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### Points of Inter- est to Many

Hamilton, Mont., Feb. 9, 1905.  
Editor Montana News, Helena.

Dear Comrade: I notice something in the News of the 25th ult., which to me is not quite clear; for instance on the second page I find an article written under the head "Has Got the Right Idea," taken from the New York Worker, which to my mind makes the fact very plain that no good can be expected from labor organizations endorsing the Socialist party, and upon the next page I find you endorsing movement of the A. L. U., or at least of its officers in Chicago, proposing a line of action that has been advocated for years by the S. L. P.

You say one party is sufficient for the workers but that party must be a working man's party no matter what the name may be. From articles I have read in the Referendum and Seattle Socialist, and the article on the first page of the News of the above date from C. W. Stimson of Wichita, Kansas, I should judge that there are some people who think that every person who is not a wage worker has no business in the Socialist movement, and must of necessity be a grafter.

I would like to be informed of about how long it will take the wage workers alone, to emancipate themselves at the ballot box? I can say this for Ravalli county at least: If the Socialist movement depended alone upon the wage worker there would have been no Socialist movement here worth speaking about.

The wage worker in the employ of the capitalists dare not be an active advocate of the cause of his class for fear of losing his job. I know of but three such active workers in the county. The active work is almost entirely performed by Socialists who are independent workers, small business men and farmers; and if any one thinks they are not revolutionary, class-conscious Socialists they have another think coming. It is my humble opinion that if the coming convention of the A. L. U., in Chicago causes a split in the Socialist party, as you seem to think it may, it will be a set-back for the workers of this nation that a generation will not make up, and it will be necessary to look to other people than the small business man and farmer for the grafters and fakers.

Yours Fraternally,  
E. G. WHEELER.

P. S. Where were Moyer and Haywood in the late Colorado campaign?

[Your questions and points all noted closely, and I will attempt to answer them to the best of my ability in a short space. Beginning at the first, and according to the article from the Worker you seem to be under an impression, possibly gained by a non-unionist. For instance, you cite that "no good can be expected from labor organizations endorsing Socialism, etc.," and to make that plain, if you are not a union man, let me say that the endorsement of Socialism by organized labor as in the instance of the A. L. U., and W. F. of M., was not an endorsement of Socialism by the rank and file of organized labor. It was simply the endorsement of Socialism by what might be properly called labor leaders, and when the test came at the polls the rank and file failed to endorse the action of the leaders who

in convention had committed the organization to Socialism. The same is true in every instance wherein the A. F. of L., turned Socialism down and the capitalist press made a great howl about it. Let us see how it is done. At one convention, I believe John Mitchell had 2,100 proxy votes in his pocket, and I suppose Gompers the same number; it matters not as to the exact number. What I desire to show is the foolishness of voting Socialism up or down in these labor conventions. Those 2,100 votes that Mitchell had in his pocket to cast for or against a measure were no expression of the sentiment or understanding of the workers as to their ideas of Socialism; but with these 2,100 votes in a convention of 1,000 delegates, do you not see that Mitchell could carry any measure to suit himself? Unions in electing delegates to conventions usually elect their "best men." If that man who attends the convention votes to endorse Socialism, the impression gains currency that his organization is a solid voting Socialist body, but such impression is only a nightmare to be proven false as soon as the returns are in from the ballot box. When the organization by referendum endorses the principles of Socialism then this wrong impression and foolish clap trap work of delegates from labor bodies endorsing or downing Socialism will be a thing of the past. You are slightly mistaken as to my endorsing the Chicago industrial union move; in fact I am not quite clear on their proposition myself as yet. I pointed to it to show Comrade Miller of Gardiner the trend of the movement and especially of the prominent men of the Socialist party. I say it is practically what the S. L. P. has advocated in their S. T. & L. A., but I shall not feel like endorsing it until after their convention in June and see what they bring forth. For my part, and I am a union man, I see but little use of the Socialist spending much time in this old unscientific union proposition. The industrial union organization is the right kind if there are to be any, but it looks now as if unionism must begin to go down and out, as the open shop policy has surely started it on that road. How can a union win with the unemployed problem to contend with? Just answer that question in its entirety and the unscientific grounding of the trades and labor unions is laid bare. Yes, let me repeat, that all we need is one party for the workers and that must be a class conscious party, but let me say comrade that one might be a "grafter" and class conscious. I met a tinhorn in Kalispell last fall, running a roulette wheel, but you bet your life he was class conscious; we have some small business men in this city who are class conscious and realize that the little fellow must eventually be ground down and into the ranks of the wage worker. When the papers you mention refer to the small business man as a grafter, and exploiter of labor, etc., you should bear in mind that this casts no reflection upon the man in these lines who is class conscious; the charge is made against that particular class, and the few exceptions who are class conscious are proof of the general rule. I do not know how long it will take the wage worker to emancipate himself at the ballot box; but I do know

