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# **Coming Down** To Socialism

tle "Next" by the comrade whose name is signed is right to the point and worthy of reproduction:

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The NEWS

I speak as a class conscious, working class Socialist. Yes, a wage-working class Socialist; a proletarian Socialist. It seems to me that our contention has not been clearly enough stated. Nor the reason for our fear of middle-class Outline of Work for domination of the party. Neither is the preventative we advance for such domination put clearly enough before the membership of the party.

Let me state the case. There is a tendency amongst the members of the American Socialist party-of the International Socialist party-to appeal for support to the dying middle class, and even to the capitalist class; to appeal "to all classes," as speaker and see that the meeting is the quickest and most effective way to reach the goal of the co-operative commonwealth. The argument over your territory once or twice a being that once a person understands the beauties of Socialism, rectly into the hands of voters, and be purchased in quantity for distriprovided they are of ordinary moral do not duplicate each other's work. worth, they will support it irrespective of their class interests. This less often than twice a month and program committee. the scientific Socialist brands as fallacious doctrine and capable of be- business meeting, until you have coming destructive of our purposes. planned some work for Socialism, Hence there has arisen a conflict and provided ways and means to within the party between the supporters of these two ideas.

this: That whether it benefits any- cincts, whether members of local or one else or not, Socialism is the not; see that they register in timeonly thing that will benefit the work- that they vote on election day-and ing class. Also, that it is the historic mission of the working class to naturalized. conquer all other classes and by the establishment of Socialism abolish booth, from opening of polls until all class rule. Reasoning from this counting is finished and prepare to first premise the latter naturally fol- keep tally on vote. lows. These things granted, the

when the farmer loses his farm and tributed or sold. Turns money reit is possible to make of them good Socialists. Until they have lost their all we can most profitably spend our time in educating those who are already propertyless.

E. B. AULT.

## Socialist Locals to Do.

BY M. W. WILKINS.

papers.

Local.

3. Hold an occasional public well advertised.

4. Scatter leaflets or booklets month, taking care to put them di-

5. Hold business meetings not make it a rule to never adjourn a carry it out.

6. Keep a complete list of all Now, the base of our argument is Socialists in your precinct or prethat all foreign born Socialists are

7. Have a committee in polling

#### Duties of Officers of the Local.

#### HELENA, MONTANA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1904.

at least.

account of all money received from News, often walking from place to the financial secretary, pays bills of place, Comrade Lynch says for his the local on order signed by the sec- part he has reached the limit, and retary and chairman of the evening, that if the Socialists don't want the keeps itemized account of all ex- paper, to quit the thing. However, penses, reports monthly to local and Comrade Lynch will always be has his books audited every three found doing something for the cause, months

LITERATURE AGENT. He has charge of all leaflets, books. meals a day, and secure clothes booklets, etc., belonging to the local, enough to keep him warm in August

The following article in the Seat- store keeper loses his store, when keeps account of all literature rethe manufacturer loses his factory, ceived with names thereof, also dis-

> when the leader loses his followers, ceived over to treasurer and takes receipt. Notifies local when literature is needed. Has charge of the circulating library for the local if there be one; displays at public the local has for that purpose. Reports monthly to the local.

> > The following should be elected as permanent committees: Auditing Committee; Program Committee; Literature Committee.

Auditing committee examines the 1. Get subscribers for Socialist accounts of the officers at least once 2. Get new members for the the local, and reports back to the problems more difficult to solve local.

Program committee arranges all meeting when you can get a good public programs, such as speakers meetings.

> examines all samples of literature re- organize her. India is rousing her- tions. ceived or purchased by the local and self and will shortly comprehend the recommends as to the literature to unspeakable infamies of our bloodbution by the local.

The organizer is chairman of the

The literature agent is chairman of the literature committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS. Election of chairman. Ι.

Reading of minutes. 2.

- Bills and correspondence. 3.
- Applications for membership. 4.
- Reports of committees. 5.
- Payment of dues and pledges. 6.
- Reports of officers. 7.
- .... hed business. U 8.
- New business. Q. 10. Good and welfare.
- 11. Adjournment.

