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### SHOCKING SCANDAL IN TETON PAUPER METHODS packed the Victoria embankment, and

### Aged and Suffering Inmate Brutally Neglected all the minor converging streets were Through Contract System.

tem of selfish individualism has enthan in the shameful neglect given by capitalist governments to the unfortunate members of society. Our jails, penitentiaries,, reform schools, insane asylums, poor houses and public hosprivate profit, is the keynote to the administration of all these institutions. Under the push of this devouring greed there is an indifference to human life and comfort unrivalled under feudal brutality.

A revolting instance of this maladchristianity has come to light in the shift at government. inhuman methods the Teton county officials have employed in caring for the poor and helpless. The case that first attracted public attention to the awful conditions prevailing was that of an old man by the name of McKee. The old man was sick and friendless and unable to work from a broken leg that had never healed. On an old friend going to see him he was found bedfast, no care whatever being taken His underclothes had not been changed for two months. There were no sheets or pillow cases and the blankets and bedding had not been changed since January, some three or They were saturated and foul with the corruption from He had never been given a bath; his wound was never dressed except what casual care the county doctor bestowed, the stench and the filth were something awful. The old man would have fits of suffering, and was left alone to beat his in his agony. He would get his head through the bars and beat it till the flesh was bruised and raw. His arms were raw to the elbows from these beatings. The food was vile and inadequate for sick persons. His friends were horrified at his plight, and appealed to the county commissioners and the county physician. But they seemed indifferent. He was only a creature who had lost the ability to make profits.

When the old man died from sufinto a rough box and buried as he was, and no word sent to his friends. The woman beast who permitted such disgraceful doings charged \$50 for

An investigation has been commenced, and the body is to be taken up and its method of burial examined. Action will then be taken against the culpable county commissioners.

What is the reason for this disgusting inhumanity? The poor are already gathering. A witness of the

The heartless brutality that this sys- | The woman bid to keep the poor at \$4 a week apiece. She got the congendered is nowhere more evident tract because it was CHEAP. Think of supporting a human being on four dollars a week in Montana. Ten dollasr a week should be the least. Why do these commissioners allow such barbarisms? Because the attempt is pitals are scenes of filth, cruelty and to run the government cheap so that graft 'mpossible to describe. Graft, the rich fellows won't have to dig up in taxes. The Hirschbergs Leaches, and others can afford to pay large sums for public comfort. Under a just system they would be taxed progressively according to their incomes and every unfortunate would be maintained in comfort. But profits are more than human life in ministration of justice, humanity and Teton county. For shame on such a

#### WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN ENGLAND.

The dispatches last week gave but an intimation of the tremendous demonstration of the suffragettes in London June 30. Five thousand policemen were used to protect the precincts of Westminster where parliament was in session, there was a fleet of police boats on the Thames, and many mounted men in the streets. It was the largest demonstration seen in parliament square in the memory of a living person. There was noting violent in the demonstration but it was persistent and strange as it may seem there was no serious accidents.

The demonstration was due to the fact that Premier Asquith had said the women of England had not shown any intense desire for the suffrage. Previous to the gathering some of the leaders met and they sent a commier. Hee refused to meet the committee and told its chairman to put their demands in writing. Then the committee returned to the hall and reported. One of the speakers said the hour had come for women to show mier. She said that in 1897 the women had presented parliament the greatest petition that body had ever known. July 15 of this year they had held the largest public meeting ever seen in Londin and June 21 they had fering and neglect he was jumbled organized the most impressive demonstration that ever appealed to any cluded by saying they would produce another record and the women did it.

They went to Parliament square, not in procession, because that would have been a violation of the law and would have subjected those participating to imprisonment for three months. In small parties they sallied forth, where their sympathizers were farmed out on the contract system. scene says the crowd grew as if by

great square, but filled Westminster bridge as far as the Lambeth bank, thronged Victoria street for several blocks. As far as the eve could reach dense masses of humanity. It was, in fact, a crowd stupendous and unparalleled among human assemblages. comprising as it did, a large proportion of women-Helena Record.

#### REV. DUNCAN'S LECTURE.

The following is from the Columbus

The Rev. Lewis Duncan, the Uniing a lecturing tour through Montana in mehalf of the Socialist party, spoke in the Columbus hall Tuesday evening. Mr. Duncan's discourse was void of the usual bigoted wranglings of the excellence. By stage yesterday morn- Debs ing, Rev. Duncan left for the Still- everybody else on the program spoke; school house last night.

Late dispatches state that the intercommon people

As a result of the outcry, the gov- in Daily Call,

with the greatest secrecy and no information is forthcoming at the foreign office. While it is understood that a number of other Dutch vessels have been ordered to join the Castro. The report here is that none of the commanders has permission to open fire on the Venezuelan ports without further orders from the queen. It is hoped that the show of force will suffice to bring Castro to

#### A RE-CONVERT.

Mrs. Florence Kelley is one of the noblest women I know, and has worked for twenty years or more for socialism among trades unionists and other classes of men and women. She used to belong to the Socialist party, but has not been a party member for many years. Mrs. Kelley was present average socialist, and was replete in at the mass meeting of the Christian valuable information, and rhetorical Socialist Fellowship, when Eugene V. spoke. She was there when water country and spoke in the Nye but when she heard his wonderful plea for the woman who is not "fallen" but "knocked down"; for his WAR WITH VENEZUELA MAY BE sisters who are forced by a cruel and heartless system to sell their honor for a living, when she heard him deference by Dutch Socialists will pre- clare, in a voice broken with emotion, vent a declaration of war against that he honors these sisters of his and places his arm about them, and possible that as a result of the hue takes his stand by their side. Mrs.

Her face was flushed, and I saw the tears she wouldn't let come to her ports of LaGuayra and Porto Cabello, eyes, as she exclaimed: "I am The attitude of the Socialists is that ashamed to be out of the party that has a man like that at its head ditional expense to be borne by the I'll take out my membership card for him tomorrow" .- Rose Pastor Stokes

### PERPETUAL PROPAGANDA PATH-WAY OF PROLETARIAT

lieve that no special effort upon the ist press as a propaganda. part of socialists is necessary to advance their cause; that the conditions ture which has resulted in giving and tendencies of the times, such as thousands an insight into the princithe concentration of wealth in the ples of the sciences has accomplished hands of the few, the combination of capital for the purpose of controling the means of production, transportation, distribution and all other essenbring about the "co-operative com- been almost barren of results. monwealth" which is the object of socialism. They maintain that socialism is inevitable; that capitalism will opinion, that socialist speakers as a fall of its own weight, and that the rule make their addresses too lengthy. people will be compelled to turn to socialism; that each one should inform "The Art of Lecturing," says that this nimself concerning the doctrines of is a socialsm and leave others to do the ers. In this way the effect of a splenquestions and for the education of its who come to the lecture not in sym-

fact, it has already begun and it will terest an audience depends very much eventually result in the co-operative upon the speaker. He should study commonwealth. This is the contention of nearly all socialists. But whether or not, when the change is made after the fall of capitalism, sowhether there will be a series of revolution depends, to a large extent, upon the action of the socialists them-

I am of the number of those that believe in propaganda. I believe that active, aggressive work on the part of the members in educating the people and in making more socialists and in impressing the doctrines of socialism upon the world will hasten the coming of the co-operative commonwealth and of "peace on earth, good will to

I do not mean by this that study and research should be abandoned. Not by any means. Thoughts and ac-

As I understand it, socialism, although it has its economic side, is essentially a political movement. The fact that candidates are put up for election, with the object of getting control of the government and of passing and enforcing laws beneficial to the working class proves it. Such Can forty thousand members of the Socialist party and a million socialist | being the case, I can conceive of no sympathizers raise the insignificant bagatelle of Twenty Thousand Dollars? way of accomplishing this end without first getting a majority of votes. Consequently, every effort by honorable means should be exerted to increase our membership and secure votes for our candidates.

