disagree

At the convention a platform was adopted which is being se verely criticised, and the Cook county (Chicago) central committee of which I have not been a member for six months, and had conse quently nothing to do with, started a move to have a new platform submitted to a mass meeting of the membership and if accepted to be sent through the usual channel to get a general referendum vote of the entire party membership. I might say here that the draft submitted has since been adopted by Montana, Oregon, and I think Idaho, besides several county districts as state and county platforms, so it could not have been so very treasonable an act after all. A determined effort was made by those opposed to the move and who seemed to think it "lese majestie" to even criticise the new national platform. These in Chicago took snap vote in their ward branches and had delegates, who had been doing the party work for years, removed, and in their places sent such men as Seymour Stedman, Thos. J. Morgan and Barney Berlyn, national committeeman of Illi-These men at the next meeting of the Cook county central committee, by means of a small attendance, got possession of the meeting and in spite of a fixed adjourning rule of six o'clock went on and chopped off the heads of all the officials of the party in the county who did not think as they did, though some had salaries coming to them and others had borrowed money owing. They took possession of the Chicago Socialist and have since conducted things in a



Hutchinson Votes with Corey on Marlowe's \$144,000 Tax Reduction

Some things look oueer, though | town of some of these persons who are loaded with an assortment of "vested rights."

We must admit for the sake of argument that Marlowe is a very least and, not having the pleasure

However, the seeming influence Mr. Marlowe exercises over the machinery of state would tend to convince most anyone that his estimate is not stretched very far.

In any event Mr. Marlowe seems to have arranged matters with a view to smoothness and

There was no friction. The

The new commissioner's bond Mr. Marlowe with such a mag- the public treasury the swag he

The oath of office was adminis-

come of his efforts before the lic reasons for their acts. board of county commissioners. And why? The Montana News is informed Messrs. Corey and Hutchinson.

that Mr. Hutchinson voted with Commissioner Wegner was opposed to any reduction.

their vote in favor of presenting tempting to avoid dividing with sible to public opinion.

Mr. Marlowe's private secretary duction of assessment, but the those public functions. signed the oath of office as a wit- News (being new in the field and And it is quite proper for the tyre, Mr. Marlowe's eminent at- to size up the situation and will cious harmony. gladly grant to any or all of them Then, too, Mr. Marlowe seems the use of its columns to the end equalization should be heard by

> The above offer is intended for quite a bunch of taxpayers. Mr. Marlowe as well as for

Mr. Corey for that enormous re- office more conspicuous than that ceed in total the tax of any small duction of \$144,000. And that of county commissioner, for he is householder. manager of more public agencies It is not the desire of this pa-city and county governments com-would like greatly to hear from per to inquire too closely into any bined. Therefore it is entirely you. You, too, Mr. Marlowe. private reasons Messrs. Corey and proper that Mr. Marlowe give in You are the manipulator of many Hutchinson may have had for these columns his reasons for at- destinies, but you are still respon-

very familiar in the doings about was furnished by Mr. Marlowe. nificent present as a \$144,000 re- collected as taxes for the use of

unfamiliar with the methods in Messrs. Corey and Hutchinson to vogue hereabout) desires the aid reproduce the note which proved tered in the office of H. G. McIn- of these gentlemen in its efforts to be the basis of so much deli-

Such masters of harmony, of to have had no fear as to the out- that they may set forth their pub- the multitude. Such would be most soothing to the nerves of

> Equalization, in this notable instance, seems to have meant that Mr. Marlowe occupies a public Marlowe's taxes should not ex-

Now, gentlemen, a large numof taxation than are the entire ber of small but alert taxpayers

high-handed manner, more like Tammany Hall or pot-house politicians than as Socialists. I was not in the city when the squabble culminated, being out about 20 miles trying to organize a local in a small town, my expenses for same being yet unpaid. I had nothing whatever to do with the affair. Of course nearly everybody divided on sides in the matter and becoming as termed a Socialist and "Morganite." Jas. S. Smith, the state secretary, mixed up in the affair by refusing to sell party due stamps to the regularly elected county secretary. The state executive committee, of which I am a member, met and ordered Smith to sell the stamps until such time as the matter was settled, but he defied them, and the state executive committe by power vested in them by the constitution removed Smith from office and elected me state secretary (pro tem) till the full state committee could meet and decide the matter. The national secretary, when the credentials were presented refused to recognize them and as much as told me I was not to come in person to the national office because he had a letter from J. S. Smith, the deposed state secretary, not to recognize me, though my credentials were signed by the chairman and secretary of the duly elected members of the state committee of Illinois in session at a meeting at which a full quorum was present, and due notice had been sent to all members, some of whom J. S. Smith induced to remain away. The matter was taken before the national quorum, at which four were present, three only acting, Berlyn, being an interested party, being let out. The three members of the quorum decided against our state committee, who appeared and stated its case, and J. S. Smith practically made no defense at all. On behalf of the state committee I demanded an appeal and was granted same. Repeatedly I tried over the telephone and by mail to find out from th national secretary how he wanted the appeal prepared and if I would be allowed to see the proof sheets before being sent out to the members of the national committee. He wanted me to write out my appeal and submit it and then he would have J. S. Smith do likewise, and he asked me to wait till he was ready to send out the min-

Socialist Street Meeting!

