

Old Party Campaigning Tactics

The ruling class of this country have an army in the field these days engaged in the task of keeping the working class in subjection. They did not enlist for \$13 per month. Such men as Bourke Cockran, Bryan, Senators Mason and Dolliver, Towne, Patterson, Joe Toole and F. Aug. Heinze, are in this army, and they are doing their very best to persuade the workers to vote for some more of the present system, whereby the lives and bodies of women and little children as well as of men, can be coined into gold, into profit for the master class.

A father who would be so cruel and heartless as to approve or endorse with his ballot the child slavery in the cotton mills of the south, where children five or six years old work for 9 cents a day, is a monster.

But it cannot be believed that any man, whether father or childless, worthy of citizenship, could be so inhuman as to vote knowingly and deliberately to continue the outrage when an opportunity is given to vote against or condemn such barbarity. It is worse than barbarism, yes, worse than savagery. The savages do not stunt their children with overwork; they permit them to mature as we our colts.

When a workingman once gets his eyes open, and does a little thinking with his own brains, he can see through the palaver of capitalism's mercenary spellbinders. When he once sees and understands the class struggle he is beyond the influence of their magic wand and refuses to be hypnotized; he can see that their wand is a club and he can dissect it; he can see the wand that was used by the feudal baron who kept a hundred thousand serfs in subjection; the same stuffed club, it was only not so highly polished as that used by the slave owner to keep his thousand slaves working and praying while he worked them and preyed on them. During the past few days we had some of those enchanters with brass bands and fireworks, imploring and beseeching us as workmen to not get together and vote for ourselves and Debs, but for heaven's sake get into two groups and vote against each other, one portion to vote for Rockefeller and Parker, the other for Rockefeller and Roosevelt.

Fairbanks talked nearly an hour here without saying anything. Dolliver told us we "had such fine mountain scenery," and we "looked so intelligent," and all such blarney. He told us some old gags and the boys could see that he was not serious enough to be in earnest. Senator Mason recited his little piece about "protection for home industries." Some of us heard that same speech 24 years ago in Pennsylvania from high tariff democrats like Samuel J. Randall, "Pig Iron" Kelly, Alex McClure and others. He also told us the story about "the Irishman."

Tom Patterson spoke here and said some things and seemed to have a deuce of a time holding himself from saying some of the things published in his paper. He told us about the strike in Colorado without telling the cause of the strike. He did not tell us that the democratic senate was as servile as the republican house of representatives to the Mine Owners' association, nor did he tell us that the Cripple Creek mob put several democrats in the places of those who were forced with guns and ropes to resign. He made a bad break in telling his scheme to break the strike in thirty days, and that it was only a sympathetic strike called by the officers of the union.

He said the Colorado troubles were a disease in the body politic, and other states would have some of the same kind. He failed miserably to diagnose the disease or prescribe a remedy. Denouncing Peabody will not help. There is a power behind Peabody—the class who own the mountains and

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valleys, the mines, mills, smelters, railroads and other means of production, are the ruling class. Peabody is part of their executive committee. If Peabody would not do as he was told they could make him resign with a rope or pistol, as they did a sheriff, coroner, marshal, aldermen, etc., only a difference of degree. It would not be wrong—"the king can do no wrong." It is becoming almost fashionable to denounce Peabody, especially among democrats, who forget Cleveland and Steunenberg hold the championship. I heard a democrat say with vehemence the other day: "Malact na seact diabhail deag ar Peabody," and that is a pretty fierce one, worse than "the curse of Cromwell." And yet he intends to vote for Peabodyism. Yours,
C. C. McHUGH.

WALSH'S DATES

Comrade J. H. Walsh, nominee for congress, spoke at Anaconda on the 14th; Butte, Mont., on the 17th, Basin 18th. Will speak at Havre Oct. 20th, Kalispell Oct. 21st, Missoula Oct. 23rd, Stevensville Oct. 24th, Hamilton Oct. 25th, Bonner Oct. 26th. Watch The Montana News for dates in eastern part of state. Comrade Walsh's advertising bills are finest yet produced in the state for propaganda purposes. Should be pasted.

ENORMOUS CROWDS CONTINUE TO GREET EUGENE V. DEBS

Comrade Debs is now on his way east, and large crowds continue to greet him at every stop. After leaving Butte, Mont., he addressed a number of workmen during the noon hour on Oct. 4th at Pocatello, Idaho, and Comrade T. B. Shaw of that place writes: "He spoke to an enthusiastic crowd. As a consequence of a 35-minute talk, several have gone to Salt Lake to hear him."

At Salt Lake City, Utah, on Oct. 5th, the small theater secured for the meeting was taxed to the utmost. Comrade Joseph Gilbert says: "We had a great meeting here last night. Although there were many attractions going, this being conference week of the Mormon church, and the state fair and special attractions at all the theaters, Comrade Debs had an audience of about 1,500. The people had to take the cars to the place of meeting and pay admission of 10 cents, and yet, despite this, the Salt Palace was taxed to its utmost capacity." The Salt Lake Tribune reports in part as follows: "Eugene V. Debs frankly confessed that he did not expect to receive the vote of a single millionaire in his candidacy for president on the Socialist ticket, but from the applause at the Salt Palace last night it is evident that he will receive several hundred workmen's votes in Utah. The little theater was well filled and the appearance of the candidate was greeted with a pronounced demonstration." The Salt Lake Herald said: "The Socialist candidate for president was greeted by a crowd of not less than 1,000 men and women, and his arguments were heartily applauded. He spoke for more than two hours and held the attention of his auditors until the close." The Crisis: "When the tall, lean form of 'Gene' Debs appeared on the stage, it was the signal for a spontaneous outburst of applause from the large audience. For over two hours the assembled multitude hung upon every word that fell from the lips of this kindly and noble soul, and the intense earnestness of the man commanded a response from his hearers." A letter from Comrade J. H. Zenger, secretary of local Salt Lake, has just been received. He says in part: "We sold

\$15 worth of literature and came out several dollars ahead, which I consider remarkable. The Salt Palace is a mile from the business center. Paying car fare and admission to hear a political speech with the house packed and the most enthusiastic crowd I ever saw, is certainly a record to be proud of."

