

Why Socialist Papers Fail

The financial failure of many Socialist papers appears to be of great concern to the comrades at present. And when we read the announcement nearly every week of some Socialist paper reducing in size, and a few weeks later read of its going out of existence, the question naturally arises, why can't these Socialist papers live?

Suffice to say it would take some space to tell in full why they fail, but in brief, it is mismanagement; if you realize what that word implies under the present competitive system. Many Socialist papers are established by some one who knows nothing about the paper business. Then a bid is secured from some office to set the type, the advertisements, make-up the forms, print the paper, etc. Here is where the profit has gone—gone to furnish ammunition to the enemy.

To run a paper on this plan means an expense of approximately \$50 per week with a circulation of 5,000; of course this all depends upon the locality and the Typographical union scale of wages. Five thousand subscribers at 50 cents per year means an income of about \$200 per month. Fifty dollars per week for the work means an expense of \$200 to \$250 per month. All this is not counting the editor, office, telephone, lights, fuel, insurance, taxes, living and a thousand other small items that amount to a great deal in the aggregate.

The Milwaukee Herald, in speaking of the failure of the Seattle Socialist, alludes to the cause as being brought about by the "cut-throat" business methods of the Appeal to Reason. There is about as much sense to such argument (?) as that advanced by the laboring mule of

Montana, when asked to subscribe for the Montana News at one dollar, throws up his hands in holy horror, and exclaims that the Appeal is only two-bits. It is a loss of time to try to explain the business end of the proposition to the fellow. We just pass him up and get to the fellow who will subscribe.

The News reduced its price from \$2.50 per year to \$1.00, and should we secure a large enough subscription list in the future to warrant another reduction, down she will go, and this cannot be termed "cut-throat" business either. It is straight legitimate business under the present competitive system.

This whole proposition cannot be changed until such time that the Socialists begin to elect men to remunerative offices. And then the party should own the press. All electors' salaries should go into a Socialist fund, the elector, no matter what office, to receive a union scale of wages and all the big surplus of velvet attached to most of the public offices to go into the propaganda cause, to support the party owned papers, and further the cause of Socialism.

For instance, a district judge in this state draws nearly \$300 per month, while many other public officers draw more; this, you will see, is far above a union scale and would leave a nice fund for propaganda work.

However, the present condition of the Socialist press lacks management, and it needs it, and needs the very best, because the present condition confronting the Socialist papers is a serious one and a hard row to hoe, and consequently needs just that much more hustling.

Trades and Labor Assembly Read Riot Act to Demo-Republican Fakirs

Helena, Mont., July 24, 1904. Whereas, During the last municipal campaign in the city of Helena, the republican party pledged itself and its candidates for office, in its platform, to establish and conduct a free labor bureau; and the democratic party and its candidates, at the same time and in the same manner, pledged itself and themselves to establish and conduct a free employment bureau and to establish the office of public weighmaster. And

Whereas, Under these personal and party pledges, a democratic mayor and a republican city council were elected. And

Whereas, The democratic mayor and the republican city council have refused to carry out these personal and party pledges made to the laboring people and the citizens and upon which they secured their votes, in that they have formally decided to not fulfill them, offering as an excuse for the violation of their promises, that there is no appropriation for the maintenance of these institutions. It is, however, a matter of public record and common knowledge that the expense of estimating the cost of the water plant by an engineer imported from the east and other expenses that involve a greater expenditure of public moneys, are incurred and are paid without the formality of an appropriation; and there is no question but that the mayor and the city council could have found ways and means to support these offices if they had desired to keep their solemn pledges with our people. Therefore be it

Resolved, By the Trades and Labor Assembly of the city of

Helena, and county of Lewis and Clarke, in regular session assembled on the day and year herein first written, that the action of the democratic mayor and the republican city council of the city of Helena, in thus deliberately violating their pledges to the laboring people and to all citizens of this city, be and is earnestly condemned and denounced; and it is ordered that the fact of the violation of these pledges be brought to the notice of every laboring man affiliated with this council, and that copies of these resolutions be given the newspapers of the city and county for publication.

FRANK ANDREWS,
President.
W. W. HILLIS,
Secretary.

Comrade Jackson Takes a Vacation

Butte, Mont., July 22, 1904.
J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: Yours of the 9th inst., care of Comrade Pierce, received.

I am off for a camping tour to St. Anthony's park. I will make an effort to get subscribers for the Montana News at every opportunity. I take lots of literature with me on the trip.

Hoping you every success, I am yours fraternally,
EVAN O. JACKSON.