Ida Crouch-Hazlett, the Socialist orator of Colorado, spoke last Wednesday night on the streets in Helena to a very large and extremely attentive crowd.

From the time that she mounted the soap box, after being introduced by J. H. Walsh of the Montana News, the interested crowd began to gather around, until the foot of Broadway, where she was speaking, was packed.

Mrs. Hazlett is a forceful speaker, a classically educated woman of effeminite appearance, but commanding expression of language, which loans her the gifted power of holding her audience for nearly two hours upon the almost universal economic question of Socialism.

She described the workingman's condition; and the small business man, and showed him conclusively by quoting instances and data that he is gradually going out of the ranks of the business class by the gradual economic development and trustification system that is now taking place in this country.

After finishing her address on the street a great amount of literature was distributed, for which the crowd seemed to be thirsting; the Socialists met at headquarters and a number of discussions were listened to. All favored the waking up process and urged that every Socialist appoint himself a committee of one to get in and hustle from

Mrs. Hazlett will return to this city and speak on the street on Sunday evening, the 21st, after which she will go to Hamilton to attend the state meeting of the Federation of Labor. From there she will go to Missoula, and thence to the Kalispell country, returning through Helena on her way to the eastern part of the state, including Fergus county.

If she is not called out of the state before the election sufficient dates can be secured to keep her on the platform until the 8th day of November.

utes. I did so, but got no word. I asked for a list of the national (Continued on page 3)

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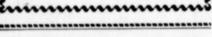
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ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM AND LABOR UNION FAKIRS.

A considerable amount of time is used by the enemies of Socialism, in advancing the argument, that under the present system, there cannot be two classes. Unremitting conflicts, between the employer and employee, make the assertion ridiculous. The position taken by those who refuse to acknowledge Socialism as the eliminator of existing conditions, at times, become ludicrous. Recently Judge Cheadle of the district court, of Fergus county, who is a republican, was engaged by the Western Federation of Miners, (an organization that has repeatedly declared for the principles of Socialism) as orator of the day at their annual celebration. The speaker in the course of his address, laid particular stress upon the declaration, that under the present system, there can be but one class, at the same time eulogizing the Western Federation of Miners, as a successful combination to protect against peon wages.

Had the good natured judge, been sincere in treating the question of classes, he should have advised the organization, to disband and save the expense of dues, assessments, arduous agitation work and funeral expenses, on occasions of strikes when the classes, (whose existence he repudiated

In Great Falls the contentions of "no classes" has been slightly jarred from the bearings. The merchants there, who are working overtime, be achieved. It has only in the last few years been taken up as an indemeditating on the tyranny of labor organizations have coalesced into a merchants association, and have shot up the price of living expenses, to gation. It had previously been proposed as a means to secure certain parthe consumer, to the tune of 25 per cent. The wholesaler is in the deal ticular reforms; it is now agitated as being in itself a cardinal reform. This to insure "reasonable profit," and the small retailer is coerced into the departure from the old order is but the manifestation of an evolutionary band of commercial exploiters, and upon his refusal to align is denied tendency. Socialists proceed entirely upon the theory of evolution, and credit. Standing independent was the firm of Weinsteins, who pursued a consequently when we see the rank and file of the old parties taking up policy of selling for cash at small profits, depending upon the volume of this question of direct legislation we point to it as a proof of our conten business to produce results. This created consternation in the ranks of tion that "the world do move." the association, and for a time threatened disruption. Mr. Weinstein, in order to carry on business, in this new character of competition, required available space to carry a large stock and proceeded to acquire more the awakening movement of the exploited masses. It was embraced as a room, only to find it previously engaged by the merchants association. and was compelled to withdraw from the field. Universal prices are in the way of its progress toward economic emancipation. It meant maintained on all articles. Court records are distributed daily, of the number of wage slaves, who are garnished, and the poor devil, who has been discharged from the smelter, on account of reduction of force, with no money to pay for the necessaries of life, is treated and advertised, in the same category with the indolent and worthless. One gentleman, an officer of the city, in commenting on the raise in living expenses, gave expression to the workings of the present competitive system, by dismissing the question, remarking "I don't care, I'll dig into somebody else."