Comrade Debs was en route one day between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Denver, Colo., where he spoke on Oct. 7th. Comrade Cramton, state secretary, says of the meeting: "Comrade Debs spoke here last night to the Republican says, 'the largest crowd since the days when Waite was governor of Colorado.' Fully 4,000 people crowded the Coliseum hall, the largest auditorium in the city. The meeting was a success in every way. All the papers in the city ignored the meeting with the exception of the Republican, which is a Peabody sheet and has a limited circulation among that class only. All the comrades are enthused." The Republican says in part: "A throng of people greeted Debs at Coliseum hall, which was packed clear up to the very platform, the aisles crowded, the band cleared out, and the usual accessories dispensed with. Such a gathering has not been witnessed since Gov. Waite and his cohorts packed the building to make war on capital and threaten plutocracy." Comrade R. A. Southworth in a lengthy report says: "The knees of those in the front row of chairs rubbed the platform and those of each succeeding row rubbed the chairs in front. The crowd came and came until every foot of space on main floor and in galleries was jammed. Yes, the Coliseum was filled full, for a Socialist meeting, even though a Peabody and his Bell say that their 'fight is not on unionism but on Socialism.'"

On Oct. 8th Comrade Debs was en route between Denver, Colo., and Omaha, Neb. Speaking of the meeting at the latter place on Oct. 9th, the Omaha Daily Bee said in part: "The hall was crowded and the speaker held the undivided attention of his auditors. Mr. Debs has grown to be a master in the art of satire and ridicule and he kept the audience convulsed with laughter." The World-Herald gave a good report, of which a portion follows: "Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, addressed a large meeting at Washington hall Sunday evening on the issues of the campaign. B. J. Keegan, as a representative of organized labor, delivered an address of welcome, and Mr. Debs was introduced by Geo. Spencer." Com-

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Eugene V. Debs Ben Hanford

All Socialists should register at once and see to it that others of their party do the same.

Tom Patterson of Colorado is in the west, where unionism is strong, picturing to the laboring man (for his vote) the sad condition in his state. Peabody, republican of Colorado, is in the New England states appealing to the wage earner to vote the republican ticket and secure high tariff for the manufacturers and big wages for the laborers. Don't it work nice?

In any of Tom Patterson's speeches in Montana has that gentleman made reference to the fact that under the system for which he stands sponsor, that the laborer is robbed of the greater part of the wealth he produces. Or how does Mr. Patterson expect to avoid clashes between labor and capital as long as things are produced for profit, regardless of whether a democrat or republican is in the gubernatorial chair. Both democrats and republicans have used the powers of government against the forces of labor whenever the class to which Patterson and his ilk belong has ordered it so.

In making appeal for tariff in the way of church donations last Sunday, the Rev. A. L. Chapman of Butte precludes his sermon with the political text on the "tariff question." Says he: "The tariff question is one of the great issues before the American people in the present presidential campaign. The issue is an important one in the political world and we are glad the people are taking a lively interest in it." And he is supposed to stand for humanity. Will some of the Butte comrades kindly hand the befuddled divine one of Charles H. Vail's works on Socialism with a view of clearing up his muddled brain.

Why not arrange a joint debate between Mr. Toole and Mr. Lindsay, when these gentlemen come to Butte? As both aspire to gubernatorial honors, a political set-to of twenty rounds with hard gloves would make Butte swell with pride.—Butte Miner.

Presume the Miner means a political debate. May we ask what would they debate about? There is absolutely no difference in their state platforms. They both stand for the capitalistic system of producing and distributing the means of life. They are one as regards the exploitation of labor. They are agreed on the present system, which simultaneously makes millionaires on the one hand and paupers and criminals, poverty, vice, prostitution, ignorance and a permanent unemployed problem on the other. Wherein do they differ?

Tom Patterson of Colorado was sent into Montana by the national democratic committee to tell the wage mules about the atrocities of the capitalistic anarchists in Colorado. The frost is on the pumpkins about now and coincidentally election time rolls around. Therefore Tom is supplied with an ample stock of political fly paper, well coated with New Orleans sorghum, and it is again to be used in catching the wage slave vote. Tom, like Bryan, Joe Toole and others of his ilk, who are politicians and pose as "good" men to laborers' interests, has political ambitions about him. Why! Bless your soul, the Socialist press has gone Tom and his kind one better, by telling the wage earner that it is not so much of a question as to "Peabody, the anarchist," as it is of the system that makes Peabody and Peabodyism.

