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## ORGANIZATION.

Organization marks the development of the evolutionary process to higher stages of efficiency. As the phenomenon of life rises in the scale of manifestation it becomes more complex. In the biographical world nature advances from the unicellular structure to the multicellular. A division of labor immediately takes place among the cells, certain cells assuming certain lines of work as the nutritive functions, the reproductive functions, the motor functions. These aggregations of cells devoted to a special function, through increasing specialization to purpose, become differentiated as organs, and the structure carrying on its life processes through organs is called an organism. The more complex the organism, the greater co-operation between the parts devoted to special purposes, the higher the product in the scale of development.

Life advances all along the line from the simple to the complex. Only the idiot, the inferior product desires the simple life. The proletariat aspires to the conquest of the complex life, and its infinite possibilities; and it was worthy of Roosevelt, the representative of the capitalist regime, that he should lift into the public light Charles Wagner, with his quieting appeal to the fiercely restless masses that they should be satisfied with a simple existence. If the masses would just be thus quiescent in the simple life, leaving the complex life to the capitalist class, the fears of that class would be materially lessened.

It was Herbert Spencer who elaborated the famous parallelism between society and an organism. Not to reproduce the details of the comparison it is sufficient to say that as society advances to higher stages, it is marked by a greater division of labor and greater co-operation among its units.

It is the glory and the reason in economic history for the persistence of the capitalist class that they have taught the world organization. The dominant characteristic of their fitness to survive preceding social forms is efficiency, the adaptation of means to an end. Superior organization means the perfection of co-operation among all the factors requisite to produce a certain result. Through this triumph of achievement the capitalist class has justified itself as the social master. The embryo of its being was the machine and its supreme attainment has been the application of machine methods to the process of production, and the appropriation of the product.

The working class has learned the process of production; it has yet to learn the process of appropriating the product. Such is the objective point of the socialist movement.

The success of the socialist effort must depend ultimately upon its efficiency. It is almost superfluous to say that efficiency will be measured by its degree of organization. The outcome and conclusion of this exposition of the anatomy of organization is this:

The organization is the material

substance of the socialist effort, and its motive force.

This must be first in every consideration if the hopes that are based upon the prevailing of socialism are ever to be realized. All other activities should be but organs in this great organism. In simpler words—the socialist organization does not exist for the sake of the socialist speaker, or paper, or book, or publishing company, or secretary, or brilliant individual, but all these exist for the socialist organization. If all effort is directed through the organization it will concentrate with tremendous force, the force of aggregated power, upon the desired point of attainment. If it is expended in the opposite way, that is upon each little functioning separately, the condensed power of application is lost.

All this is the greatest argument for a party-owned press. It is also an argument that the press and every other form of socialist activity should be assisted through the organization. In this way an invincible machine is erected against all enemies within and without.

For some time there has been a rumor that the great champion of the dear people, F. Augustus Heinze had made a deal with the Amalgamated; but this has been in a manner denied by the Heinze organs. Now the evidence is complete. We have always said the trade would be made when the price could be agreed upon. It has been agreed upon and the deal made. A few days ago the friends of the Amalgamated in Butte were advised that there would be a great advance in United Copper, (Heinze's company,) and at the same time it was said "Amalgamated" would go to par. On Saturday last, United Coppers sold above \$5, having advanced from 15. And thus Heinze is permitted to take his price, not by the sale of his mines, or the production of copper, but by fleecing the lambs by the sale of a worthless stock. How long will the people follow such leaders? Not that this sort of "fleecing" makes any difference to the workers. They are fleeced in the workshop. But it does make a difference whether they are going to follow political bosses of this stripe, or any stripe, or not.

One of the most amusing farces that has been enacted for many days was the recent rate convention that met in Helena. About the only persons present who did not come on free transportation were the delegates from Helena, and if the convention had been held elsewhere many of them would have been "on the list."

The only resolution that presented any remedy at all was voted down. The showing of rates read was a farce, and there were many present who said they always got rates when they asked the railroads for them—just another scheme to fool the people.