After all the bawl of the weekly People of New York, the paper of the S. L. P., as regarded the national convention of Socialists in its make-up of editors, lawyers, etc., the editor of that paper was nominated for governor.

J. H. Calderhead has returned home from the national convention of the populist corpse, whose death was caused by democratic fusion microbes, and gives out the startling information that he expects the populist ticket to poll a larger vote this year than ever before, even exceeding that of Weaver of near a million and a half. But then readers should take this josh without laughing because Mr. Calderhead is holding a position at the state capitol, and he has a great desire to hold it another term. However, the News would suggest that should he be defeated from the much coveted position (which he will be), he secure a place at an undertaking establishment that his tenacity to hang to a corpse proposition would not be eliminated.

If these direct legislation advocates are in earnest, and really mean what they say, they can ac-

complish all they are asking for, and more, too, by voting the Socialist ticket. The election of the Socialist ticket means not only the initiative and referendum, but it means to the laborer the full product of his toil. If you are not faking get in with the Socialists.

The Socialist locals over the state should be getting busy these days and look after their county conventions. The Socialist party has no reason to wait—they should be first in the field with a ticket and platform. Some of the comrades need awaking. Why not appoint a committee to go around and arouse them. Now is the time to act. Get a move on you, comrade. Do not lie around like a big Mississippi nigger, and then wonder why things go the way they do. Get a move on you; get a ticket in the field in every county. Get to the people; tell them what Socialism means to humanity. Push! Push!!

The American Farmer's Life

It is said that 40 per cent of the vote of our country comes from the farming, and 25 per cent from the industrial world. If this is true, then it is clear that the Socialist must reach out into the rural districts before he can hope to take control of the government through the ballot. There has been some opposition to propaganda among the farmers, but no argument can be filed against such propaganda that will equal those for it. Whether the farmer owns his land or not, whether he has money in the bank or not, there is nowhere in the world a class of

ally scab in strikes and taboo the unions, because they do not understand their meaning, nor the reason for their existence. The farmer's idea is always that of individual work; he has not found co-operative effort necessary, as have the toilers of the more crowded places.

In all of these things he needs education. He is naturally independent and of revolutionary spirit. There is still the tang and odor of the soil about him, and his spirit rebels at the thought of oppression and tyranny. He knows no kinship whatever to the dweller in the city slum. He is like another being from another world. He has stamina and resisting powers that the slum dweller does not possess. He will not wait until he is crushed before he will fight. Nor will his fight be a mere physical resistance; principle is the thing that will make his spirit rise and cause him to enter a protest against wrong.

I believe that Socialist propaganda ought to be pushed among the farmers. I believe that certain districts should be picked out and that Socialist speakers should go, one after the other, through these districts, until the seed is well sown and the farmer has but to make his choice. But in carrying on this propaganda, tact and judgment should be used. The city agitator would make poor headway in the rural districts. Often he is positively offensive and incites a spirit of antagonism that is hard to overcome. This is because he knows but one appeal, and that is one that reaches the rough, materialistic crowd on a city street corner, but is utterly incomprehensible to the farmer.

The successful rural agitator is one who has been a dweller of the woods himself and who understands the effects of trees and plowed earth and sunshine and plenty of room upon the genus homo. He knows also what bad debts, mortgages, high prices, ruined crops, etc., mean to the farmer, and so he approaches him first through sentiment and second through sense.

It is highly important that the farmer be educated in Socialism, and it is also important that this education be conducted in a right manner. Literature is always a safe method. There are dozens of books and pamphlets that will appeal to him and set him thinking. Let this method be used until the movement is well enough off to keep speakers constantly in all farming districts. What we want is a vote that will make the co-operative commonwealth a thing of reality—and we want an intelligent vote. J. C.

The cartoon in the Butte News of the 20th is altogether overdrawn, and "direct legislation" has no horrors to such men as are represented in the sketch—Clark, Rockefeller, Hoffman, Rogers, Carter, John S. M. Alphabet Neill. When such men read the handwriting on the wall, Socialism, then these parasite fakirs' hands will go up before their god (the almighty dollar) in horror. But direct legislation leagues, anti-trust parties, with a following of ignorant laboring mules who can be bought at six-bits a head on election day, and kindred faking labor organizations, present no horrors to them. There is just one organization that worries them, the one that will remove all graft, no matter of what brand—the Socialist organization. Just change the cartoon, a few years hence, when the handwriting on the wall will show Socialism in place of the Toole fakism, "direct legislation," and the parasite hands will go up in horror in earnest.