**Comrade Lynch Quits** 

while he is working at a trade that will soon get him back to three

## "Black With Menace."

The Times arguing in favor of the maintenance of our present set of tleton. Austin Chamberlain and Co. and hope so. But what sort of people are these and their fellows whose limit has been reached. ability is wholly of the head-clerk order for such times as we are coming to? Never in history were the

either peacefully or forcibly. Japan has already beaten Russia and will beat her worse and worse the longer the war goes on. China is waking Literature committee reads and up and can rely upon Japan to re-

sucking rule. So Asia has to be herself persistent revolts in town and country are swelling into something very like revolution. In Austria, not to speak of race feuds which Social democracy will do something to soften, preparations are being made for warlike movements in the spring. In Germany an irresponsible despot, with lucid intervals, may at any moment set Europe in a flame. Happily France and England are on good terms; but he must be an optimist indeed who does not recognize that both internally and

## thousand and one ways. dangers to face which are quite unexampled in the past half century.

lowa Paper & **Quits the Fight** 

newspaper field; its board of managers announced in its last issue that it would suspend because of not being able to secure support sufficient to keep it going. It apgeniuses-Broderick, Forster, Lyt- pears by the announcement that it has run behind for some time and meetings for sale, such literature as in office, declares that the future is that the deficit has been made up "black with menace." We think so by some of the few comrades deeply interested in the cause, but that the

Such is the life of the average Socialist paper, and such must be for some time to come. When populism had its great day there was the international relations more complicated, the antagonisms between east same trouble in the early stages of in three months or when ordered by and west more marked, the social the fight with the newspapers as now exists with the Socialist papers. But conditions have changed so wonderfully since that time that there appears to be little hope in the future for any better condition to exist for the Socialist publica-

There are many reasons for this condition, and one might just as well begin to look the facts square seriously reckoned with. In Russia in the face; let us see what the con- don. ) dition from a business standpoint is, and then we can see why the Socialist papers are dying. In the state of Montana,-probably no better example exists-the large daily papers are run at a heavy loss every month, advertising has been reduced to cost or less, while job printing is done on a very small margin; the great loss to these papers is made up through the "graft system" in a

This being the condition, when Socialist paper enters the field it externally Great Britain may have must do business below cost, eliminate some expense account, or go out of business. In fact the busi-Everywhere, too, the peace at any ness end of it would compare well price Socialism which has found so with a man starting a small grocery

The Iowa Socialist has guit the class war by resolution at one place at one time, and then directly after repudiate his own vote and make out that it had no significance at all. In nowise. From first to last in all his manifestoes and speeches he pointed out that the class war between the laborers and the capitalists was going on steadily and growing continuously. He showed clearly that there was no hope of peace, or of benefit to the people at large, until the huge powers of making wealth now owned and control-

led in the United States by a small minority of the population, who use their riches in a most unscrupulous way, should be at the disposal of the whole nation. In fact, from start to finish, and over and above all palliatives, he stood for the Social Revolution, in which it is quite possible the United States may yet take the lead. Yet Debs polled 600,000 solid votes against 87,000 four years ago. The more advanced his program, far the greater his poll, America has evidently begun to move in earnest.-Justice (Lon-

#### A TIMELY LESSON.

A timely lesson has been given to Socialists by Collier's Weekly. It has been the fashion for certain party papers to advise their readers to buy capitalist publications containing articles favorable to Socialism. This advice was followed in the case of Collier's. Collier's replied with an editorial saying that the letters and postal cards from Socialists were a nuisance. It insulted Socialist workers by charging them with insincerity. Collier's remarks were brutal, but, to a certain extent, true. Socialists who have money to spend for propaganda should use it to build up the regular party press. The spasmodic purchase of this or that periodical with the attendant correspondence, is just what Collier's calls it-a nuisance. What such periodicals want is regular subscribers. When the general demand for clear-cut Socialism is strong enough, plenty of Socialist articles will be printed in them. The best way to create the general demand is to sustain the straight party press. This is so obvious that no argument is called for. Not that Socialists should boycott the capitalist papers. On the contrary, the more they read the broader will become their minds. In buying magazines, it is not a bad idea to pick out those which criticise the claims of the Socialists. Usually the criticisms are so flimsy that the Socialist bubbles over with answers and is more than ever confirmed in his faith. But now and then he will find something that makes him think. He may discover weak points in his idea of Socialism. And when this happens, he may be sure that he has the scientific spirit and not the dogma of the fanatic.-

thing to do to accomplish the end desired is to acquaint the workers with their historic mission in order class.