this: that he will never be emancipated until he does it himself. Do not get mixed on the real and the imitation. The middle class—now bear in mind I am speaking of the class and not the exceptions—never advocate anything but reform; not revolution; like the church and courts they always live in harmony with the existing conditions of the times—instance the time of slavery; instance today under capitalism, the church on one side the street the house of prostitution on the other. The middle class point to doing so and so; they will say it was the middle class that freed the slaves, when as a matter of fact the slave has never been freed. The system of slavery has only been changed, and while they changed the system, the white man fastened the new slave chains onto himself as well as his black brother. Therefore the wage worker will emancipate himself at the ballot box whenever he has reached the sufficient number, through education and economic grind of the middle class into the wage workers ranks to have reached a majority. I believe you have as good a movement in Ravalli county as there is in the state. I only remained with two of your workers—Comrades Ettien and Woodruff—long enough to sound them on the Socialist philosophy, and while neither one are working for wages, I found them well grounded, class conscious, revolutionary Socialists, and I suppose there were others that I did not meet during my speaking tour through that county. Consequently the active work is often times performed by active Socialists as you say, and many workers are held rafter in the back ground for fear of their jobs; this is generally a dream of the individual however, for I find that often times the out and out bold Socialist holds his position easier than the other fellow. As to the split in the party, it looks possible, if this "immediate demand," "opportune," "middle class" keeps growing stronger and persist in leading the party from the revolutionary principles; however this appears to be curbing wonderfully in the past few weeks, and especially so since the issuing of that Chicago manifesto which is signed by prominent members of the Socialist party.

There can be no set-back to Socialism. Socialism depends upon two things, economic development and education, and the starting of new parties only tends to educate the uninitiated; the Socialist will know what to do and the other fellow will have to learn, and only in a school of experience can he be graduated. Moyer and Haywood were traitors to their class when they supported a non-union man for governor, under a pretext, as against a union man. The News has scored them several times for their act of political perjury.—Editor.]

### Coxey Says He Wants Recognition with Bryan

The noted Jacob Schler Coxey who led the march of Coxey's army to Washington, D. C., 1894 and created quite a following on his non-interested bond scheme has just been heard of again. In regard to Bryan and Roosevelt "cutting in" on reform measures, he has the following to say: "I see that some of the New York papers are trying to show how President Roosevelt has been taking successive steps in the wake of W. J. Bryan in the matter of the government and the railroads. Bryan, it seems, is still one lap ahead, as he is now quoted as inclining toward complete government ownership. Now, if the time has arrived for distrib-

ing the bouquets and the real leaders in the great movement are to be recognized, I want my claims considered with the rest. I am more than 10 years ahead of Bryan and these other new converts, journalistic and others, who are making such a fuss over government ownership of railroads

"If you will examine the printed record of the official stenographic report, taken for the ways and means subcommittee in Washington, Jan. 8, 1895, you will find that on that day I addressed the subcommittee of which W. J. Bryan was chairman, and Benton McMillin, Justin R. Whiting, Julius C. Burrows and Jno. Dalzell, members, and among other things I made this statement:

"The great issue I believe, which is before the people today is whether the railroads are going to own this government or the government is going to own the railroads.

"So you see that Mr. Bryan and those who, like him, have recently come out for government ownership, have arrived after 10 years almost at the point where I stood then and stand today."

Give Bryan and his following credit for at least "advancing." But Coxey, the poor sluggard, claims that he is no further advanced than he was 10 years ago. Make a mark for Bryan et. al., for the News believes in "toating fair." Had Coxey advanced in proportion he would now be a class conscious Socialist.