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Debs Shows Up Parker and Davis

Comrade Debs sends us an interview had with him by the Terre Haute Gazette, from which we take the following:

"Organized labor has no more uncompromising enemy than Henry G. Davis, the person whom the democratic party has chosen to be the tail piece of the national ticket.

"It might be a good idea to say here, too, that Mr. Parker, the head of the ticket, is merely the personal candidate of John D. Rockefeller. He was also one of the judges who decided that the eight-hour law for labor in New York was unconstitutional. He is the candidate of the Standard Oil company. The authority for this statement is Thos. W. Lawson, the Boston millionaire, who charges that 'Boss' McCarren of Brooklyn, who brought out Parker, and managed his campaign, is on the pay roll of the Standard Oil company as their political manipulator at a salary of \$20,000 per year."

(When questioned today by a representative of the Associated Press at Brooklyn, Carren refused to make any reply to the above statement.)

"Judge Parker," continued Mr. Debs, "is now the candidate of the democratic party which is so furiously opposed to trust rule.

"As to the vice presidential candidate of the party, who is supposed to represent the common people of the country on the ticket, Henry G. Davis is estimated to be worth \$30,000,000, and he has achieved fame in the labor world by charging union labor with being a criminal conspiracy

and treating union men as enemies to society, who should be caged or killed.

"He does not permit his employees to belong to a labor union. For reference the United Mine Workers will serve. Davis owns a big part of the state of West Virginia, including its railroads and mines.

"In the summer of 1897, during the Mine Workers' strike, the national officers asked me to go into West Virginia to organize the miners and get them to join the strike, as West Virginia was flooding the western markets with 'scab' coal. I was so successful in my efforts that Judge Jackson issued his notorious injunction against me, which in effect enjoined me from even leaving my boarding house.

"Henry Davis, the democratic nominee for vice president, was mainly instrumental in having this and other later injunctions issued by Judge Jackson, whose name has become the synonym for judicial tyranny among workingmen.

"Davis is the very incarnation of the old-time slave driver who flourished in the dominion.

"Here is another point. The democratic manager of the St. Louis convention placed 2,000 reserved seats at the disposal of the Business Men's league, an organization hostile to organized labor. But not a seat was tendered to labor, organized or otherwise.

"Six weeks ago William J. Bryan publicly stated that no self-respecting democrat could support Judge Parker, the tool of the trusts and the money power. Mr. Bryan is now supporting him and in so doing is proclaiming himself a political degenerate."

workers whose responsibilities are greater than his; whose hours of labor are longer, whose promise of success is more uncertain. There is not another portion of the working class whose diversions are so small and infrequent as are his. Nor another whose lives are bound by so many limitations. The farmer's farm is the center of his activity, of his hopes and pleasures. And save the infrequent visits he makes to the nearby towns and villages, the farm is also the limit of his activities. For these reasons he more frequently than any other class of workers welcomes the new face, the visitor, the lecturer, the school house entertainment, the church social, the new book, paper, or magazine. He is not radical, and he has not given much of his time to the study of economics or to the labor conditions of his country. But he is willing to be shown, if the right course is taken in doing it, and after he is once convinced of unjust conditions and their remedies none can be more radical than he.

All through his life, the farmer has heard periodically the speeches of demagogues and old party politicians and his ideas and ideals are naturally formed through these channels. He is told that this is the greatest country in the world and that times were never so prosperous; that young men have only to go out and call upon Fortune and she will come to them, a willing servant. They are told that the republican party is responsible for all of this good. Or the democratic office seeker comes along and tells them that there is untold wealth in his party, and if they will only elect a democratic president to office that high tariffs will drop like scales from the eyes of an enlightened voter, and that all farm implements will henceforth cost but a very modest sum. The farmer is made glad by these promises, but his toil does not decrease, nor does his financial condition experience any material betterment. He sends his sons to the towns and cities to find work, and they natur-

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Eugene V. Debs Ben Hanford

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- For Attorney General— E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.
- For State Superintendent of Public Instruction— Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.

Another News Solicitor Hustling

Comrade T. P. Hughes has accepted a position with the Montana News as traveling solicitor, and left Tuesday morning via the Northern Pacific for Butte and Anaconda, as well as all intermediate points.

This makes the second steady traveling solicitor in the state in the interest of the paper, and it is hoped that with Comrades Hughes and Lynch in the field that the paper may be brought up to the desired standard. The conducting of a Socialist paper and making it a go in the field of competition, and especially where the Clark, Amalgamated, Heinze boodle sheets are distributed practically free of charge, and published regardless of expense, is a proposition that causes the management many sleepless nights.