> It is doubtful if there will ever be a time in the world's history when ly upon his or her own judgment. People are bound to be influenced more or less by the action of others. It should be the object of socialism to teach every man and woman to think

Now with reference to the various stickler for any particular method. and victory shall crown our efforts. Each has its merits and its limitations.

The distribution of socialist literamuch.

in attracting the attention of non-socialists, but when not accompanied or tials of civilization will eventually followed by other work, has often

Arthur M. Lewis in his pamphlet on same: that organization should be did lecture is often lessened by tirmerely for the discussion of economic ing out an audience, especially those A change will surely come. In Of course the ability to hold and inhis lecture to a close.

One person may be able to do one kind of propaganda work better than cialism is immediately adopted or another. Some of our best speakers are poor personal workers and organmakeshifts, and perhaps a bloody izers, and vise versa. One should take up the line for which he is best adapted. Any one can distribute literature, but some are better judges than others as to the kind of literature that would interest different classes of readers, and some have a better faculty than others of inducing non-socialists to read our literature. One comrade said to me: "I am no speaker. I cannot write. I am a poor talker, but I can distribute literature and get people to read it and I can get subscriptions for socialist pa-

> Almost any one can make a success of some kind of propaganda work, and if each would do his or her part wonders would be accomplished. For my part I am unwilling for events to take their coursee without making some effort to hasten the inevitable trend of the times toward the advent of socialism.

> Thousands of men and women are out of employment. Thousands of men, women and children go hungry and are in want of thee necessaries of life. Some have already starved to death. Many have committeed suicide to escape beggary, pauperism or crime. Thousands of women and children are wearing out their lives with long hours of toil, under unsanitary conditions for a mere pittance.

Shall we stand idly by, bickering over our petty differences of opinion and do nothing to assist in bringing about a better condition? I say, no. Working men and women of the world unite. You have enothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain. Let each comrade do his or methods of propaganda. I am no her part in pushing forward the work A. B. CLINCH.

### magic until it not only packed the ernment's plans are being guarded MRS. HAZLETT OPENS WORK IN TETON COUNTY

#### Preachers, Profit Grabbers and Politicians. Editors Up in Arms.

response to a letter from Comrade cupy my time, I meandered over to Daly of Great Falls, to deliver an ad- the Rev. Mr. Hutt's tiny domicile dress at a socialist picnic to be held at Farmington, Teton county.

Secretary Graham had previously wired Comrade Buzzell to see if he could fill the date. On receiving a and a large socialist sentiment exists. politically for the socialist movement a county ticket may be put in the

The route is a most tiresome one, on branch lines and by stage. Friday night I spent with our Great Falls the established order. comrades at the home of Mrs. Nevills, and where Comrade Selby supplied me with four dollars to continue the trip as there was not much money around the Montana News office to

The next day I got off at Collins, a lonely stage station. We had written to have a team meet me there and save the expense of a stage, but his conception of economics. I felt no private conveyance being in evidence I climbed inot the stage and started on a thirty mile ride. In due himself. When told of the humane course of time I came to Farmington, a country postoffice. No one there had heard of any picnic or rally so the only thing was to push on to Choteau. The same fate here-letters and bills like to join some society that would lying unopened. It was having time and Comrade Daly was 25 miles from The fact that there were no other his base of action. By dint of work- products to buy, that the sweatshop ing the telephone a meeting was arranged at the Farmington schoolhouse Sunday evening with a good attendance. Was obliged to hire a livery team and go out and come back again to the fate of the sweatshop slaves. to Chotueau that night. The next night Comrade Lindseth took me out to his place, and I held a meeting at the schoolhouse.

#### In Choteau Courthouse.

In the meanwhile I had obtained half full because of lack of advertising, but the audience seemed to be

Was confronted by this trouble throughout the entire trip. Everywhere would come the comment as to how many people would have liked to be present had they known of the meetings.

Wednesday morning I took stage for Bynum. The meeting in the schoolhouse here was the best of the trip. Here are old comrades of years' standing. Savak and Larson and Ole Wagnall. Comrade Daly and his wife worked like troopers to make the meetings a success, the comrade sometimes riding ten miles on horseback after a hard days' work in the hay-

Comrade Daly certainly deserves great credit for inaugurating the work in Teton county. It is promising for the future of the American movement when young men will step to the front and open up new territory as courageously as this young man. He acted as chairman at the meetings and made admirable introductory talks. It is such energy as this that is developing good legislative timber

#### Preacher Fears for Family.

From Bynum I took the stage to Dupuyer. No advertising had been done here whatever except that I had sent some bills up with the stage driver the day before. When I reached the town I found its small population taken up with a Methodist church social for the benefit of the hospital at Great Falls. My landlady thought if I went to see the leading lady in the arrangements that the people would be glad to have me talk to them at the hall. I was dubious about getting any hearing for social justice from anything that had a church flavor, but thought I might put the time in talking anyhow as it looked as though there was not going to be much chance to deliver the socialist message in Dupuyer. The lady to whom I had been referred was very pleasant, said she would like to hear socialim explained, and would like to understand what it was they the Rev. Mr. Hutt, who had charge of affairs. So, as there was abso-

On Friday, July 24, I left Helena in | lutely no other way with which to ocfairly well assured beforehand as to what the character of the interview would be.

How could a socialist who knew his philosophy miss it? Here was a negative answer it was decided that small impoverished community wringwe must get into Teton county some ing a niggardly existence from a For two years the socialists grudging soil, the major part of which over there have been trying to get went in profits to the two stores that work done. The Montana News goes robbed them to their eyes, interest to into a large number of postoffices in a banking outfit of jews that robbed the county, the section of country is the whole country and rent to the entirely composed of small farmers, capitalist land owners. I knew that the working men would give little of But if this sentiment is to be available their scanty earnings to a man who wore kid gloves all week and worked organization must be effected so that on Sunday while he told them to work during the week and not work on Sun-Consequently the reverend would be dependent upon the people that had the money, nad would uphold

> The situation was all I anticipated and more. I found a man small of body and mind whose greeting showed the shallow smirk of the sycophant, of small learning and large stupidity. and yet who felt entirely competent to advise people who knew a thousand times more than he did. He was "forninst" socialism at the "social"-nervously so. He expounded sorry for the poor ignorant clatterer, and the spectacle he was making of basis and need for socialism, and the horrors under which modern industry was carried on, he was possessed by the brilliant idea that he would refuse to buy sweatshop products. this industrial system, and that he had no money to purchase anything with anyway left him still indifferent

#### Sad Fate of Buzzell.

He spoke with reproving pity of the terrible plungeof Comrade Buzzell in becoming a socialist, and of his deep regrets at the language used by Mr. Buzzell in his lecutre at the Presbythe courthouse in Choteau, and put terian church in Great Falls. When the bills up and down main street, and asked to specify the offense he said Tuesday evening held the meeting that Mr. Buzzell said his wife was a there. The place was only about slave; adding that his (Hutt's) wife surely was not a slave. The remarks showed such ludicrous ignorance of historical evolution that, as I thought of the vigorous and intelligent cooperation of Mrs. Buzzell with her husband's work, and looked at this parson's wife tending her latest baby, doing her washing, ironing, cooking, mending, and all the slavish drudgery that a poor man's wife has, and not daring to open her head, the amusement of the situation was almost too much to aid my politeness in repressing a smile.