### Socialist News From State Headquarters.

Livingston, Mont., Feb. 3, 1905.	
Receipts of the Socialist party of the state of Montana for the month of January 1905.	
Jan. 1, Hamilton, dues.....	60
" 2, Clancy, dues.....	3 45
" 4, Dean, dues.....	1 20
" 5, Victor, dues.....	90
" 6, Red Lodge, Branch 1.....	2 25
" 7, Rochester, dues.....	3 00
" 14, Missoula, dues.....	5 00
" 25, Butte, Branch 2.....	6 00
" 26, Chestnut, dues.....	4 95
" 26, Victor, dues.....	90
" 27, Great Falls, dues.....	9 00
" 14, M. L. Baker Member at Large.....	50
" 20, Charles E. Burke, Member at Large.....	1 60
Total.....	\$39 55
SUPPLIES.	
" 7, Rochester.....	50
" 14, Dean.....	15
Total.....	65
DONATIONS.	
" 6, Anaconda to old debt.....	25 00
" 7, Rochester, Orga. fund.....	1 90
" 26, Chestnut.....	70
Total.....	\$27 60
Total of all receipts \$67 80	
DISBURSEMENTS.	
National Sec. 200 due stamps.....	20 00
Mailing official bulletins.....	1 45
W. H. Pierce, back wages.....	25 00
Office supplies.....	4 50
Money orders.....	25
Postage.....	2 40
100 copies Intro. to Soc.....	2 50
1,000 Why Join the S. P.....	60
Total.....	\$56 70
RECAPITULATION.	
Cash on hand Jan. 1.....	14 85
Receipts for Jan. ....	67 80
Total.....	\$82 65
Disbursements for Jan. ....	56 70
Balance Feb 1.....	25 95
Amount in Organizing fund.....	7 15
Amount in General fund.....	18 80
Total.....	\$55 95
Fraternally submitted, JAS. D. GRAHAM, State Secretary.	

### Helena Socialists Are In The Field

The Socialists of Helena held a mass nominating convention Monday night at 22 Park avenue. The following platform was adopted and ticket named:

First ward—August Johnson, cigar maker.  
Second ward—John Waudelt, tailor.  
Third ward—Charles Nelson.  
Fourth ward—  
Fifth ward—D. A. Thetge.  
Sixth ward—Herman Luehmann, carpenter.  
Seventh Ward—T. P. Hughes.  
For school trustee—J. H. Walsh.

We, the Socialist voters of Helena in mass convention assembled, renew our allegiance to the principles of international Socialism, and present the voters of Helena these same principles worked out in detail, to be applied to municipal rather than to national issues, as our platform in this campaign.

We believe that a working man should get the equivalent of all that he produces, and we demand that he should get it. As the only means of realizing this demand, we declare that the people who get only a samll share of what they produce (the working class) should peaceably, at the ballot box, take possession of the government and convert this land of trusts, capitalists, oppression, tyranny, "bull-pens," child-murder, graft, starvation for the poor and extravagant luxury for the rich, into a co-operative commonwealth.

In the campaign recently closed the two old parties stood for the same principles; there was practically no difference in their platforms; they were both pledged to the monied interests, or as we say, the capitalist class.

In this campaign the two old parties will stand on the same platform; the last alleged difference that existed between them has been removed the past year; they both stand for the capitalist class in this city (the manufacturers, merchants, etc.) and are pledged to their interests, as opposed to the working class.

As a majority party we would put our principles as a whole into operation; but as a minority party we favor all measures of benefit to the working class as a whole, and such as will lead to the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth.

We therefore favor the following measures:

- MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. Municipal ownership of street railways, lighting plants, water works, ice houses, coal and wood yards, and such other industries as are necessary to the life of our citizens.
- The establishment of a free city hospital.
- The establishment of free bath and free laundries.
- The establishment of public play grounds.
- The erection of a Labor Temple as headquarters and meeting place and educational center for workers with lodging and boarding house in connection for unemployed.
- The establishment of a free labor and employment bureau.
- The establishment of all useful works and extension of public functions so as to give work to the unemployed.
- LABOR. Abolition of contract labor on

city work.  
Rigid enforcement of all labor and factory inspection laws, and laws for the protection of women and minors.  
PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The city now furnishes textbooks free to school children. It should also furnish free clothing and free meals. Proper nourishment and protection from the weather are as necessary to the education of our children as text books.

CITIZENSHIP.  
Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

The Socialist when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage slavery is utterly abolished, make the answer to this question his guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it does, the Socialist party is for it; if it does not, the Socialist party is absolutely opposed to it.

WARNING.  
But in advocating these measures we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership parties and of such planks in old party platforms, as an attempt of the capitalist class to get a stronger hold upon the reins of government, and thereby to increase their power to draw profits out of labor in other industry.

CONDEMN CITY OFFICIALS.  
We condemn the criminal practice of the present mayor and city administration in licensing the tin-horns and prostitutes and protest against the practice of city officials violating the laws of the state with impunity. All of which is done through the guise of an official act in collecting this blood money from unfortunates, by the police, which court becomes a more vicious criminal than those who contribute this monthly fine money.

And we further condemn the present bluff of closing gambling in the face of a city election by men who are holding office at the hands of this gang who have repeatedly violated their oath of office.

