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The Farmer 3 and Socialism

There is no class of our people equally certain that others must get that is so ruthlessly exploited and less. If the farmer loses any live ruthlessly plundered as the farmer.

None works harder than he, and none gets less returns for his labor and capital. After he has by grinding toil for weary months produced a crop of anything, the gamblers of the commercial world take his product and gamble with it until it finally reaches the hands of the consumer. Standing as they do between him and the consumer, they have it within their power to take all that he produces and leave him just such portion of it as they may think fit.

To the farmer's lot falls all the toil, the expenses. and the losses occasioned by storms, drouths, frosts, blights, birds, animals, insects and numberless other causes, while the railroads, commission men, and the combines of all sorts that prey upon him are guaranteed their profits and charges, whatever happens.

Whether the farmer realizes anything or not from his crop, the railroads and commission men must have their pay in full, and that, too, in cash. By the peculiar arrangement of their business their charges become a first lien upon the farmer's shipments, and it is only after these are fully satisfied that he has anything.

Thus all the risks of gluts in the markets, the losses that may arise from rough and reckless handling by the transportation companies. the negligence or dishonesty of the commission men, and, in fact, all risks whatever are thrown upon the farmer, while the profits of the handlers are guaranteed. If the railroads, through careless handling have injured or destroyed the goods the farmer has shipped, or the commission men report the goods as having "arrived in bad order," the farmer is without redress and is thus compelled to shoulder the losses due to their carelessness as well as those heretofore enumerated. It thus happens that the farmer is absolutely at the mercy of these irresponsible and unscrupulous parties whose interests are precisely antagonistic to his own. It is a well known maxim of the railroads to charge "all the traffic will bear," which, being interpreted into plain English, means simply, "all that can be squeezed out of it." It is charged by Hon. J. L. Cowles in his book, "A General Freight and Passenger Post," upon the authority of a member of one of the railroad traffic associations, that the rail roads of this country have over two millions of freight rates for the express purpose of being able to graduate their charges to take "all there is in the business." In this way they can and do so adjust their freight charges so as to take all the results of the farmer's labor and leave him only just whatever they like. The last census shows that what was left by them for the farmers in the year 1900, amounted to an average of only \$650 (gross) per farm. 'Out of this must be deducted all the farmer's expenses for labor, 'repairs, fertilizers, interest, insurance, taxes and all other expenses necessitated in running a farm. Taking these out, it is safe to say that what is left will amount to less than the average day laborer's wages. This sum-not more than \$300 at the outside-represents the year's so secret that it is impossible to do earnings of the farmer and his entire more than make an estimate of it. family, which makes it absolutely paltry as compared even with the more than half of their cabitalizaday laborer's wages.

stock or has any other misfortune, which, of course, is sure to be the case with many, then the pittance that the railroads leave him is likely to be wiped out altogether.

But this is not all. The trusts and combines, the gamblers on the Boards of Trade and Produce Exchanges and other parasitic robbers. plunder him to their heart's content. The combines fix the prices and plunder him on everything he buys, and the gamblers on "'Change" and

elsewhere fix the prices on everything he sells, and between them they play "ducks and drakes" with

his property at their sweet wills, and he may be certain that their "sweet wills" are always to his detriment and to their own benefit.

In fact, statistics show that while products of the farms of the United States amount to less than four billions of dollars, the cost to the consumers was over ten billions of dollars, so that the railroads and middlemen gobbled up in a few days over six billions of dollars for transporting and selling the four billions of dollars worth of farm products that the farmers of the country had spent months in producing.

Now, here is another paralyzing fact for the American farmer to medidate upon. The total capital invested in manufactures in the United States is less than ten billions of dollars, while the amount invested in farm property is more than double that sum, or about twenty and one-half billions of dollars.

The gross products of the manufactories were over thirteen billion dollars in the year 1900, while the gross returns realized by the farmers of the United States were valued at only \$3,764,000,000. Now, mark this: After taking out all expenses the net profits from the ten billions of manufacturing capital were \$1,-918,000,000, or more than half the whole gross returns from all the farms in the country with more than twice the capital invested. As to the net returns from the twenty and one-half billions invested in farm property, if we take out a reasonable sum for wages of the farmers themselves, it is safe to say that not one cent of profit is realized by the farmers as a whole on this enormous investment.