Education and organization the present need of the party.

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## OLD PARTY MACHINES AND HOW THEY OPERATE

BY ONE WHO HELPED TO OPERATE

(Continued from last week)

Boss Burns himself was one of the most corrupt machine-men to be found anywhere. At one time he was state treasurer, and while in office was able to divert upwards of two millions of the state's funds into his private coffers. There was no difficulty in proving the charges of embezzlement against him. He was tried and found guilty, but through various appeals from one court to another, the thief of the public treasury was able to remain at large. He had the machine behind him. His deputy was made a scapegoat and the public was satisfied. Boss Burns was the tool of the Southern Pacific railroad, and no man in California history ever served it more faithfully. With his aid, and that of his machine, Mr. Huntington, president of the S. P., was able to exclaim: "I have the legislature of California in one pocket and the supreme court in the other." This is the man then who led the reform forces in Golden City, under the banner of the citizen's ticket.

The train arrived at last, and from it stepped Spinney and Miss Rose. As per arrangement I was on hand to meet them. Spinney was somewhat bewildered, but Rose was all smiles and affection. After supper Rose went to her hotel and Spinney and I went to the office of the St. George, one of his own blocks. At first Spinney did not like the proposition of getting in line with the "Reform machine." For a lifetime he had been the beneficiary and the defender of the tenderloin element, and to be a traitor at such an hour as this was "against his grain." "How am I to benefit by it?" was quite a natural question on his part. As far as I was concerned the scheme was easy. The machine invented it. There could be no doubt about it. The word of the machine was as potent as "the divine right of kings." "Mr. Spinney," said I, "you have seven large blocks in Spanishtown, right in the most accessible part of the badlands. You are not the owner of any of the 'cribs' as you were and are in Central City. Your blocks are valued at \$100,000, and you rent your rooms at \$1 per week. If the 'cribs' are closed, and the Barbary coast dance halls are abolished, the 'girls' will have to locate somewhere, and as there is no business for them elsewhere except in the foreign quarters, they will naturally fill the 'blocks.' These poor unfortunates can always be exploited by the real estate Shylock. Your blocks are the most desirable, and consequently can be rented at a high figure. Instead of getting a dollar a week in room rent from the transients, you can easily get \$3 per week per room from the Magdalenes of Golden City. You can put Rose in charge, and she can be the censor. Nobody but the best looking can be admitted, and under such conditions your property will be worth half a million and your power will be greater than you ever dreamed of."

The argument was invincible. Spinney donated \$10,000 to Boss Burn's campaign funds. It was a victory for me. The ward boss said so—although the machine made the argument.

Spinney gave his instructions to his agent and to his daughter, and after a few days went back home. Two or three days afterwards Rose sent for me, and after a few questions made me clerk of the St. George and, in fact, her advisor in outlining the political assistance needed in finding "political clerks" for the other "blocks."

There were 300 rooms in the St. George and about 1,000 rooms in the other six blocks, and in a political pinch 2,000 victims could be easily accommodated. Thirty days before election day every available space in the Spinney blocks was filled. The "roomers" were all voters. In fact, anybody who was given "free room, free whiskey and free cigarettes" in the Spinney "hotels" was a voter. There was no Australian ballot system, and we went to the man who failed to cast his ballot for Boss Burns and his Reform Citizen's ticket.

Kentuckian by birth. He loved good whiskey, fast horses, and fair women. He was at one time a lawyer by profession but his crookedness caused the courts to disbar him. He had the reputation of being one of the smoothest of liars and the most two-faced of men. Hank Grady used to boast that he could vote "anything with a human face on", and he came mighty near keeping his word. He was an old-time ward-boss of the Buckley machine. Every criminal in his district consulted him, and invariably he gave them "pointers" on how to steer clear of the law. He generally lived with two or three women of bad repute. Notwithstanding his character, Hank Grady was exceedingly popular. He was a perfect gentleman in his manners—a combination of Janus and Chesterfield rolled into one.