The recent declaration of the Amalgamated Copper Co., that their concern was out of politics, is not taken seriously in the Falls. Already their political lackeys are throwing up intrenchments. They have again entered the union labor ranks, and now the time for the union labor fakir is opportune. They are seeing to it that the "right" wage slave is elected to the trades council from the smeltermens union. This organization is part of the Western Federation of Miners, which has declared for Socialism, but it is from authoritative sources, that any movement on the part of the trades council, not in harmony with the interests of the Amalgamated Copper Co., is strongly opposed by the union labor fakirs, who are ever willing lackeys of this trust. For instance one of the delegates to the council, who was in favor of the economic question being openly debated in the councils, broached the subject, but was summarily sat upon by the alleged representative of labor from the smeltermens union, who are owned body and breeches by the copper concern. Some time ago, a movement was made to organize the street car men, who are employed by the Amalgamated people, but it was fought down and out by these union emasculate it by making it meaningless, and spread it before the people labor fakirs. As in the past the card spouters, are framing matters so they can again betray the interests of the unsophisticated wage slave, in the political field, for the proverbial mess of pottage.

It is rather refresshing to a Socialist propagandist, in hot weather, to note that in a county the size of Choteau, there is one individual, a machinest who has "once heard of Socialism back east" and who is so busy 'hooking up eccentrics" in behalf of Philanthropist Jim Hill, that he can not find the time to state what part of the east this stir was made. In passing, it may not be out of order, to call to the attention of the state committee, that a condition of affairs exist in Choteau county, that might be materially improved upon. In Park county, the machinests union, whose membership is made up of practically all Socialists, donate five dollars doctrine is briefly this: Labor creates all wealth; wealth belongs to the per month for Socialist literature, while in the Havre shops, the question producer thereof; in order to own the wealth he creates the producer must among the wage slaves is: "Shall it be Abe Lincoln for freeing the niggers" or "Shall it be Andrew Jackson for his valor at New Orleans?" In Havre there is one hundred and eighty thousand dollars paid monthly to mon with his fellow producers: therefore the workers, to reap the fruits the railway employees- and that means a great number of slaves under Hill's scale of wages, and scores of building mechanics and laborers, are duction, and make wealth for use only. This is the basis of Socialism. working, and yet the place has never been visited by a Socialist lecturer Compare with it the theory of the initiative and referendum and we see or organizer. If there is any place in Montana, that requires an awaking to the class struggle, it is Havre. Able bodied men are working in and around the shops of Havre for one dollar and twenty-seven to one dollar and thirty-seven cents per day, and six hours on Saturday at six hours pay. Out of this the wage slave must board himself, but as the rate of board is thirty dollars per month, the single men are compelled to batch. capture the political power, and through the political power take posses-How the married workers manage to exist on this pittance is a quandary. Single rooms are seventy-five cents per night with poor accomodations. The wily "business" man in the lodging house is exercising his "business direct legislation leaguers it is the end itself. Right here the leaguers rights" in the premises. There are fifty Japs employed around the shops will object, and say "We want the initiative and referendum because un- can depend on at forty dollars per month, without board. Veritable slave traffic is en- der it the people can get what laws they want. It is the means to the end

Socialist National and State Ticket to furnish the required number of this character of labor, when needed. Upon their arrival here they are placed at work, and pay five to ten cents per day, out of their wages, into the treasury of the Oriental Trading Co. The company supplies the edibles consumed by this class of workmen. An interpreter who is responsible to the railway company for the actions of these slaves, is sent out by the eastern slave trading concern. One is located at Havre, one in Seattle and one in Walla Walla for the northwestern domain. Lately an importation of five thousand was made, and two thousand turned over to the Northern Pacific. Hill operates Jap labor all along his lines. The United States colonization laws are being transgressed under the eyes of the national officers as openly as the state gambling and labor laws are under the eyes of our astute politician, the state's attorney general.

> From a moral standpoint, this city is in keeping with the ordinary western town methods of "business" men, who perform penance on Sunday and "business" the rest of the week. Everything in it is run at a hustling gait for graft. Twenty new buildings are in the course of construction, to fill vacancies made by the recent fire. Havre may appropriately be termed the Gomorrah of Montana. The clothier and grocer are anxious that the city dads throw the town wide open, in order that "business" be improved. This is paradoxical. A place of amusement called the Montana Concert hall, is an institution that any civilized community ought to be proud of indeed, especially as the revenue collected, which is a premium on sin, is to be diverted into the building of schools, libraries, etc. The drunken orgies of a motley gang of dagoes, half breeds, cowpunchers and tin soldiers (Uncle Sam's moral characters) at every hour in the day is highly entertaining. In Havre the "secretary" is kingstruts the streets with the pomposity of a New Hampshire peacock. Respectable people are more comfortable at home here any time during the day or night, than on the principal street. But this must be endured for business." By taking the profit out of this degrading "business" and eradicating it, "Socialism will destroy the home." Inquire of Father Sherman, for a more technical treaties on the subject. "Business" has become so unclean here, that a worthy person, who is rector of a church, within a stone's throw of "vulgarity," was prompted to preach a sermon Sunday, taking his text from the first book of Samuel XII, 3 and Mark XII, "Behold, here I am, witness against me before the Lord, what profiteth a man, should he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Any one not used to things practical, would have seen in the vicar sanctimony personified. His congregation was made up of merchants, wealthy deacons, who occupied seats in the baldheaded parquet, and are enriched from rents collected from fallen women, and some wage slaves, who stood up in the rear, feeling somewhat out of place. All pay tithes to their Master, and consequently are good christians. . The gist of the parson's sermon was that the shameful condition, existing in Havre, was due to the fact, that there was too wide a breech between the "business" men of the city and Jesus; that is, they were not God fearing enough, and that in order to remedy matters, they must swing back into closer proximity to Him who watches over all men, not including the parson. Compared to the robed vineyarder, the dumb oyster was eloquent in arriving at the real causes of the immoral state of affairs in Havre. Not a whimper as to business" being the responsible factor. No, the alms-box must not be vacuumized, nor the latchstring to the bank vault be detached, "business" must go on, the folks attend church, and all be good. H. LYNCH. Havre, Montana, August 5, 1904.