Rises the sentimentalist and says, "You would keep all honest individ- will you have for chairman of this uals in sympathy with the workers meeting?" He keeps a list of all insisted, and others around this ofout of the party, or at most merely members of the local, with their ad- fice attempted to impress upon tolerate them." We answer, "No, dresses, and must notify all members Comrade Lynch that he was desertthat is not our intention." But if it by mail, when or where a regular ing a "graft," he persisted in claimwere, what difference? The work- or business meeting will be held. ing, like the managers of the Iowa ers are strong enough and numerous He observes the advertising of pub- Socialist, that the limit had been enough. However, we merely ask lic meetings, and such other work as reached. During his hard year's that the middle class and the capit- the local directs. alist class understand the historic mission of the working class and not hinder that class in its work.

We say, show the workers their class interests.

They say, appeal to all classes. We say, expend your efforts where they will accomplish the greatest results.

They say, one middle class man is worth ten wage workers.

emancipate the world.

They say, get the middle class and the workers will follow like sheep.

class, the small manufacturer, the bers, collects dues monthly and olutionary, but conservative. Nay, each month. Keeps an individual away at any hazard. more, they are reactionary, for they account for all members of the local,

fighting, and it is that tendency books audited every three months. day. which we must conquer or the So- TREASURER. cialist party will die. When the He has custody of all funds, keeps of the state in the interest of the syth Times.

LOCAL ORGANIZER.

He is the business agent of the meeting to order, and asks, "Who ing.

**RECORDING SECRETARY.** business meeting and when same is meals a day, and some days three. read and corrected at next meeting Oh, yes, we almost forgot-and two should be transcribed in the minute pairs of 15 cent socks. Supposing

We say, the working class must of organizer when the latter is sick clothes and empty stomach, and at- oozes out at the ends of his fingers

or absent: FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Marx says: "The lower middle membership cards to all new mem- the polls on election day.

try to roll back the wheels of his- keeps an itemized account of all no one will dispute, and while it tory." Have we the time to spend money received and turns the same does not compare well with the pro-

his "Graft" on News.

Comrade Lynch, after working that they may act. We have no local; does local's corresponding nearly a year in the interest of the time to bother with the middle class and reports monthly to the local and Montana News, has severed his connor the capitalist class if we pay to the state secretary, the growth, nection with the paper, and gone to proper attention to the working work and condition of the local. He the coast, where he expects to rehas power to call a special business turn to work at his trade-telegraph-

> Notwithstanding that the writer work on the paper he has received in the army and navy. There are

the extravagance of one pair of He keeps the records of every pants and a new hat, as well as two book in ink. All business transacted to work on commission, with ex-

such as a motion made, carried, lost penses paid, he found himself in--reports of committees-names of debted to the paper some \$20 when candidates for membership accepted all the accounts were audited; this as an official, lawyer or reformer. or rejected-totals of monthly finan- is encouraging, to stand in the noble He gets mighty energetic at times, cial reports, etc. He takes the place cause of the proletariat, with ragged and then all this surplus strenuosity

With his year's work it was conshopkeeper, the artisan, the peasant, pastes due stamps in members, cards fidently expected that the paper other combines, seeking to prohibit keep them going; otherwise papers among them was one man who was all these fight against the bourgeoi- as receipts Keeps a list of all would be put on its feet, but such their doing business in Montana. sie, to save from extinction their pledges of contributors to the special is not the case, for as he leaves, two People might take the crusade a little existence as fractions of the middle state organizing fund, collects and other comrades are left here in a more seriously had Donovan always class. They are therefore not rev- forwards the same to state secretary shape that prevents their getting proved consistent in his spurts

That this is a proletarian income

much favor of late with erudite sciolists is discovering that, after all, in human affairs force counts for just stay in business?

as much as ever it did, and that to wait sempiternally for automatic revolution is a sort of cowardice which the next generation may scarcely appreciate. In fact, we have arrived at a period when anything may

occur. The "accident" in the North Sea may very easily be followed by accidents in other directions. It is the duty of Social-democrats everywhere, therefore, to keep themselves well organized and in readiness for the unexpected. Above all, let them carry on their propaganda vigorously plenty of Asquiths about. Any upheaval must do something to shake down the decaying capitalist system, but we must not be taken by sur-

prise.-Justice (London).

Your Uncle Ira doesn't take much stock in Attorney General Donovan tempt to preach to the union man and toes-and all is serene again. the philosophy of Socialism, while His sudden attack upon gambling, He has custody of blank mem- the "pure and simple" lines up at once pushed with zealous frenzy,

against sin, and had he commenced these actions and persistently prose-

store where some large firm is selling below cost; how long would he

Being up against this business condition under the present system, it is impossible to make a Socialist paper a good paper, for the better the paper you get out the further behind you go.