Rose Spinney was a perfect specimen of womanhood. In a very short time she became the idol of the "bad lands." Even Grady worshipped at her shrine. One day he wandered into the office of the St. George and inquired if my name was Max. I answered in the affirmative. He threw down a twenty-dollar gold piece and asked me to introduce him to the proprietor. "The proprietor is not here, but his daughter is, and she is running things", I said. "So much the better", said Hank.

I had heard of Grady but was not much acquainted with him. I saw at once that he was keen and a criminal at heart. He had played Lathario so long that there was no difficulty in reading his mission.

The "swellest" of the Spinney hotels was the Castellano. Rose was in full charge there and a phone to the office brought her to the St. George. Hank Grady, the ward-boss of Barbary, was introduced to the beautiful Senorita Rosella Spinney, the Jezebel of Spanishtown. Little did Grady dream that the dark-eyed queen of the "foreign quarters" would some day send him into oblivion behind a prison's bars. "Miss Rose", said Hank, "let us join forces. I will vote my gang in your interests and you will vote your gang in my interest."

Rose was not sure. Grady was too "fresh," she thought. Her father contributed \$10,000 to Boss Burns, and Boss Burns should determine.

Next day the situation was unfolded to Burns. His advice was plain—there must be no union of any kind with the Barbary Coast people, the great public (?) demanded their abolition. Fight Grady, not in the open, but by intrigue. Get the "roomers" at the Pioneer to come to the St. George. The boys at Forty-Nine will be dealt with later.

For weeks it was a battle royal between the ward heeled of Spanishtown and the ward heeled of Barbary for supremacy. I waited upon every boat, every train and every stage. Whenever a pilgrim landed I told him of the St. George, the Castellano, the Alhambra, the Madri, etc. "We'll give forty days free room rent and a drink of whiskey every morning and all the tobacco you can smoke, just as an advertisement to introduce our line of hotels to the notice of the public", said I to each of them. "After that we will give you the finest layout in the world for \$4 per month. No questions will be asked and no police will investigate". In less than ten days 2,000 voters were domiciled in the Spinney blocks. It was expensive. Spinney got \$500 a week for the use of the houses and the reform campaign committee paid for the whiskey and the cigarettes. Oh, Reform! How many sins are committed in thy name!

"Free room rent and free whiskey", was our slogan of battle. It was certainly effective. In our Spanishtown "hotels" we had a specimen of every color, creed, and race. There is nothing in the wide, wide world so cosmopolitan as an army of "floaters". They are the "life guards" of the capitalist machine. Without them the machine could never rule. Without them thousands of grafters and ward heeled would either starve or work in some honorable capacity.

For thirty days a fierce battle was waged between the political owls of Spanishtown and those of Barbary. "Bottle Keno" and Hank Grady threw the floodgates of the "barrel" wide open. Our "gang" was not idle. It was an even standoff for a couple of weeks. At the supreme hour we played our winning card. That card was the "queen of hearts"—Rose Spinney. She sent for Grady, and Grady came. He had a weakness for fair women, and our Amazon Queen was a modern Venus. For such as she, men like Grady would desert home and country the same as Mark Antony did when he deserted Rome for Cleopatra. If "Keno" and Boss Buckley had only known—but they didn't. The Pioneer was full of foreigners, and the Forty-Nine was tented by the most criminal element of the Celtic race. "Keno" was a compound of Teutonic character and every one of his vagrant band was



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## National News

Alexander F. Irvine, Box 45, New Haven, Conn., has been elected state secretary pro tem, of Connecticut.

Resolutions were passed by Local Allegheny Co., Pa., requesting the International Socialist Bureau to make January 22, the Bloody Sunday of Russia, an international holiday.

The result of the municipal election in Brockton, Mass., was as follows: For mayor, Bradford, Rep., 3812; Clifford, Soc., 3551; Coulter, Ind., 666; Speare, Dem., 476. The socialists lost one alderman, leaving them one on a board composed of seven. The socialists gained two councilmen, making five in a total of 21.