SOCIALIST VIEW OF THE DIRECT LEGISLATION AGITATION.

In view of the agitation for direct legislation that has been started in this state, a brief review of the subject from a Socialist standpoint is

Direct legislation, it should be remembered, is no new idea. It came into prominence in the United States with the populist party, in the platform of which it was one of the main planks. Long before there was any 'referendum league" the Socialist labor party embraced it in its immediate demands. The Social democratic party, now the Socialist party, has always advocated it as a means whereby economic and social liberty may pendent issue by a political organization devoted exclusively to its propo-

We believe that the idea of initiative and referendum is, by being made an independent political issue, emasculated. It was originally a part of means whereby the producing class could remove the obstacles that stood something then. It meant, when secured, the open door to the reforms they sought. It bears this revolutionary character in the platform of the Socialist party. It there means the open door through which the working class will enter to take control of the Socialist republic. In the hands of a referendum league, which will dissolve the moment it succeeds, what does the initative and referendum mean? It means the open door for any agitation that comes along. Or, in other words, for nothing in particular. It loses its revolutionary character and becomes political pap, on which the capitalists and their agents are trying to feed the workers.

As observed before, the old party followers are progressing, but at what a snail's pace. They are just climbing the foothills of economic knowedge. They know something is wrong with society, and in their ignorance of economic laws they attribute the mischief to first one thing and then another. Once they thought the trouble lay in the form of money, and the green-back party arose. Then populism came forth as a cure-all and later the single tax. Then free silver became the one thing needful. The progress of evolution has relegated all these measures into political oblivion, and we are today in a condition rapidly growing worse. What is to be done? Does the "rank and file" start its brains to working and try to find out why conditions are becoming intolerable to the working class? Not much. Those "leaders" whom the ship-wrecked reform parties left stranded high and dry, realizing that something must be done, but lacking the mental and moral stamina to step bodily into a revolutionary working class movement, pick up this direct legislation idea, as the 'most important and far reaching reform of our day." And the rank and file," in its spirit of snailish progressiveness, will rally to its standard in the belief that it is "conservatively socialistic."

It is with this aspect of the matter that Socialists concern themselves Many voters will be drawn into this movement under the idea that it is a principle of Socialism. Such an idea the leaders in the agitation will most assuredly not attempt to dispel. It is a vantage point that they will be zealous to utilize.

The initiative and referendum, when standing alone, is not Socialistic even in tendency. It is a legislative improvement, and will merely place fact they cannot if they so desired, will be satisfied, if not, we don't more legislative power into the hands of the people, or, conversely, place as \$3 per lecture is the established want him speaking in Montana. the people in greater command of the legislative function. And that is all. Socialism is not a political question; it is fundamentally economic. Its own the machinery with which he produces and distributes the wealth; he cannot own this immense machinery individually, but may own it in comof their labor, and be free men, must collectively own the means of prothat the latter, when standing as an independent "reform," is not, a Socialistic measure in any degree. Direct legislation is a legislative refom Socialism is the next order in industrial evolution. The fact that the Our \$12.50, \$13.50, \$14, want the initiative and referendum in order to enable the working class to and \$15 Suits will be sion of the railroads, factories, mines, mills, etc. The initiative and referendum with us is a means to an, end, and the end is Socialism-with the nent contract with the Oriental Trading Co., with headquarters in Japan tice contradicts your principles. You have organized under a name that Anderson Bros. Co.



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means either what it says or nothing; you are working for the initiative and referendum, and if you get that you will have got what you wanted. and you will be done. Then if you intend to secure further reforms you will have to arrange an entirely new and different organization, according to the nature of the new reforms you seek. If a voter supports you at the polls he will be voting for the initiative and referendum, and nothing

This brings us to the heart of the matter. The thing that ails this country is not the inability of the people to get the kind of laws they want. The people who do the work do not own their jobs. That is what ails the country. As the result of not owning the jobs, the working class is in slavery in this "land of the free." They that do the world's work are homeless, while a miserable handful of human maggots own the earth. Suppose we had the initiative and referendum, or a thousand other peewee reforms, how much would these conditions be altered? Not a whit. The Juggernaut of capitalism would roll on; the bright sun would daily 'light a race of slaves;" the wheel of labor would grind away and pile up its victims: the little child would still stand at the big machine; the cry of hunger would not be stilled; and our lords of capital would wax fat unto the end. If direct legislation could abolish these things, Switzerland would long ago have been the ideal republic.