### Crushed to Death In A Mine.

Clancy, Mont., Feb. 10, 1905.  
Montana News:  
In its report of the death of Harry Branch who was killed at the Liverpool mine here a few days ago, the Anaconda Standard says: "The mine inspector found that the unfortunate miner's death was not due to any act of negligence on the part of the mining company or other employees," and a coroner's jury which investigated the case brought in a similar verdict. I do not know where the Standard got its information but I know this: The mine inspector said after examining the place where the accident occurred that it did not look safe and that he would not work there for fifty dollars a day; and I also know that the jury was composed of employees of the Liverpool mine. It looks to me like a one-sided affair to pick a jury of men who are working for a company to act on a case of this kind where a fellow employee has been killed. I worked in the Liverpool mine myself some two years ago and if it is being worked in the same manner now as it was then, I wonder that more miners are not killed. But I believe there are some men working there that would rather lose their lives than the job.

JOHN BRACK.



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Socialism is coming, for every move that capitalism makes assists its onward march.

Union strikers of Chicago have brought suit for damages and wages against their employers.

The banana belt climate of Montana was knocked into a cocked hat when the thermometer dropped to 53 below.

Union men are gradually learning that petitioning capitalist bodies of law makers is little worse than useless. Vote right and you will not have to petition.

Every local in the state should be alive from now on, as the next campaign will be here before long, and the Socialist forces should be well organized for the fray.

The Helena Independent appears to have gotten on the republican side of the fence, judging from its editorials. Boosting Congressman Dixon's corporation, land-stealing homestead bill.

A few noted paintings were sold in New York the other day of which W. A. Clark purchased four for \$23-500. The working mules in the mines who receive \$3.50 per day will pay for them.

"Spineless Joe. Toole" surely shows his spineless proclivities when thrown up against a republican board. All who supported Joe must go down and out, but Joe, the smooth labor-faking politician holds his fat job.

The late society recently organized in New York is to prevent births as a way to avoid so much poverty. It has been organized by women, and one might say that they are all right only a little slow, as the rich women who fondle dogs, have long since ceased to multiply.

The wire fence factory at Fremont, Nebraska, closed the first day of the year, and said "the fact is we are not able to compete with the fence trust. We have to pay as much for our plain wire as the trust will sell the manufactured fence. Good! The faster the little fellow goes the better. This is necessary before the co-operative commonwealth can be established.

C. W. Post of Battle Creek, Michigan, manufacturer of the noted scab "Postum" has recently been convicted of wife beating. He is the notorious anti-labor organization advocate and manufacturer of the scab cereal. His scab advertisement was published in the local daily papers a few days ago, and all women who favor wife beaters can show their appreciation by purchasing this product in place of coffee.

A baby of 18-months of age has been discovered as a toiler in one of the New York sweat hops. The mother said the child's services were worth 50 cents per week to her. One might wonder at what a baby at this age could work to be of any benefit.

The woman works at passementerie and the little one rolls tiny balls in paste that the mother uses for millinery trimmings. Guess that is about the limit; but the rich must have the fine hats even though the babies are murdered for the production of these things.

**GOT WHAT WAS COMING.**

A few weeks ago Reese Davis of union fame, an appointee at the capitol, a man who deserted a brother union nominee in the late election to support and vote for a non-unionist, lost his job, and a few days ago Frank P. Smith who stands in the same shade got his suspenders cut.

They both got what was coming to them; for a union man who in an election deserts his own brother union men, and especially men of his own class, to support non-union, "spineless," political capitalists, is deserving of nothing from the hands of these people except rebuke, scorn and contempt.

Is it not time now, for you men who played the roll of "labor fakers" and received the hot end of the poker, just what you deserved, to align with your own class, to stand with your own class, to strike with your own class at the ballot box, as well as in a hot air speech in some union hall?

You men are down and out; you should be; you played the double roll of being "union men" and scabbing at the ballot box when you voted for Jos. K. Toole in place of Malcolm G. O'Malley.

The News now extends to you on behalf of the proletarian workers of the state of Montana an invitation to align with a party that stands for no scabbing. Cast off your capitalist hobbies; turn from the nightmare and support of a class that refuse to even give you as much as the crumbs that fall from the capitalist table; stand erect like men; union in the hall; union at the ballot box; petitions and begging no more; demands from now on.

Align with the class conscious Socialist party.

**THE BOGY MAN.**

Recently battery A of the national guards of Montana, i. e., a number of pin-headed wage slaves with blue uniforms, held a meeting in the armory of this city to consider the idea of reorganizing and forming an infantry company, so that in the event of a labor-capitalist row, the workers would be better organized to murder each other in the interest of capitalism.

The "bogy man," put out to induce the working mules to get into this butchering organization was the suggestion of a state encampment to cost about \$6,000. But capital can well afford to pay \$6,000 for the purpose of drilling the workers in the art of how to murder each other. J. L. Tucker, secretary of the stationary engineers of Helena, and recently appointed to a job in the capitol building figures prominently as one who will award the cheap prizes for target shooting.