As I explained the economic dependence of woman, and her position as the slave of a slave some dawning comprehension appeared on Mr. Hutt's face. But he thought he had one solid anchor against socialism and said: "Well, you're opposed to the family, aren't you?"

As he was told that the socialists were the only ones that had a planfor conserving the family life, that the system that he upheld was blotting the family from society, with its open and shameless prostitution, its divorces and its lessening marriage rate, the reverend squirmed, the subject was too deep for him:

I spoke in the dark before about twenty men gathered in front of the Harris store, whose proprietors showed me every kindness. As I went back to my hotel I heard a squeaky phonograph at the "church social", pouring forth its jigs and ragtime-a horror to the sensitive, artist car of a music lover-and thought what a wonderful conserver of morality that taste must be which preferred the cheapest sort of vaudeville to a sensible exposition of a subject the whole intellectual world is talking about, and which is taught in every university inthe world.

#### Among Friends.

The next day the stage took me out to Conrad where the hospitable bungalow of Comrade Buzzell cheered my heart for a couple of days.

Teton county, like the farming communities everywhere, is ready for socialism. Comrade Latimer enters the county about the 9th, and will effect organization, and the slaves to interest, profits and rent will have a chance believed. She told me to go and see to vote against the system which oppresses them.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

## SOCIALIST SPECIAL

The keen interest I feel in the Socialist Special prompts this appeal in its selves. behalf. Dismissing all personal consideration and speaking with reference to the party alone. I frankly confess myself an enthusiast upon the subject. The idea is bold and audacious and proclaims the adult stage of the Socialist party, which the machine politicians still fondly believe to be in its swaddling clothes.

It is a brilliant idea and glitters with possibilities. The very suggestion is infectious and the thing itself an inspiration.

#### THE SOCIALIST SPECIAL!

The roar of it can already be heard in the distance and the eager crowds can be seen as they cheer the onrushing "red spectre" with fiery enthusiasm men." in its flight across the continent on its mission of emancipation.

In its wake the comrades will shout exultant and the track of the Red Special will be the path of the Revolution. Hundreds of thousands will be attracted who otherwise will be beyond | tion should go hand in hand.

our reach. Tons of literature will be distributed. The Special itself will be a thing of life and will throb with the spirit of

revolution. Along its track the stray and scattered embers of revolt will be fanned into a sweeping conflagration.

It will increase our capacity, augment our power, multiply our numbers and vitalize our propaganda.

Can it be done? What!

That is the proposition in a nutshell.

It CAN be done ! OF COURSE IT CAN BE DONE!

But there is no time to lose not a minute. And the only way to do it is to do it. Turn yourself loose, comrades, all along the line and roll in the coin

until the Socialist Special is assured. The announcement has already gone forth and it has struck dismay in every man and woman will act entirethe ranks of the enemy. We cannot now retreat. The Socialist party must

make good and the Red Special start on schedule time. Twenty thousand dollars invested in a Socialist special in this campaign

will be worth more than five times that amount at a later time. Nothing ever done or attempted in our propaganda has had such an electric effect upon the movement. The amount required to carry it out will be and act on his or her judgment. returned tenfold in advertising alone and in making SOCIALISM THE COM-MANDING ISSUE before the people of the United States.

Loyally your comrade, EUGENE V. DEBS.

### AVERTED.

Venezuela by the Netherlands. It is and cry being raised by the Socialists Kelley could not hear more. against Wilhelmina's stand, there will be no bombardment of the Venezuela the threatened war will furnish an ad-

Some there are who assert and be-II believe in the efficiency of the social-

Socialist speeches have done much

It has seemed to me, and I have

heard many others express the same revalent mistake with all lecturpathy with the subject of the lecturer. his audiencee and know when to bring

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#### THE CHAIN OF THE MASTERS.

Mrs. Hazlett's tour of Teton county was provocative of the editor of the "Acantha", which bears the label of Injunction Bill, breaking forth in a column editorial to expose his ignorance on economics, and his subservience to his political bosses that pay his grocery bill. It is the old story of the intellectual prostitute selling his birthright of freedom and noble thought for the miserable living of a country editor. This is one of the glorious ideals for which socialists give their lives, that ample living should be assured to every man through his effort, and he should not have to write lies, platitudes, scientific absurdities in order to be counted with the "intellectuals". He bears to his readers the large-hearted and comforting assurance that there is no need to be agitated about the "dangers of socialism". He says that time will classify socialism, as it has other great fakes. You are right, Mr. Tiny Capitalist Editor. Time is rapidly and prolifically classifying socialism as each succeeding election rolls around; and as Marsh's Magazine so ably sets forth in its July number. 1888, 2,000; 1900, 100,000; 1902, 230,000; 1904, 468,000; 1908- Count the per cent for yourself, Mr. Slaveto-His-Masters Editor.

The Acantha man admits that he cannot discuss the principles of socialism. But he rushes to the rescue of his Masters of the Bread by a bantamlike defense of "OUR business men and OUR business establishments". Just what per cent dividends he is drawing for his partnership in these businesses he does not state. He whimpers that "she refered to one firm by name and stated that they belonged to an unessential, predatory

and robber class". The firm Mrs. Hazlett referred to was that of the Hirschbergs, a concern that owns the banking interests in that section of the country, stores scattered along at the various post- Sol Fieldman ......October offices, and employs the interims of its time in gobbling up all the farms worn farmer cannot pay the usury exactions upon wrung from his bitter toil. This firm is getting hold of everything in the country that broken and failing toil cannot keep from its clutches. The overworked farmers' wives are slopping around in their rags feeding calves, pigs and chickens schools.

By what right do these robbers seize the products of other men's labor? What system of laws made by the

robbers themselves can justify such robbery? These labor skinners are monsters of selfishness and indifference to the sufferings of others. They refused a sack of flour to a man with a farm and six children dependent upon him. who was obliged to wait for his crop until he could get cash. Yet they knew that they would fleece hundreds of dollars off him if he succeeded in as they are set down. They cannot

time. They render no service for this tribute they exact from the whole surrounding country. The goods they furnish are the cheapest and worst adulterated sweatshop product, for which they charge the prices of honest goods.

No. Mr. Editor, socialism is organized exactly to fight such predatory grafters. When the farmers get wise, when they have intelligence they will have their own co-operative stores, and the Hirschbergs will work in them for a reasonable compensation or starve. Socialists in office will give them state loans without interest, and the grafting exploiters will be taxed to furnish them, and their robbing banks will disappear.

This is what the socialist speakers tour the country for, Mr. Editor, for the sake of attacking and exposing this predatory class.

The Acantha man defends the local flour mill in the same way. This mill is such an open, bare-faced robbing concern that it is a matter of protest from the debt-ridden farmers everywhere. When it buys the wheat it deducts the freight to Minneapolis, and when it sells the flour it adds it on. Great system! When the farmers cease to be suckers they'll put up their own flour mill.

The flour man has put in an electric plant and gets in an extra swipe by gouging on the lights. The community should put in its own plant and it could have all modern electrical conveniences without making a few gougers rich. This is socialism.