The Joe Toole Socialist is the latest debutante on the political stage. He appears in the character of a shipwrecked statesman in the farce comedy, "Good Joe Toole." He is supposed to have been on the ship Socialist Party when she bumped onto the referendum rock, and with other faint-hearted passengers jumped overboard into the sea of political slush. In the excitement he lost consciousness, conscientiousness, and several other attributes. He furnishes most of the amusement in a vaudeville act, swallowing in rapid succession, in full view of the audience, large chunks of dough, variously labeled "democrat," "populist," "labor fakir," "Heinze," "Parker," "Wall street," "former utterances," and many more. His digestive capabilities are extraordinary. He closes the performance by impersonating Romeo to Toole's Juliet. The show, with the Joe Toole Socialist starring, is billed to show in all important towns in Montana up to November 8th.

Some misunderstanding was occasioned by the editorial in The News of Oct. 5th concerning Governor Toole and Peabodyism. We stated that, inasmuch as such an able and popular man as John P. Altgeld was unable to keep federal troops out of Illinois during the A. R. U. strike, Joe Toole would not be able to prevent such outrages as happened in Colorado under Peabody. This was construed by some of our readers to mean that we considered Gov. Toole friendly to the working class, and would defend the interests of the working class were it not for the fact that, in the face of a capitalist national

Socialist National and State Ticket

- For President—Eugene V. Debs of Indiana.
- For Vice President—Ben Hanford of New York
- For Presidential Electors—W. N. Holden, of Silver Bow. J. F. Mabie, of Park. Joseph Hoar, of Silver Bow.
- For Governor—Malcomb G. O'Malley, Silver Bow.
- For Lieutenant Governor—John W. Frinke, of Deer Lodge.
- For Congressman—J. H. Walsh, of Fergus.
- For Chief Justice of Supreme Court—C. M. Parr, of Silver Bow.
- For Clerk of Supreme Court—John Peters, of Carbon.
- For Secretary of State—Henry Lynch, of Fergus.
- For State Treasurer—Erik Olson, of Cascade.
- For State Auditor—W. C. Phelps, of Lewis & Clarke.
- For Attorney General—E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.
- For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.



government, he is powerless to do so. No thought was further from our minds, and if those who take exceptions to the article in question had read the same carefully they would have seen their mistake. Gov. Toole upholds the capitalist system, therefore is not a friend to the working class. He is, according to his public acts and utterances, on the capitalist side of the class struggle. But we must face the practical questions of the hour as we find them. Many voters are supporting Toole for the sole reason that if he is re-elected Montana will be free from Peabodyism. This fact makes a condition, not a theory, and the only logical thing for us to do is to point out to these voters how vain is their hope. We tell them that, even if Toole were the workman's friend, he would be powerless to prevent any of the crimes that took place in Colorado. We tell them that as long as the government at Washington is in the hands of the capitalist class, no governor of any state can protect the working class from a capitalist onslaught. We know of no better way to prove to them that Peabodyism is a matter that reaches beyond the borders of a state; that Peabodyism is capitalism; that the labor war in Colorado is but the localized and intensified class struggle.

POLITICAL TREACHERY OF OFFICERS OF W. F. OF M.

The Western Federation of Miners at their last national convention declared for the principles of Socialism. They have stood for this platform for some years past. Withal, there are a considerable number of Socialists who are of the opinion that there is little ground gained in the matter of attempting to have adopted in a convention of union men the principles of Socialism. This matter was demonstrated at the last convention of the Montana Federation of Labor held at Hamilton. It is an undeniable fact that there were represented there delegates who were supposed to represent the interests of labor, but who were really there in the interest of the respective political parties to which they owe their allegiance, or more properly their jobs. This was made manifest at the instance of a delegate, and by the way a republican, who introduced a resolution placing the convention on record as being opposed to carrying favor with either the republican or democratic parties. Although the author was wholly sincere, the resolution smacked of Socialistic artifice, and a wail went up from the old party "union loyalists" that rent the air. Thereupon a Socialist delegate arose and admonished the excited convention to be calm and patient, as the Socialists had no desire of thrusting their philosophy onto the convention; that experience in the past had exemplified the folly of this and that Socialists were made through rational study of the wage earners' class interest and not otherwise. But getting back to the point, it is worth the effort to read Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett's letter in a recent publication of the International Socialist Review in regard to the matter of the Western Federation declaring for Socialism before the majority or even a measurable part of them entertained the least conception of its meaning. But recent events have given rise to the question of What about the leaders of the Federation?

We clip the following from a capitalist exchange, commenting on Comrade Debs' meeting in Denver: "Turing to Colorado affairs, he paid his respects to Peabody for his alleged brutality, and to Adams as a capitalist. He said he met Adams in 1897 when he had the militia out in Leadville and could find no use for him. I know there is talk of having the Socialists vote for Adams this year in order to deal a blow at the other side; I have heard much of it since I came here. You have been told that you should vote for the presidential electors of the Socialist ticket and vote the state ticket of the democracy, but no true Socialist will do such a thing. If you are Socialists you will vote the whole Socialist ticket. I do not want your vote unless you vote the rest of the ticket. Pointing his bony finger at the head of the Socialist party in Colorado, who has this campaign thrown his influence to Alva Adams, candidate for governor on the democratic ticket, Eugene V. Debs, national leader of the party and candidate for president on its ticket, last night warned William D. Haywood and his following not to betray their party for a mess of pottage."