New members are wanted. Now is your time to rush in, working mules. Go to the encampment free. Drill in the art of butchery and in the event some of your brother union men are out on strike you may have the chance to shoot them down.

**THAT BOULDER AMENDMENT.**

Some few weeks ago Boulder local sent certain amendments to the state secretary, one of which at least, the News desires to especially call the attention of the comrades. The vote will probably be taken on these amendments in the spring when they thaw out.

The amendment in question is the one that provides in a sense, what to do with the emoluments of office in the event we should elect men to office in the future. This is a very important proposition in our movement to be solved, and the Boulder amendment breathes the right spirit, but the question in the minds of many is, does it cover the question from a Socialist standpoint?

The first move in this state on this important question was from Lewistown local; however their resolution appeared to be defective and the Lewis & Clarke county convention attempted an improvement. En-

dorsements of the action were received from the comrades of different states, but none seemed clear as to just how to arrange the matter.

The Boulder amendment provides that half over \$100 per month shall go to the organization. Would not \$100 per month be satisfactory wages to any proletarian, were he holding an office, provided he were sincere in his devotion to the cause? But to add half of all over this first \$100 would mean a salary in many instances of several hundred dollars per month.

The News is of the opinion that this clause should be considered and adopted; but that every man so elected at the hands of the Socialists should be considered working for the organization, the same as the organizer in the field. Let the emoluments of the offices go to the party, and let the party pay the comrades a salary; that salary should be about the same for all the workers, and as to the exact amount, it can only be determined by the future developments and demands.

Suppose a comrade were elected governor who is a single man or only a wife, and another comrade with a family of eight children would be selected for janitor; under the present graft system the janitor with eight children to feed, clothe and school gets about \$90 per month, while the single man as governor would get \$750. It is easy to see that the janitor is the man who should receive the most in this case, and invariably this is the case, with few exceptions.

A district judge draws about \$300 per month in this state. Under the Boulder amendment he would get the first \$100, the half of the remaining \$200 which would make him a salary of \$200 per month. The governor would get \$425, while the janitor would be scabbing for \$90 per month. And this might all happen at a time when the movement can scarcely support a paper, and cannot pay their state secretary \$25 per month or keep an organizer in the field.

Let us give this question some deep study for a time, and when we adopt that amendment, frame it in such a manner that it will square from a Socialist standpoint.

**UP TO THE UNIONS.**

The other day the state board appointed as assistant janitor at the capitol John L. Tucker, to take the place formerly occupied by F. P. Smith. It has been reported at this office that Mr. Tucker is a member of the stationary engineers union and also of the state militia; he is secretary of the former labor organization and is reputed to have made the remark that he would quit the union before he would the militia.

For a similar position as the above John Baas was chosen to take the place of J. C. Bennett. Mr. Baas is a Philippine war vetran and his union, military reputation, it is said, is about on a par with Mr. Tucker. It is up to the unions, now, to see whether men of this kind should be union men or straight out and out militia thugs.

There is only one point worse for a union man to assume than to belong to the militia, and that is the right to scab at the ballot box.

These, with the appointment of Alderson the labor-hater at the head of the militia, are samples of men now getting office under the "labor idol," Gov. Toole, and the republican state board. You union men who scabbed on George O'Malley on the 8th day of last November ought to feel proud of yourselves.

W. Machin, former superintendent of the free rural mail delivery, is now in the penitentiary for stealing of the government in so course a manner as to get caught. He was in on the deal with the patentee of the letter box fastener. He gets two years, or 18-months on good behavior. He will be able to come out then and avoid any ruffles in this line of work. There are others in the postoffice department who ought to be looking through the bars and were justice part of the deal they would be there post haste.

Wm. Jennings Bryan with his crown of thorns and cross of gold fame, has made a swing of the cir-

cuit, being invited to address the Missouri republican legislature, calling on President Roosevelt, and talking the situation over with Parker. Now just keep your eyes open and you will see the capitalists launch the "most radical reform" party that you ever dreamed of. It will be a repetition of the Chicago convention swallowing the populist platform. They must do something to set Socialism back, and they will do all in their power except give to labor the full product of its toil.