Mr. Editor even goes to the point of saying that Mrs. Hazlett has no RIGHT to criticize these people publicly. Shut off free speech then. It is the only way you can stop the socialists' criticism.

The editor accuses Mrs. Hazlett of unsupported assertions". If he can give ONE assertion unsupported by fact it will be promptly retracted. Let him name JUST ONE.

His accusations of "slang and sensationalism" are a very cheap method of retort to those who have known Mrs. Hazlett as a lecturer for a dozen years, her university training, and command of English to the extent of making her almost a purist in ex-

Guthrie does well for his masters but the Mrs. Partington broom that he wields will soon be overwhelmed by the advancing ocean of socialism.

#### FIELD WORK.

Eugene V. Debs.	
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	East HelenaAugust 16

A. W. Harrick.

Rev. Lewis J. Duncan.

Dietz, Wyo..................August 7 D. Burgess. Lima.....August 21

Dillon..... August 22-23 Corbin .......................August 30 East Helena......August 31 Strenuous efforts are being made by

various unions throughout Montana to have the Debs train go through Fergus county. Twenty-four hours more in the state would enable Debs to speak to one-third of the voters. Subscriptions for the Debs special are coming in at a satisfactory rate.

Locals must take the Stokes dates creating products by his toil; which be changed as they are given only so they are actually doing at the present | much time by the national office.

#### WITH OUR ORGANIZERS

Manhattan, Mont., July 25. Dear Comrade:-I made the train all right and left a bunch of Machine Politics at Campbell's grocery store, as directed.

five on "What Socialists Want and How They Are Going to Get It". Organized a local of nine members

The recording secretary will send in the application for charter, which I filled out for him, together with 90 here at 3 a. m. and change at Livoff but guess I can find out on the branch train.

Fare, Helena to Manhattan and RECEIPTS. From Local Manhattan.....\$6.00

Sales of Literature..... 1.90

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Cordially. LEWIS J. DUNCAN.

Livingston, Mont., July 27. Dear Comrade:-I had a good meeting at Aldridge last night. About in "What Socialists Want and How They Are Going to Get It". The comrades were feeling a bit discouraged about the local and put off organization till four or five who were out of town should return. They promised me faithfully, however, that they would reorganize this week and take

It seems that they answered your earlier communications but for some reason you did not receive their letters. There seems to be some interference with your mail and you had this accounts for the other slow answers that you get from local secre-

up the work in good earnest again.

The Aldridge comrades say it would be well if you could send a good Austrian (Slav.) speaker and organizer there. They think the Austrian miners are ripe for socialism but lack instruction because they do not underought to use them in such camps. There were some Austrians at my meeting last night and I had a talk help if they had tracts and papers Sub. to Montana News, Walter for socialism in his language.

I have sold all the 50-cent books I had with me and most of the 5-cent Kerr tracts. If you have any more in stock, send me a bundle to Red

Lodge by Saturday. RECEIPTS. Collection at Aldridge ..... \$4.00 EXPENSE.

Electric, fare and breakfast .... \$1.35 Round trip, Electric to Aldridge, 1.50 Electric to Livingston & baggage 1.00 \$3.85

Columbus, Mont., July 30. Dear Comrade Graham:-Here I am back in Columbus, tonight, and en route for Red Lodge.

Yours cordially,

LEWIS J. DUNCAN.

I arrived here Tuesday morning. No one met me at the train and I had of literature and arranged for return just engaged stage for Absarokee when Comrade Day made himself came back to Kalispell and had my known. He informed me that ar- last meeting here, the largest of the rangements had been made for me to series in spite of the regular band speak here that night, hall engaged, etc., so I cancelled stage order. Day then began to advertise the meeting. To my surprise nothing in the way of getting out an audience had been done before my arrival. He put around in stores, saloons, etc., some dozen or fifteen bills. The hall he years ago there wasn't a socialist vote Northern Wyoming till.....August 11 had engaged for \$5.00, which was onehalf the regular rate. Later in the day we called on two or three people, one of whom is a socialist-once a member of a local here. Day invited ature \$2.05. people right and left as he met them twenty or twenty-five men came out Comrade Eastlick brought me up 10 to the lecture. I gave them "Our National Ideal and Our Practice". It across to Angel Point, two miles over was dispiriting, so small a number in so large a hall.

The next morning Comrade Day said I was to go to Nye for a meeting Dean would tell me about the other meetings, which were under her direction. I went as far as Dean and telephoned Mrs. Hudson. She told me to stay there and she would take me over to Nye. I did so and we had an audience of 17 in Nye school house.

It turned out that Mrs. Hudson had

understood that Comrade Day was to arrange meetings for me at Fish Tail tonight and at Roscoe tomorrow. where I was to be met by comrades from Red Lodge and taken to that place across country. No meeting had been arranged anywhere for tonight and no arrangement to take me to Red Arrived at Manhattan on time, and Lodge. So there was nothing for me spoke to audience of about twenty- to do but come back here. I shall leave here tomorrow morning on train for Red Lodge and have telegraphed

Peters not to send team to Roscoe. I shall probably speak in Red Lodge tomorrow, certainly on Saturday, if not tomorrow, and I hope on both cents and minutes of the meeting, nights. Today, you see, has been a This is a tough trip. I have to leave | dead expense-no income-and I shall have to make it up somehow. It ingston at 5 a. m. Don't know if I seems to have been a case of two shall have time to see Comrade Bau- cooks and scorched broth. I shall man before leaving there for Aldridge not get caught this way again. I or not. It seems that Aldridge is not shall make no country trips unless I on the railroad and at this writing I know in advance that the meeting is do not know at which station to get advertised and arrangements all made. It is too expensive.

The socialists I am meeting on this trip are fine people; intelligent, scientific, both politically and ethically street car ...... \$1.25 earnest and the farthest remove pos-Fare to Livingston .......... .60 pictured by the inflamed fancy of middle-class utopians who think there \$3.10 are no classes and therefore ought to be no class conflicts.

I have wished many times that some of my middle class friends who think socialists a political menace an ethical scarecrow, or worse, and an intellectual zero, could meet the comrades I have been meeting and see how genuine, sane, and fine grained they are. No matter what their station or occupation, they are all of forty people were out and interested them thoroughly posted, not only on socialism but on industrial and economic questions; they are readers of good literature and thinkers upon what they read; they have high standards of individual and social ethics and average very highly as men and women and as American citizens. have met them-coal miners, railroad men, of all sorts, craftsmen of various sorts, and ranchers, some well educated in schools, some self-educated in the school of experience, but all earnest, high-minded, and full of zeal for the cause of economic jusbetter look the matter up. Perhaps tice and the highest type of American citizenship.

Of course this is no surprise to me but I know what a surprise it would be to many of my middle class friends who think I am throwing myself away in espousing the cause for which these comrades stand. The very quality of these socialists, if there were no other cause, is assurstand or speak English. If we have ance enough that before long our any Austrian speaker or literature we cause will win. You can't defeat such people as these.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT, JULY 30. RECEIPTS. with one of them. He told me he Collection Columbus......\$11.25 taken by most of his race in the Collection Livingston...... 5.00 have their rush work done and will camp is working for the republican Collection Nye City...... 4.50 Hanks, Dean, Mont...... .50

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	Yours cordially,

LEWIS J. DUNCAN. Dear Comrade Graham:-At the

close of my second meeting in Kalisnel I invited those interested to adjourn to the I. W. W. hall, which had been offered by the union members. Three filled out applications for membership and others declared their intention to do so in the near future. Collection \$2.70; literature \$1.00.