HELENA, MONTANA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1904.

ing an enormous investment, while ple to pay dividends upon it. Now, while this enormous invest- they can at the same time reap all ment made by the farmers is an the profits arising from such investactual investment and yet does not ment. They also know that a man bring them as a whole one cent of will work harder and take better income, the railroad and manufac- care of the property if he has his turing capital is expected to pay money invested in it and is allowed two profits, one on their bonds and to imagine that he is the real owner, another on their stocks.... These than he would if he knew that he stocks, which, in the case of the was a mere tenant on the property. railroads, according to good author- They also know that they can disity, never cost the original investors possess him at any time they see fit ten cents on the dollar, serve the by turning the screws on him until purpose first, of holding the titles to he has to let his farm go for taxes,

idends on; and third, to gamble to mortgage it with the hope of savwith and unsettle the rest of the bus- ing it, to compel him to submit to the employers' association and citiness of the country to the loss of foreclosure under the mortgage. izens alliance are going to wage everyone but the gamblers.

I think these facts are the most power under the present system that appalling that I have ever dug up. they can do whatsoever they wish Nothing within the whole range of with him and his property. facts concerning the condition of

the American farmers equals them. Here we have the very institutions that are chiefly instrumental in the recently held in Red Lodge by impoverishment of the farmer reaping two profits on both their genuine and bogus capitalization, while they have robbed him of every particle of profit from his enormous in-

vestment. Now, what do you think of it, bood forced by economic conditions Mr. Farmer of America?

Is it not an appalling state of enthusiasm after an election, and facts? Does it not show that we, just before on booze and smokers. (I am a farmer myself), are reduced

to a complete state of slavery? from A dispatch says that Commiswhich we cannot hope to escape sioner of Corporations James R. under the present system? Does it Garfield, acting under authority of Dear Sir: not show that our ownership of our the law creating the bureau of infarms is only a nominal ownership, corporations, has ordered an investand that the real owners are the igation into the affairs of the Standrailroads and combines? We hold ard Oil company. It is hardly postitle deeds, to be sure, but we are sible, however, that the head of the only tenants of the railroads for all oil octopus is losing any sleep as to that.

If railroad stock, or any other, tion. It is another blaff to calm in socialism by all means should agree with you. did not produce a profit it would be the people who are looking for old read this story. Mr. Parry is a valueless for any purpose but to party dope.

hold the nominal title to property with. Its value depends wholly On December 1st, the appelate questions. He holds that if Social- class.-Platform of the Socialist upon the profits that can be realized division of the supreme court of ism is right, then no harm can come party of Missouri." from it as an investment. It is the New York in a decision declared to it from a thorough examination same with farms and other invest- the "closed shop" illegal.

ments. The railroads can and do sustains Roosevelt on his fix the amounts of our incomes, not shop" scab policy. only from our investment, but from

our labor as well, and so can make

The farmer is so completely in their from now on against the Socialist movement. Mr. Parry wants every Socialist

(Continued next week.)

the Socialist question. But he pre-It is reported that a meeting was workingmen to create enthusiasm in the Miners union. This is a new one to the writer-attempting to run a union on enthusiasm. It has always been supposed that unions against what he imagines is Socialwere run upon a unity of brotherism but possibly they are to be run on the character of the publication, we reproduce below the letter a few

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 29, '04.

paragraphs from its pages.

ized lawlessness" rot, and tirades

To give our readers an idea of

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As secretary of your Socialist local, we take pleasure in sending containing the initial installments of St. Louis Labor." D. M. Parry's story, "The Scarlet thorough believer in full public dis-

fessed in court to voting a "marked" is best for the country and humanity. see how easy it is to do.

Join the Union of Your Craft

NO. 12.

Parry's Paper vs. Socialism

Following is the text of a circuar subscribers are plainly written out. letter that has been sent to the sec- Make all remittances payable to Inretaries of the Socialist locals dustrial Independent Publishing Co. the properties; second, to draw div- or if he becomes desperate enough throughout the country. It sounds Stamps accepted. the first slogan of the campaign that

To say how long a man shall work and how much he shall do is a principle of Socialism pure and undefiled.