As poor as all the papers and publications in the Socialist movement are, they are far ahead of the organization in the revolutionary understanding of the movement. They should be, but that does not bar the support of the rank and file of the party to its publications. The average Socialist that comes to this office and declares himself 'revolutionary" and wants the clear dope in his Socialist paper, can always be found reading the capitalist exchanges; seeing how Mrs. Chadwick is coming on; whether

Nan Patterson will soon be on the stage; how many Russians and Japs got murdered last night; all the rape cases, suicides, etc. etc.

Considering the present system of business, it is plain to see that no paper can be made to pay from a purely newspaper business standpoint-not even the capitalist sheets bership cards and due stamps, issues the bar for free booze and scabs at suddenly and suspiciously ceased. pay. Therefore if the comrades inal court of Jersey City, in order And now he has filed suit against the want a paper or papers they must to do one good act before Christharvester trust, the meat trust and put up the required wherewith to mas, turned loose several prisoners; support.

#### ENGLISH IDEA OF VOTE.

The more we consider Debs' poll orderly and get locked up again," cuted them at the beginning instead of 600,000 for president the more as he walked away from the jail with of the end of his term. As a reformer remarkable and the more satisfac- a dejected air. This is all in proson their education when so many of over to the treasurer. At the end of letarian income of \$125 per month Donovan either gets tired and takes tory it seems. It is undoubtedly a perous America where there are two the working class are waiting? The each month gets an itemized account of our national secretary, it shows a prolonged rest, or doesn't begin in genuine Social-Democratic poll. jobs for every man. Getting pretty opportunist would appeal rather to of expenses from the treasurer for that it is through the sacrifice of time to bring his suits to a conclu- Eugene Debs, we rejoice to say, re- tough when a man had rather stay this class than to the working class. the expense side of his account. Re- such men as Comrade Lynch that sion. Democracy is responsible for sorted to none of the trickery which in jail than out, but you laborers It is that tendency which we are ports monthly to the local and has the movement is made what it is to- a few warm officials in this state, of seems to find ever-increasing favor have voted for this kind of a conwhom Clark, Gibson, Donovan and with Hardie, MacDonald, Glasier dition and the considerate capital-After making a thorough canvass Welch are among the which .- For- and Co. He did not declare en- ist has given you just what you thusiastically, that is to say, for the voted for.

Judge Higgins of the first crimwill continue to suspend until only thoroughly disappointed with the such ones live as the movement will order of the court, which meant the losing of his comfortable quarters in

Crisis.

the jail. He said: "I guess my only chance is to get drunk and dis-

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The absence of the middle class in Russia is one thing that will assist in hastening Socialism.

ings the rest of the year.

they will look good to the railroads the field as his opponent Comrade and other grafting institutions.

Both old parties, the democrat will remain so until capitalism needs the old bird to fly at the next attempt.

gotten inside and so it has been our demands, assemble in front of found necessary to spread out so the Kazan cathedral at one that sugar could be kept at a higher o'clock." price. Sugar ought to be put on the free list." Yes, possibly sugar WHAT ABOUT UNEMPLOYED?

ought to be put on the free list for Capital insists upon its right to the jackasses who have voted this hire labor at the market rate. We condition onto the people. Clothes all know what this means. The 'market rate" is always below the ought to be put on the free list for rate at which men are holding their this same class of working mules, jobs, no matter how low that rate and the men who persist in voting may be, so long as there are men for a system of this kind ought to out of employment.-C. J. O'Brien be put on the demo-republican free in Typographical Journal.

But is the man out of employment entitled to no consideration? What

TRAITORS TO LABOR. are you going to do with him? Editor O'Neill of the Western When men are out of jobs the natural inference is that there are more Federation of Miners' Magazine is a How will taking men than jobs. roaster. His long drawn out them into the union better the situabunches of bowery rhetoric, deltion? Can you create a new job for uged in adjectives which he brought every man that comes in? Yes, the into play in his attack on Comrade men out of employment make the market rate." When work is Unterman and in the "explanation" scarce all the unions in Christendom of the "Socialist" vote is long on can not maintain high wages; when vituperation and short on logic. work is plenty, employers must bid