At Somers I spoke on the street to god sized audience. Sold \$2.55 worth meeting Sunday evening. On Friday concert being given on this evening.

Collection \$3.55; literature \$1.40. At Rollins I met Comrade A. B. Eastlick, who is responsible more than any other one person for the fact that his precinct is a majority socialist at the present time, when two in the precinct. The schoolhouse was filled in spite of this being the busiest time of the year around the lake (the berry season). Collection \$2.55; liter-

There was no boat returning to Somers where I was to speak next, so miles in his buggy and I walked the hills and took an excursion boat to Somers. The comrades at Dayton creek were very anxious for a meeting but I knew nothing of it until I that night and that Mrs. Hudson at reached Rollins, so could not go there as my other meetings were arranged.

At Somers the I. W. W. had turned their hall over to me for the meeting and had an orchestra to furnish music. The hall was filled with men and women. There are some good socialists in Somers and I believe a live local can be kept up here. Sevmade no other dates because she eral signed the application for a char- bon county.

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ter, and the comrades stated they could get several more, so I gave them instructions as to how to proceed and they will send in the appli-

cation. Literature \$1.40. Came back to Kalispell and Comrade Heselwood drove over to Big Fork with me. This has been the poorest meeting that I have held in the county. Comrade Jelleff was not present. A few working men and ranchers were there, besides the republican and democratic local bosses and a few drunks who butted into the meeting for awhile. I understand that there are a number of socialists GO TO down the lake several miles from Big Fork but suppose they were too busy to come so far. Sold literature 70

We returned to Kalispell this morning about 2 a. m., making a drive of 45 miles. And will go to Whitefish today Have received no letter so don't know where my next meeting is supposed to be.

About the first of October a speaker should be sent to Flathead for at least seven to ten dates, the outlook being very bright for a large socialist vote attend better than at present. lumber jacks and mill workers mostly belong to the I. W. W., and it is pretty generally admitted that those that can vote will cast their ballots for the Socialist party in this county.

Am arranging for the election of a County Central committee. Fraternally yours,

T. E. LATIMER.

Livingston, Mont., August 1. Jas. D. Graham.

Dear Comrade:-I am enclosing you express money order for \$3.50 to pay for special convention stamps sold and am returning what is left unsold. Owing to small attendance during the last two meetings of our local there was not many that voted on Referendum "B" in regard to holding of the State convention. I am enclosing the result of the vote taken. We held a meeting of the local last Thursday to consider the Stokes' meeting and decided to secure the opera house and to charge an admission of 15 cents. We think by charging a small fee we will be able to fill the house, because surely no one will kick at paying that price to hear such noted speakers as J. Phelps Stokes and Rose Pastor Stokes. We want you to get out some large attractive posters stating who the speakers are, their subject, price of admission and place of meeting We also want 1,000 tickets as soon as possible so that we will have plenty of time to sell them. We are thinking of posting some "tonight" bills in the evening but we have plenty of time to decide on that later. I think that this meeting is going to prove a tremendous success and a gala day for

We have started out to solicit funds for the "Red Special" and I think Livingston will make a good showing along that line, because Debs is well liked by the railroad boys.

socialism.

I wish you would try and let us know as soon as possible whether we are going to be able to have Debs speak here. Everybody is inquiring about it. We are going to have another meeting Monday, and every week from now on.

> Yours for the Revolution, ROY PENNICOTT. Recording Sec'y Local Livingston.

The John Collins dates are changed because John Hudson wanted to show him how to ride horses again in Car-

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### **Poet's Corner**

TRUST BUSTIN'.

Both parties for years have been tryin' trust bustin' And if they keep failin' 'twill git so To us that is busted by trusts and sich

That they will be asked jest to git up and hike. George, Thomas and Aleck would turn In their honored graves if they knew acticed by sharpers who safe skulk behind

things they forgot to forsee. We're so blind These days to our rights or such nat-ural born fools We've thrown up the sponge, have be-come willing tools

To Master Joe Cannon who by his gag Has made of our Congress a copying Instead of protestin' and mendin' our

We vacantly stare while they rob us; The fathers neglected to hire a great To foretell our dangers and needs. Let's not jeer At China for turnin' her face to the rear; While we are afraid for a new port to steer. Let's quit callin' England "mossback"

while we fear To add one new letter definin' the rights Of any but niggers. Amend it so Can check their task masters before they are bound

they are bound
With chains far more galling than
ever were wound
Arould the poor nigger. "Well, what
will you do?
There's Billy been cryin' for years
jest like you
And warnin' the people of what we
all know. all know.

And Teddy he's tryin', but he's awful we think he means bizness, but his house of lords Keeps pullin' their end of the evener The hind end". Well, ain't the time

To title them fellers and give up as Weak cattle, or rise up and show them are when they stand up by

Such pride as theirs cometh before a great fall. If they keep on showin' so tarnal much gall
Let's choose 'em ourselves, with one term of four years,
And drop that fool notion that when

once in gears They always can stay there e-en if they do pull The wrong way, or play out—Our cup ing the right to work. is brim full.

Exposin' a Burton or Mitchell's no

Such grand stand performances may Another ten years to the thieves now

In office or out. New Zealand has I don't mean the one down in the

Where they're testin' odd things to see how they'll be, But jest south of Kansas—is taking "The first shall be last" and so forth, is her creed. If all her fool notions should prove out O. K. As did her bank failure, paid up in

E'en Mossback Missouri might stay in the ranks Of progress or yet join the army of "cranks". Between two hard millstones so tight-

We're ready to say to the worn-out, "Be damned!" living right now and it does not A free,thinking people to follow a

worship the past except as we the beginning of our own destiny. To fine Standard Oil one per cent of its graft Yet let it steal on, is a proof we are

Preventin' Jim Hill from callin' two By one name yet run them as one, is The fool common people, who, once Submitted, but angry are now, with-

Beginnin' a "fite" that will end in the Of trusts, graft and sich like, and will bosses knock out. go to ye rich men and how!!" If your'e wise

You'll surely take warning and list' to You'd better pretend, if your heart is And give half a loaf, lest the people

Should foolishly ask and compel you The whole thing: Be willing to live

"The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof Belongs to His children" and though you may scoff And rage when they humbly demand

just share The scales of His justice will give what is fair; Yet not till the people rise up in their

And bravely with Him for their heritage fight. A. G. DILLMAN.

Conrad, Montana.

#### JOHN HUDSON AT DEAN.

Belfry, Mont., July 27. Dear Comrades:-Comrade John Hudson of Dean, Mont., held a meeting at Belfry Sunday the 26th at 7:30 p. m. The meeting was held in the open air, Comrade Hudson speaking from a carriage which stood in front of the Belfry Bank. Comrade Hudson spoke about an hour and a half to a crowd of over sixty attentive listeners. He showed conclusively who the anarchists were, not the socialists but the capitalists. He enu- dollars? merated several instances of anarchy practiced by the capitalists and told the crowd that no such thing could happen under socialism. He showed the listeners where he stood and stid that all who were with him were sohold several meetings here in the COMMANDING ISSUE before the

near future.

#### **National**

versant with the Holland language is directed to the monthly publication price 40 cents per year.

The National committee is now voting on Motion No. 28, which provides for the endorsement by the respective State committees of national lecturers or organizers. Vote will close August 18.