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to subscribe for his paper in order Banish the spirit of hostility and that they may see the other side of hate from your heart. It is hurting yourself most. It limits your capasents the "other side" in such a city to think about your work or poor manner that a Socialist can get business. It exhausts your nervous very little information or satisfacenergy. Don't hate anybody. It tion out of reading it. It is filled isn't Christian and it doesn't pay. with the familiar "down with organ-* *

> The employe can work for himself best by working for the success of the particular shop or factory in which he is employed. If, through his efforts, the productive capacity of the shop is made larger the employer can afford to pay him higher wages.

* . * "The present-day worker thinks he is free because no one owner sells him to another. He is comyou herewith copies of the first two pelled to sell himself to the capitalissues of the Industrial Independent, ist class for the opportunity to live.

If you mean by this that every Empire." Those who are interested man has to work for a living, we

"The struggle is now between the cussion of all important economic capitalist class and the working

How much must a man have to This into the arguments for and against be a capitalist? How litlle must he "open it; if it is wrong, that one certainly have to be of the working class? does not want to put his faith in it, Let any one of our readers try to since in the end we are all American draw a line between the "capitalist Owen Burns, of Butte, who con- citizens and desire to do that which class" and the "working class" and

the serious effect of the investiga-

The more we analyze and compare this matter the more astounding it appears. The amount invested

in farming is nearly equal to the combined capitalization of all the railroads and manufacturing industries in the United States. But while the capitalization of the railroads and manufactories is more than half wind and water, and represents nothing whatever but their power through monopoly to compel the farmers and consumers to pay a profit on this bogus capital, the farming capital represents solid, tangible property for every dollar set down. So it happens that the actual investment in farming is fully double the actual investment in both the railroads and manufactories.

The amount set down as farm property is an actual inventory taken by the sworn officers of the United States government who have no inducement whatever to falsify, while the actual capital invested in the railroads and manufactories is kept It is not denied, however, that

tion is water, and as 'I have said, Of course, this is an average only; this represents nothing under heaven but while some may get more, it is but their power to compel the peo-

our farms valueless at will, and they have done so already as I have ballot, has set an example that might be followed by others: i. e., shown.

It's a mighty cunning scheme on those who were implicated in the their part to leave the nominal own- same criminal work, only at the proership of our farms in our hands. cess of buying votes instead of sell-It saves them the necessity of mak- ing them.

AWAKE YE WORKFRS!

wake! a wake! ye sleeping millions, Brush the cobwebs from your brain, Break the chains by which you're anchored And be like men again.

Why beg and crave like cringing cowards What you should like men demand Why not use your heads a little. Why not rest your weary hands?

Our fathers fought and bled for freedom. 'And wrenched it from the tyrant's hand: Shall we see it taken from us, And like cowards humbly stand?

Shall we, who by our toil produce All things, both great and small, Submit to see the parasite Reach out and take it all?

Or shaft we, like bur fathers did, Smite the oppressor's hand, And by our united efforts Drive him from the land.

Shall we stand to see our children Toil in factory, mine and mill; While the useless parasites Do no useful labor still?

Are those who are possessed of riches Made of better, finer clay Than they who do the useful labor. And toil for bread from day to day?

Were some put here to slave for others While they in lordly mansions dwell? Don't you think to change the system, And make them work, would be as well?

The money graspers of this nation Have no respect for young or old ; In fact, throughout the whole creation, Gold is God and God is Gold.

Shall we help to drive our daughters Into lives of sin and shame: Or shall we by our future actions Break up this un-Godly game?

Are we really the descendents Of that brave and dauntless band Who for years of deadly struggle Fought to save this bounteous land?

Or are we just a set of graftes. And fools, and knaves, and such as that? The thought would almost cause one laughter. For that is what the most are at.

But hark! I think I hear the rumbles: Yes. I hear the distant roan Of the millions who are moving As they never moved before.

Awake! awake! ye Rip Van Winkles Take a brick and pound your head; Stick a pin into your carcas, And see if you're alive or dead

The Industrial Independent will also contain much other matter that will certainly interest you. Frankly the paper will be a staunch defender of the individualistic form of gov-

ernment. We are contemplating for the near future in the columns of the paper a high-class debate on