He and his bunch of Iscariots in against each other and wages will Labor's cause are going to educate rise, even if unions try to prevent it. the wage slaves who delve in the So what is the use of a unionism based on force? In times of prosbowels of the earth by declaring for perity the members do not need it, Socialism and spouting Socialism in and in times of adversity it can not the columns of his organ, and on do them good .- Industrial Inde-

election day tie in with a bunch of pendent. democratic ballot box stuffers, "that The above comment by the citi-

those who have calloused hands zens alliance organ is significant. may be restored to citizenship once The great trouble is that the union more." And one must be on the man does not understand it as such; ground with the assistance of an if he did he would be a Socialist. The new year will soon be here, X-ray to see why the "Socialists" are If the union men investigate they and it would be a good thing for the justified in their actions. Perhaps will discover that since the year members of the Locals over the the treachery of the labor leaders in 1850, when organization was state to get out a good meeting and Colorado is well paralleled by the started in the United States, they resolve to continue with good meet- action of their local secretary of have increased in numbers, but that to a union proposition which only Gilt Edge No. 107, Locke Bruce, their share of the wealth produced represents about 14 per cent of the

who is drawing \$3.50 per day for has decreased, due to private own-Sunday the legislators convene in doing their secretary work and on ership of machinery, with its conthis city. With few exceptions they the side taking orders for clothing comitant, the unemployed problem. are a gang of money hirelings and manufactured in Kansas City by The alliance pertinently asks the all have their pockets stuffed with scab sweat-shop labor, and who sup- union men, "What about the unemrailroad transportation. They will ported citizens alliance Geo. Cook ployed?" When the unionist underbe a nice looking bunch to make for sheriff on the republican ticket stands this, he invariably will be in laws for the "people." However in Fergus county, when there was in the Socialist ranks.

A BOURGEOIS PLATFORM.

In this matter the St. Louis So-

We, the Socialist party of St.

Three points of interest in that

paragraph: first they declared their

fidelity to international Socialism,

which is, according to the late inter-

national congress, revolutionary So-

Robert McMillan, a brother member of the Federation's local No.

111 at Kendall, Montana. Gilt platform at this time is a piece of and republican, are dead now, and Edge local was the bunch of union work that needs the very closest atmen (?) affiliated in the Fergus its right and left wings again to sail county Trades and Labor Council into political power. Both wings of and with the national body of the the capitalist vulture are made out American Labor union who turned not be said, and also in order that of workingmen's votes, and if the down the "fair list" of the A. L. U., all be said that should be said. Socialists will do their duty for the strikers in Lewistown last year and next two years it will be hard for refused to assist their struggling brothers in union. When Bruce was affronted for his perfidy he dis-

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That declaration would be a dis-

grace to a capitalist platform, and would not be "radical" enough for a Bryan-Hearst-Watson platform. Just think of that bourgeois rot? Suppose some of you Socialists get fired out of your jobs in some other state or city, and should go to St. Louis, you could not get into the street car service until you had lived there one year; during this time, we naturally suppose, that a democrat or republican "mullet-headed" union man would hold the position.

not because he scabbed at the ballot box, but because he belongs to the union. After declaring for international Socialism and capitalistic citizenship

in order to hold a job, they also declare as follows:

Only organized labor shall be employed by the city, and the 8-hour workday shall be strictly observed in all municipal work. Where contract work is unavoidable, the con tractors shall employ organized labor only.

It appears from that that the party of the class struggle has relegated itself into a union proposition. All these organized labor parties have been a fake, and have repeatedly sold in the political market to the highest bidder-the same as they sold out in Montana in the last elecendorse the democrat ticket. And now St. Louis proceeds to narrow workers of the country. Then they take a shot at the tax proposition as follows:

That immediate steps be taken to rigidly enforce the laws compelling the big corporations to pay their quota of municipal taxes, in proportion to the full valuation of their taxable property.

What interest has the Socialist party or the workers who make up the party in the tax proposition? The adoption of a city Socialist None whatever. The sooner the tax proposition eats up the little fellow tention and deepest study possible in and causes him to lose his property order that nothing be said that should the better. This applies to the bourgeois, and he must be driven into the ranks of the proletariat before Socialism can be or rather will be cialists have produced about as bad established. It is a wonder they a mess, barring a few points, as did did not say something about arrangthe Wisconsin Socialists in their ing the seats in heaven for the little state platform. In their opening tax payer. Of course they declared for an 8-hour day, and when you think of all these kind of immediate demand principles of international Socialism reforms, it is no wonder that the S. L. P., comrades take such falls out of us. If the comrades don't wake up and get down to business in this proposition of adopting revolutionary platforms in place of the sentimental, reform, meaningless assertions like the above, why, Bryan will jump in with his crown of thorns and cross of gold and adopt a plat-