The Helena Independent would make a person laugh only for its assinine editorial expressions. It says it is in receipt of many letters asking as to its policy. The truth is, it probably never received over two letters at the outside, if it received that many. But it shows, the paper it is, when it propounds the question showing that some people are in doubts as to its policy. However, there are many who are not in doubt; they consider it a boodling proposition from start to finish, laying in wait to blackmail another Clark for \$15,000. It is for labor and capital both; summer and winter at the same time; the devil and christianity; the poor and the rich but the fellow that writes the hog-wash editorials did not say whether he was for or against Socialism, but is probably on both sides. The letter it refers to by Charles Scurlock of Canyon Ferry on the union side of the question will be printed in the special edition of the News with Robert Randall's expose of John Mitchell. We expect to put out about 10,000 copies of that special issue which will make the Independent's 2,000 sink into insignificance. Further there will be no attempt at deriding and criticising the Scurlock article until our readers have seen the same in full. The Independent in ridiculing it and scoffing the "threat" that it be published is truly capitalistic, and a wage slave hirling on the editorial staff always lines in so smooth for his master. The new editor and non-citizen of the \$150,000 Clark boodle sheet should go back and take another course of Parry.

N. L. Bridgeman, former agent of the Belknap Indian reservation, will go to the penitentiary three years for his crooked work with the government in the lumber stealing business. Just stand for revolutionary Socialism, comrades, and capitalism will grant justice in every thing under the sun, except the full product of labor's toil to labor itself.

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A little episode occurred some time ago in Fergus county, that seems worthy of narration. It was during the Catholic mission held in Lewistown about a year ago. Father Mulconroy, a jesuit priest from St. Louis was in charge of the mission. He was rather a pleasant gentleman, scholarly and ready conversationalist, a good listener and prone to weigh. The parish priest of Lewistown invited Comrades Harvey and Lynch who were both residing there at the time, to make the jesuit priest a visit. Of course the priest had good intentions and knowing that Comrades Harvey and Lynch were brought up in the Catholic faith, he calculated that the meeting would result in a little regeneration. After being introduced to the jesuit priest, in the course of a few commonplace remarks the question resolved itself into an economic one. The father said he had just come to the coast and had viewed the different pyramids of industrial genius; the great transcontinental railroads, and having graduated in a school of capitalistic economics went on by saying that such men as Jim Hill, Morgan, Schawb and Rockefeller were men of exceptional brain and ability and were a God send to the country—without them we would be unfortunate—that they should be given the widest scope leeway, and as he went on he became enthusiastic and raising his hand and bringing it down upon Comrade Harvey's shoulder exclaimed in a fatherly way "I tell you, my son"—"Hold on there, Father," interrupted Comrade Harvey, "address me as comrade; I am a Socialist." It is needless to say the subject under discussion was momentarily changed.

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New York, Feb. 6, 1905.  
J. H. Walsh, Helena, Montana.  
Dear Comrade: I have been reading in the News your plan for touring the state using stereopticon views to illustrate your lectures. I believe the plan a good one and hope you will be able to carry it through. It should be especially good in the farming districts where entertainments are not so plentiful as in town. Can I do any thing to help you in the way of getting views here in the city? I don't know how these views are made or what they cost, but any

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thing I can do to help, am willing to do, to help the good work along. The comrades all over the country seem to be recovering themselves from the strain of the campaign and with the opening of spring I hope that we will see the work go ahead with renewed activity. It is a question whether it is good policy to go at a pace during the campaign of the old parties that exhausts the comrades and causes a relaxation after the election is over that invariably gives us a set back. It is a great deal easier to keep a local up to the dues paying mark than it is to get it in line again after it once lapses. Of course people are more ready to listen to speakers about election time but our steady campaigning among the people when they are not swayed by sentiment or passion is the way to make the right kind of Socialists, the ones who will stay.

I learn that some of our Montana towns have been taking a few lessons in smallpox economics. Disease brought in they say with masquerade costumes. You know that Jacob A. Riis, in his book, "How the Other Half Lives," tells us that in the sweat shops here in New York he has, and others have found children in the last stages of some contagious disease lying on a pile of clothing that "the next day would be placed upon the counter of a Broadway store with the purchasers death warrant, unknown and unsuspected, basted in the lining." So these people in the far off towns of Montana are, through suffering, brought to realize that their welfare is inextricably bound up in the welfare of the mother and child, who tonight, sit in the stifling atmosphere of the sweat shop in New York or Chicago. We may shut our eyes to the suffering of the world, we may build our houses on Fifth avenue or Euclid avenue or Murray hill and try to separate ourselves from our fellow men, but if we will not go to them they will come to us and sooner or later we will be forced to realize that humanity is one and that there is no true freedom for any of us until we are all free. There is no salvation for any of us except through the salvation of the whole human race, and through sorrow and suffering we will at last learn that our own safety depends on our each being our brother's keeper.