An editorial in an exchange says socialism, between Mr. Parry and that the New Orleans women have one of the leading Socialist exponsolved the problem of retaining ents of the country. As Socialists their cooks in service. It is by furmay wish to be informed as to this nishing the cooks matinee theatre debate in which they certainly will tickets. Pretty good however, even be interested, we ask that you bring though slight, it shows that capitalthis matter up before your Socialist sm must concede more and more local. All Socialists should be subto the wage slave to keep him slavscribers and readers of the Indusng. After awhile he will awake, trial Independent. and then matinee tickets and other In order to reach the Socialists

delusions will not go. He will we make the following subscription lemand the full product of his toil. offer: For single subscribers, 50

cents a year; five subscriptions, A female inmate of a Minnesota \$1.50, or 30 cents each; ten or more insane asylum has won a prize ofsubscriptions, 25 cents for each subfered by a Boston magazine for the scription.

correct solution of a rebus and a We propose to be perfectly fair short essay on the topic. The prize in the discussion of public questions was \$250 or a trip abroad, and the but at the same time earnest and woman has asked the state board in aggressive in setting forth our intelcontrol of the asylum to allow her lectual convictions. The Socialists claim that their position is invulnerable, but we believe that there is another side to the story, and therefore we think that the Industrial In-

dependent will be valuable to Socialist students.

In order that your local Socialists may have the benefit of receiving we speak of a laborer always bear in mind that a farmer is as much a the paper from its first issue, it will laboring man as is the fellow who be necessery to get in subscriptions works for wages in the mill, mine or at once, as the October and Novsmelter, and that the professor in ember issues are almost exhausted. First subscriptions will be first the educational line is also a laserved.

Earnestly urging you to bring this office at No. 10 Edwards St., where matter up at the first meeting of he can be found for the sale of your local, and trusting that we may Wyoming lump coal and Black Dia- hear from you promptly, we are, Sincerely yours, The Industrial Independent Publishing Co.

N. B. Kindly see to it that the JOHN BRACK. fice No. 10 Edwards St. Tel. 149. names and house addresses of all

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> The army and militia of the United States, which, some foolish labor leaders have it, are mere institutions of the capitalists to hold the workingman in subjection, belong as much to the wage earner as to the capitalist. That is to say, the army of the United States belongs to neither; it belongs to the government that protects them both. · . ·

> Restrict the output and you increase the cost of output. Increase the cost of output and you lessen the demand. Lessen the demand and you limit the opportunity for labor.

Good Suggestions on Organization for State.

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 3, 1904. To the Locals of Montana.

Comrades: The results of the election just past are very gratifying to us. We have made a gain of at least 100 per cent over our vote of two years ago. The democratic party is utterly routed and if we attend to business they never will have the opportunity to rally again in Montana.

The republican party, intoxicated with victory, will become careless and arrogant, giving us greater advantages of attack. To be equal to the opportunities we must thoroughly organize our party in every county and precinct in the state. The past campaign saw us with tickets nominated in fourteen counties, an increase of five over two years ago, and organizations in eighteen counties. We polled about the same percentages in all counties in which we had tickets nominated, with the exception of Yellowstone. in which we made no gain over our

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James Derham has opened an

"Jimmie" is known to mond coal. have the right goods and will deliver them as he agrees. Union Coal Co., James Derham, Mgr., of-

borer.

to take the trip. The case is a peculiar one, and the authorities are in doubt what to do.-Helena Independent. A laborer is one who does any. thing for the benefit of society, whether by brain or brawn. When

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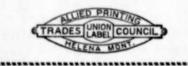
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Three bank failures last week was not so bad for republican prosperity less than a month after election.

The country weeklies over the state, of the republican persuasion, appear to be of a unanimons opinion that their party must pass the Socialistic measures advocated by them.

Under the head "What Socialism Means," the editor of the Red Lodge Picket relieves himself of about a column of misstatements. It looks as if the cause were at least receiving recognition.

Reports come to this office every day of the new members coming to the Socialist party. There is no create the wealth of the world should not get together and take unto themselves that which they create.

less pay.

trams and other civic monopolies; er's liability; no house of peers; 50 per cent. He said: freedom of speech and the press.

RATHER DILATORY.

paign closed and all that remained streets would be filled with idle men. for the Socialists to do was to go to No other results could possibly rethe polls on the 8th and cast their sult from a system that would base ballots. On the night of the 8th the the reward of labor not on merit but the constitution." campaign of 1904 closed and on the on the power of organization to dicoth the next campaign should have tate terms, a system that would reopened, but it appears that such has strict output, discourage enterprise not been the case in the state of and permit the indolent and least Montana.

quorum at headquarters should have demo-republicans. met immediately after election, but the rather dilatory movements appear to be sending us away into the winter before any signs of life will be noticeable.