Comrade Clinton H. Pierce, has organized two good locals in New York State within ten days. Comrade G. Bertelli (Italian) has organized four locals in Pennsylvania, within the past week, with a total membership of

Reports from state secretaries on National Referendums "A" and "B", 1908, the National Platform and National Constitution, should reach the National Office on or before August However, by a ruling of the National Executive committee, March session, 1907, all ballots reaching the National Office within ten days of the closing date will be counted.

Charters have been granted to locals in unorganized states, since last report as follows: Valentine, Neb., 5 members; O'Neill, Neb., 5 members; Felton, Ga., 7 members: Elgin, Neb., members; Gering, Neb., 10 members; Alma, Neb., 12 members; Aurora, N. C., 5 members; Norfolk, Neb., 7 members; Page, Neb., 14 members; Clayton, N. M., 7 members; Ainsworth, Neb., 9 members.

The Social-Democratic aldermen of Milwaukee have declined to take any part in the ball game and reception given by this city to the Philadelphia alderman. These men are not only grafters themselves and representatives of one of the most corrupt city governments in the country, but also represent the city government which last winter officially clubbed unemployed men when peacefully demand-

The republican candidate for governor of North Dakota, first accepted and then backed down upon a challenge to debate with Comrade James H. Brower. However, a lawyer was substituted for the governor and the debate took place at the opera house at Minot. There was a capacity audience and at the close of the debate a local was formed with thirty-eight members.

Lincoln Steffens has had his interview with Comrade Debs, and under most favorable circumstances; that is, at the picnic in Milwaukee, where, Salter, who is a member of the Lonsurrounded by 25,000 socialists, he could properly gather the spirit of our chairman. The declared purpose of movement. We have the assurance that the interview will be published in the October number of Everybody's Magazine, which will appear about September 20.

The receipts of the National Office for dues stamps for the month of February, 1908, (the last month on which the apportionment of delegates to the National Convention was based), was \$2,178.55. That sum exceeded all previous records by \$293.55. The receipts for dues for the month of July, just closed, was \$2,310.45. July, therefore, tops the high water mark by the sum of \$131.90, representing an increased membership of 2,638.

The National committee adopted the notion providing for the "Socialist Special", upon which the vote closed July 28: Yes 50, No 9, not voting 9. This is the largest vote ever recorded by the National committee on any subject. The affirmative votes of Comrades Sol Fieldman, New York, and Josephine Cole, California, were received too late to be counted.

#### COMRADE DEBS ON SOCIALIST SPECIAL.

Speaking with reference to the Party alone, I frankly confess myself an enthusiast upon the subject. The idea is bold and audacious and proclaims the adult stage of the Socialist Party.

The very suggestion is infectious

and the thing itself an inspiration. In its wake the comrades will shout exultant and the track of the "Red Special" will be the path of the revo-Along this track the stray and scattered embers of revolt will be fanned into a sweeping conflagration. Can forty thousand members of the Socialist party and a million socialist sympathizers raise Twenty Thousand

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EDWIN S. DEW. | people of the United States.

OF COURSE IT CAN BE DONE! The amount required to carry it out will be returned tenfold in advertiscialists. Comrade Hudson intends to ing alone and in making Socialism the

### International

has been discovered that the influential new vicar of St. Margaret's, Dun-"De Volkstein", printed in Holland, ham Massey, Cheshire, England, is not only a socialist, but an enrolled party member. He is described in the magazines as a man of high attainments. He is at present editor of the Interpreter, a quarterly magazine of Biblican studies. As showing his all round character, it is related that while at college he was a leading ath-

> A big victory was gained by the socialists of Finland in the national election last week. It will be recalled that the Czar ordered the last Parliament dissolved last March because the number of socialist deputies-80-virtually tied the hands of the government. The result this year places the autocrat in a still more uncomfortable position. The result of the present election is as follows: Socialists, 84; Old Finns, 54; Constitutionalists, 50; Agrarians, 10; Christians, 2. Thus the socialists are more strongly the leading party than ever. There is a belief that the Czar will now attempt to abolish popular government in Finland, but the Finns will

The action of the British miners in voting to unite with the Labor-Socialist combine is creating considerable apprehension in old-party political circles as the full significance of the action draws upon the leaders. It not only means that thirteen men must leave the government seats and cross over and take opposition benches, but the miners' decision may spell the doom of the Liberal party, as a political factor in Great Britain and a realignment of parties, with the Labor-Socialist party in second or perhaps in first place. It is pointed out by an English paper that the miners are a power in about 100 districts in Great Britain, and that if those men stand by their vote as an organization the Liberal party will go down to rise no more. The politicians have been trying to coddle the miners for some time with promises of enacting their eighthour bill into law, but the workers have become incensed at the doubledealing of the government, whose bill computes time when the miners begin to swing their picks, not when they start into the mines, as the men propose. There will be some more interesting political news coming from the old country soon.

A Socialist Medical League has recently been organized in London. Over seventy practicing physicians took part in its formation, and many more have since joined. Dr. A. don County Council, is the permanent the league is "to enlist the special knowledge of medical practitioners in the reconstruction of society upon a socialist foundation." Membership is limited to physicians, surgeons and dentists admitted to practice in Great Britain, though medical and dental students and practitioners of other nationalities are admitted as associate members. The qualified practitioner pays annual dues of \$1.25 a year and the student 25 cents.

Despite the Czar's gerrymandering of the constitution, socialist M. P.'s still make speeches in the Third Duma. So late as the 10th of June, Bielwousson made a speech against the war Budget, of which the following are some of the points: "War expenses now make up a fifth of the Empire's budget. If you cast a glance over these fabulous sums spent by the country during the last few years you will have a sight before you truly revolting. The country has flourished, and still exists only for military purposes. How has all this expenditure benefited the people? How has it helped them industrially? How has it helped them intellectually? How has it improved the condition of the poor proletariat? No! No! no, it has helped us in no way. As a result of this infamous folly we see millions of hungry peasants, villages groaning under the weight of taxes, industry in a state of chaos, and every day more numerous and more formidable an army of workless artisans. (Applause from the Left; some hissing from the Government benches). But as for you, who vote this money because you are deaf to the groans of the people, because you do not see and are not willing to see what happens in your ruined country-you who dream of big armies and invulnerable ships-oh! cruel men! dream at your ease ! The people and the peasants will one day appreciate what you have done." (Loud applause from Left; some insulting cries from the benches on the Right.)

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### Women's Clubs

Pardon me for troubling you to

The following leaflet has come to the office of the News. It is signed "A True Friend"

read this letter, but I cannot resist the you. Of course, right here you will for reasons which will become apparent to you after you read further, "True Friend" substituted. Suffice it to say that your husband has known me for years. On occasions I have importance to him and his family, but he seems to be too busy with his tired therefrom to listen to me after finishing his work. seems indifferent; at other times it appears that he does not realize the becomes violent when I speak to him. You may well be alarmed to learn this, and it is well you should be. Indifference to the well-being of his beloved ones, even in the slightest degree, is not a crime, but a disease. It he refuses to be convinced. Furthermore, his actions for the last few

You, more than any other person in this world, know how much your beloved husband is forced to endure for your sake while providing you and the little ones with shelter, food and clothing, with an education for the sible, for all. He is obliged to submit without a murmur to insult from his superiors; his superiors not always in the strict sense of the word, from those upon whom his daily bread, the life of himself and his family depends. He knows he cannot leave his position without causing you much anxiety, if not actual privation and want. This condition has sur rounded him since he was forced to earn a living to a more or less de gree until it has made him either timid or irresponsible.

years have convinced me that your

husband needs your tender care and

In the last few years rents have risen to an alarming height. Likewise the price of shoes, clothing and everything you need for the table. You find that you scarcely can make ends meet. Today the grocer tells you that the price of butter, coffee, or sugar has gone up. The baker raised the price of bread, or if he did not then he made the loaves so small that you are forced to spend more to feed the mouths at home. The peddiar refuses to let you have a quart of potatoes or a head of cabbage as cheap as formerly. And the butcher. He complains that he is forced to pay more for meat also, or to go without it. Turkeys, ducks and geese are now luxuries almost beyond the limit of your pocketbook. It is the same with fruits. Formerly you had plenty of apples, peaches or berries in the house, but lately you find that you are eating less and less of these And fruits are so necessary to health They are Nature's medicines.

But this is not all. Besides an ncrease in price, we find an adulteration of our foodstuffs. Milk is high and adulterated. Canned goods are high and poisoned. Meat is high and treated with injurious chemicals. People are killed by the foods which are supposed to maintain life. Today some dear member of your family may be stricken, and death may destroy your peace and happiness and even rob you of your husband and take from the little ones the father.

You scold the grocer, you argue with the peddlar, you remonstrate with the butcher and the baker, you search the papers for bargain offers, you worry and fret from morning until night so that your allowance for household expenses will reach from one week to another. You complain to your husband, but all in vain. He does nothing to put an end to this condition. In fact he assures you that nothing can be done; that it always has been this way and always will be so. Therefore I ask you to heed my advice.

You will have noticed that the sun shines as brightly and warms the earth as ever before. Does the rain no longer moisten field and forest? Does the earth refuse to grow wheat vegetables or fruit? Does Nature no longer fill the forests with game and the water with fish; no longer provide us with food and clothing? There is an overabundance of every thing mentioned. Shall I now tell you why all these things can only be had at almost prohibitive prices? Do not take offense, but the truth is your husband wants it so. That is the reason why I consider him ill; why I fear for his reason.

I have begged him to join me, to gether with millions all over the earth who think as I do, and to take to keep any considerable number of the earth away from those who now pioneer organizers on the road will hold it and who will not give us on our mailing list. depend upon the organizers' ability to shelter, clothing, food or even a drink of water unless we pay them whatFOR A GOOD

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I will no longer appeal to him. 1 now turn to you. Use that influence which woman possesses over her lifemate. Tell him to fight for you; for himself. Tell him that you find things unchanged whether he votes the republican or the democratic ticket. He refuses to vote the Socialist ticket because we tell him that the earth shall be for all and not for a few. That old age shall be a blessing instead of a curse as it is now. Will you do this? If so, drop me a line, and I will send you a paper containing interesting information which will, with your help, show him the way out of his and your troubles.

#### WE KEEP SPREADING OUT.

Salt Lake City, July 30.

Montana News,

Gentlemen:-Your publication, the 'News", reaches us semi-occasionally. We find in it a live, interesting paper. covering a section of the inter-mountain country that we want to keep in and establish private hospitals inside touch with.

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We should like very much to have you put us on your exchange list and in return will be pleased to put you

Yours truly.

L. S. GILLHAM.

PROPAGANDA MATERIAL.

Dear Comrade:-I am in receipt of your favor of the 26th inst., with check for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and herewith enclose you a receipt. I am forwarding you by express 25 Charters with Mailing Tubes; 500 Membership two hundred (200) dues stamps.

Fraternally yours, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

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If you think that progress and the conquest of nature, made under class conditions for profit or to satisfy the cupidity of a morbid philanthropist, is a matter of holiday sport, read the construction reports of the Chicago Drainage Channel or any similar work and learn how the men were treated; how they worked; what food and shelter they had; what form of recreations; how they were mutilated, suffered, died, their bodies thrown away and forgotten, all for the sake of 'human" progress, they themselves of course not being human.

O! Progress, what crimes are committed in thy name! In our most advanced industries (the steel works for example) it has become necessary to enclose the grounds with a wall for the victims of "progress"; and the records of these so-called "accidents" 'News" regularly and under separate are concealed from the public with connivance of the civil authorities as being so horrible that their exposure would endanger the foundations of society. Or read the history of the Homestead strikes and learn how Philanthropist Carnegie worked for human progress.-Marcus Hitch in his criticism of Goethe's Faust.

### **♥ State Department**

F. S. Cahill of Pocatello renews his subscription.

Local Stevensville sends in \$4.00 for the News.

Is your union in need of constitutions, by-laws, bills, tickets, referendums, or letterheads? If so, order them from the Montana News, the only workingman's paper in the state run in the interest of labor.

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Orders are coming thick and fast for the Debs envelopes. 65 cents a hundred. Get a bunch in time to make their flying through the mails good propaganda.

Local Fridley gave their annual strawberry and ice cream social on July 17. Cleared \$28.00. It was given to raise money to pay the convention assessment.

Five half-yearly sub cards \$1.00. Every comrade in Montana should send for a dollar's worth and boom the local socialist campaign to the utmost. Nothing will do this like a local press to handle the local situa-

Belfry, Mont., July 27. Dear Comrades:-Enclosed find 25 cents for which please send the Montana News to the following address for six months: Albert Youst, Belfry, Mont.

We are still on the onward march toward socialism in this locality.

Yours for the Revolution, EDWIN S. DEW.

Dear Comrade:-Don't Bill Duncan for Joliet. Comrade Lay thinks it inadvisable at this time. He says there is no one in town and the farmers are all so busy they wont come in. He thinks if you could make arrangements at Fromberg it would be a good place, as there is quite a number of men around there who would attend a meeting and there never has been anything done there.

Yours fraternally.

JOHN PETERS. Red Lodge, Mont.

From Comrade Sholl of Dillon: "I received your letter Friday evening Lourens credit for \$1.00 as per your and the bundle of papers. Was glad to get both. Have been busy scattersend in several by the last of this week. This is a hard place to do socialist work in. Send on your speakers and I will be glad to meet him or her at the train, whichever it may local's debts; if all delinquents would

Every place is a hard place to do socialist work in, Comrade Sholl. We have to do it anyhow.

Idaho is coming to the front on dates as per the following letters from the state secretary:

Dear Comrade:-I see that J. G. Phelps Stokes is to be in Montana a few dates just previous to nine dates in Idaho. You will no doubt be the meetings in Montana so please them to me soon with bill for same. If you will prepay expressage it is much cheaper for us, the agent tells me, on such as printed matter.

use Stokes, yet so as to send them. Leave price of admission so it can be filled in to suit locality, as some will not wish to charge admittance. With best wishes, I am.

Fraternally yours, THOS. J. COONROD.

Ole Ferguson of Livingston sends in a dollar for the News.

Clear Creek, Mont., July 22. Dear Comrades:-I enclose a postal money order for \$2.00, 50 cents for convention assessment, \$1.00 for linotype and 50 cents for expenses. I am doing the best I can for our cause.

With bright hopes for the future,

Yours fraternally, JOHN THOMPSON.