Certain suggestions by William Mailly, member of the National Executive Committee, relating to a more extended program for the gathering of funds for the Russian comrades, involving lecture tours for Comrades Debs, Hanford, Lewis Simons and Titus, and that public meetings be held by every Local on Sunday, January 21, 1906, in commemoration of the Bloody Sunday in St. Petersburg, January 22, 1905, has been submitted to the National Executive Committee.

Comrades of America:—Our Russian comrades are engaged in one of the greatest revolutions in the history of mankind. It would be a gross neglect of duty on our part, if we were not to remember our Russian comrades during the coming Christmas holidays. We, the undersigned members of the Socialist Party, National Committee from the state of Missouri, hereby recommend and appeal to all the socialist locals and ward clubs, throughout the country to immediately make a donation for the Russian revolution fund and forward the money to our National Secretary J. Mahlon Barnes who will send the amounts thus collected to the representative of the Russian Socialist Party, Comrade Ingerman of New York.

No Local should fail to do its duty and donate as much as possible for this noble purpose.

Submitted by,

G. A. HOEHN,

E. T. BEHRENS,

Members National Committee from Missouri.

Adopted by the National Executive Committee, December 8, 1905.

The Social-Democrats have scored a notable victory in the Wisconsin legislature. The amendment introduced by a Social-Democratic assemblyman, limiting the hours of labor on the new capital building to eight hours has passed the assembly.

The capitalist press confessed "that this amendment as offered by the Social-Democrats is admitted on all sides to have been a carefully drawn measure." The committee to which this eight hour measure was referred, in its majority report, claimed that the amendment could not be considered under the special session call of the legislature, and that it was "inexpedient." Nevertheless the assembly rejected this majority report and passed the eight-hour amendment by a vote of 64 to 24. Now it is safe to say, that out of these 64 "friends of labor," barring the four Social-Democrats, not one would have dreamed of introducing an eight-hour amendment, or any bill directly benefitting the working class. But once introduced, they dared not vote against the amendment for fear of losing the workingmen's votes. And right here is a most significant pointer, showing what socialists may do in our legislative bodies. Here is an instance of the way in which they might force favorable labor legislation from the most unwilling capitalist politicians.

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## STATE NEWS

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Comrade Coehn shoves up a lot of job work from Livingston. These orders keep the News force humming.

Lewistown Local is planning a ball next month to raise money, so that the comrades will have it on hand to put where it will do the most good. This Local sends in \$4 for dues, state organizing fund, and literature.

Secretaries of Locals, or others, should not neglect to send in accounts of their meetings, or other events of interest to socialists, to the News. It is the province of the paper to represent the socialist activity in the state, and it cannot do so without the data.

Comrade Graham returned to Helena last week on account of the rush of work in connection with the special edition. He has gone to Butte this week to look after the interests of the News, and attend to other party matters that demand his attention. There are many urgent calls for his presence in various parts of the state, and the work of the state should be in such condition that the secretary could visit the Locals.

Lewistown is the first Montana Local that sends to the support of our struggling comrades in Russia, in the present crisis. But Montana has not been indifferent to the Titanic efforts of the Russian oppressed. About a year ago the Finn Local of Butte contributed upwards of \$100 to the Russian fund. Local No. 1 of Butte contributed \$20, and Anaconda contributed a large sum. There is no cause that more merits the support of the revolutionary movement in America.

Comrade Cragg of Fergus county sends in the following encouraging words:

"I just met Comrade E. W. Moody of Fullerton, Fergus county and he says that they are ready to organize down there—all ranchers. We cannot overlook it. I received a letter from J. M. Rector of Monarch. He says that they are ready to get in an organization at Kibbey—all ranchers. Let the good work go on. If we can arrange to get that Local in at Fullerton it will help us out like everything next election. I am getting all the subs I can. The boys will probably rustle a little more from now on."

The state work has increased so much in volume, including the extra work entailed through the party ownership of the paper, that it has become absolutely impossible for one person to attend to it all. There is the greatest demand for some one to attend to the clerical work, type-writing, book-keeping, etc., and doing the outside work in connection with advertising, bills, and similar matters. In this way the time of the state secretary could be given to the work of organization so important at this time, visiting locals, arranging lecture courses, and routes for speakers, and giving sufficient time to the very necessary correspondence. And the editor would have time to devote to the proper work of a socialist paper, and that study and analysis of developing conditions that is so essential to the illumination of the path of the working class.

The International Association of Machinists sends out an appeal on behalf of the machinists of the Grand Trunk Railway system, who are now on strike. At Port Huron and Stratford they have been out ever since April 8, at Montreal, Toronto, St. Thomas, and London, ever since May 8. Their trouble with the company arose through asking for a consideration of grievances. The reply was a lock-out at Port Huron and Stratford. The company refused to confer with the committee and the strike is still on.

## LABOR NEWS

The Coal Dealers' association passed resolutions in favor of keeping Chief Kiely at the head of the police department. Of course, this action was taken in recognition of the services rendered by Kiely during the coal teamsters' strike. Will the Jefferson Club teamsters remember the brutal work of the St. Louis police department?

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 9.—On petition of the Western Kentucky Coal Co., operating in Union and Webster counties, Judge Evans, in the federal court yesterday afternoon, granted a temporary order against 19 leaders of the united miners now on strike and restraining them from interfering in any way with the operators of the mines. When will the workingmen elect their own socialist judges?

The employers of printers in Chicago and New York have issued an ultimatum to the demands of the typographical union, which declares for the open shop, and against the eight-hour day. All printers are invited to work in the open shops. The employers say that they are prepared to install competent non-union printers in all their shops, largely recruited from graduates of schools for machine operators. Magazine publishers have completed their magazines for two or three months ahead in anticipation of the printers strike planned to begin January 1.

The long-drawn-out legal battle between the Canada Foundry company, of Toronto, and the Molders' Union has ended at last in favor of the strikers. After being over two years in the courts and being defeated at every point, the company has served notice that it drops the action, and, as a result, will have to pay the costs. The case could have been settled months ago, as the company offered to pay a large sum to the strikers if they were allowed to drop the case, but the men refused to take less than their full costs, as they felt they had all along been in the right, and they have been justified by the results.—Labor.

Speakers and organizers will be active in Montana during January.

### CLUB LECTURES.

The following are the remaining December dates for the Sunday evening lecturers at the Workers' club: December 24, Alex Fairgrievies, President State Federation of Labor, and J. H. Calderhead.

December 31, Hon. E. D. Weed. The first Sunday evening in January, Mrs. Hazlett will speak on "Woman and Economics" using the title of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's book.

Dr. L. E. Holmes will occupy one Sunday evening in January. His subject will be "Some of the Energies of Matter."

The meetings are thrown open for discussion after the address. The public is invited.

How many socialist papers are being distributed in your ward each week?

### THANKS HIS FRIENDS

Comrade Rees Davis desires to thank the many friends who, by their sympathy and kindness, and testimonies of regard, in his recent bereavement and sorrow, through the loss of his beloved wife, have been of the greatest assistance and consolation to him. He wishes to convey his appreciation of their kind offices, and the comfort of friendship in the hour of need. Sorrow and the rending of the ties of affection await us all; and in that sad hour the considerate expressions of regret and esteem from comrades and associates is a source of grateful memory beyond the power of words.

The eight-hour law is not being violated by the cities that have a socialist alderman.

## Women's Clubs

### Parliamentary Drill

To a woman who has had no experience in the customs of a public meeting the order of business seems a strange maze that she can never be familiar with. She feels that whatever she does she is sure to do wrong, and has an undefined idea that men, with their innate superlative wisdom, alone can master the difficulties of public meetings. These difficulties, however, are like most others in life; they appear to be greater at a distance than when actually approached.

Rules regarding meetings are established only for the purpose of facilitating the business, and giving each participant a fair show to have her wishes carried out. Rules exist to help out the will of the members of the meeting. The members do not go to a meeting for the purpose of learning rules. And indeed I have sometimes thought that the informal meeting accomplished the best results.

In the informal meeting no attempt is made to follow any set rules. When it is evident that the most are present that are expected some one suggests that they proceed to business. The secretary then reads her report, or states the business on hand, and the various matters are discussed as in an ordinary conversation, each one giving her views and the line of action being decided upon according to the consensus of opinion. The ordinary standards of politeness and consideration for others are observed, and that is all.

These informal meetings, however, fill the purpose only when there is not much liability of there being any great difference of opinion. Should this occur there is no form to protect the weaker and more diffident members from the domination of the more forward. In other words, in a pure democracy, where no one wishes to encroach upon another the informal meeting serves every purpose. But when differences of policy are liable to arise the formal meeting is necessary in order to protect all participants, and preserve democracy.

A letter from Comrade Wesleder secretary of the Socialist Woman's Club at Great Falls, says: "Our club met last Wednesday, and we had a full house, and the meeting was interesting and entertaining also. I was to get 'Roberts' Rules of Order,' but cannot buy it here, so if you will kindly get it for us and mail it so we can get it by next meeting, we will pay for it. We meet next time at Mrs. J. M. Patterson's."

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### Circulation Department

The News will cut a figure in the municipal elections.

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Start the spring campaign by increasing the circulation of the News in your ward.

Comrade Wilson of Hamilton sends in for five of the subscription cards on the special offer of the bunch for \$2.50.

Comrade Palsgrove sends in another list from Great Falls. He says he has'nt commenced to rustle yet.

Locals in the cities should prepare for the spring municipal elections by getting subscribers for the News.

Comrade McMillan of Maiden writes: "We will have some more subs to be sent in Monday. I will send you \$25 for the paper in ten days. Our Local is improving all the time. I think, Comrade Graham, if you could make a trip through Fergus County yourself it would help the cause, and I think it would financially as well. Besides I think you could get a good many subs for the paper. Every one is ready for another speaker. I think if another speaker would come through this county the platforms of the old twin parties would break down on account of lack of supporters the honest workers. The honest workers are getting a kind of fever and ague. The fever effects them while listening to doctrines of socialism expounded. And the ague takes them when the thought that they were always good republicans or democrats enters the vacant thinking room in the garret."

Six subscriptions sent in this week by Comrade McDonald of Fergus county. The following letter accompanied them:

Local Lewistown held a meeting Saturday evening the 9th, at Comrade Art Harvey's bachelor apartments, and initiated two new mem-

bers, one proposed by Comrade Schnick, and one by Comrade Harvey. Comrade Harvey handed in his subscription to the News with one other, and Comrades Schnick and Cragg also followed suite. It was agreed that the Local should endeavor to send in something to the News each week, either subscriptions or other help.

It was moved by Comrade McDonald, and carried unanimously that at the next meeting the Local should take up a collection to be forwarded to our Russian comrades who are making such a noble and heroic fight for the enfranchisement of themselves and their fellow man. And it was also decided that if every comrade would do a little work every week there would be no question about the success of the News.

A Colorado comrade writes as follows: "Can soon send you a club of five or more names."

I was arguing with a clever old gentleman the other day. In the argument I took pains to convey the idea that Teddy did not suit me. He is a man with a murderous disposition. He likes to kill things—a relic of a barbarous age. He finally asked me if there was anything about Teddy of which I approved. I answered, "Yes, he is loyal to his class, and we ought to be loyal to ours."

The Thanksgiving Proclamation of Local Spokane was first-class. I wish the whole United States could have been billed with that. If I knew their secretary I would write them, and encourage them to have their proclamation writer commence in time next year so that a poster of it could be gotten out, and posted up generally over the nation.