In many places speakers are out agitating the cause of Socialism and have been for a month, while we of Montana have probably gone to sleep. Few letters come to this office carrying any news of the Socialist doings after election in the many locals of the state.

If the members of the Socialist locals are so imbued with the old capitalistic idea that they drop dead to the world after an election, then raised slightly, as requested. This

for the ushering in of the co-operative commonwealth. Let us show that we are in earnest by doing our duty.

No more had one campaign closed than the next campaign opened, and ican Labor union. consequently there is no time for a lax condition to present itself. There is much work for the members

to do. The constitution needs allow these wage slaves to work only reason why the poor workers who amending and perfecting. Propa- nine hours in place of ten; but what ganda needs pushing. Organization about that eight hour amendment needs cautious and careful attention. you working mules voted for just The movement needs at least one about a month ago? But even the

Because the Southern Pacific cut tion list of at least five thousand union and the manager of a concern down their steel gang men from ten names. The farmers must be organ- that you are working for. hours to eight the men quit work. ized and educated. Speakers should don't you think it would be much Strange they quit, after they rolled be going into the farm districts al- better for you workers to vote right up the enormous majority on elec- ready on the coming campaigns. at election time and demand for tion day for just what capitalism The van proposition for the farm yourselves the full product of your gave them-shorter work-days and districts for next year should be dis- toil than to be begging on bended cussed. These are a few of the things that day one hour? should be done, and in order to carry on the work it is necessary that the efforts of the comrades be united in a systematic manner and the energy and push given these important needs of our organization.

tion; municipalization of gas, water, dress, reviewed the growth of the vocating the repeal of the fifteenth public ownership of land near cities; that within a year 1,000 factories fact, he is willing to reduce the a labor bureau; prohibition of child have opened their doors to work- southern representation in congress labor, of unsuitable woman's work, men without regard to their mem- in order to be successful in disfranof night work for girls and youths, bership in unions. In some of these chising the Negro. He says: "The and of Sunday labor; an eight-hour factories, he said, the output per repeal of the fifteenth amendment, day; no capital punishment; employ- man has been increased from 25 to leaving to each state the power to

"If trades unionists should be-One month ago today the cam- dustries would languish and our knows no other method." The Sen-

efficient to set the pace for indus-The local quorum was called to try." And still we find union men meet on the 27th ult., but for some voting Parry's citizens alliance tickreason did not meet. The local ets at election time. Voting for

RAISED THEIR WAGES.

In the news items of a capitalist paper of Butte appeared the following the other day:

Dan McDonald, president of the American Labor union, was called to Belgrade early last week to negotiate a nine-hour workday for the Flour Milling company. At the amendments cast 384 votes, class time the men were required to put in ten hours. On his return to Butte yesterday he announced his mission gratifyingly successful. The demand of the union was granted with little friction, and the salaries of three of the 25 affected were even the membership is not ready was the result of a conference between President McDonald and O. D. Fisher, superintendent of the mill, with offices in Bozeman. The men working in this mill are members of the Belgrade Labor union, which is affiliated with the Amer-

How good capitalism was to raise their wages just a little; and how exceedingly good capitalism was to state organizer in the field at once. little gain that you workers made The Montana News needs a subscrip- was done through the president of a Now.

"open shop" movement and said amendment to the constitution. In regulate for itself the negro question, would destroy the sectional barrier come dominant in this country, I which the south so greatly deplored have not the least doubt that our in- and for the removal of which it ator is not quite as frank as Butcher

SUGGESTS EDUCATION.

Bell of Colorado, or he would say

"damn the fifteenth amendment to

From the figures published on another page of The Independent it would seem as though one of the legitimate expenses of a political campaign would be the establish ment of a school where voters could be taught how to mark a ballot. The table shows there were a sufficient number of votes on almost every office voted for had they been properly cast to have changed the result.-Helena Independent.