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Congressman Hull of Iowa has introduced a bill in congress in the interest of organized labor and the working mule in general. It purports to be a bill "to encourage rifle in time of war." Mr. Hull is a good" repuclican, and you republican union men who voted on elec-

sauce and other trimmings. Thirty- practice in the murder business, so tion for a certain specified sum to five hundred pounds of turkey were when a strike is called they will be purchased and this one item on in good trim to go out and shoot the the menu cost \$630. Think of sit- capitalists, eh? The first paragraph the party of the class struggle down ting down to that feast or being a coolly appropriates \$1,000,000 a tramp, one of the million and a half year to carry out the scheme. Of who are now on the tramp in this course the capitalist puts up this one prosperous country, while prison million dollars because he is such a birds are dining at swell luncheons. philanthropic enterprising individ-Is it any wonder that men are com- ual. Under capitalism the bullet and mitting crimes that they may get in bayonet are introduced in the schools jail for the winter at least? Why, and the child taught the spirit of under the present conditions in jail military murder. Under Socialism is better than out. This is the fruit the weapons of murder will be releof the present competitive system, gated to the scrap-heap, and Social where more is produced than can economics will be introduced in the be consumed, and yet in the midst schools when children will learn of the establishment for the first time of the real brotherhood of man.

> The supreme court has dismissed the proceedings brought by the attorney general of gambling fame practice and excellence in marks- against the eastern firms which, it manship among citizens of the was claimed, were operating in the United States so as to render them state in violation of the anti-trust quickly available for efficient service law. That's good. In the first place no one has any confidence in the attorney general, and in the tion day for Open Shop Roosevelt, second place the capitalist court got will probably appreciate the excel- on the right side of the fence. They lence of this bill. Of course you are class conscious; the trust can see this bill is meant to give the break no anti-trust laws, any more

of plenty we are in want.

## the time of their employment.

cialistic! newspaper field. Judging by a comrade of the real revolutionneeded in that Kansas country which tify an East India Juggler. appears to be pretty well imbued with a bourgeois sentiment. Success to the revolutionary "Line-Up."

Comrade Oscar Edgar, formerly editor of the Florida Socialist, in sky Prospect from building to buildretiring from the staff reviews the ing, and charged down the boulesituation and hard struggle to keep vard from the Moscow station to "As it is, the time has come when I least two meals a day may be largely But today by the Socialist-labor party. artificial. No doubt it is. when one has formed the bad habit to demand an immediate end of the of a number of cities in other states of eating regular meals and persisted war, and the convocation of a nain it until middle age, it is often tional assembly, and in every leading fatal to break off the habit too sud- paper this morning, in black faced denly. And dead men do not make type, was an explicit warning to the people at their peril to desist from good editors."

congregating in the Nevsky Pros-The noted Nan Patterson trial pect near the Kazan cathedral. The following is the text of the has come to an end by the jury agreeing to disagree. The charge proclamation of the social demoagainst the girl was that she killed a cratic labor party, calling the dem-Mr. Young in a cab in New York onstration:

City a few weeks ago. It is a question whether Miss Patterson should ing for better things, but the govern be prosecuted or not, for the simple ment has turned a deaf ear to our fact that she was a show girl, frivol. cry. We, from day to day, draw ous but beautiful, and Mr. Young out a laborious existence, a condiwas a married man, and should be tion worse than convicts, while they supposed to at least have horse convert millions into smoke and sense, and having that, he would be sacrifice thousands of workmen's at home with his family in place of lives under incompetent generals cutting around at parlor drunks We are shedding our blood for our with a variety actress. Many are torturers, while they are entering heard to remark, "A married man into a shameless bargain with wealthy landlords and zemstvoists. mixed up like this needs killing."

Enough, men, we cannot endure it An eastern exchange says: longer. We must arise and bodily "The Norfolk, Nebraska, beet proclaim that we want an end of sugar factory has moved to Colo- war and a government by representrado. For years this outfit was atives of the people.

The "Line-Up" a new Socialist missed the matter by saying he had paragraph they declare: publication issued at Kansas City is as much right to support a republione of the latest additions to the So- can as the national officers of the Louis, pledge our fidelity to the Western Federation of Miners who from an issue or two it is a good have declared for Socialism have to as enunciated in our national platlittle class conscious paper, edited support democrats. The actions of form, and invite all fair-minded men organized labor and their soft- to study the great labor problem in ary type, and one of the kind that is handed representatives would mysrelation to municipal affairs.

SOCIALISM IN RUSSIA.