It is inconceivable how men claiming to be Socialists, and who have went through the trying ordeals and humiliations as have Messrs. Haywood and Moyer in the last few months, can be inconsistent enough to again support a candidate who stands upon principles which foster a recurrence of capitalistic tyranny in the state of Colorado. It is all the more inconsistent, in view of the fact that these gentlemen are respectively president and secretary of an organization that has at three consecutive national conventions declared for the principles of Socialism. We have been informed that the character of Socialism among the union officers who draw princely salaries from union sources in Colorado is of the most lukewarm kind. Outside of Eugene V. Debs and possibly Edward Boyce, ex-president of the Federation, we are unable to point out any labor leader east or west who has shown the necessary moral courage in openly declaring for what their organization has endorsed. The plain facts are these gentlemen have shown themselves more interested in the per capita tax and their salaries than they have in the interests of the working class. It is altogether likely that when Socialism becomes stronger in the minds of the people and more popular these alleged labor leaders will desire to be the main actors in the affair. As regards Mr. Moyer, his late action in Colorado will not be generally accepted as a surprise, for the reason that suspicious eyes have pointed in his direction for some time. Mr. Debs warns these gentlemen "not to betray their party for a mess of pottage." And it will be generally conceded that the mess of pottage is the inspiring motive in Messrs. Moyer and Haywood's actions.

It is remarkable to note the sudden change of heart that is now taking place among the old party politicians, who just at this period are recognizing union labor. The following sent to President Donnelly by President Roosevelt after the former had controverted the alleged Roosevelt letter:

"My Dear Mr. Donnelly: Mr. Loeb has shown me your letter to him of the 20th. I wish to thank you personally for your straightforward and manly action in reference to the forgery. Believe me, I appreciate it.—Theodore Roosevelt."

There is nothing particularly wrong in Mr. Roosevelt's letter, only that it does not compare well with his action of some six months previous, when he refused to consult with a committee representing two hundred and sixty-five thousand miners in the Pennsylvania coal districts. It is interesting to witness the humiliating and servile antics of the old party politicians, great and small, just prior to election, in order to secure the wage earners' vote.

Under the head of "Correspondence," Comrade Hart's letter refers to the manner in which the republican politicians in control of the government are using the mails for campaign purposes. He sends us three large cards, evidently mailed from the headquarters of the national republican committee and addressed to him, bearing the usual inscription, "Part of Congressional Record. Free." On the blank side of the card are extracts taken from speeches of republican politicians such as Hanna, Hon. Chas. B. Lannis and other republicans on the advantages of the tariff in establishing high wages, etc. The people pay taxes to support the postal system and the republican politicians use the mails for campaign purposes. Speeches and political moves made in every state in the last twenty years are spread broadcast free at the expense of the people.

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Cortelyou, of the national republican committee, is slower than the snail. The democrats have Patterson in Montana appealing for the wage slave vote, pointing to Anarchist Peabody of Colorado and Roosevelt of Washington, D. C. Why does not Mr. Cortelyou send some republican spellbinder into Montana to tell the laborers about the democratic anarchists such as Steunenberg of Idaho, who bullied innocent miners and their wives in '98; Grover Cleveland, who sent national troops into Chicago in '94 over the head of Governor Altgeld of Illinois in the interest of the railroad corporations; Alton B. Parker, who voted against the eight-hour law while sitting as supreme judge in New York, and Henry G. Davis, the millionaire coal and railroad operator of West Virginia, who has been fighting organized labor all his life? Perhaps the democrats conclude that there are good and bad "anarchists" along the same line that the republicans deduct that there are good and bad trusts.

The hypocrites of the old parties of Carbon county are holding their hands up in holy horror, in what they term a crime against decency by one of their own bunch. The crime preferred against W. F. Meyer, candidate for state senator on the republican ticket, who has waxed fat from the interest he has stolen from the farmers of that county for years, is that he kissed a young girl at eight o'clock in the night without her consent. The Red Lodge Picket, the republican organ, goes up in the air and the editor attempts to make the people of that vicinity believe that he is so far superior to others in point of morality that the act looks to him like a "crime against civilization," and that he knew Meyer was a characterless wretch for years. County Attorney Caswell, who has been a servile lackey of the North Western Coal Company there for years, and has been their pliant tool in defending them in violating all the labor laws on the statute books, pulls his malodorous name off the republican ticket "in the name of decency." The chairman of the county central committee did likewise. If these political poltroons were so well acquainted with the past record of Meyer as they claim they were, why have they not taken action before?

During the strike at the stockyards recently the colored wage slave took the place of the striker. Now "Pitchfork" Tillman, the blatherskite spellbinder of the democratic party in the south, has been brought into Chicago to perpetuate and intensify the color prejudice and thereby divide the forces of labor. When assistance was needed to help in the strike, these democratic and republican fakirs were as dumb as oysters. The Socialists of Chicago are determined that no such bamboozling will be effected and they are daily wroking among their more ignorant colored wage slaves, pointing out to them that their condition is the result of the present capitalistic system. The packing town employes are embracing Socialism in hordes.

Better to vote for freedom and fail than vote for slavery and succeed.—E. V. Debs.

Socialists! Don't fail to register.

The attempts to rejuvenate the populist corpse are wildly fantastic and pitiable. Recently, Carl Browne, of Commonweal Army fame, wrote a letter to Comrade Geo. H. Rogers, of Napa, Cal., concerning the nomination of an electoral ticket in that state and Comrade Rogers sent it in to State Secretary Helfenstein, who in turn forwarded it to the national secretary. The letter is written on the back of one of Browne's portrait cards, showing him in the dress in which he became well known. The letter is herewith given, verbatim:

"Commonweal 'Castle' Cal. Ben Ali—Mt. Napa Co., Cal. Geo. H. Rogers, Esq., Napa, Cal.

Dear Sir and Bro.: I have received a letter from "Tom" Watson, people's party presidential nominee, urging me to get up an electoral ticket in some way, and I write you to inquire if you will allow your name to be petitioned for one of the electors at large. The only way it can be placed on the ballot now—as there is no organization of the party in the state now.

While I regard Eugene V. Debs as grand a man as there is alive—I know for a fact that the republican party pays the running expenses of both Socialist parties and keeps them fighting each other like kilkenny cats—so neither can grow strong enough to be dangerous politically.

I expect to vote for Watson & Tibbles if I have to write the names on my ballot. Please drop me a line, before I leave for St. Louis. Yours truly, CARL BROWNE."

It isn't very likely that the populist party, or Tom Watson, or Carl Browne will benefit much by circulating such an unmitigated falsehood as that the republican party pays the running expenses of the Socialist party. The financial reports issued by the various branches of the Socialist party show where its funds come from and these are spent only to fight capitalism. The party that requires falsehood to maintain it deserves to die and the sooner the world is rid of it the better for the world.

Socialists! Now is the time to register.

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Havre, Oct. 17.
The Montana News, Helena.
Gentlemen: Please send me a copy of last week's News, as the one that should have come here to me last week did not get here. You might also send a few extra copies for free distribution at our organization meeting here next Wednesday night. After we organize we will have our literature agent correspond with you in regard to taking subscriptions, etc. Yours very truly,
A. T. SWANSON.

Billings, Oct. 16.
Montana News: Inclosed find money order for \$2 for subscriptions for A. F. Skirving, Billings, and P. H. Farrell, 102 21st st. N., Billings, Mont. Yours for the cause.
P. H. FARRELL.

Stevensville, Oct. 10.
Editor Montana News: Inclosed please find \$1 for subscription to News. Will you make me 1,000 cards and send me for campaign. You will see I am candidate for representative. I inclose Deneen's card. You use your own judgment as to style. Send cards as soon as possible with bill. Fraternally,
H. E. WOODRUFF.

Big Timber, Oct. 14.
Editor Montana News.
Dear Comrade: I inclose herewith our card, which will tell you the result of our county convention held in this city Oct. 6th. The ticket is not quite full, but is a strong one. We may be "in it" in a small degree. Our local is growing in membership, and interest in the Socialist movement is increasing every day.
How much will you charge to print me 750 letters, from 150 to 200 words each, 600 English, 150 Norwegian? Answer quick. Paper must be good quality.
L. C. BADE.

Neihart, Oct. 14.
Montana News.
Sir: I herewith send you some cards received by me (the meaning of which you can see), thinking you might see fit to call attention to the way the present party in power is using the mails. Yours for a heavy Socialist vote. Watch Neihart on election day.
FRED G. HART.

Canyon Ferry, Oct. 14.
Dear Comrades: Yours of the 12th inst. to hand. I will be in Helena Monday evening, or before and remain till ready to start. I saw two republicans from East Helena yesterday and before they knew I was a Socialist, they said: "The Socialists will poll a big vote in East Helena." This is from the opposition, and I think it is true. Yours fraternally,
CHAS. SCURLOCK.

Dear Comrades: Things are

becoming quite warm in this county. We expect to elect the sheriff and probably one or two others. The candidates of the old parties are at sea; do not know just where they are at. The republicans have hired a lot of boys to furnish the enthusiasm at their meetings. Governor Toole speaks here tonight; that is, he is billed to do so, but the town is very quiet; expect it will be brass band and the same old brand of hot air. Things are coming our way and no mistake, but it is sad to see so many workmen down upon their knees kissing the hand that smites them. But the dawn is breaking; soon we will stand in the full orb'd day of the glorious co-operative commonwealth. A few more years of work and effort and then we will enjoy a well-earned rest, and hear a happy people shout "Well done." Yours fraternally,
E. G. WHEELER.

Missoula, Oct. 11.
Montana News: Comrade Debs made a great hit here. Not a republican or democrat that heard him but what speak in the highest terms. He will run ahead of the ticket in this county. If could afford to put good speakers in the field we could carry this county.
Let me know as soon as possible what has been decided about Walsh's trip and I will try and have one of the comrades or myself accompany him through this county and perhaps Ravalli. Fraternally yours,
J. W. REELEY.

Hamilton, Oct. 13.

The quorum decided to wage a good hot fight from now until election and our aggressiveness will only be limited by our finance.
So the more contributions to the state campaign fund the more energy put into the fight. There are a large number of complaints reaching headquarters about speakers being poorly advertised and advertising matter being destroyed. The comrades will have to understand that the success of the meeting depends largely on the amount of advertising done, and the more advertising we give Socialism the more we batter down the prejudice against us. Comrades intrusted with the advertising should secure a brush and some floor paste and proceed to bill the town and they will have the satisfaction of knowing that their advertising matter will not all be destroyed.
There is an increasing demand for speakers coming from all parts of the state, which, owing to a lack of finance, we cannot fill. We would advise that all locals spread literature in abundance everywhere. There is a large supply of literature at headquarters that can be had for cost; try some. Militia bill; Unionism and Socialism: What Is a Scab; Let Us All Get Rich; Hanford's Reply to Havemeyer; War in Colorado; all good campaign material.
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Livingston, Oct. 15.
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M. L. BAKER.

Storrs, Oct. 14.
Editor News: Inclosed find \$1, for which send The News to S. Ruhsamer, Chesnut, Mont. Since the camp has been shut down here it is hard to get subs, but I do believe we have got lots of Socialists. Debs put the fear of God in them around Livingston.
I will try next week to get some more subs for The News.
E. T. MONROE.

Billings, Oct. 16.
The Montana News.
Comrades: Please find check No. 31 of four dollars for the bill for 1,000 cards \$3, and one year's subscription to The Montana News, beginning back No. 1, Sept. 21, 1904, one dollar; total \$4. Now we want 1,000 of four-page leaflet with county ticket.
JOHN POWERS.

Kendall, Oct. 8.
Comrade Harvey, Chairman of County Central Committee, Socialist Party of Fergus County.
Dear Sir: Your letter of Oct. 6 to hand. I note your remarks concerning the rumor circulating throughout the county that I intend to withdraw my name as nominee for sheriff on the Socialist ticket. I wish to brand this rumor as a malicious falsehood, evidently started with the intent of misleading the public. The Socialist party of Fergus county has honored me with the nomination and there is not influence enough under heaven to make me withdraw from the fight now. Fraternally yours,
ROBERT McMILLAN.

State Headquarters

Interesting Report
Contributions to state campaign fund: Anaconda, half day pay, \$5.60; Missoula local, per J. W. Reely, \$5.00; A. T. Harvey, Lewistown, \$1.00; H. Schnick, \$1.00; Kendall comrades, \$3.00; previously reported, \$36.10; total to date, \$51.70.
Local Big Timber recently took in eleven new members at one meeting. Sweet Grass county gave Debs no votes in 1900. Comrade Kennedy reports having very successful meetings at East Helena, Great Falls, Havre (2), Kalispell (3).
Organized a local at Havre with 16 charter members. Comrade Kennedy will speak for 10 days in Missoula county. Comrade Walsh, our candidate for congress, will make a tour of the state. Watch Montana News for dates. The new local quorum held a meeting on the 16th and decided to keep Comrade Kennedy in the state until election; also to put Comrade A. T. Harvey in the field as a special organizer and speaker.

NOTICE TO COMRADES.
As the Socialist movement increases in strength, the number of fakirs has also increased correspondingly, who through appeals by letter and otherwise are trying to secure money for assistance in carrying on some good work in the "great and noble cause of Socialism." This office is daily deluged with letters and appeals of this character. Socialists should pay little attention to this, or they should at least investigate before acting in the matter.
MONTANA NEWS.

Movements of Socialists

National Headquarters,
Socialist Party.
William Mailly, Nat'l Secretary,
The national campaign fund increased \$1,025.36 during the week ending October 13th, of which amount \$966.10 was received as regular contributions and \$59.26 on the half day fund, making a total of fund to date of \$6,740.75. The largest contribution received from a local San Francisco, consisting of \$101, collected for national headquarters.
The October official bulletin has been sent out either to local secretaries direct or through the state secretaries. The bulletin has a supplement containing an item-

ized report of contributions to the national campaign fund, and a strong campaign article by Eugene V. Debs, entitled "Steady, Comrades." The local secretaries should see that they receive their proper proportion for their members.
Warning to Secretaries.
A number of comrades have written the national secretary for information regarding one Fred A. Schleuter, 6221 Simpson avenue, St. Louis, Mo., who is sending out a circular letter to local secretaries requesting lists of the party members, and the national secretary desires to say through the press that he knows nothing of the person named nor of the purpose for which the lists of members are wanted. Secretaries should exercise caution in such matters, so that the names of members may not be used for wrong purposes.
WILLIAM MAILLY,
National Secretary.

HANFORD COMING WEST.

Ben Hanford's dates in Montana, Washington and Oregon during October are as follows: Oct. 23, Butte, Mont.; 24, en route; 25, Spokane, Wash.; 26, North Yakima, Wash.; 27, Seattle, Wash.; 28, Tacoma, Wash.; 29, Portland, Ore.

DEBS TO THE WORKERS

The following was written by Comrade E. V. Debs and the Socialist press is requested to give same prominence:
As the campaign draws to a close and the enemy observe that the Socialist party is forging to the front and that they cannot stay its march their perverted ingenuity will be taxed to accomplish by a sudden coup what bribery, corruption, falsehood and intimidation has failed to do.
Four years ago on the eve of the election they sprung the report that our presidential candidates had resigned in favor of the democratic candidates.
Be on your guard! Allow no such report in the capitalist press to deceive you. Do not be caught unawares. If you see any such report, promptly deny it.
In case of emergency wire national headquarters and accept no startling report about the national candidates as true unless it is confirmed by and from the national office.
We do not know what the enemy may spring—what trickery they may resort to in the last hour; but we know the enemy and this is sufficient to warrant this warning to our comrades.
The sweep of the Socialist movement is the marvel and dismay of the old politicians and as they are as wholly lacking in scruples as they are adepts in treachery, it behooves us to be on our guard and prepare to meet any emergency, especially in the closing hours of the campaign, when it is deemed too late for successful denial.
A word to Socialists is sufficient. Keep your revolutionary eye peeled!

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Enormous Crowds Continue to Greet E. V. Debs

(Continued from page 1)

rade J. P. Roe, state secretary, says: "It was a remarkable meeting from the fact that although the rain of the evening continued to pour down, preventing many from attending, still the hall was packed with an earnest, enthusiastic crowd, estimated at fully 2,000 persons, including quite a representation of ladies. Comrade Debs was at his best, and altogether, the meeting was the most successful ever held by the Socialist party in our state."

Writing about the Des Moines, Iowa, meeting on Oct. 10th, Comrade I. S. McCrillis says: "Comrade Debs spoke in the Auditorium to a crowded house. The meeting was a grand success in every particular, more than 2,000 people being present. From the storm of applause that greeted Comrade Debs' remarks whenever he 'struck fire,' we believe the great audience was satisfied, whatever motive they may have had in coming. This meeting marks an epoch in the progress of the Socialist party in Des Moines." The Register and Leader: "Eugene V. Debs at the Auditorium last night told 1,500 enthusiastic people that he didn't have to work, because he could live by his wits, and furthermore he would push some other person out of a job if he did work."

Comrade George B. Leonard says of the Minneapolis, Minn., meeting of Oct. 11th: "Debs received a great ovation at the Exposition building. The house was crowded with 4,000 people, and Comrade Debs was compelled to speak to an overflow meeting outside. The Switchmen's union, in a body, attended as his escort to the hall." The Morning Tribune gave a short and unfavorable report of the meeting, and received so many kicks that in the evening edition of the same paper a complete report, together with a portrait of Comrade Debs, was published. A part of the article is given: "Mr. Debs gave occasion for a unique experience in political meetings. It cost his auditors something to hear him, and then it cost them 10 cents for reserved seats and then they were urged to buy Debs' text books after they were seated, but notwithstanding this the large auditorium was filled." Daily Times: "Socialism had its fling last evening at the International auditorium, the occasion being the visit of Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, who delivered a long and clever speech on the question of labor versus capital. Despite the fact that an admission fee was charged, nearly every seat in the large auditorium was filled and the crowd was considerably enlivened by Mr. Debs and his speech. Every time the Indiana man scored a particularly good point the enthusiasts cheered noisily."

Reports of Hanford's meetings are few and far between. There is only one report for this week. The Star, of Indianapolis, Ind., speaks about the meeting held in that town on Oct. 10th, as follows: "Benjamin Hanford of New York, the nominee for vice president on the Socialist ticket, in a speech in Masonic hall, Washington street and Capitol avenue, last night made an acrid arraignment of both the republican and democratic parties and their presidential candidates. His audience, apparently forgetting that it was Sunday evening, showed its approval with cheers and loud applause. The meeting was one of the largest and most enthusiastic the Socialists have held during the campaign."

The Socialists Are Lining 'Em Up

Archbishop Sebastian Messmer of Wisconsin, who has been fighting Socialism with vigor, has been challenged to debate by Comrades Berger and Gaylord, representing the Socialist party. He is the last of the Catholic clergy in that state who has been called upon to publicly make good the misrepresentations he has been making in explaining a so-called Socialism existing in his mind only. His answer shows that the clergy are not prepared to meet the logical truths of Socialism, and that in their attempts to impede the incoming of the next order of society they will be as powerless as a straw before an on-rushing train. The trend of correspondence runs as follows:

THE CHALLENGE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 15th, 1904.

To the Right Reverend Archbishop Sebastian Messmer, Milwaukee.

Reverend Sir: Inasmuch as you have found it worth while to discuss the principles of Socialism and the organization of the Social Democratic party in various public utterances, and have made assertions which Social Democrats are inclined to challenge; and inasmuch as the discussion of these statements is a matter of vital interest not only to members of your own church, but to all voters in the coming election, the undersigned, who have been chosen by the Social

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Democratic party as its candidates on the congressional tickets of the Fourth and Fifth districts, feel justified in offering you an invitation to meet them in a public discussion of the statements made by you and in general of the principles and programme of Socialism.

Much to our regret other members of your clergy have so far denied us this opportunity of public discussion, and we trust that you will feel sufficiently confident of your position to venture to meet representatives of the movement which you have so openly attacked.

We assure you of our desire to make arrangements for such a meeting entirely satisfactory to you and of our wish to observe to the utmost the courtesies due to a worthy antagonist.

In view of the proven strength of the Social Democratic party, and especially in view of your own acknowledgement of the character of the movement, we feel that we are entitled to such a meeting and discussion. It is also known to us that many members of your own confession, who have accepted the teachings of Socialism and who are loyal members of the Social Democratic party organization, are feeling keenly the failure of men like yourself to meet the issue represented by such invitations as this.

We do not challenge the sincerity of your expressions. We challenge their accuracy and the sources of your information. We do not wish to express any doubt of your fairness and courage, and therefore we put them to the test. Respectfully yours,
VICTOR L. BERGER,
WINFIELD R. GAYLORD.

THE ANSWER.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 8th, 1904.

Archbishop's Residence, 2224 Chestnut street.

Messrs. Victor Berger and Winfield R. Gaylord, Milwaukee.

Gentlemen: Your letter inviting me to a public discussion of Socialism has been duly received, and I beg to thank you for the courtesy shown in your invitation. Permit me to say in reply that I do not believe in public discussions or debates and have never yet been able to see the usefulness or efficiency of such debates. My impression is that as a rule the audience leaves the hall with exactly the same ideas, prejudices or convictions which they had before.

Moreover a discussion on Socialism between a Catholic and a Socialist seems entirely unnecessary. As regards the purely economic questions advanced by Socialism a Catholic is not forbidden from adopting their theories, at least most of them, if not all. It is the Socialistic doctrine touching matters of religion, ethics and natural law, that the Catholic church opposes. Upon these there can be no discussion for a Catholic, as the question is definitely settled for him by the church, which he recognizes as the supreme authority in matters of religion and morality.

Some Socialists may be inclined to deny the fact that Socialism teaches anything contrary to Catholic belief or that its spirit is in anything opposed to the church. But where is the use of disputing about a fact which can easily be established and proofs of which can easily be found in Catholic as well as Socialistic literature?

You will, therefore, pardon me if for the reasons stated I decline to accept your invitation. Could I persuade myself that a public discussion of this kind would do any good whatever, I should not hesitate to meet you on the platform, feeling quite assured of receiving from you the courtesy due among gentlemen. Respectfully yours,
S. G. MESSMER, Abp.

THE INVITATION.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 12th, 1904.

To the Right Rev. Sebastian G. Messmer, of Milwaukee.

Reverend Sir: Your kind letter of October 9th is at hand. We were of the opinion that public discussions of the nature proposed by us were part of the well established policy of the Roman Catholic church. Thomas Aquinas, the "doctor universalis," Dund Scotus, the "doctor subtilis," and Bonaventura, the "doctor angelicus," were great masters of dialectics and in every way encouraged public debates. The fame of many universities of the Middle Ages, and especially of the theological faculty of the University of Paris, the Sorbonne rested in no small degree upon the disputations which took place there. We need not remind you that at the Sorbonne, since the days of Franciscus de Mayronis, a professor of theology stood all day every Thursday without eating or drinking to defend the Scotist theory of the immaculate conception of the holy virgin against anybody and everybody, and especially against the Thomists. However, the policy of the Roman Catholic church may have changed since that day, and we bow to your decision in that respect; although we admit that we would very much like to have met you on the platform.

And your declaration that "as regards the purely economic questions advanced by Socialists, a Catholic is not forbidden from adopting their theories, at least most of them, if not all," really makes a debate almost superfluous. We repeat, most emphatically, Socialism advances "purely economic questions." We repeat most emphatically, Socialism advances no doctrines "touching matters of religion, ethics and natural law." These are private matters of individual belief or knowledge, and Socialism or the Social Democratic party has nothing to do with them.

Of course, we have members who are agnostics, freethinkers and Darwinians, and who have written articles, pamphlets and books upon these interesting questions. But we also have members who

A CHALLENGE

Society is divided into two hostile sections or classes, rich and poor, capitalist and laborer. The material interests of these classes are diametrically opposite. The rich classes desire and get, through the special privileges they enjoy, big interest, big profits, big rent, and as all wealth is the product of labor, it follows that the profits, rent or interest received by the capitalist is produced by the toiler. The interest of the working, producing class is to get big wages or prices for the product of their toil and to decrease the hours of labor—in fact justice demands that the producer receive the full product of his toil, and not a paltry sixth, as at present. Both republican and democratic parties ignore this condition and strive to fool the voters into returning them to power, so that the trust magnates may continue unmolested in their robbery of the people. With a sincere desire to have more light thrown on this paramount issue of the campaign, I challenge any republican or democrat in Fergus county to meet me in public debate on this, the "Labor Question." The debate to be held in Lewistown, Gilt Edge or Kendall during the last week of October, 1904. Respectfully,
A. T. HARVEY,
Socialist Candidate for Clerk and Recorder of Fergus County.

John D. Rockefeller's wage scale is \$2.06 per second, \$123.66 per minute, \$7,420.08 per hour, \$178,082.08 per day, \$1,246,574.56 per week, and \$65,000,000 a year. John can certainly bear testimony to the full dinner pail and afford to stand pat.—Capitalist Daily.

Commenting on the above, "Next" of Seattle has this to say: "Here is a little problem in simple multiplication. Get your boy in the fifth grade to work it out. Mr. Rockefeller employs 100,000 men in the Standard Oil company. He pays \$2 a day wages and they produce for him, above all expenses but wages, \$4 worth of oil every day for each man. How much does Rockefeller make out of these wages in one year of 300 days? See how near the answer comes to John's full dinner pail described above."



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are Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Very many of our most prominent agitators are ministers of the gospel. We also have members who are vegetarians and oppose the use of meat. This is their private right. But the republican party also has freethinkers and schismatics in its ranks. A very prominent man in the republican party is Dr. Dowie of Zion City. Robert Ingersoll was also a great republican. The democratic party also has many adherents who hold all kinds of peculiar views as to the churches and ethical questions, for instance the Hon. John McCoy, the Hon. Jim Stover and the Hon. Billy Schoen. Then why should you demand of the Social Democratic party uniformity on these points?

And since Socialism takes no position at all on religious and ethical questions and since you accept "most, if not all, of its economic theories," there is absolutely nothing to keep you from joining our ranks. We hereby invite you to do so. The Fifteenth ward branch of the Social Democratic party of Milwaukee meets every first and third Tuesday, at 1629 Vliet street. Kindly make out your application and we assure you that it will be received as a pleasant surprise. We accept every man who is honest and sincere, without regard to race, religion, color or previous condition of servitude. And by becoming a member, you will satisfy yourself that there is nothing in Socialism that could keep any man, no matter how religious, from working with the Social Democratic party for the emancipation of the working class and for the regeneration of humanity. We are fully convinced that after knowing the movement thoroughly, you will embrace it and become one of its foremost champions. Hoping to hear from you soon, we remain, yours truly,
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