The leaguers would have us believe that the people cannot get what laws they want. Except in notable instances it is not so. In the first place, the people seldom know what laws they want. In the second place (and this is the vital point of the matter) when the people do know what laws they want, being unconscious of their class interests and ignorant of the simplest economic principles, they want the very laws that are inimical to their material welfare. The capitalist class, being the dominant industrial class, controls the political expression of all the classes under it. whom it dominates industrially. The people always vote the capitalistic ticket. So what difference does it make whether we have direct legislalation or the present system, so long as the people are going to vote for heir continued enslavement anyhow? til they are educated to know better, but this education is beyond the power of direct legislation. The course of events, such as increased unemployment, bull pens, lost strikes, together with the propagation of Socialist ideas, are the educational factors. When the majority of the workers are ready to vote their own emancipation, the initiative and referendum may be employed as the most direct route to political control. To have the initiative and referendum before the people are able to use it intelligently would be simply to give the capitalists and their agents a better chance to enact the laws they want.

Our opinion of the referendum league and its work may be summed up in few words. If the organization is going to play the role of tail-piece to either of the old parties the whole affair is political clap-trap to catch wish-washy votes. If they intend to go it independently they are wasting time. Whichever way it goes it is Heinze play, and whatever benefits arise from its agitation will be Heinze's.

A revolutionary emancipating movement has no use for such hog-wash as this reform has proven itself to be in this state. We will miss a few votes that we would otherwise receive and that is well. We want Socialist votes at all times, and if this commotion will serve to round up the straddlers who would normally vote our ticket in ignorance of what Socialism is, thereby giving us a false strength that might prove calamitous at some future time, the Socialist party in Montana is that much better off. T. P. HUGHES.

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receipt of a letter from the state state; \$3 is Socialism, \$15 is graftsecretary, W. H. Pierce, which has ism. The poor people cannot afbeen sent to him by Walter Thomas Mills, asking for dates at should. the rate of \$10 per night and ex- Other Socialists have spoken in penses to not exceed \$5.00. This this state for \$3 and their exwould make \$15 per night for his penses. Mrs. Hazlett is just now services as a Socialist orator.

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the law; (b) in education; (c) in the story as they walked about chance to gain a livelihood; (d) the main streets. It isn't likely

at the ballot box. Effects-(a) Poverty, (b) prostitution, (c) crime, (d) ignorance, elsewhere, are going to expose (e) superstition, (f) blacklisting "the darkest Africa" situation in and cowardice, (g) war to make Colorado; why, a sermon markets for surplus values of preached from such a theme ought which the workman has been to make a millionaire blush with bled. Waste.

dents of metaphysics in the state. age with a grain of sense and huideas, but savors so strong of So- the kind that live in Colorado are I lost job after job in Chicago over my connection with the party. cialism that there is not an Amal- easy. gamated paper in the state that ery direction, especially in and home in a few days. about the city's public buildings, and she thinks that it not too much to say that Socialism surely deserves a share of the credit. It shows what can be accomplished even by a few earnest, official comrades with overwhelming

While the Montana News is small and comparatively in its infancy, the comrades throughout the state appreciate that it is the only Socialist paper in Montana, and the Butte comrades do especially welcome its bright, cheering presence, where it breaks the monotony in the trend of news, where little save crime, corrupt legislation, heavy weight championship and sarcastic reviews with Heinze are dished up three times a day the year round by capitalistic journalism.

odds against them.

The Silver Bow county conven- of Bridger. tion will be held in Butte on the last Monday in August.

It is a real educational feast now to attend the Butte Local No. I since they have settled down to the teaching of scientific propa-

Mr. P. J. Cooney, former member of Butte Local No. 1, and exsecretary of the state Socialist party, has accepted a position in Dakota, where he expects to go early in September.

The grand Socialist lecture delivered by Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett on August 2d at the Auditorium was in every respect a suc-

cess, notwithstanding it was entirely under the auspices of the Ladies' Socialist Guild and was the first political meeting ever conducted by women in the state of Montana and has demonstrated to some of the brethren who were still slightly contaminated with old party prejudice for women in politics, that they will have to go way back to the tall, cool pines and refresh their memories with clearer and brighter views regarding the principles of Socialism.