A dispatch of the 11th inst. says: Not since the riots of 1901, when

"We have raised our voices, call-

Cossacks stretched across the Nevcialism, and then they say in the same breath as "enunciated in our national platform," which is an opportune literary edict. One assera Socialist paper going. He says: the Neva, has the Russian capital tion contradicts the other; the third lived through such a day of excitepoint is that they invite "fairmust do something that will at least ment as this. The authorities last minded" men to study the labor feed me. The need for three or at night got wind of the big anti-gov- problem. Now what is ernment demonstration planned for minded" men?

this paragraph appears:

The public interests are almost entirely ignored?

Who is the public? if the working class, the above is wrong because the interests of the workers are absolutely ignored, not "almost." And if it means the bourgeois or exploiting class by the "public" then the phrase is out of order.

In the next paragraph they declare for "public or collective" ownership. Collective ownership is Socialism but "public" ownership is graftism the same as the present postoffice plan where the postmaster draws about \$300 per month to pull political wires while the poor wage slave closely as possible and assist us in who does the hard work gets from this work. \$50 to \$80 per month.

They also declare for "municipal" street railways, "municipal" lighting and heating plants, etc. But after declaring for international Socialism, mind you International Socialism. they adopt the following paragraph: No person shall be employed on any street railway within the city of

outside of the trust, but now have "All who are ready to fight for citizens for at least one year prior to from turkey to the celery, cranberry

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With this issue we close the year of 1904, and with the close of the year many subscriptions expire. The "fairgreat number of two-bit subscrip-Then after covering the condition tions added to our list during the campaign will expire on this date, and we desire to call our readers' attention to the fact that they may renew in time to not miss a single issue of the paper.

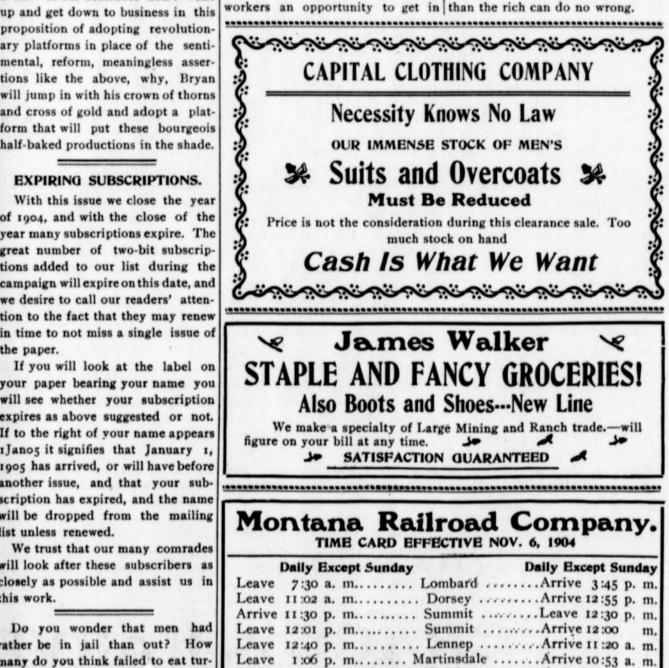
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We trust that our many comrades will look after these subscribers as

Do you wonder that men had rather be in jail than out? How many do you think failed to eat turkey dinner on Christmas who were not in jail? Down in Missouri the authorities of the state penitentiary arranged a swell dinner for the convicts on Christmas, including every-St. Louis who have not been resident thing customary to the occasion,

Leave

Leave



2:20 p. m ...... Harlowtown ..... Arrive 9:55 a. m.

Helena, Montana

Leave 3:50 p. m ..... Ubet ..... Arrive 8:35 a. m.

Leave 4:58 p. m ..... Moore ..... Arrive 7:50 a. m.

Arrive 6:00 p. m..... Lewistown ..... Leave 7:00 a. m.

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Nine Mile, Mont., Dec. 18, 1904. Mr. J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: If you will kindly send me some sub cards I will try to sell them, and will and deserves an honest answer. remit for them when sold.

> Yours fraternally, C. F. CATON.

[You are the kind of comrade the



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of humanity. Ye parasites, know abridge the rights of the negroes tothis: The finger of scorn of every day. There have been attempts honest man, woman and child is to agitate the idea of disfranchising for cards. Please send more at once; the illiterate of all classes; and these think I can sell five and perhaps pointed at you.