Fraternally Yours,  
J. F. MABIE.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 9, 1905.  
The comrades here in Spokane are an energetic lot of propagandists. Last night appeared one of their periodical socials. The program was made up of and executed by the

Socialist comrades and was a credit to the movement, and equalled, if not excelled any talent of a like nature anywhere in the city. There were eight different numbers, comprising solos and elocutions, and participated in by the lady comrades. The Central hall is rented permanently for speaking twice a week. The expenses are met by charging the male attendants an admission of 25 cents. The comrades have adopted the German plan of getting after the women and children, which seems to be the best kind of propaganda. This element is especially invited, and at last night's meeting there was seated in the front row about 60 children, the same number of women immediately behind and the men in the rear. Comrade Lund, one of the most active Socialists in the city addressed the children. Comrade Lund, who is 67 years of age and fairly supplied with a share of this world's goods, and who devotes a considerable amount of his time and money to the cause (besides other charitable work) is of fatherly and clerical appearance, and certainly it was inspiring to hear his admonitions to the youths who are to make our future citizenship. The writer scratched a few extracts which run along as follows:

"Now, my dear little Socialist comrades, your fathers and mothers are poor; they have been working hard all their lives, producing all the wealth and contributing the greater portion of it to a class who live in idleness and luxury, and who do not produce a dollar's worth of wealth, but lie awake nights scheming to confiscate the wealth that is produced by your fathers, mothers and sisters, who slave long hours in arduous toil. You are not given an opportunity to secure the advantages of a proper schooling, and qualify yourself for future life, and when you grow up to be young men and women you will find yourselves incapable, and you are met by the capitalist class who owns the means of your life, with the cruel affront that you have no ability and that the Socialists wish to disregard ability. Thus you see that the capitalist deprives you of the right and privileges of going to school by employing you because your labor power is more conducive to profit than that of your father and mother and then in after life you are made to suffer on account of conditions over which you nor your parents have no control. Now my little comrades if you read the statistics you would find that there is little hope for a poor man to acquire any amount of money or share equally in the advantages enjoyed by the few who own the means

whereby you must live. This is on account of the industries being held and controlled by capitalists of large means which makes it impossible for one possessing little money to compete with the greater amount of capital. The statistics show that only three out of every hundred ever acquire wealth and this ratio is becoming smaller as the industries and means of possessing wealth concentrate. Now my dear children comrades I want you to study these conditions and the Socialist question and to be able to vote such a system out of existence. I want you to say to me when you meet me and your little playmates on the street: 'Good morning, comrade!' and when you are writing to your relations and friends address them as 'Dear Comrade.' Then the people will enquire into and study Socialism."

A prize of \$35 is donated to be divided into three parts by the comrades to be awarded to the high school pupils who produce the best essay on Socialism. The university faculty and students in this state are generally Socialists. Lately Gov. Mead, a reactionary capitalistic tool gave out an edict that any professor who was too loud in his Socialism would be expelled.

We socialists here were discussing the advisability and advantages of the national headquarters getting out special literature for the children, something on the "Pelican and Fish" plan.

H. LYNCH.

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Red walking suits are as popular as the many tones of brown and green.

Quite smart is a walking gown of red corduroy, a rich, deep shade almost a plum. The dress is simply made with a plain circular skirt and Norfolk jacket.

Spangled ball dresses of scarlet tulle are very effective and becoming. There is a certain brilliancy about a frock of this color found in no other tone when worn by the right person.

In reception gowns old rose and red are colors often employed to carry out charming creations.

Cashmere of a new and glorified weave is high in fashionable favor.



TOMATO RED CLOTH DRESS.

Skirts of this fabric worn with Louis jackets of velvet, trimmed with ruffles and jabots of lace, are very fetching.

The illustration shows a gown of tomato red cloth. The full skirt is trimmed at the bottom with bands and straps of stitched cloth. About the bolero jacket is an edging of white cloth embroidered in black. Chemisette and sleeve puffs are of white chiffon.

**FOR THE BABY.**

The modern baby's layette is a thing of extravagance and beauty. Besides the dainty dresses, coats, caps and underwear, it must contain all sorts of attractive accessories.

A set of rosettes, butterfly bows and smart little ribbons must be provided for toilet basket, crib and baby carriage.

Sets of this kind made up in handsome satin ribbon are among the many presents given the new baby.

"Good luck" toilet sets of white celluloid decorated with a four leaf clover in light green enamel are new and pretty.

Measuring sticks painted with baby figures and lettered in colors "How tall will baby grow?" are to be found in the shops.

The latest fad in baby modes is to have the outside of the infant's carriage and the lining match exactly.



BLUE NUN'S VEILING WAIST.

For instance, a pink enameled "cart" is fitted up with cushions of pale pink silk or satin.

A very good substitute for the expensive fur carriage rug that has a pocket in which to slip the baby is a flannel bag made large enough to accommodate the small specimen of humanity. The bag draws up with a stout string, which is fastened just under the infant's arms.

Sets of daintily embroidered pillows, large ones for the crib and carriage and smaller ones for tucking in odd places,

are indispensable articles in the layette.