Socialism is a movement for the betterment of humanity, a legislation "by the people, for the people, of the people," and since women happen to represent a goodly number of this life's procession, they can't help it, and if you object to them, you will

ust have to blame God. An invitation will be extended to the ministers of Butte to attend the remarkable Cripple Creek picture story to be given by Robert Dunlap in the Auditorium Aug. 18. Mr. Dunlap says "in the hundred life-sized views there is hardly one but that will furnish the theme for a soul-stirring sermon.' He also infers that the civilizers who have shut their eyes to their own moral deficiencies are living within a stone's throw from hovels over in that grief-stricken mining region, in which women and children are in sheer want of food, and declares that if the good people of this nation were to tell the savages in foreign lands the circumstances of the conditions as they exist in our neighboring state, Colorado, they would not First-Restraining use of land, understand them, but it is evident is not next to his job if he is taking this way of spreading the gospel truths of the situation of Colorado to the people throughout the land or even insuring a full audience. He might far better lo Bills" with placards strapped Third-Inequality: (a) Before to their backs which would tell or out of the pulpit, in Butte or Butte visited Anaconda last week food to the suffering inmates of

will review the book. Comrade state will, no doubt, be pleased German had not visited Anaconda to hear that Attorney C. M. Parr before in three years and declares of Butte is convalescent after a that she never has seen a place short but severe spell of illness. that has so improved in that Comrade Parr and wife are on a length of time. Thrift, order and trip into the country for the health cleanliness were noticeable in ev- of the former, but are expected

Montana News Is O. K.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 8, 1904. Comrade Lynch of The Montana News.

Dear Comrade: Your paper is

all right. W. N. HOLDEN.

Sends In The Cash.

Red Lodge, Mont., Aug. 7, 04. H. Walsh, Helena.

Dear Sir: You will find enclosed a postoffice order for four dollars, for four yearly subscribers to the Montana News. I sent in the cards about ten days ago; now for fear the cards went astray I will send names again: Thomas Bailey, Ralph Lumley, L. H. Cole, all of Red Lodge, and A. R. Boyer

With best wishes to your paper, I am fraternally yours,

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(Continued from page one)

committee and he ignored my letter for nearly a month; then he sent me a highly sarcastic letter that he sent them to me as they were for the asking by any one but not to me as an official of the party, although I had asked repeatedly for same, once over the telephone, he getting angry and cutting me off. It took some days to get the appeal typewritten, as the national secretary demanded it to be so, although

Now comes the climax. The national quorum met again on July Present, Berger, Berlyn and Towner. Berger and Reynolds had voted against me at last meeting and I was appealing against their vote; Berlyn was not allowed to take part as being an interested party, and Towner was not present at the June meeting, and should have known nothing of the case, as the secretary kept no minutes; Work, present at last meeting on June 11, not present. This is what they did according to the circular the national secretary very kindly sends me.

"A letter was read from W. Harry Spears, presenting an appea to the national committee from action taken by the quorum at its meeting of June 11 upon the request of Spears for recognition as state secretary of Illinois. The national secretary reported having notified State Secretary Smith of the appeal so that his side of the question could be presented to the national committee along with Spears', and read a communication from State Secretary Smith to effect that Spears had been expelled from Local Cook county and was therefore no longer a member of the party.

"Berger moved: In view of the fact that the decision of the quorum was approved by the national committee according to rules, a month having passed without a dissenting vote; furthermore

"In view of the fact that W. Harry Spears is no longer a member of the party, having been expelled by Local Cook county, according to an official communication from the secretary of Illinois, be it resolved, that the appeal of W. Harry Spears to the national committee be laid on the table.'

How do you like this, comrades, for democracy? I state right here that if there was any delay it was by the arbitrary demands of Secretary Mailly. My appeal was in his hands on July 4. The statement that I am no longer a member of the party is false. I have never had a trial nor been notified of being expelled. I might further state that my senatorial district, from where I got my seat in the state committee, endorsed my action in convention a few days after the

decision of the national quorum. Of course the clique which got control of the Cook county committee, headed by Morgan, Stedman and others, have been doing many high-handed things, but they are acting without authority and Secretary Mailly knows it, but he recognizes them. They have absolutely refused to take referendum votes on their acts, have expelled two of the largest ward branches, the 28th with 86 members, the 21st with 69 members, and laid farcical charges against some of the oldest members for conspiracy, because they were not satisfied with the national platform, and are supposed to be voting on these charges by a referendum, but the suspended largest branches are barred, so as to carry their own ends. Even then I have never been notified that I have been expelled, and Secretary Smith simply uses this means to keep the national committee from getting the truth, as we prepared such a mass of evidence that no fair-minded person could do otherwise but vote to undo the act of the quorum. When we went that hirelings of capital either in before the quorum we had no idea that they would do other than recognize Smith, but we demanded and was granted the right to appeal, and intend next to appeal to the party at large. The whole matter has been laid on me and I have been made the scapegoat of the national secretary and J. S. Smith's ire when I was doing the bidding of the state committee. The local clique lays charges against me for taking part in the state business and the national quorum refuses me indignation-much less a savage, the right of appeal because one man tells them I am expelled. Nice Comrade R. Anna German of the latter would manage to bring democracy. No notice was given to appear and confute the statement of Smith at the quorum meeting. This is not all what has been in the interest of her new book, these hovels and then rise up and done to me since the convention. T. J. Morgan has branded some of "Pulse of the Advanced Thought." demand justice in proportion to us to the papers and in an interview with the Chronicle, the anti-Comrade German is recognized as the extent of their enlightened Socialist paper, Stedman branded the business manager, county secreone of the most advanced stu- capabilities; that is what any sav- tary and myself, giving our names, as anarchists. This was so detrimental to me that I was driven from the city to get employment and Her book is devoted principally manity would have done long be- am now ekeing out an existence in a little village in seclusion so that to philosophical advanced thought fore this time, but I guess that these hypocrites to the party can't find out or I would lose the job.