You would condemn innocent straws point out the trend of unchildren to work in the mines, where checked political power.

the smoke and poisonous gases at Socialism means equal rights to to you all. all. It means equality in fact, not [It is the efforts of this kind by the many times almost equals the orthoin the musty folds of a constitution comrades that will make the cause a dox hell as represented by our modthat through political treachery has success; every comrade in the state ern preachers-that you may wax become obsolete. It means that could do as much if he would. All fat on the product of their toil. I wonder that the ever-living God had not paralyzed the hand that marked the ballot, and caused the miserable ure greatness, as it was originally get out and do a little hustling. If carcas to shrivel up until Rider Haggard's "She" would look like Socialism will re-establish firmly in less than 60 days the News the fat woman in a circus beside you. and for all time the doctrines con- would have the largest circulation You have no place among men. You are a burden on the back of tained in that time honored docu- in the northwest; and not only this suffering humanity, and a wart on ment.

terest will forever prevent the ruling

the face of nature. JOHN BRACK.

That the people are awaking to the idea of Socialism, is demonthe dominant class of the present to strated by the insistence they manisucceed themselves; and after defeat fest by asking for information, and we will see the same old re-organizathe first and paramount question tion, with new issues to entrap the seems to be, How can it be introduced? It is a pertinent question The best part of the doctrine is they have found that they are a part

that it does not require any lies to of the government established by introduce it to the people. They and for themselves, and that everygenerally admit that it is good, and thing belongs to them, then self-in-

movement is looking for. It is what they want, but there is some-

Monarch, Mont., Dec. 24, '04. Dear Comrades: Herewith \$5.00

more. Merry Xmas and happy New Year

J. M. R. the teachings of that sacred Parch- that is necessary is to throw off that EGEE line; it is made by tailors ment shall become the guide to fut- old capitalistic idea of "can't" and and not by Children. intended to do; and the application all our Socialist readers would do as us and get the best Clothing line of the economic reforms taught by much as a few of the earnest workers in America but you would receive the financial Political parties are not going to assistance from the non-Socialist and die out in a day. There will be the at the same time carry the educa-

same strife, the same lying, the tional propaganda to the ones who same dishonest efforts on the part of must be reached. Awake comrades! -Editor.]

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 25, 1904. Dear Comrade: Enclosed find voter. The fight will be bitter, but \$3 for sub cards sold since last rewhen the people have tasted the port. Will try and sell some more sweets of self government, when and remit Dec. 31.

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## Socialist National Platform=

Ι. to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is of inhering forces that will soon destroy them. We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our ap- to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist 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 political 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 capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markets of of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of utterly false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by the world, or the remaining sources of profit.

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 society. Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all istered. It means that the tools of employment shall be long to their nations; and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all 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.

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 humanity.

means of rooting out the idea of freedom from among the people. Our state and national legislatures have become the mere agencies surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy. They cal and intellectual misery as its portion. are gradually so invading and restricting the right of suffrage as to preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or the fact of the class conflict. think for himself or for the common good.

and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, to its own interests.

Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity the guise of defending private property, gapitalism is using our political institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human tions of our civilization. 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.

Socialism comes so to organize industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

II.

development already accomplished, the interests of the world's work-

The Socialist movement, therefore, is a world movement. It knows of no conflicts between the workers of one nation and the common depend shall by the people in common be owned and admin-

III.

The Socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that ecoof great propertied interests. These interests control the appoint- nomic development or world-process which is rapidly separating a ments and decisions of the judges of our courts. They have come working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opporforces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer tunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does foreign and weaker peoples, in order to establish new markets for the the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physi-

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully contake unawares the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public scious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old laws, they are division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever of incomes, inheritances, and of franchise and land values, the proclass is able to silence what might be the voice of protest against man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the ceeds to be applied to public employment and bettering the condition the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely con- things which he used, economic independence was possible. But of the workers; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the trols the university and public schools, the pulpit and the press, arts production, or the making of goods, has long ceased to be individual. prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically ment, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation,

and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradic-

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise powers of the worker.

or identity of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst a society is founded in fundamental injustice. There can be no posmoral harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the try, and thus come into their rightful inheritance.

working class as the only class that has the right or power to be. IV.

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 The labors of scores or even thousands, enters into almost every strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular governeverything is made or done by many men-sometimes separated by and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or seas or continents-working together for the same end. But this advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners; and of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legisone of the faiths in which our institutions were founded. But under to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; lative 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

But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth. Such measclass division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such ures 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, sible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental and in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of indus-

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

The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society for by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its all the workers of America, and to all who will lend their lives to 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 As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the 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 principles of international Socialism, as embodied in the united 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 thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capi- freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourers 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 most remote places of unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal