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STEVENSVILLE FRANCHISE

passed any town council in Montana is our contention on this point. amazing. It is an insult to the intelligence of the people of Stevensville, that they are called upon to vote upon it. An Editor Prostitute.

turned hurriedly to the editorial page vice: to read the just and scathing denounciations of an indignant pubile organ. What was our astonishment to find this supposed advocate of public rights, this pretended denouncer of trusts, actually terance in favor of this proposed water trust to this brazen untruth.

"A few are inclined to think that the matter might be deferred a few years railroad the matter through before the in the hope that the city would by that people are given a chance to examine time be in a position to operate its the proposition. We have never yet own system. That would be very desir- heard of such haste. In less than three able, but the great need, at the present weeks' time from the appearance of the time, is the water system, and the town ordinance people are supposed to be is not prepared to build it. Further- ready to vote upon it. Although Cook by virtue of a certain decree made and more, if at any time the town finds it- is given six months to get ready to entered in the Fourth Judicial Court of gating purposes. He is asking you to in a public fountain to be used six the water works we will have to pay self financially able to take over the begin work and fifteen more months to the state of Montana." system and plant, it may do so under get the water on Main street, there is the general laws of the state, at an ap- such haste to get the measure through ly mislead the voters. It reads: praised valuation, and the owners of the that the people are given only three franchise will not be able to prevent weeks to prepare to vote on it.

Looks Suspiciously Intentional.

The latter part of that statement must be an intentional falsehood since ever saw before condensed in so small there is no possible chance for any man a document. Some of them are, with enough intelligence to edit a paper to be so mistaken. Is there any one so monopoly. foolish as to belive that the public can make a contract with an individual for to pratonize the monopoly by being reforty years and then deliberately break fused the right to use open ditches. it before its expiration. If this is so why would Cook or anyone ask for a ordinance, so that after the franchise little there is left of Burnt Fork Creek time contract? When the public pledges grabber get hold of the water supply itself to sign away privileges for a cer- and prevents you from using ditch, tain length of time, it is bound by the you will have to patronize him at any establish a new plant in competition mentioned. contract as much as an individual, other- price he makes to you or choke, and he with this exclusive water monopoly? wise what are forty year franchises for? will have the opportunity under such What more does the franchise grabber raw business. Never did St. Louis, or last ten years. A magnificent sum in- franchise it will easily pay five to ten This government could not stand a day circumstances to make any price he deif all the contracts, obligations, bonds, sires.

After fifteen years experience watch | there was a law on the statute books | this great monopoly brace game which | tricks as that. ing the devious ways of franchise grab- of Montana permitting the public to set will give the owners power to tax you bers and purchased town councils, we aside its contracts, that law would be at arbitrary prices, and will be a mint were floored yesterday when we re- unconstitutional and inoperative. An for him, for four little hydrants, a pub- ated don't attempt to compel people to ceived a copy of "The Stevensville Re- editor who will delibertaely put out such lic drinking fountain for six months and patronize them but Cook seems to be a fail to fix a maximum pirce to protect power to fix his own prices, didn't ask gister" containing about the boldest grab rot in favor of a corporation deserves for from one to four per cent of the fellow who balks at nothing. The braz- the public is down right robbery the peoples to throw in their houses scheme we ever encountered. That such the contempt of every honest man and net proceeds from the water chargesa brazen proposition could ever have woman. If he deseires it we will prove in other words you are giving away a

Free Advice.

Pursuant to the interests he is backing, which, quite evidently are not the interests of the people of Stevensville, After going over it very carefully we this editor ladels out the following ad-

"So the Register takes the stand at this time, that a water system is a great necessity, and as the opportunity to secure it is at hand we had better improve it by voting that way. It has got defending the proposition and giving ut- to come some time: better take it now."

Surprising Haste. A vote is called for August 2, which in itself argues an intentional haste to

Amazing Proposition.

The ordinance contains about the largest number of amazing proposals we

First, it is an exclusive franchise or

Second, the town is to be compelled

Third, no price is mentioned in the

fortune for a mere nothing.

An Exclusive Monopoly.

The clause making the grant an exclusive monopoly, is found in the title of the act and reads:

'And also granting to said Calvin Cook, his heirs, successors and assigns, the exclusive use of the water right and water owned by said town for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this ordinance."

Also in section 11 which reads:

"The Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, does hereby give and grant to the said Calvin Cook, his heirs, sucto a certain water right, and the right waters of Burnt Fork Creek, in Ravalli county, state of Montana, now belonging to said town of Stevensville under and

Section 17 is surely a trick to purpose-

"Sec.17. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as giving the exclusive right or privilege for laying water pipes in the streets and alleys of said town, and supplying said town and the inhabitants thereof with water."

Placed along side of the other proposchise on the only available water supply practicable for Stevensville, 100 the water trust. inches from Burnt Fork Creek. What etc., were not absolutely binding. If Fourth, you are asked to vote away ville citizens soft to attempt such raw A stipulated price is the essence of a amounts practically to giving the fran- it erect and operate its own plant."

Compulsory Patronage.

Even the beef trust or the Amalgam-

en effrontery of the following proposition transcends anything we ever laid eyes on before:

Sec. 5. No water shall be conveyed or the same, shall be new and first class in

Do you notice how quickly he spits out the proposition and hurries forward tect you by establishing a price. to tell you something about the first class pipes he is going to lay, for fear you will get on to what is meant.

taking water from any place and runporhibit yourselves from doing things months of the year. you are now doing by your votes Au- But the hydrant proposition has a gust 2.

What does that mean?

degree of trickery as we ever came in off you, as he will unless you vote right tricky Mr. Cook. contact with. They first grant a fran- August 2, you will have to choke and

Can Fix His Own Price.

want than an exclusive monopoly of the Cheinnati or Philadelphia boodlers ever deed for the 96-99 cents he keeps of times as much for water and waterwater? Cook must think the Stevens- attempt anything quite so shameless every dollar. The whole proposition works in forty years as it would, did

guaranteed by the public against mon-opoly. To grant a company or an indi-ir ass attempted vidual exclusive privileges and then to st asking for the monopoly and the and crime, and town councilmen who and farms for good measure. will do such a thing, do it either because they are ignorant jackasses, or else because they are downright rogues. It is distributed throughout the town in open about time the people of Stevensville ditches, and all pipes and mains and all find out to which of these classes their material used in laying and repairing town council belongs. They have simply put you into a hold-up game, where you monopoly and they have refused to pro-

A Fortune For a Song. Cook is playing Stevensville citizens for dupes and we sincerely hope they Let us look squarely at this bald face will show their true good sense August cessors and assigns, the exclusive right the town in open ditches." This means something that will give him an enorm-He proposes to make a law to prevent brilliant trading ability on his part.

will find that every additional hydrant works and the water too, and make It means that if he can keep you is to bring the owner the neat income Cook rich in the bargain." from getting water from anywhere else, of \$5 per year. Now figure about how he can make you buy all your water many buildings four hydrants would from him at his own price. He has the protect in a town that spreads over a unadulterated timerity to try to make much ground as Stevensville and you cent of the assessed valuation of the a law to compel you to patronize him. will see that the hydrant proposition town property which he said is \$100,000. als this section reveals about as low a When he succeeds in shutting the water itself is a pretty good thing for our This is only one of the many perjured ar-

In addition he offers to hand back to let your gardens burn up, or patronize the town for all these monopoly privileges for the first ten years one cent that have built their own water works. out of every dollar he clears above ex- The majority of towns nowadays accord-There is one thing about the proposed penses. You will find this brazen prop- ing to one of the leading construction is owned by the ranchers. How then franchise which is unique in the his- osition set forth in section 13. He will could a new company or the citizens tory of such documents-no puice is give two cents out of every dollar net fact is, it is the cheapest way and is income the second ten years, three cents recognized as a principle of economy. Never have we heard of such rank the third ten years and four cents the If Stevensville parts with this valuable

Great Is

A Stevensville Voter Protests.

Here are points from a voter in Stevensville, who sees the light, "If you will get out your deeds you will see you are deeded a water right with each lot. Now what is the sense in giving will be compelled to patronize the water your water right away in order to try to get to buy it back at the other fellow's price? The town of Stevensville certainly needs water works but let the town build, own and operate them. Some say the town is not able to build the water works. If Cook builds them proposition and see what it means. He 2. If you will look over the proposed the town will pay for them and a great says in so many words, "No water shall franchise carefully you will discover the deal more when it buys water of Cook, be conveyed or distributed throughout unique collection of gegaws he offers for or else why would he be anxious to build the works himself. He expects to in so many words he is going to take ous and independent income for forty make the works pay for themselves and to use One Hundred (100) inches of the all the rights away you now enjoy, years. It certainly shows remarkably a handsome profit besides and the consumers of the water will be the ones you free born American citizens from He offers you the use of four hydrants who will pay for it all, therefore it in case of fire and if you will be so kind ought to be plain that a town plant ing it on your lot for drinking or irri- as to furnish the material he will put would be cheapest after all. If we build only for the water works; we will get the water for nothing: if we let Cook string to it. Look up section 9 and you build them we will have to pay for the

Public Perjurers. "An Alderman told me they could only

vote bonds to the amount of ten per guments brought up to cloak a weak cause. There are thousands of towns smaller and poorer than Stevensville companies build their own plants. The

Labor's Answer To Capitalism

Colorado the Battle Ground-Its Remarkable Awakening—Crisis In Socialist Movement

Since the nomination of James D. | enge to capitalism." Haywood for governor of Colorado, the concentrating in that state and it bein the coming contest. Idaho, whose part in the conspiracy against the working class is well known, will be another hotly contested point and there the hosts of labor are uniting as never before. Montana one of the seats of the Amalgamated's power and of the Western Federation of Miners' is to be an- at the disposal of the socialist party of other particular point of contest. The Colorado and guarantee their expenses. issue at stake is working class rights against capitalist misuse of government to crush labor.

Cheering News.

From Colorado comes news calculated to raise the hopes of the workers as they have never been raised before. Never in the history of the labor movement of America has a single act so wiped out all labor factions and roused labor so mightily, as the nomination of Haywood for governor. The mining camps of Colorado and especially the coal camps are on fire and the greatest campaign of the west is in preparation at the state headquarters.

It is reported from the national headquarters that "The nomination of Comrade William D. Haywood for Governor of Colorado, by the socialists has given impetus to the movement, the extent of which can only be appreciated by the knowledge of the correspondence which is reaching the national office from divisions of the party and new territory during perhaps the greatest epoch makwithin that state. The organization is a unit as a whole, and the state committee is enthusiastic and active in the extreme. This nomination is recognized everywhere as the revolutionists chall- bellion against existing society in the did in Buffalo, New York, Los Angeles, entirely lost.

The services of Eugene V. Debs has forces of socialism and capitalism are already been engaged, other speakers of national repute are being sought after comes more and more apparent with and a plan for the biggest distribution each passing day that both the working of literature including fifty thousand class and the capitalist class are mov- copies of the "Appeal of Reason' each ing to make this state the crucial point each week, has been launched. This all is being supplemented by signs of help from the outside.

Jas. M. Reilly, national committee man from New Jersey has introduced a resolution to direct the national secretary to put as many of the national organizers and lecturers as can be spared Canvasses of some mining camps in

Colorado showed that an overwhelming majority say they will vote for Hay

In Idaho.

Idaho socialists have put up splendid ticket with Thos. F. Kelley union stone cutter, for governor and Dr. Titus' paper "The Socialist" has been moved bodily into the state from Toledo, Ohio, in order to be at a crucial point in the battle of ballots this fall. Idaho, like Colorado, is experiencing an awakening. All signs point to a better understanding between organized labor and the working class party than ever existed before. "The Unionist" of Boise is already practically fighting the social ists' battle. It used nearly one entire

issue to report the convention. The Russian Crisis.

The campaign has also an international significance. It is to be waged ing events that ever shook the world ly every important town in the United of labor.

The campaign of this fall is to be

history of the world is raging. Social- vember and think of nothing but the America is to strike a treasonable blow of the East or whether it is to sustain and strengthen the international move-

The Duty of the Hour.

ists will be sustaining defeats, winning effects to Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone victories and perishing by the thousands and organized labor and those heroes of in Russia and perhaps in Germany and Russia, Austria and Germany who con-Austria while the socialists of America front cruel death, if we prove derelict in meeting at the ballot box the first our duty. We owe service and we ow direct challenge of the American capital- means to the movement. Especially is ist class. The issue of the conflict in the latter necessary. Talk and resolu-Russia will have a great influence on the tions do no good now. Montana, an imconflict in America, and the issue of portant point in the international battlethe conflict in America will vitally field, is undertaking much with next to effect the issue in Russia and all con- no means. We have called and called tinental Europe. We are to decide in and called for contributions and and for the battle before us whether labor in subscriptions so as to get the message and the issue of labor before all the at the ballot box against the martyrs workers in the state at this critical moment. The day-wage-fund has not been paid—the convention assessment ment in this hour of peril. An Ameri- has been ignored—the locals are not docan socialist setback at this hour in the ing their duty to this paper. Let us world crisis would mean a severe blow judge your loyalty by what you will indeed to the cause of labor the world give of your services and your means at this crucial time and not by yor protestations of loyalty. This means you, The duty of the hour is plain. We members of the locals, this means you must lay aside all personal interests unaffiliated socialists. Bring these matuntil after the battle of ballots in No- tres into the local next meeting and act.

WARNING

For more than a year socialist speakers, acting within their constitutional rights, have been disturbed by the lawless gang of office holders in Havre, the city administration, and their meetings have been broken up whenever they have attempted to talk on the streets. D. Burgess was prevented a year ago from conducting a peaceful meeting by these same suppression bureau.

The latest outrage, the attempt to prevent John Collins from speaking, reveals the fact that they are still at the game and probably intend to keep it up. If they do, they had better perpare for unconstitutional methods. The socialist party stands ready to de-

fend its speakers by legal proceedure if necessary. It has no intention of being bluffed by a little trumped up ordinance, illegally begotten and illegally executed. The Havre administration may not know it but the socialist party has already fought out and won the right to conduct peaceful street meetings in near-States.

The recent attempt of political

Seattle, Kansas City and other places have witnessed this battle within a year. If it is necessary all the resources of ed quickly in each others footsteps in the socialist party will be mustered to the heat of the alliance exitement and teach the Havre administration a lesson.

This same warning applies to those misguided official zealots who periodically hold up the U. S. mails, to prevent the distribution of socialist papers and letters. We could name these individuals and may be compelled to take stern measures toward them before they will obey the laws they claim to repre-

In a town recently where information concerning the existence of small pox tion law: the consequences of such high-handed was suppressed. Three hundred copies of the "Montana News", containing such information were not delivered, although they were repeatedly enquired after, Treasurer, Jesse F. Gilchrist; Public Aduntil after the authorities here in Helena had received notice. The papers left the Helena post-office Friday, but were not Lundborg; 2 yr., John Powers; County the socialists have gained three seats in delivered until Tuesday of the following

There is continued complaint from this scribers who do not receive their pa- Billings. pers. Important letters returnable to the 'Montana News" are often not de-

Yellowstone

Nominees Put Up For Primaries— Phenomenal Growth of Organization—Inspiring Prospects

ishes the index of the present campaign, In no locality has theere been such a steady and persistent hammering as in Billings, and in no locality has there been such a phenominal change of sentiment and such a slump to the organized movement. Billings took no part in the spring elections; Billings in the inspiration of the movement now. There are more men in Billings local today, thanks to the citizens' alliance and intense propaganda, than there were socialist votes in Billings last election held there. Collins, Latimer, Wilson follow-Yellowstone is seething with socialism.

What has been done there can just as easy be done, if the comrades support us, in any other locality, and will be done before the campaign is ended.

A Strong Ticket.

The local met Saturday evening and put up the following thoroughly repres- it is believed, is trying to precipitate entative nominees for primary election, a premature strike so as to find an exbeing the second group of socialists in cuse to massacre the laborers. Twenty the state to encounter the primary elec-

entative, Alfred R. Jensen; Sheriff, Milo with 20,000 members, and the social dem-C. Roberts: Clerk & Recorder, Geo Boyd: ministrator, L. H. Caldwell; Assessor, John Horne; Commissioner, 6 yr., John Supt. of Schools, Miss Baer; Justice of the German Reichstag-one at Hanover Peace, Lewis M. Withrow, No. Billings; - Hale, So. Billings; Constables, P. H. 30,596 by their opponents; in Altonasame place and other places from sub- Farrell, No. Billings; Artha Davy, So. Iserlohe the socialists won an unexpected

Remarkable Growth.

fought out while the first socialist re- boodlers failed in Salt Lake City as it livered for four or five days or they are as one of the largest locals in the state. and will put up no candidate against the From five to a dozen members are taken socialists.

Yellowstone county we believe furn- | in each meeting. At the last meeting eleven members were taken in raising the number to 65. Fifty-nine of these representing new blood brought in since the campaign begun. If we take thorough advantage of the situation there, before the end of the campaign, the vote will be the greatest shock the alliance has ever experienced, not excepting the small pox expose.

County Campaign.

But Billings is not all of Yellowstone county. We are already carrying the battle to the outlying ditricts. T. E. Latimer invaded Columbus Tuesday evening and was listened to by an interested audience of over 125. He writes many people are on the fence and enough work will bring them over."

The Hungarian socialists are waging fierce struggle against the land lords and government to organize the farm hands. Eight of such unions have been disorganized by government force, per secutions are intense. The governmet, thousand Russians and Romanians have been imported to kill the union. The Senator, Adam F. Skirving; Repres- farm hands already have 150 local unions ocratic party is standing behind them.

In the by-elections made by vacancies since the general eletions two years ago, where they cast 31,803 votes against and decisive victory, and since these defeats the liberals have abandoned the Local Billings has suddenly loomed up seat formerly held by Eugene Richter

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THE REVENGE OF A WEAKLING.

Before making her Missoula speech, Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett was informed that on a former occasion the editor of the "Missoulian" had shouted "liar" at a thousand people, Mrs. Haslett administered a rebuke upon this gallant individual that brought out derisive shouts upon the editorial pages of the "Missoulian," which reminds us of the embicile rage of Svengali who, degenerate, that he was, could find no truer expression of himself than to spit in the face of his ditions."

"In the autumn of life, woman, when of a reflective cast of mind, thinking of the joys of her spring and the glories of her summer, realizing that for her no more will bud the hope or mature the promise, too often turns to foolish fancy for relief. In this period of life responsibility is not hers. Most any kind of an ism appeals to her and she becomes a passionate convert to anything that promises surcease of sorrow. It is then she displays eroticism in the printed page or warms the atmosphere with her palpitating words. The wrongs of the world rest upon her shoulders and she tangles a hand in the hair of illusion. Too often she unsexes herself, but that is due to the deteriorating change that is wrought by time. He an hysterical changeling resu her ravings, whether she prattle of love, preach religion or shout socialism. The inability to grow old gracefully is responible for many female vagaries. When it is openly and brazenly asserted that There never was a time in the history of the world when there was so much opression of and want and suffering among the laboring classes as at pressent,' that assertion is made by an irresponsible if not by a crazy person. It is not true. Poll every labor union in Montana and ninety-nine votes out of every one hundred would be cast against that false and malicious assertion. That an irresponsible person is allowed, through mistaken charity to make so reckless a statement goes far to show the necessity of government inspection of things other than packing house products. The odor of decay escaping from a punctured can is not so offensive as that arising from rotting immorality -that slimy element of society which sneers at the laws of God and man; that element which would destroy our existing political organization and sow the seeds of night on the plains of de-

"In Montana at the present time what is known as the socialistic element is holding revivals. Tongue-handy orators, noted for looseness in speech and character, black-hearted and foulmouthed, 'rave, recite and madden o'er the land.' They convert the liberty of the street corner into the license of the pig pen. Their feet have never become sequainted with the contents of the boxes upon which they stand. Virulent in language, reckless in assertion and damnable in principle they throw dead swear it is an appetizer. Then, after audacity to solicit funds from those they brains, veracity and honor. have justly or unjustly scored, and what is more remarkable secure contributions from them."

planation and advertisement.

As for socialists and socialism; the shortcomings of the former have no more power to weaken the everlasting foundavolt, than have the unclean, unfair and intemperate remarks quoted above.

CAPITALIST BUNCO.

There is a certain view expressed in the fllthy "Missoulian" editorial we can not let go unchallenged; it is contained in the assertion that the condition of labor is satisfactory and that perfect harmony exists between the capitalist and the working class. In the grandiloquent description of conditions the bunco tone appears so plain that one is nauseated If what the "Missoulian' says is true, we are all fools for not being wage

He says, " In no place in the world is labor better paid than in Montana." We answer, in no place in the world is labor so held up with prices.

He says, "In no place in the world are families of wage workers better fed, better clothed und better housed."

Our answer is, that this remark is the limit of capitalistic insult. "Housing, clothing, feeding" is the full conception of capitalisic duty to the working class, which is the same as the farmer's conception of his duty to his hogs. Liberty, security, culture, development, spiritual enfoldment, for the workers. never entered a capitalistic brain. "Housing, clothing, feeding" are for hogs and slaves. Our further answer is that so few working men can afford families ber. In the presence of approximately that the editorial remark is not sufficiently applicable to have any value. Our further reply is that if the flamboyant editor were condemned to this "feeding, from the crowd. In weak and impotent housing, and clothing" of the workers rage, he vomited forth the following his hair-brained optimism would receive such a shock, that we would never hear from him again.

> He says, "In no place in the world are wage workers better satisfied with con-

Why then this frenzied attempt to convince them of a condition that must be so apparent to themselves?

He says, "More working men own their own homes in Montana than elsewhere." We answer so few working men in Montana own their own homes that home owning is not a factor in their

We assert that the development of capitalism has made worse the condition of the working class in these things: It has cut off the opportunities for individual enterprise by the concentration

It has substituted the corporation employer for the individual employer, where men are drove in herds, voted in herds, fed in herds.

Company employment has greatly dewould be hard indeed who would hold creased their mental and political liberty, and filled their lives with the ele

> They are now more of a distinct class in a more degraded position than form-

> Jobs and living are more insecure; job hunting is more of a vocation; dependence has increased; the hobo is being produced more rapidly.

> Conditions have become such under corporate rule, that did not capitalism deaden men's souls with drink, as I am told it has deadened the soul of the editor of the "Missoulian." we would all rise together, not alone for better "feeding, housing and clothing" but for a larger, braver, freer and more expansive

> The very fact that we have to speak in whispers, stultify and degrade ourselves, lead little cowardly cramped lives, in order to live in harmony with the capitalist class is the best argument for a revolt which will be effective.

TWO OF A KIND.

The "Missoulian" editor expresses his nature and kind when two days after Mrs. Hazlett's speech he quotes the founder of the Pinkerton thugs organization in a serious proposition to banish all socialists to a Pacific island.

It is a fatal admission that capitalism is so weak it has to go back to the inquisition or Russia for the methods to defend itself against its foe; or that it has to enlist the services of men who are in their intellectual make-up either Cossacks or monstors of the inquisition.

To attempt to banish socialism by banishing socialists would be the wildest of remedies. The only way we could effectively banish socialism as an excats on well appointed dinner tables and pression of the spirit of the revolt would be to banish its cause—capitalism—and shuse, vilification and condemnation of give its paid prostitutes a new lease of everything good, bad and indifferent, the life by affording them a way of making hat is passed. They actually have the a living other than by selling their

SUPPRESSED NEWS.

"The Butte Evening News" says, "It

what they give forth; it is its own ex- accidents. The Butte papers could easily "explain."

We personally know of a fire and a suicide this week in Helena not reported in the newspapers. American newspation of the latter, nor shake its inspiring pers are discreetly quiet on the cholera purposes, nor sully its pure and lofty in Manila. Gen. Ide reports, "I expect ideals, nor curb its glorious spirit of re- peace in the Philipines soon," before any one suspected there was such a thing as war. A great international convention of socialists is being held in London. but American papers suppress the news. When a capitalist standby like "The Butte Evening News" says, "it is easier to suppress information in Europe than America," he knows what he is talking about, because he knows how easy it is to suppress information in America. Moral: Build up a socialist press.

ERRORS IN LAST ISSUE.

We were forced last issue to give up the use of a linotype machine we have been renting for some time which disarranged our plans to the extent that we could not get an opportunity to proof-read about half the matter that went into the paper. The consequences were disastrous. The poem was mutilated beyond recognition, "Walt Whitman" became "Walter Whitman," we read about temperatures and prices that were "raising!" numerous other butch eries, too sad to mention occurred but the saddest of all was when the machine made us say, "a distinctively socialist platform such as advocated by Hearst." We won't stand for that. We whatever tends toward public ownership in the industrial field is socialistic.

SMALL POX SPREADING.

The Billings Alliance small pox has ex tended to Silesia. The wonderful "care' boasted about by the "Gazette" editorial hireling to protect the patients and the dear public is exemplified in the fact that these patients are housed in the tents in the flat north of Billings. The flies, which are numerous, are not quarentined and are busy carrying the disease into the town. If the alliance were as industrious in providing screens against these pest carriers as they were in screening the public from the news, Billings would be safe. Now that the the American government suits the pur the scource of the "agitation" that is the Mexican. stirring Billings in Butte, it might be well for him to analize a case of the small fox that has just broken out in Butte and ascertain if it is the alliance variety.

A SENATORIAL JAIL BIRD.

State Senator Charles McDonnell pled guilty and was fined \$250 and sentenced abortions republicanism and democracy and starving from overproduction. brings forth. This is the successful man capitalism presses to the front. This is

A common perjurer who goes into court and pleads not guilty, then changes his plea; a rapacious land pirate who earth as possible; a hypocrital wretch who poses as a public model while he betrays the public. This is the type of men who "find their level" which is the higher level, under our system. These are the men our prostituted press lauds and slobbers over and under whose magie spell we stand gaping and shouting, and whom we elect to power with our republican and democratic votes.

It is strange that the strong, impress ive words spoken by Lord Avebury in the house of lords last week should have failed, as they have, to excite international discussion. Lord Avebury said:

"The unrest of Europe, the spread of socialism and the ominous rise of anarchism are warnings to the governments and the ruling classes that the condition of the working classes in Europe is becoming intolerable, and that if a revolution is to be avoided some steps must be taken to increase wages, reduce the hours of labor, and lower the prices of the necessities of life. Europe is a great military camp. We have no peace; only an armistice, with unlimited expenditures. The result is that instead of accumulating capital for our children we are piling up for them debt and overwhelming responsibilities."

These words were spoken, not by a labor agitator or a socialist, but by an aristocrat and a member of the most conservative body in all Europe.-Wall Street Journal.

Since the great socialist victories in in England, the capitalists have proposed to make the wage earners profit sharers in business. This is to offset the intention of socialists to abolish the capital. of the editor of the "Missoulian." ist class. 'The capitalists are willing to do anything but get off the workers' backs when their existence is threatened. by emitting slime; a skunk has its rope than America. The "News" knows material advancement for the working tal means. neculiar way of defending itself. We because it has suppressed news in Am- class; it can stop at nothing less than have too great a regard for ourselves erica. It may appear strangs to some the complete abolition of the capitalist to arouse either of these species. All that where there are so many men em- class, industrial liberty, and the right Rogers to return \$1,500,000 to the Bay

product. There are moral considerations; questions of liberty and development and happiness and the blossoming of our spiritual natures, involved in socialism which makes such childish bribes of the capitalist class insults to be spurned by every true hearted member of the working class. Our cry is "No compromise; on to victory!"

There are more children under 15 years of age working in the mills of free America than in Germany, England and Italy combined," said Secretary A. J. McKelvay of the national child labor committee, in an address in Philadelphia recently. "There are more children under 16 in the mills of Pennsylvania than there are in all the southern states put together." It is estimated that 80,000 childern are working in the cotton mills in the south, employed on 12-hour shifts. In the industrial states there are over. 17 000 00 children under 16 years of age at work. In the south six times as many children are working now as there were 20 years rgo. And this is what republicans and democrats are voting

One hundred and fifty shingle manfacturers of Washington, representing fully 75 per cent of the output of the state, not satisfied with having turned down the demand of the union to use the label and having declared for the open shop, have taken steps to legally and otherwise coerce the remainder of wrote "socialistic" in the sense that shingle manufacturers in the state to adopt a similar policy. These highhanded actions will knock a few hard facts into a few more hard heads and increase the socialist vote this fall. Let the good work go on.

Can it be possible that American capitalists are planning the seizure of Mexico? The present wild excitement, coupled with rumors of an anti-Amer- JOE STANLEY ican uprising and suggestions that it will be necessary to throw an army across the border and the accusation, as given in press dispatches, that Wall street agents, in the guise of revolutionaries, are busy fomenting trouble would indicate this. Undoubtedly, moreover, aforesaid editor was so shrewd in finding poses of the capitalist class better than

The foreign imports to this country in the fiscal year just ended are \$1,227,-000,000; evports \$1,744,000,000 or \$517.-000,000 more exports than imports which is a cause for congratulation since the half billion surplus represents goods the working class cannot buy because it has too little and the capitalist class can to 24 hours in jail for illegallly fencing not buy because it has too much. When 3,920 acres of land in Sweet Grass foreign countries get to the too-littlecounty. This is the kind of a political too-much stage we will be unemployed

A mail order house in Chicago that the typical "leader" our system de- has just reorganized with a capitalization of \$40,000,000, did \$20,000,000 worth of business the first 5 months this year, receives 75,000 letters a day with postage \$1,500; claims 6,000,000 customers and would exclude us from as much of the its ware rooms cover 37 acres. And they say the little capitalist is not

> In Utah the coal trust is about to b indicted for stealing 30,000 acres of lands. The shady connections of its promoters, however, do not prevent the latter from being honored by the church and society, lauded by the press, and venerated by the people. Of such is the Kingdom of capitalism.

> The Typothetae in its convention this week refused to confer with the striking Typographical union and sustained the strike-breaking technical school. The war is a critical one between the most perfect of employers and labor trusts over the eight hour day. If the union is defeated nothing can keep it out of politics.

> Mayor Schmitz now admits that San Francisco was destroyed because preceeding city governments had failed to provide adequate fire protetion. It becomes more and more apparent every day that it was capitalism that destroyed San Francisco.

"The Butte Evening News" is squealing because Montana people patronize mail order houses. This paper presents the luring argument that it is a much more pleasant sensation to be skinned by a local capitalist even though he gets about 50 per cent deeper into your hide.

The Ameer of Afghanistan complains that his officials are obstructing education because they consider it dangerous. He must have an agent in the person

Liberty, opulence, service to humanity, are the divine ends of socialism; science, A toad defends itself against attack is easier to suppress information in Eu- But socialism is not merely a plan of organization, democracy, are its immor-

A Boston court after compelling sensible people judge their quality by ployed in Butte that there are so few of every wealth producer to his full State Gas company which he had netted

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from them in former transactions, ex- The colored skin gag don't work any plained that Rogers had not been guilty of fraud; if this is so, then that court blood is red. Hurrah for the red flag! stands convicted of blackmail.

It is said the trust magnates are making socialists faster than agitation. Wait till they make enough of them; then socialists will make trust magnates still faster. We will make a trust magnate of each man, woman and child in the nation. .

Trusts are the greatest labor-saving wealth-making devices ever invented; four years. the democrats say, destroy them; the republicans say, leave them in the hands of the magnates; the socialists say, let us all own them together.

The editor of "The Helena Independ- iticians. ent," has at last found his vocation as the advertising man of the Helena Gas company; he has discovered that gas is more marketable than hot air.

Princess Alice and Crown Prince Nicholas, of America, according to press dispatches, are hobnobbing with African royalty, the King of Cambodia in southern France. A negro without a title would hardly attract American aristo-

It is significant that the Missoula editor should finally pick out of the whole world a hireling Pinkerton thug as the man who most nearly expresses the true inwardness of his nature,

"Standard Oil Forced to Its Knees," is the scarehead in the republican papers designed to allay discontent. John D. was in such an attitude most of the time when the trust was being created.

Kanakas imported to San Francisco to break the strike, joined the strikers. for the people.

more since we are all learning that all

> The Roosevelt third term boomers agree that only Roosevelt can save the country. This is a fatal admission from the party which has been in power 40

> The republican party has made about 450 trust magnates in twenty years; the socialists can beat that; they propose to make 80 million trust magnates in

Sanitation is proving fatal to the negroes of Panama; clean politics would cause the sudden death of more than half the republican and democratic pol-

Tom Taggart, national democratic chairman, is under arrest as a bunco gambler. Democratic politics now-adays has become such a chance game, it leads naturally to gambling.

Chicago unions are following the methods of the Salvation army to teach unionism. Evangelism never adopted a worthier cause.

With ice prices and thermometers showing a steady rise it is hard for Kansas people to keep cool.

There were 163,176 persons in public alms houses in our rock ribbed republicann prosperity country in 1904.

Mitchell's horseplay with the coal combine which lead to nothing, cost the unions \$12,000,000 in wages.

The ice trust may take cold comfort in the fact that it is making a hot time

Women's Clubs

Last week a subscriber, signing herself "Physician," ordered "The Helena Independent" stopped on account of the editor's attack on woman's suffrage. To the latter's reply we would like to append the noble words of Keir Hardie, to throw the capitalistic and socialistic views of women's rights in contrast.

Below follows the "Independent's"

"We presume that "Physician" is a woman. If the majority of women were physicians, lawyers, preachers, journalists, spinsters or childless wives, we would rush to the rescue of the cause of woman suffrage with all the zeal and as much of pomp as a dignified newspaper than ever before. could muster.

"But, unhappily for the cause of 'woman's rights' the majority of women are wives, mothers, housewives or outside the ranks of professions. Most of them are yet dependent and, we believe, most of them don't want woman suffrage anyhow.

"In the state of Oregon a third attempt has been made to graft woman suffrage upon the constitution of the state and for the third time it failed. The principal cause of this defeat was the vigorous opposition set up by an Oregon association of 'Women in Opposition to the Extension of Woman Suffrage.' They flooded the state with circulars urging the defeat of the proposed amendment in the following cogent words:

'The home women are now charged with the duties and responsibilities appropriate to women's sphere, which are exceedingly important. These duties are quite sufficient to engross their attention without the added responsibilities of politics, jury service and other public duties from which women are now exempt.

"These burdens should not be imposed upon the womens of Oregon at the instance of female agitators from distant states where the people are too sensible to adopt woman's suffrage. Do not mistake their clamor for the sentiment of the home-loving women of Oregon.

'The present laws are not unjust to women and we believe the men of the state are willing at all times that the law shall do full justice to womankind. Be sure to vote 'No' on this proposition

oppose woman suffrage if it were conthe cause."

In contrast with this democrat paper and the spirit displayed by those poor dupes struggling against a broader environment come the strong, noble words of the socialist leader, Keir Hardie:

"To those who are opposed on principle to women having the votes at all, I have little to say. These I find easier to pity than to reason with. In the English colonies women are voters, but they have not, because of that ceased to be wives or mothers. Their outlook on life has been broadened by the possession of the vote which forces them to interest themselves in political and social questions. They are thus in a fair way to become better companions of their husbands and-I say this with deep conviction-better mothers. A woman whose circle of interests is circumscribed by her pots, pans and scrubbing brushes, varied by an occasional gossip with a neighbor or a quarrel with her husband can never, however affectionate, be other than a curb upon the opening, eagerly questioning intelligence of her children. Broaden the outlook of the mother, and you open a new world for children to grow in, and bind many a wild, wayward youth to his home life who is now driven out into the hard world for lack of that sympathic companionship which an educated and enlightened mother can alone supply.

"The 'half angel, half idiot' period is over in the woman's world. She is fighting her way into every sphere of human activity. Her labor is coming into competition with that of man in nearly every department of industry. Women should insist upon political equality, whatever the conditions of equality may

Let us add a word in refutation to the "Independent's" arguments.

It opposes woman's suffrage on the grounds that the majority of the women don't want suffrage.

What right, we will ask, has the major. ity of women because they think they don't want a thing, to keep the minority from having it? Does this fact constitute a reason for denying any intelligent law abiding human being from exercising his or her franchise if he or she

Since the home-wrecking privilege of voting would not be obligatory on the always demand it.

National News

Local Cleveland, Ohio, reports a membership of nearly a thousand.

The Buffalo socialists have won the legal right to the use of the streets.

Local Philadelphia sold 530 dues stamps in June as against 370 for June the increasing power of the parliament. ing transformation which now threatlast year.

Four up-state speakers are at work

New York up-state organizers report larger and more enthusiastic meetings

It is estimated that over 4,500 people listened to socialism in sixteen street meetings recently in Pennsylvania.

According to the capitalist exchanges the picnic at Schlitz Park, Milwaukee, drew from eight to twenty thousand people- the largest ever held.

Tennessee now has a state organization, Comrade J. T. McDill, 469 Humphrey st., Nashville, is the secretary. He also conducts the Socialist column in the "Labor Advocate." The movement in Tennessee is growing rapidly in the highly developed industrial districts.

Herbert Casson, who left the socialist movement years ago and became an opponent, later writing a book on unionism which practically denies the socialist position has written a letter to the "New York World" in which he lauds socialism as the ultimate of civilization and says it will come first in America.

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor issued its manifesto this week calling on all affiliated unionists to prepare to put into effect the political plan of Gompers and others to indorse the candidates of political parties only who favor the demands of labor and to sustain the re-election of those who have proven friendly. But Gompers' apparent plan to serve his capitalist patronizers by this effort to keep labor out of its independent political movement- the socialist party-seems to be but playing into the hands of the and protect the home life of the state.' socialists. At least the outcome of the "No just or prudent newspaper would experiments in that direction are indicating this. The questions provided vinced or aware that the majority of for in the plan were put to J. H. Dunwomen wished it, but the vigorous and bar, socialist candidate for governor of futile attempts of the women suffragists Vermont, and were answered so ably and themselves have in recent years resulted the position of the socialist party as only in further demonstrating the fact the world's labor party were shown so that it is the opposition of the home- clearly that the unions of Vermont have keeping women and not the opposition since endorsed the socialist candidates. e men that has generally defeated In St. Louis, the Trades and Labor assembly have chosen to support the socialist party as the true labor party, while the "Seaman's Journal." an able trade union journal of San Francisco, has turned against the fake labor union party of San Francisco charging the latter with political corruption and subservience to capitalistic interests. So far the socialists are the gainers from the Gompers' political game.

We believe, if the socialists will follow the example of Dunbar, and answer the questions simply strongly, clearly and courteously instead of taking the repellant and antagonistic stand certain rabid or fanatic elements have taken in the past, that the cause of socialist education will be advanced, the moral position of the party will be strengthened. and while we cannot hope that these endorsements will amount to much on election day, they are at least a letting down of the bars for future educational

The national secretary reports that Haywood's nomination is leading to a great revival in Colorado as is evidenced by hundreds of letters pouring into state headquarters.

At the recent convention of the papermakers of Dayton the delegates who were socialists brought in a resolution permitting political discussion in the local unions. It was carried in the face of an adverse committee report.

valiant female "home guard." I fail to see wherein they have a right to keep the women who do desire citizenship from enjoying that privilege. This attempt to foist the blame of keeping women in political bondage upon the women themselves, is a cowardly and purile thing and is worthy only of a capitalist editor. Men are in full political control and they are to blame not only for women's insubordination but also for those contemptible organizations, such as the "home guard" of

Oregon. To say that women should not be free because they do not desire freedom, is to say that because their minds are enslaved they have no right to freedon. The mentally enslaved have always opposed freedom, but higher considerations

International

The Russian Crisis.

To those who have watched the situaclear the expected armed uprising is here. We may look for events of col- can compete with these yellow wage lossal magnitude the next few weeks. The earners. Czar and the autocracy confronted by ory that it will be more easily crushed call attention to our present unsuccess in New York and four more will soon be now, than if allowed to further develop. abroad and to the indication that we On July 21, 1906 a day that will be mem- would not secure the trade of the far orable in history, the Russian Douma Pacific, even if Japan were not ready was dissolved by the order of the Czar with a new element of competition. and Russia threw aside the sham of The week has been memorable for the cargo as the beginning of a permanent dispatches tell of the parliamentary the paths of peace it will go barefoot. groups campaigning in their respective It is equally idle to dwell upon the July 16 and the organization of the to-morrow. Japan will take care of appropriation of \$7,500,000 for famine defeated showing that the center party foreign commerce of Oceanica and the revolution or reaction and leaving these the Douma; July 21, dissolution of the Douma by order of the Czar: July 22. the re-convening of the parliament, over 200 strong, in Viborg, Finland, to discuss the steps to take in the presence of the crisis.

> While these great events were hurrying Russia into the sweep of armed revolution, international events connected with the lurid tragedy about to be enacted drew the attention of the world. lion dollars) in 1909. Moreover, the The British government was about to make a naval demonstration on the will stimulate our trade with North Baltic when the action of the valiant little fighting group of socialists and our trade with South America, eslaborites in parliament so aroused public pecially wth Brazil and the Argentine opinion that the scheme was given up.

Press dispatches claim that the emperors of Germany and Austria met this week in Vienna and agreed to lend their armies to the crushing of the Russian uprising, providing the Czar would give up Poland. It is claimed that nothing except this event and the fact that the autocracy of Russia has received financial backing from some source could account for its latest bold stroke in inviting conflict.

the comparative strengths of the giant foes in the impending death-grapple as no one knows just how far revolution and socialism has penetrated the army or how far the peasants may be led by the revolutionary proletariat and the revolting intellectuals into actual constructive revolution; but there can be no doubt but that the struggle means the beginning of the great revolution of this century which will usher in world-wide socialism.

The revolution breaks out just while the socialists are holding an inter-parliamentary conference in London, and the action imputed to the sovereigns of Austria and Germany indicate how close the Russian revolution is to the world-revolution that is to bring socialism.

London, July 18.-In connection with the meeting of the socialist and labor interparliamentary committee here this week, a demonstration was held in Hyde park this evening to express sympathy with the Russian revolution. The audience was extremely cosmopolitan, and among it were scattered hundreds of police and detectives who were thus afcriptions of many supposed enemies of

There was much disappointment at the non-appearance of Deputy Jaures. the French socialist, and Herr Bebel, the leader of the socialists in the German parliament. But British labor leaders and M. Anikin, of the Russian parliament, succeeded in arousing much enthusiasm. A majority of the audience were Russian refugees.-Press Dispatch.

London, July 17.—The general congress of socialist inter-parliamentary committees opened here today. The first action of the congress was to expell the newspapermen, the foreign delegates, fearing that detailed reports of the proceedings would bring them unpleasantly to the notice of their governments.

The general purpose seems to be to attempt to unify the action of the socialists in the various parliaments .-Press Dispatch.

Seven socialists have been returned to the Australian parliament by the labor party in Tasmania in place the

THE THE COMPETITION WITH YELLOW LABOR.

In the conversion of the Far East into a hive of factories swarming with cheap Mongolian labor, Japan, in my judgment, has inaugurated a new economic movement, no less important to %: the world than was the introduction tion in Russia for the last week it is of labor-saving machinery, and even more revolutionary than that iconoelastic innovation because no nation

But before dealing with this startlary assembly and the revolution, have ens much of the foreign commerce of percipitated the revolution upon the the- both America and Europe, I wish to

With sturdy optimism we ignore our political pretense for the uncertainty of commercial failures in the Far East the gun, the torch and the dynamite. and look upon an occasional emergency seething turmoil of preparation leading to march to war in American shoes, logically to this collossal event. Press but we forget that when it returns to localities in anticipation of the event colossal commerce of the China of landlords to protect their estates; July that, as the official Japanese proclama-17, first legislative act of the Douma, tion reproduced below, attests. When our trade commissioners complete the relief; attempt on the life of the Grand humiliating chapter of our South Duke; the entire province of Veronezh, American defeat, it will doubtless be 725 miles square in revolt; police of St. in order to tell the story of our ex-Petersburg on strike; July 19, the burn- clusion from the opportunity of the ing of the city of Syzren; devastation of Orient. The foreign trade of the south the province of Babrove; July 20. St. amounts to \$1,000,000,000 a year. It Petersburg filled with troops; vote on has passed to the Old World, whose a parliamentary address to the people antiquitated methods we deride! The of moderation had either gone over to Pacific countries of Asia amounts to \$3,000,000,000 per annum, and is passtwo irreconciliable forces face to face in ing to Japan, whose invasions we applaud!

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"Our trade doubled decennially duryen 1,060,000,000 (six hundred milcompletion of the Panama Canal America, open a new era for Republic, and not improbably enable us to find for our merchandise new markets on the West coast of Africa.

Again, as many railroads are now under construction in the interior of China with a view of tapping her inexhaustible wealth, our commercial relations with her in our position as her close neighbor will, with the exploitation of her natural resources, become more intimate than ever."

To back up this program Japan starts in with 9,000 factories employing half million Mongolian operatives thriving on wages that would drive American labor to pauperism and crime.

These oriental factories will turn out "Hoe" press, a "Baldwin" locomotive, a "Cramp" battle ship, or an "Edison" phonograph with such fidelity to the niceties of construction that the American makers cannot deteet the counterfeit form the original. With what will pass for our own goods, Japan will be able to undersell us in any foreign market. The Sunrise Kingdom has patented all our invenions and appropriated our most popular trade-marks, and brings legal action against American firms attempting to "infringe" upon the stolen right of Japanese manufacturers to multiply and sell "Yankee" wares.

Reprehensible as we may consider Japan's apropriation of the good name our merchandise, it may be the beginning of a great movement in world traffic. For the first time in economic history Japan has employed in mechanical industries a labor that is both cheap and efficient. The cheap-labor scares of the past have been merely political arguments. Many economists are convinced that American labor, forded an opportunity of securing des- when its product is measured, is the cheapest among western nations. The workingmen of the United States turn out in our big factories as great a volume of goods as do all the employes of Germany, France, and the United Kingdom combined. In Japan and China, however, there is a labor with which neither America or Europe could or would compete. Official figures from Tokio show that shipbuilders in the 230 private shipyards of the empire receive fifty-nine sen a day; the highest rate of wages paid in all Japan to artisans. In textile industries, the maximum rate is twenty-nine sen.

Of this labor, cheap, skillful, diligent and thrifty, the Orient possesses a monopoly. With this army of Oriental wage-earners who cannot only rival the best operatives of America and Europe, but who can save money out of their beggarly pay, the Mongolian manufacturer embarks upon the search for foreign goods which he can mark down beyond the reach of any possible competition. The introduction of laborsaving machinery was revolutionary. turning thousands of men out of employment and causing the abandonment of hundreds of hand-made in- Five Shows Daily Open Year Around ers, Club.

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dustries. Yet the problem in all countries was the same. All could install engines and dynamos and belts. With the readjustment to the new order, tens of thousands of new people were employed and products were amazingly multiplied. The original thousands of men made idle were frequently forced under prolonged protest into other callings, and individual capital was often irreparably lost. This is one of the tragedies of all economic progress, people as a whole benefited by the evolution. The prosperity of the world was vastly increased.

With the transformation of th Orient into a modern factory center employing yellow millions of men at wages which estop competition, America and other western nations are confronted by the new element in manufacturing industry. The only way to compete successfully, would be to force the wages in Europe and the United States down to the level of those in Japan, and that would plunge obviously the whole Occident into anarchy. It is obvious that Japanese menace to the cotton industry of the southern states of America now dependent upon the Chinese trade is but the priliminary phase of an industrial catastrophe which may overtake every manufacturing plant in this country which now or in the future bases its prosperity on foreign trade,-Harold Bolce in Booklover's Magazine.

Local Garnet was the first to respond to the day-wage-fund. It sends \$6 on this account and \$3 for the convention. Comrades, get this matter before the locals. Remember the one-day-wage fund which is going to enable us to carry on the biggest campaign ever.

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Mabie is about to organize a local at Fridlley, having already induced several men and women to join. He is endeavoring to prepare a treat at the in-

John H. O'Neil of Roundup sends in \$5 for the press fund and \$5 for the day-wage fund and places himself and means at the disposal of the socialist party. The letter is one of the most encouraging we have seen for some time.

If those subscribers in Billings and at other points who are not getting their papers regularly will send in their names we will do everything in our power to get the "News" to them regularly in the future, even if we have to send a few partisan bigots to jail.

H. Topel, state committeeman at Bozeman makes the following motion. "I move that a call for a state convention be made so as to be held during the convention of the State Federation of Labor in August; date to be set by state secretary of sicialist party of Montana."

Comrade Powers calls for more stamps and reports that Billings local has 62 members, 56 of whom are entirely new men. It will be four years old better look out.

cards, and says, "We are in working line again and will try to keep the good members in the local here."

Comrade A. J. McDonald, the tireless local at Rosebud.

for the "News."

At the last meeting of Local Bozeman and victory. Don't neglect the one-day-

Great Falls has a voracious appetite. of state committeeman and Paul Castle was elected to fill the vacancy. Comrade Paul Castle and R. Corrigan were slightest impression on his deluded foleletcted delegates to the convention. lowers. They must worship their false The local will send in its contributions gods, and the idea of a pure democracy to the press fund in a few days.

The state executive of the socialist through the following places: Mullan, Wallace, Burke, Murray, Gov. Gulch, Lane, Harrison, Coeur d'Alene, Rathitiation by having Ben Wilson there that drum and Sand Point. She will make hall. All the members of the local were fight they are now waging in Idaho.

> following changes effected by an election of September and October, after the logat the last meeting of Local Billings: ging camps are in operation. Our Organizer, John Patrick Mooney, Record- speakers must go up to the camps. ing secretary, Jesse F. Gilchrist. John Collections were \$6.30, two subs sold, Powers was re-elected financial secretary literature \$3.25. and literature agent. The same meeting expelled M. S. Traynor and took in six new members with prospects of many more coming in soon.

legislative deadlock.

during the time I was in Helena, intended to make an assault on our party large and sales not so good as before, kota. You might send me a few more activity. Comrade Ezra Olsen, financial at that time. I laid for him and told but I will probably make it up tonight sample copies there." Comrade Mache would be hissed off the platform. a night in sales. He took the hint and suppressed his made a very poor effort."

agitator, sends in six subs and one dol- the one-day-wage fund for the campaign? got panic stricken and shoved my stand lar for job work from Rosebud and asks This is the most important election we over so that I fell on my knees on the for more samples of the "News" to have ever engaged in. On it hangs the rough cobble stones. I was stunned for scatter. He reports small pox at Miles lives of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. a while but soon recovered. I have two (probably the Billings brand) and says It is to be the answer of the working great big black and blue spots on both a good speaker could easily organize a class to the challenge of the capitalist knees as well as bruises in several other class. It is to decide whether revolu. places. A vigorous treatment of witch tion or reform is to engage the attention hazel and massaging has kept me able Comrade Shelby writes from Great of the nation in the presence of the to get around and speak last night. I Falls that full arrangements are being most colossal evils that ever confronted am having some trouble with my throat made for Mrs. Lewis' lectures, and a people. It comes in the hour of the bundle of the "News" and 1,000 copies great Russian revolution and it is to Osteopathic treatment for that. of Mrs. Hazlett's "Primary Principles" decide where the American proletariat My dress (the main one I use for every for distribution at the meetings. He also stands in the world's crisis. Never in day wear and travel) was torn into sends for a bunch of subscription cards the history of the world could a dollar do so much good. A dollar means votes, be patched or mended. It means vast progress; it means power

Comrade Topel resigned from the office wage fund.

population where a lot of hammering meeting Thursday night.' and educating will have to Le done before the people have any conception even of the purpose of the socialist movement. All this part of the copuntry has a large democratic contingent. So it may be judged how hopelessly behind the times they are. The Clark lumber interests dominate here, and the fact that Clark votes with Carter on every corporation measure in the senate makes not the

The Sunday and Monday night meet-

As elsewehre stated in the paper, we

jarred The Missoulian out of its silence

by our challenge to its inebriated edit-

tuperation. Total collections were \$20.

spirit of protest and revolt against the party of Idaho have held special meet- outrageous crimes of capitalist control ing and decided to route Mrs, Hazlett has never reached these peaceful groves. At Stark I encountered the first socialist atmosphere out from Missoual. We had a very pleasant meeting in the a special appeal for funds for the great out, and also the few that are in the neighborhood during this season of the year. The proper time to do the work Comrade John Powers reports the in this country is during the latter part

shared by themselves to something per-

fectly incomprehensible to them. The

Mrs. Lewis' Report.

The meetings are going along fine and we have from 200 to 400 people every night. The best of order and no disturb-Respond to the call from the national ance. First night sold 98 debates, \$9.80; office, comrades, for the one-day-wage second night 59 Socialist Movement, fund. One third you keep in the locals, 20 debates, 6 Germs of Mind in Plants, one third the state organization gets, \$10.90; third night, 100 Militia Bills, 80 and the national organization gets the Science and Life by Ferri, 9 debates, remainder. A generous response to this \$9.90; the fourth night, 40 Herron's, 7 appeal means the biggest and best cam- debates, 4 Socialist Movement, 1 Ferris, paign ever conducted by the socialist 2 Introduction, 6 Socialism, \$5.25. Total party and at a critical time. It means sales in four days \$35.85. You will see except Germs of Mind. I am going to enclosed money order for \$5.75 for thir-

Thursday night we had quite a catawork moving. We will have 30 to 50 manuscript and spoke from notes. He strophe. About 9:30 came a call to clear the street for a runaway horse. It was coming down Main street, I could Comrades, what are you doing toward see it but the men could not, so they -swelling of the glands-but am taking

smithereens the other night and cannot

Tuesday: I have about exhausted all the different books I have for sale. Sold some of all kinds here. My sales for seven street meetings are \$77.20. The profits will more than pay my fare from Pocotello and salary and expenses while here. I did not take a single col-

Wilson's Meetings.

Comrade Wilson reported after his first Billings meeting, "Opened my meetings here last night. The comrades insisted on my speaking over on the south side on Saloon street. A large crowd of drunks listened or half listened. Collections \$2.25."

The second meeting reported as follows, "The meeting last night (July 17) was considerably better than night before. A better crowd and more intelligent. Collections \$3.35,"

July 21 he writes from Sheridan, Wyoming, this resume,

"My meetings at Billings closed with deep interest and good spirit among the working class and dismay and anger of the alliance. The last meeting especially was effective. Many converts were made to the cause. Latimer has been doing good work in Billings and Carbon county. He was with me three nights in Billings. Spoke with me. His talks

retary of Local Billings, reports, "To my way of thinking Comrade Wilson's ings at Missoula were well attended. have greatly encouraged the boys in the struggle."

Comrade John Powers, financial sec meetings were among the best we have ever had at Billings. We had first class or. For tree days most bitter editorials outdoor meetings July 16, on the south appeared against the socialists based side and on July 17, 18 and 19, on North on misrepresentations and senseless vi- side. Collections in all \$13.20."

In Wyoming.

30, 12 subs sold, books sold \$6.50. At Frenchtown the meeting was small as dan, Wyoming, "I arrived here last night most of the people were in the hayfield. night. Had an excellent meeting on At Huson Mr. Glaude, the hotel keeper, the street here. The crowd stood for two Hudson, C. W. Adams, Alma Decker. gave us the use of his hall free. A hours, deeply interested. The people are small crowd assembled. Collections hungry for the socialist "medicine." I \$2..20. Nine Mile was another of those leave this p. m. for Dietz. Will be there out of way country points with a sparse two days and return here for a second

Collins' Report.

Had a splendid meeting at Fort were present. Collections were \$4.75. Have spoken two nights at Havre bone who were kidnapped from Colorado but have been troubled both nights with to Idaho for the crime of loyalty to the drunks. Last night I just got started working class. But the wage slaves will when the band came along and I had to stop for about a half hour. Before I started again, the chief of police came and told me I could not talk any more without permission from the mayor. The boys went on the hunt for the mayor, but he could not be found, so I went on with the meeting and there was no arrest made. Collections, \$2.45 first night; \$1.52 second night. There were quite a number of machinists at the last meeting. After finishing here I will leave for Minot, North Dakota, for July 21, from which point I continue east.

Mrs. Lewis' record of book sales in Butte is truly remarkable. During five of the six night's speaking she sold 651 pamphlets and large number of books. It is safe to say she has sold 800 pamphlets in six nights in Butte. Receipts from these sales were, first night, \$9.80; second night, \$10.90; third night, \$9.90; fourth night, \$5.25; fifth night, \$18.40; sixth night, \$16.20; total \$70.45 or an average of \$11.75 per night. The last night 225 pamphlets were sold besides \$6.80 worth of books. This sowing broadcast of socialist and scientific works is the best possible thing that could happen to the Montana movement and we are to be congratulated on having such an able educator as Mrs. Lewis

at least 12,000 votes in Montana and a I have not touched on the 50 cents books ever. He writes from Glendive, "Find to shame.—The Union Sentinel. push 50 cents books the next three teen subs for the "News." I have been J. J. Comerford sends \$3 for stamps nights. The local arranged for me to go around here today and will try to get for Local Norris and relates this inter- to Walkerville Friday (last night) and I some more subs tomorrow. I think if ion at every meeting and Livingston had me that the minister whom the com- went over to bill the place and decided ganized. I will look around tomorrow Tuesday morning for Buford, North Dasecretary, sends in for 20 stamps, 50 told him of the information I had remembership cards and 50 application ceived. I told him if he attempted it with my work in Butte if I average \$10 trade. It wouldn't require so very many socialists like him to bring socialism in a few years.

Comrade Melinda Hudson of Local Dean sends \$3 for stamps and \$7 for fund to be applied to the expense of the state convention. She reports that John Hudson was elected state committee man at a recent meeting. The report of the Local is very encouraging. It shows ten members with five having been transferred to Local Nye. At the last meeting John Hudson was elected Comrade Wilson reports from Sheri-forganizer; Malinda Hudson, secretary; Jay Decker, treasurer; Alma Decker, lit-

erature agent; auditing committee, John

Comrade M. J. Scallon of Great Falls sends us payment for eight subscriptions for the "News" and for two years in advance for himself and makes us happy with the following cheering words of praise for our little state paper: "It is the only paper that sticks up for the 4, 5; Fort Benton, Aug. 6, 7; Havre, Benton. About two hundred people working man in the state of Montana, Aug. 8, 9; and for Moyer and Haywood and Pettisoon wake up and stick together if they read the "Montana News."

> Our socialist contemporaries are quoting the fact that we have five speakers in the field already. For the small population of Montana and the tremendous expense of travel, this leaves all other states far behind us. dirdge, Aug. 4; Fridley (unorganized) But don't think, Comrades, because you Aug. 5. are on lead you are doing your full duty. We must elect enough members of the legislature to create a senatorial deadlock and present another capitalist going to the senate.

Subscriptions are coming in now at the rate of about a hundred a week and counting expired subs, at a gain of 75 per week. This is largely due to the work of our speakers but not entirely, for some locals and a few free lance agitators like MacDonald are making a splendid record. If all the locals in the state would do as well and every socialist would constitute himself as agitator what could we not accomplish.

The Montana News, under the editorial control of Mrs. Crouch-Hazlett, has become an excellent paper. It is owned by the state socialist organization, and lately has put on a canvasser to solicit subs. With a membership of about half that of Pennsylvania and five organizers A. J. MacDonald is still as busy as in the field, Montana puts Pennsylvania

We regret very much that Comrade MacDonald's business is going to take him out of the state. We sincerely hope esting incident. "A comrade wrote me announced same on Thursday but one you could send a speaker down here his absence will be only temporary. The a letter just before the Fourth warning of the boys who used to be in Portland there could be a good strong local or loss to the state is very great but the socialist movement loses nothing from mittee had hired to make the oration my time would be better spent in Butte, to see what I can do. I will leave here the change as MacDonald can be depend-

> The democratic party is a mule because it has neither pride of ancestry

FROM CHANTS DEMOCRATIC. Walt Whitman.

We consider bibles and religions divine -I do not say they are not divine, say they have all grown out of you,

and may grow out of you still, It is not they who give the life-it is you who give the life,

Leaves are not more shed from trees, or trees from the earth, than they are shed from you.

IN THE FIELD.

Lena Morrow-Lewis' Dates.

Anaconda, July 26, 27; Great Falls, July 28, 29, 30; Belt, July 31, Aug. 1; Stockett, August 2, 3; Great Falls, Aug.

T. E. Latimer's Dates.

Big Timber, July 26; Livingston, July 27, 28; Chesnut, July 29; Bozeman, July 30, 31; Belgrade, (unorganized) Aug. 1, 2; Norris, Aug. 3; Pony (unorganized) Aug. 4, 5.

Ben Wilson's Dates.

Red Lodge, July 27; Roberts (unorganized) July 28; Billings, July 29; Dean and vicinity, July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2; Columbus (unorganized) Aug. 3; Al-

pirs. Hazlett's Dates

Comrade Hazlett goes into Iadho to fill ten dates in the Coeur d'Alene district. Mullan, July 26; Wallace, July 27; Burke, July 28; Silver King, July 29; Lane, July 30; Harrison, July 31; Coeur d'Alene, Aug. 1.

San Francisco sufferers are victims to combines that gobble up relief provisions and raise prices. We thought San Francisco took a tumble.

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