I have spoken on the streets and in halls in Chicago nearly 175

other speakers refused to go, where threats have been made to lynch a speaker (for proof, I refer you to W. H. Leffingwell of Wilshire's); I have rode in the patrol, faced the mob when nearly a hundred surrounded a place where another comrade and I had gone to get away from them; have acted on ward committees, county committees, entertainment committees, campaign committees and on the state committee. Have never missed but two meetings of a committee on which I was a member in past year and a half and that when ill. he was gracious enough to accept it without being done on printed Have freely given my money for the cause. I ask nothing but fair play. Let the whole matter of the Illinois dispute be given to the national committee. I am not surprised that Berger should wish to have the appeal tabled, because the appeal shows how he gave a vote against me in the most unjust and arbitrary manner.

This, comrades, is my complaint and I ask you to demand of your national committeeman to demand that my appeal be printed and submitted. I trust the national quorum is not afraid to stand by its action. I deny the right of two or three to rule me out of the party. I leave it to the members. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, yours for fair and clean Socialist politics. W. HARRY SPEARS,

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Comrades who have Subscription Cards Should remit at once.

An earnest and representative body of the Socialists of Fergus elected to any or all of the various offices a fair, honest and impartial county met in Culver's opera house on Friday, Aug. 12, for the pur- administration of such official positions. pose of placing a ticket in the field and to transact such other business as might properly come before them. A large number of our rancher comrades were prevented from attending on account of the rush incident to harvesting. Comrade J. J. Lewis was selected as temporary chairman, and A. T. Harvey as temporary secretary. A committee on order of business and permanent organization was appointed and recess taken to allow the committee to prepare a report. the salaries received for performing the duties of the office to which In about twenty minutes the committee reported recommending that they may be elected, with the understanding that they are to receive the temporary organization be made permanent. The report was for their services the union scale in the occupation which they usually adopted unanimously and Chairman Lewis in a few words thanked followed prior to election. The balance of said salaries to be used fice, Main St. and 6 Ave. the body for the honor conferred on him. The business proceeded by the party in educational propaganda." in the following order: Appointment of committees, on credentials, and platform, and resolutions. Report of committees, then nomination of candidates. The chair appointed the following comrades as office and buttonholing delegates, as in old party conventions. committee on credentials: M. K. Seely, Herman Schnick and C. E. Richards. Committee on platform and resolutions: Robert Hendry A. T. Harvey, George Wieglanda. A recess was then taken to await reports. In half an hour the committee on credentials reported all

platform was then submitted and adopted: We, the Socialists of Fergus county, Montana, in convention assembled, declare our allegiance to the International Socialist party. town.

members present entitled to seats in the convention. The following

We indorse the platform adopted by the national convention on May 5th at Chicago.

We also indorse the platform adopted by the state convention on June 6th at Helena.

We recommend to the earnest consideration of the people of Fergus county the principles enunciated in our national and state platforms.

The attention of our people is directed to the fearful class struggle which is seething within society, of which the strikes and lockouts are an outward manifestation.

In Colorado the struggle between labor and capital has almost from the comrades to defray expenses of hall. reached its zenith. The vultures of capitalism, drunken with power, and calloused in crime, have rebelled against the rightful authority the following comrades: Wieglanda and Brimble, Maiden; E. Olsen, of the people; and disregarding the eight-hour law adopted by refer- Kendall; Harvey and Schnick, Lewistown; Robert Lillard, Armells. endum, have trampled the rights of the citizen under foot, violated Representatives from Gilt Edge awaiting action of local. the American constitution, and have taken from the people through the power of the bayonet every vestige of liberty they ever enjoyed. We condemn the outrageous acts of the democratic and republi-

can Citizens' Alliance, and their executive, Peabody.

every state of the union, whether ruled by republicans or democrats, system under which the lawyer will be unknown. the powers of the law and militia are used to enable corporate greed to crush labor whenever it strikes for its rights.

As a remedy we advocate the public ownership of all the machinery of production, which will abolish the class struggle by removing the cause, the special privilege-private ownership of public necessities. And in order that the government may be administered for the benefit of the people, we advocate the election of the working class to office.

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We reserve the right of recall of any of our candidates failing to do their duty according to the laws laid down for their guidance. The following remarkable resolution was unanimously adopted

by the convention: "Be it resolved, That the candidates of the Socialist party pledge themselves to turn in to the county central committee of the party

The convention then proceeded to nominate candidates for the various offices. The best of feeling prevailed, no one seeking an

Candidates of Socialist Party of Fergus County For Legislature-Robert Hendry, miner, Gilt Edge; J. J. Lewis,

For Judge Tenth Dist .- P. W. Watkins, carpenter, Cottonwood.