The waist illustrated is of nun's veiling. The fronts, which have a surplised effect, are shirred on the shoulders, draped about the figure and fastened with two black velvet bows. The velvet is also used to outline the chemisette of lace. The sleeves are puffed over lace cuffs.

**MILLINERY HINTS.**

There is a new and pretty turban toque very broad and round in shape. The outside brim is very tall, being built up with layers of white malines. The same material is puffed and ruck-



HAT OF WHITE GUIPURE.

ed at the top. Crowns are of chiffon, velvet or tiny roses. Only a tall woman should wear a hat of this type, as it has a tendency to diminish the height of a small person.

Jet is reappearing as a trimming for evening hats.

Dainty silks with white grounds covered with tiny bouquets or a single flower, such as a lovely moss rose bud, are very attractive for afternoon tea frocks.

The flowers on these silk patterns are to be found in the natural shades of the flower in the design or in pale pastel shadings.

There is a new shade of blue worn in the evening called "twilight." This shade is particularly effective in gauze and velvet fabrics.

The Parisian model hat seen in the cut is of rich white guipure lace. The brim is softened with a rouleau of twisted tulle. A full trimming of soft bronze ribbon encircles the crown and forms the stylish rosette.

**SPRING STYLES.**

A very English looking suit is made of the new blue serge which more nearly resembles cashmere than any material answering to the old name of serge. The new blue is a happy mingling of navy, Russian and cadet blue tints. A gown of this blue serge is stunning with a bright shade of red used for vest, deep cuffs and skirt strappings.

Smart tailored frocks have lost much of their air of severity. Some of the newest models are almost fussily trimmed.

Plum bloom is an effective color for a spring costume. This lovely shade



GOWN OF FAWN CLOTH.

is not as bright as cardinal, but has the rich, deep tones of purple with high lights of red.

A gown of plum bloom cloth is smart made with a plaited skirt stitched very tight around the hips and flaring at the feet. About the hem are swirls of silk braid. The Eton jacket is ornamented with motifs of braid and has a tiny vest of ivory silk held in place with buttons of amethyst and silver.

The up to date girl is wearing a long military coat made on the lines of the army coats of 1861.

Mingled with the feather bon and muff are to be seen in some instances ruchings of chiffon flowers and velvet. Satin flowers show up prettily against the feathers. The favorite flowers employed are forgetmenots, lilies of the valley and gardenias.

The gown shown in the picture is of light fawn broadcloth. The skirt, prettily disposed in stitched sections, is trimmed with buttons. The bolero jacket has small flat revers and tiny cuffs of green cloth.

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Nevada	925	7.633
Washington	9,975	6.952
Idaho	4,949	6.818
Illinois	69,225	6.445
Wisconsin	28,220	6.373
Florida	2,337	5.945
Utah	5,767	5.674
Kansas	15,494	4.773
Minnesota	11,692	4.005
Ohio	36,260	3.619
Wyoming	1,077	3.507
Nebraska	7,412	3.298
South Dakota	3,138	3.093
Iowa	14,847	3.056
Massachusetts	13,501	3.025
North Dakota	2,017	2.874
Connecticut	4,543	2.384
New Jersey	9,587	2.232
New York	36,883	2.23
Maine	2,106	2.182
Missouri	13,008	2.027
Louisiana	995	1.836
Indiana	12,013	1.762
Michigan	8,941	1.721
Pennsylvania	21,863	1.604
Arkansas	1,814	1.558
Vermont	859	1.478
Rhode Island	956	1.402
Colorado	4,304	1.357
New Hampshire	1,090	1.211
Maryland	2,247	1.001
Texas	2,287	.985
Kentucky	3,602	.825
Alabama	853	.783
Mississippi	392	.672
West Virginia	1,574	.654
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I. We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose 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 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.

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.

II.

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 workers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the most exploited and oppressed workers in the most remote places of the earth inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world

to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal condition. Industry and finance are no longer national, but international in both organization and results. The chief significance of national boundaries, and of so-called patriotisms which the ruling class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these give to capitalism to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markets 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.

III.

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 of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever 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 article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically everything is made or done by many men—sometimes separated by 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 moral 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 its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the work of the world, or even to preserve itself. The captains of industry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capitalist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power

of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Socialist movement. The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of 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.

V.

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 government, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, 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, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, 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 entrusted to us by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to all the workers of America, and to all who will lend their lives to the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies unto the workers' cause to cast their lot and faith with the Socialist party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers is at once an appeal for their common good and freedom, and for the freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourselves, and those we represent, to be faithful to the appeal which we make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic freedom from which will spring the freedom of the whole man.