A very good suggestion. coming as it does from the editorial writer of the Independent, and head pusher of the citizens alliance, for union men and workers generally to CORNER MAIN AND 6TH millmen employed by the Gallatin consider. The opponents to the conscious votes, against the two amendments in the election last month. Many of the union men forgot to vote on either one. The suggestion, even though it comes from a citizens alliance leader, is a good one, and we would suggest that the union men get into the school already established. The school referred to is the Socialist local, and there you will not only learn how to vote a ballot but you will learn which ballot to vote-you will learn which one has the label on. When you get into this Socialist school you will be as class conscious

> ponents of the two amendments. UNION OF CHURCHES.

with your ballots as were the op-

It is said that next year there will be a conference of the protestant churches for the purpose of uniting. The leaders of the flocks have evidently come to an understanding on baptism and a few more isms, and in order to be abreast of the times will form a union, making one new church out of the whole bunch. This is just the thing that they should do. The differences he tween the protestant churches in creeds are simply hair-splitting propositions. The time will prob-

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MONTANA NEWS, HELENA, MONTANA

The Miners' Magazine is warming to Socialism since the election. It is the official organ of an organization that has declared for Socialism about three times and repudiated their declaration in the late campaign by supporting the capitalist ticket. You bet they are right when they tell of the horrors of the bull pen making 'em all turn a new leaf. But there are some Socialists that even Peabody can never turn with his bull pen persecution.

One of the latest patents is machine for scrubbing floors. This machine will not probably come into use very rapidly except where a janitor is hired, for the wife of the average working mule who votes the old capitalist tickets is much cheaper than any machine that could be thought of. However the machine has been patented, is a success and is now on the market for sale. Note the wonderful advancements in all lines of development.

the election, Debs running ahead of tain for a certainty that populism is late election-the democratic party. Let us awake from this lethargic to the esthetic wrong of disfiguring

Its principal demands are: Abolition of armies and navies; abolition of caste; nationalization of railways,

THE CITY ELECTIONS.

party, provided enough other locals conductor of our train about it, to are agreed upon the same to make find out just when to look out for a worthy the effort and expense on the part of the state organization to submit the same to vote.

amendments from all locals over the out upon the rear platform and state free of charge, and would sug- shouted "'Rah for Debs!" gest that all locals take up this mat- there was no response. Debs had ter for a few meeting nights. While not heard.

Even at this late date a local the constitution is very good as far paper in this city has learned that as it goes, there are a few amendthe Socialists lead the populists in ments badly needed. Let all the locals take up this to above. There is a massive, ob-Watson, and thereupon announces matter and after we have perfected elisk-like rock called "The Sentinel" that the populist party is a thing of a good constitution for the party of which forms a landmark for many the past. But it is strange that a the state, we can proceed then in miles around. Upon this, in large, man who can study so closely into some other line to further the work bold letters, someone-probably the intricacies of figures and ascer- of the cause and organization. dead, and that Socialism is on the importance at this time, and pos- of the World." The early morning starvation." increase, that he cannot figure out sibly of more importance in this sun was just breaking when I saw it, that there is another corpse which state than propaganda, and that is and seemed to caress it with golden was practically laid to rest in the the forming of a strong organization. gleams. Whatever may be said as

A dispatch says: "The Socialist membership of the old parties, jects by painting signs, it cannot be party is gaining strength in Japan. and get at the work demanding our denied that the motto on "The Senclosest attention at the present.

President David M. Parry, of the canals, etc.; free and equal educa- citizens alliance, in his annual ad-

knee for a shortening of your work

MISSIONARY SOCIALISM.

John Spargo in New York Worker scores of little Socialist "stickers" possible chance to greet Debs.

"Is Debs on that train?" he said. 'By God, how I'd like to see Gene." The Montana News will print the So, at the proper time we both got But

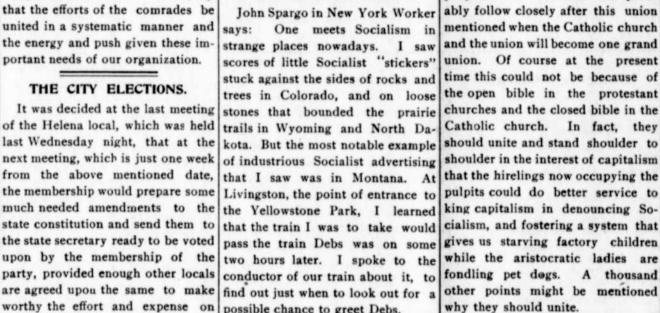
It was while we were watching for

some one of our rancher comrades-

stage so prevalent among the the landscape's most prominent ob-

tinel" is a powerful, if silent, missionary for Socialism.

Senator Bacon of Georgia is ad- per cent.



In speaking of the action of the convention of the A. F. of L., in regard to recommending that different affiliated unions take up the discussion of economics in the union halls, the editor of the Searchlight, of California, says "that the openour chance to cheer Debs that I saw ing of lodge rooms to the Socialist the Socialist advertisement referred propaganda will be the means inside of four years of swinging the great bulk of organized labor into united political action. And thus the sun has set on the day of Gompers and Mitchell, who have no other solution of the differences arising between However, there is one thing of had painted "Socialism is the Hope capital and labor than the strike and

> The capitalist is pretty well satisfied with his own condition. He lives on the best that the land supplies, which is the product of the hand of the laborer. The laborer lives in the poverty, shame and disgrace that he does, because he votes for a system that gives to the capitalist 83 per cent of the wealth, while the worker gets along on 17

Montana Railroad Company, TIME CARD EFFECTIVE NOV. 6, 1904

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National Headquarters, Socialist Party.

William Mailly, Nat'l Secretary,

fund during the week ending Dec. 2 shall be one year." were \$223.73 of which amount \$69.40 came through half day contributions constitution provides: making a total of the campaign fund to date named of \$9,8333.22. As elected by the national committee; the fund will positively close Dec. his term of office shall be one year. 15, all outstanding lists should be in The national secretary shall receive the national secretary's hands before that date.

The national quorum will meet at 17 to transact important business secretary, see copy of national con- state. relative to future agitation and orga- stitution. The term of the present nizing work.

In accordance with instructions 1, 1905. given by the quorum at its meeting held October 17, 1904, I hereby call tee are entitled to nominate not more national secretary.

Nominations to extend from December 1 to 22. Declinations to close January 1, the election to take place from January 1 too 22, closing the latter date.

Section 1, Article 6 of the national constitution provides:

"The executive committee of the national committee shall be composed of seven members to be elect-

much. Nominees will be notified immediately after their names are received at the national office. Announcement of nominations will Be Vigerous be made in the regular weekly bul-

letins.

The following nominations were received at the national office up to noon, Saturday, December 3, 1904 For national executive committee by Berlyn of Illinois: Robert Bandlow of Ohio; John M. Work of Iowa; W. R. Gaylord of Wisconsin; Henry Slobodin, of New York; S. M. Reynolds of Indiana; C. G. Towner of Kentucky. For national secretary: by Berlyn of Illinois: Wm. Mailly of Chicago. By S. M. Reynolds of Indiana: Wm. Mailly. By John M. Work of Iowa: Wm. Mailly.

Declination. To the national Movements of Socialists ed by the national committee, from committee: "I appreciate thoroughthe membership of the party; but no ly the token of confidence reposed more than three members of the said in me as expressed by the comrades committee shall be elected from one who have nominated me for another state. The term of office of the term as national secretary, but I Deceipts for national campaign members of the executive committee have to decline, the nomination as I am not a candidate for re-election.-Section 1, article 7, of the national

Wm. Mailly."

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as compensation the sum of \$1,500 vote of two years ago, although the paying members in the party before at the state capitol writing up the comrades of Billings campaigned as 60 days are over. It would be well For above sections, and other innational headquarters on December formation concerning the national hard as any of the comrades of the if all locals outside of Silver Bow

> ties yet to be organized and brought had for \$1 from county printer. national secretary closes February up to the standard of the other four-

for nominations for the election of a than seven names for the executive never been delivered, and lots of week to all those who would be national executive committee and a committee and not more than one other counties which have never had likely to read and be influenced by but two or three speeches on Social- it.

> By making nominations promptly, nacional committee members can simplify and facilitate matters very

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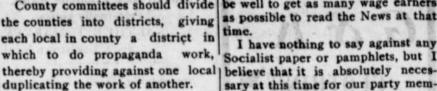
all Socialists inside the party organization. There has been 6,000 Socialist votes cast in Montana, and we should have at least 1,000 dues secure a copy of the registered vot-

This leaves us with twelve coun- ers of the county. Same can be

Get the addresses of the voters, Members of the national commit- teen. There are counties in the and if possible get their political state in which a Socialist speech has views, and mail literature every

> ism. To put literature and speak- Care should be taken not to send ers into those counties, as well as to any literature to those whose interbuild up an organization, is the task ests are vested in either of the old that lies before us. The counties parties, as it would be a waste of now having organizations will have effort, and the same effort applied to be strengthened and greater ef- to others will give better results. forts made to more thoroughly ed- This kind of work should be done ucate our adherents and organize among farmers, who generally have lots of time for reading during the

An effort should be made to get winter months.



literature sent out, so that the same pamphlets will not be sent to the same party twice.

Locals in the cities should prepare at once for the spring elections. Secure literature and distribute the same to the houses of the wage earners. Do this regularly and thoroughly and you will be surprised at the results next election.

didates for school trustees should but a year's reading of the Review be discussed in the locals. four months have yet to elapse before election, it is well to be prepared long before the time if you published by the Chas Kerr Co. of contemplate action. It will take Chicago, at \$1 per year, but subsome weeks to get in line for county high school trustees.

Some may object to mixing politics in school affairs, but the answer is "The capitalist class has control of our educational institutions," and we need the school houses to hold lectures in and save hall rent.

In another month the legislature will be in session, making laws for the benefit of the exploiters of labor. It will help our cause if we could show to the workers the class struggle in Montana. The Montana News will have a war correspondent actions of the legislature from a working class view point. It would

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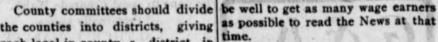
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> JAMES D. GRAHAM, State Secretary.



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Socialist National Platform

I. We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our ap- to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal peal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea condition. Industry and finance are no longer national, but interna- movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the tional in both organization and results. The chief significance of world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, only political movement standing for the program and principles by national boundaries, and of so-called patriotisms which the ruling it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Socialist which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these movement. The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or olitical organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose give to capitalism to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the democratizing of the whole of society. To this idea of liberty the republican and democratic parties are utterly false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enslavement and degradation of labor. Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the means of rooting out the idea of freedom from among the people Our state and national legislatures have become the mere agencies of great propertied interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges of our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign and weaker peoples, in order to establish new markets for the surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy. They are gradually so invading and restricting the right of suffrage as to take unawares the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old laws, they are preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or think for himself or for the common good. By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever class is able to silence what might be the voice of protest against the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls the university and public schools, the pulpit and the press, arts and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission to its own interests. Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was one of the faiths in which our institutions were founded. But under the guise of defending private property, capitalism is using our political institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human beings to ever become possessors of private property in the means of life. Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private property. Its development is through the legalized confiscation of all that the labor of the working class produces, above its subsistence wage. The private ownership of the means of employment grounds society in an economic slavery which renders intellectual and political tyranny inevitable.

to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is of inhering forces that will soon destroy them. to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markets of of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of the world, or the remaining sources of profit. The Socialist movement, therefore, is a world movement. It knows of no conflicts between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all humanity.

Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist society. Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall be long to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

Socialism comes so to organize industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of international Socialism, as embodied in the united thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial development already accomplished, the interests of the world's workIII.

The Socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that economic development or world-process which is rapidly separating a

working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the things which he used, economic independence was possible. But production, or the making of goods, has long ceased to be individual. The labors of scores or even thousands, enters into almost every seas or continents-working together for the same end. But this co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners; and to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes ; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization.

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise

or identity of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded in fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental and in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of indusmoral harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

IV.

The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society for

destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to work of the world, or even to preserve itself. The captains of indus- all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies try are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly unto the workers' cause to cast their lot and faith with the Socialist socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The uni- is at once an appeal for their common good and freedom, and for the versal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capiers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the talist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades selves, and those we represent, to be faithful to the appeal which we most exploited and oppressed workers in the most remote places of unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic the earth inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power freedom from which will spring the freedom of the whole man.

To the end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work

in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increase of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and

exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of incomes, inheritances, and of franchise and land values, the proceeds to be applied to public employment and bettering the condition of the workers; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular governarticle produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically ment, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, everything is made or done by many men-sometimes separated by and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legislative office the first duty of striving to procure whatever is for the workers' most immediate interest, and for whatever will lessen the economic and political powers of the capitalist and increase the like powers of the worker.

> But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means, to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, try, and thus come into their rightful inheritance.

To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be intrusted to us by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its all the workers of America, and to all who will lend their lives to freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging our-