Comrade State Secretary:-Our situation compels us to pass our speakers through your state to get them from one part to the other and so I write to find out if you would like to use our nominees for governor and congress, Comrade E. Untermann of Florence and Comrade H. A. Barton of Coeur d'Alene, respectively as they pass through at a few points after about the 15th of September. If so, kindly give us the points desired and

we can make calculations accordingly. We would like something toward expenses, such as collection, or something of that kind, at meetings.

With kind regards, I am, for the Revolution in our time by the ballot. Fraternally yours,

THOS. J. COONROD. Emmett, Idaho.

order for \$2.00, for which please send | tion. the News to John Leigh and George Walker, and give me credit for another year's subscription, and apply balance, 50 cents, to any fund that you think best.

Yours respectfully, S. G. RATEKIN. Libby, Mont.

Great Falls, July 27, 1908. Dear Comrade:-Enclosed you will find postoffice money order for \$6.50 sent by Local Great Falls.

You may issue receipts for the following names: Geo, Dickinson for linotype, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Peck, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Philips, \$1.00; Joe Howgarty, 50 cents; S. R. Splain, 50 cents: John Lancaster, 50 cents: Frank Pritchek, 50 cents, and Miss Julia Misenback, 50 cents, for conven-

With kindest regards, I remain, Yours fraternally. MARGARET PALSGROVE.

Butte, Mont., August 2. Dear Comrade Graham:-By vote of the Local I am instructed to forward our July dues tomorrow morning, 58 stamps \$14.50. Have given statement. 46 stamps received.

Sent out nearly 100 delinquent ing the papers today. Captured one notices, but not much results as yet. new sub. I think I will be able to Fourteen have already been returned. McHugh and Ambross are collecting for "Red Special."

My report shows over \$30.00 on hand, but it is not enough to pay pay up we would have over \$400.00 on hand instead of \$30.00. Still, we are doing something; but oh! so little, and so much to gain.

H. S. DAVIS.

Plains, Mont., Aug. 1. Mr. Jas. D. Graham.

Dear Sir and Comrade:-Your letter of the 28th at hand and contents noted. It seemed no trouble to get enough (10) to get a charter but it printing some advertising matter for has been impossible to get them to do anything. I have called two or three print 500 for Idaho dates and send meetings, the last last Sunday and have never had enough to do anything. I wrote you that we would prepare for Comrade Boomer and I had Comrade Morrison attend to it I do not know the points that will and he didn't do it. I am working on a stump ranch and am alone and just can't get away only for a few hours The night Comrade Boomer came here it was raining and too bad for even a street speech and the only hall in town was being used by some church or school doings, so

we were helpless. Some of our brainlest socialists seem to think it is a hopeless case; in fact, give it up but some of the boys and myself will try again. I would like to see a socialist ticket in Sanders county, but it s not obtainable at Plains. If Trout Creek had a local and are active they can start the proposition. Most of the socialist votes will come from the working class and farmers and I believe we will double our vote of last

year, but I am not much of a prophet, If I was in town all the time I believe I could enliven the boys, but I cannot be in town until after my crop is harvested, which will be about elec. tion time.

I am sending you a list of first voters. I wish we could stir up things in Montana, but I sometimes become discouraged because of the utter lack of interest shown by those most concerned.

Hoping that something will turn up to start things in Sanders, I am most sincerely yours,

ALEX. R. RHONE.

Lewistown, Mont., July 29. Dear Comrade:-Enclosed find two subscription lists not used. The third I had on my desk trying to raise some donations but was not successful and some one took it.

Enclosed find a check for three dollars. Please send me one book of stamps. Also find enclosed referendum ballots A and B, filled out with votes as cast by local members. Up to date have not received referendum Montana News:-Enclosed find an concerning meeting of state conven-

> Yours fraternally, JOHN A. ROADES, Jr.

Rollins, Mont., July 31. Comrade Graham:-We had splendid meeting when Comrade Latimer was here. He made several new converts, but he should have gone to Dayton Creek. We have commenced to unload literature at Day-

I wish you would send me the News and I will pay you just as soon as I can. I am in hard circumstances at present. I have no land of my own and no steady work, but I want the paper and will pay you as soon as I can if you will send it to me. Fraternally yours,

A. B. EASTLICK. Paper sent promptly. Only too glad to encourage such workers.

Havre, Aug. 2, 1908.

Mr. Jas. D. Graham. Dear Sir:-Comrade Latimer spoke on the streets at Havre Friday and speak on the corner of Third street Saturday evenings. An audience of and Central avenue, then march the 250 gathered around him the first crowd to Union hall and speak to them night and 150 appreciated his good there. words the second night.

This was the first socialist speaker who has visited Havre in two years. them that way. Not a blemish, hoot or cat-call marred these meetings, which speaks well for Havre as an orderly and law-abiding people

If socialism is built upon wind it glad of its demise, but if it is based upon truth and this truth once gets into the hearts of men, then persecution is useless. Time will tell. F. A. NYSTROM.

Comrades:-In your issue of July Practice". I must say I concur. Only you are too lenient-come down next time. It does seem as though the socialists want some one else to carry they want to get in if there is any

praise, if it don't touch their pocket. We have in our midst some who remain. pretend to be socialists who will not come in our local or donate in any way to help on with the revolution. But if you talk to them they are ready to do anything only they do not, want you to touch their pocket for a cent. and if a speaker comes you look in asked to cough up 50 cents or so. But when the socialists win (which : they will), then they want to be in the first pew. Such men may vote all right if they think no one will tell on them

And then talk about ignorance; if I did not run onto it in all its bliss not long ago. A republican lawyer got after the Socialist party for nominating a man for president who is serving a sentence in the pen.

Of course I informed him that he as slightly mixed; that he did not know the difference between the Socialist party and the Socialist Labor party. He had heard of Preston of Nevada.

He then switched onto Comrade Haywood and a party that would endorse him. I told him they failed to convict him when they had all the wealth of the world against him and I mentioned the fact if he had been guilty they would not have had to kidnap him. I also spoke of him of :the "Pig Club" calling Haywood an undesirable citizen. As he got away he said that Haywood was an undesirable.

Of course, he being a lawyer, he is an expert brow-beater and too well ersed in politics for me but when the have another speaker I shall try versed in politics for me but when

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Yours for the revolution of the J. WORTH GOODSON.

Stevensville, Mont., July 30.

Missoula, Mont., July 28. Dear Comrade:-Received your last communication and will send in a report and longer letter in a couple of ment. Will get a little more on it I

> Fraternally. FRED CHUNING.

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 2. Comrade Graham:-I am sending the members referendum ballots as voted on July 19. I handed some around to comrades that were in good standing but they haven't turned them back vet so I can't wait any longer, so 12 ballots are all I can turn in to you. Referendum "B" membership ballot is as follows: 20 votes cast for

Helena for State convention.

Comrade Latimer is in town and held a street meeting Saturday night and it was a good meeting for not being advertised. Tonight he will

Am sending big ballots in bundle as I thought it would be best to send

WM. PALSGROVE.

Comrade:--Von will find enclosed application for charter signed by eleven persons and a money order of will soon die and we would all be \$1.10 for same, 10 cents being the amount we collected from each signer. We are tenderfeet at this kind of business, therefore I ask that you please send us full instructions for organizing, giving us all the data that you After Rev. Lewis Duncan's speech, which was greatly enjoyed by 23, under the heading of "Theory and all, we nominated and elected the following officers: tary, Henry Rettig; recording secretary, Chas. G. Monroe; literature agent, Peter Winner. Hoping that this small move will be the solid foundation for a local at Manhattan and wishing all the best of success, we

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