For Sheriff-Robert McMillan, rancher, Wilder. For County Attorney-George Wieglanda, miner, Maiden.

For Clerk District Court-C. E. Richards, undertaker, Lewis-

For Clerk and Recorder-A. T. Harvey, salesman, Lewistown. For Treasurer—W. L. Cragg, salesman, Gilt Edge. For Assessor-A. J. McDonnell, rancher, Roy.

For County Superintendent of Schools-W. Stoner, farmer, Cot-

For Public Administrator—A. Brooks, carpenter, Lewistown.

For County Surveyor-E. Olsen, miner, Kendall. For Coroner-M. K. Seely, miner, McDonald Creek.

After the nomination there was a discussion on ways and means of conducting the campaign, after which a donation was received

The county committee, as elected by the Locals, is composed of

The convention has already made a great impression on the public mind, and the old party politicians are vainly trying to figure results. Many are the criticisms of the old partyites on our nominating men for the judgeship and county attorney who are not law-We call the attention of the working class to the fact that in vers. We are not blind followers of custom, but the pilots of a better

> The following article from the pen of a Maiden, Montana, resident, appeared in the Chicago News of July 15:

> There is a great deal of silly slush concerning the Colorado labor troubles going the rounds of the press. The fact is that the Western Federation of Miners is simply feeling the effects of a dose of its own medicine.

> This un-American organization uses the force principle in its dealings with those who do not belong to it, but is loud in denouncing force when that is applied to itself. It seeks to be an autocratic government and make all bow to its rule.

If a mine owner wishes to let a contract he will be told that he LEWISTOWN'S LEADING BAKERY. will have to to guarantee that the contractor will hake \$3.50 a day on the contract. If a farmer comes into the mines wishing to work two or three months he must join the union at a cost of several dollars, although he may never want to work in the mines again. I once | WEDDING AND FANCY CAKES asked the president of the local branch of the federation if he did not think it un-American to use force in recruiting its members. He replied: "Oh, we don't use force at all. We simply tell them they will have to join and they join." When cornered on the proposition that this was force, he said: "Well, we have to use some force or lots of them wouldn't join at all." Yet in the face of these facts the federa

tion leaders are loud in their protestations of fairness and the same leader whom I quoted above hired a "scab" for \$3 a day to do the annual representing on some mining claims. The leader at that very time was president of the local branch of the federation, which insists in this state on minimum wages for miners of \$3.50 a day. He himself was at the time getting \$4 a day and there were lots of union ty held their county convention on men would have liked to get the job he gave the "scab."

Lots of good men belong to the federation and they probably are in the majority. But the leadership in many places has got into the hands of men with anarchistic tendencies whose acts are, and should be, laid at the door of the federation as a whole. For if the union Warren R. Gibford of Darby; passively submits to the domination of such men it should be willing to take the blame for the acts of those men. Any man who willingly joins the Western Federation of Miners or any other organization that uses coercion in dealing with non-members is not a good American citizen and does not déserve the benefit of laws made for a free people. A man who willingly takes the prescribed oath to uphold all the acts of such organization is not free and does not believe lic administrator, Edward Barrill in freedom for others.

I am a strong believer in labor unions of the right kind.

Let the unions be a business proposition as well as a fraternal organization. Let the unions instead of trying to force the employer to pay the maximum wage for the minimum work meet him on a business basis and as an equal. Show the employer that by employing and Walter Warren. union men he will get the men who do the best work, and it will not be long till there will be no non-union men to hire.

I have been a workingman all my life, and I have had no trouble Lewis and Clark Co., about wages. I meet my employer on equal terms and agree to sell him my work for his money. I have worked in the mines here for twenty-four years, either prospecting or working for wages. After showing my employer what I could do for him I have never had any trouble in getting wages that were higher than the market rate.

But whenever I have worked around mines where a number of other men were employed I have been talked against and lookd down on by most of the other miners because I, a workingman, believed in doing a fair day's work. At most mines the men have signals for each other when they see the boss approaching. So, when the boss arrives where each miner is he usually finds him extremely busy. At other times the miner is not so busy. This is well known among the mines of the west. To do as much work as the average miner I consider a "soft snap." I am not trying to run the miner down, nor do I believe \$3.50 a day for his work is too high.

But when I see in the papers articles on the hardships of the miners it makes me tired. Their work is no harder than the work of other laboring men and not nearly as hard as most other labor. Some mines are bad to work in, especially if wet or the ores poisonzine for the Socialist who doesn't like to miss anything of ous. But one could not ask to work in a better place than many mines W. E. WILSON.

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Socialist Convention.

A mass convention of the Socialist party of Lewis and Clarke county is hereby called to meet Saturday, August 27th, 8 p. m., at Socialist headquarters, No. 22 Park avenue, Helena, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, and for the transaction of Gilt Edge-Whisky Gulch such other business as may properly come before the convention. All party members in good

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