We should come out strong on the socialist's ability to stop war, as they did this year in the Morocco trouble.

I pinned the proclamation to a poster in the Amity postoffice, calling for recruits to the army and navy to murder people. I found it on the floor in a couple of days. I presume some of our followers of the Prince of Peace did not like the looks of it.

Fraternally,  
C. S. Stimsom.

(Amity is the seat of the Colorado Salvation Army Colony.—Ed)

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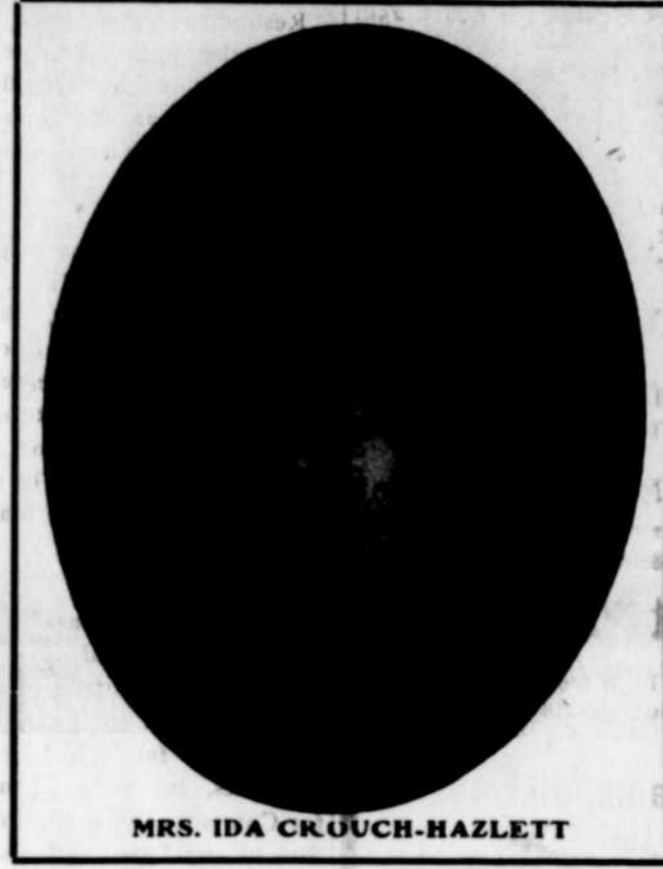
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upon the Osborne Company, demanding instant payment. It was the old story of wolf and sheep, and the Osbornes were gobbled up."

Now wouldn't it be a terrible thing if the American people should descend on the harvester trust and gobble it up.

#### Invades World.

But listen: "The harvester trust, hatched to bleed the farmer for forty million dollars of profit every year—with its railroads and its steamboats and its ropewalks in Manila, has invaded Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and South America with its products. There it is selling them at a wholesale per cent below what is demanded of the American agriculturalist with his one-fall, two-fall, three-fall and four-fall notes at six to ten per cent." And yet Mr. Lewis tells us that, "From this alien trade alone, the harvester trust cleans up a rotund yearly treasure of twenty-one million dollars."

Mr. Farmer, how do you like it? You have tried the Grange, you have tried the Farmers' Alliance, you have tried Populism—and still the game goes on. You are less than forty per cent of the vote now and steadily shrinking. Hadn't you better join hands with that boy of yours that has been forced to the city and work together against the common enemy? Perhaps if you investigate a little you will find that the interests of the farmer and the

city worker are somehow bound up together. Any relief that comes to either must come through a political party and neither can succeed alone. Do you know what the Socialist party stands for? Better find out. Then think a few things and let us know what you think.

In the October and November numbers of Tom Watson's Magazine, T. A. Hickey, an active socialist worker in Montana for many years, has an article on the "Montana Copper War." The article simply shows the whole state of Montana, mines, railroads banks, legislatures, and courts as the football for the avaricious and licentious greed of Heinze and Rockefeller. It is time that the working class, get a little intelligence and backbone in them, and stop such disgusting horse play.

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