But with the help of these comrades in the outside field, connected with the assistance of many other comrades after once they have been visited by The News solicitors, practically assures us that the Socialist paper is going to be a success in the near future, and will not only rival other papers on circulation, but will far exceed all of them.

Comrade Hughes expects to spend some time among the laboring men of Butte and Anaconda, and all assistance given him by the Socialists of these localities

as well as other places will be an assistance to building up a strong Socialist paper.

Should the business continue as successful in the future as in the past, and there is no reason why it should not, the state will be thoroughly covered, including the farming districts as well as the mining and lumbering camps, and after this work has been accomplished we expect to extend outside of the borders of Montana.

Comrades we want your help, and we want you to look after the News solicitors—Comrades Lynch and Hughes—when in your vicinity, lending them all the assistance possible, as their line of work is a hard struggle at the best. Don't lay around and leave the work all to our solicitors, but get out with them and show them around, introduce them to the Socialists of your vicinity, and lend us a helping hand in establish a paper that stands for and fights for the cause of the working class.

S. E. Tuck of Canyon Creek was a pleasant caller at these Socialist headquarters last Saturday while in the city, and he informs the writer that the Socialist ticket will receive a large vote this fall from the farmers. He says the farmers are awaking and that they see readily that there is nothing for them in voting for the millionaire corporations of the state, and that the distribution of Socialist literature among the common people is having its effect. In discussing the political situation, he says that he has been a Socialist for a number of years, but did not know just what it was until of late since he had begun reading their literature and listening to their speakers. It is to be hoped that Comrade Tuck's locality is no exception to the rule, and that the farmer vote will roll up for the Socialist ticket. In that event, the next election will see all of the riff raff, anti-trust, labor faking, political hirelings flocking to the only party that stands for the laboring class.

Trades Assembly Resolutions

In another column will be found a set of resolutions adopted by the Trades and Labor Assembly of Helena relative to the matter of the present incumbents of the city on both democratic and republican tickets, who have failed to do as they agreed.

There is a lesson to be learned from these resolutions, and if the earth stands long enough, and men live unto the end, there is a possibility of their learning the lesson.

The class struggle is thoroughly exemplified in these resolutions, in the fact that they condemn the democrats and republicans in failing to carry out their pledges. However, for some forty years the two old parties have failed to carry out any pledges to the people, and they will continue the same old deal if they can succeed in duping the laboring class to putting them in power.

There is also a disgusting, nauseating part to a procedure of this kind, and especially so to we who have belonged to organized labor and been through the fights conducted in behalf of that class. It is surely nauseating to see an organization which represents at least 80 per cent of the voters of this city or any other, being led to the polls by the nose, herded like cattle, driven like sheep, beaten into line by the crack of the master's whip, to vote for the competitive system, and land the paid tools of capitalism in power, then to come on their knees like whining puppets and make a laughing lickspittle of themselves by begging of a power that secured its strength from their prejudice and ignorance, equalled only by the idol worshippers of the dark ages.

While this nauseating part cannot be overlooked, neither can it be done away with for a time. But even with this bad feature, the condemnation of both old parties shows conclusively that the Socialist agitation is awaking the laboring class to a sense of its duty.

The efforts by labor fakirs may be successful for a time yet, in leading the laboring class into all kind of fusion graft organizations, but after they have once gone through the school of experience

they will finally awake and see that there is only one way to win and that is by electing their own class to office, and then petitions introduced on bended knees and fathered by the blind will be out of order. Awake, workmen!

Montana Socialists Should Arouse

According to all reports coming to this office the Socialists of the state of Montana need a little arousing, in fact something like an electric wire attached to them.

The organization should now be put in first-class shape and the line-up strengthened with a vigorous campaign of speech making and liberal distribution of literature.

This election is going to see a wonderful increase in the Socialist vote in Montana. It is the only party that stands for the laborer. It is in the field with its ticket composed of union men, and none from head to foot have been named but working people. It has no bob-tailing to do with the democratic or republican party. Its program is clean-cut, class conscious, scientific Socialism, and with its motto, "To the laborer belongs the full product of its toil," should receive every laboring man's vote in the state.

But in order to conduct this work properly the organization must be perfected; in fact must be put in the best working shape possible. More support must be given the state secretary and the locals must be lined up with an organization that means something. This milk and water style and condition must be eliminated, and it can only be done by constant activity at headquarters and a hustling amount of work on the part of the state secretary.

There is no reason why this lethargic condition should now prevail in the Socialist ranks. The campaign is on; the ticket is in the field; the platform is before you; the work of organization awaits you; your local meets regularly; your duty is to be at every local meeting and assist to the best of your ability in furthering a cause that stands for humanity, for the bettering of the laboring man's condition, for the ushering in of the co-operative commonwealth.

Let every Socialist observe his duty in an orderly way. First, attend your local meetings; second, try and bring some laborer with you who has not as yet seen the light of truth in the Socialist cause; third, contribute what you can to the movement and see that you are alive to your own interests. The Socialist party is the only party that stands for the laboring class without any "ifs" or "ands" about the matter. It is the only party that dare come before you with a platform advocating a relief of your condition and nominees placed upon the same from the ranks of the working class. Then why should you desert it? In voting for any other party you lose your vote, for their interests are not yours.

Socialist comrades, let us arouse from this lethargic sleep, get our coats off, and get into this fight and roll up a vote that will scare the hirelings on the Rockefeller throne, shake the monuments of capitalism from pit to dome, and show to the world what we demand, not beg.

One Month in Helena.

With this issue of the Montana News we close the first month's business in Helena, our new location, and feel gratified to say to the Socialists that all conditions in a business way, so far, appear strongly to approve of the move, and suggest to us that the change of location was no mistake by any means.

Since Comrade Lynch left the city and has gone out among the Socialists of the state subscription cards are arriving every day at the rate of from three to twenty a day. This kind of work continued means the building up of a strong Socialist paper for Montana. And as soon as sufficient finances arrive to liquidate the present debts and place the office on "Easy street," other features will be added to the columns of the News that the reader will feel that he is getting his money's worth.

One dollar per year seems high to some of the Socialists, but we

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We are glad to announce that the present condition of the News appears good and we hope to be able to announce to our many readers in the future of some new improvements to be added. Let us thank the Comrades from over the state who have put their shoulders to the wheel and given us a push at the right time, and let us thank the Comrades in advance who will follow the example already set and assist us in the future.

Let us make the Montana News one of the best Socialist papers in the United States. We can do it with your help.

Now then, you slave of capitalism, you hewer of wood and drawer of water, you human beast of burden with an old party ring in your nose, whoop it up for the capitalist party nominees, for they are all "labor's friends!" Yell yourselves hoarse for Roosevelt and Davis or Parker and Fairbanks—that's a little twisted, we guess, but it makes no possible difference, all the candidates stand for Wall street and government by the rich. And by the way, while you are yelling for Davis and "democracy," don't overlook the fact that he was at one time a slave driver on the southern plantations. Can you doubt the "democracy" of such a man?—Milwaukee Herald.

Last Thursday morning the Helena Independent carried a head over an article that read "Meeting of labor leaders in Union hall last night." There was a mistake of just one word in that head; the word "leaders" should have been "fakirs." Nearly every union in this state has the initiative and referendum in their constitution and by-laws, consequently leaders are eliminated, and those who spring up and assume that position are fakirs pure and simple.

Members of the Socialist party who desire to see all things harmonious, had better get out. A revolutionary party is not founded upon a condition of "harmony." It is the outgrowth of bad conditions. Those who prefer harmony can get it by joining either of the old parties. The money leaders of those organizations harmonize the whole affair.

The Socialists of Wisconsin will hold their state convention on September 5, in Milwaukee.

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National Headquarters,
Socialist Party.
William Maily, Nat'l Secretary,
Chicago, Ill., July 52, 1904.

Total contributions to the national campaign fund since last issue is \$1,238.47. This is from half days pay. Total regular contributions, \$121.50. Grand total, \$1,379.12.

The referendum vote on platform and trades union resolutions is as follows: On platform, yes 5,776, no 549. On trades union resolutions, yes 4,908, no 1,189. Montana vote on platform was 96 yes, none opposing. On the trades union resolution, 34 yes, 53 no.

Eugene V. Debs, Socialist party candidate for president, will open the national campaign of 1904 at Indianapolis, Ind., Thursday, Sept. 1, at Masonic hall, West Washington street. As Indianapolis is in Comrade Debs' native state, and is also the home of Fairbanks, the republican vice presidential candidate, the occasion promises to be a noteworthy one. The Indianapolis comrades say they will make the meeting a rouser and locals in surrounding counties will take a hand.

Other campaign dates now arranged for Debs are as follows: Sept. 5 (Labor day), Erie, Pa.; Sept. 6, New York city; Sept. 11, St. Louis. At New York and St. Louis big demonstrations are being arranged.

Ben Hanford, the Socialist party vice presidential candidate, is now dated as follows: Vermont—July 29, Barre; 30, Burlington; Aug. 1, Rutland; 2, Springfield; 3, Bellows Falls; 4, Putney; 7, Danville, Ill.; 9, Springfield, Ill.; 10, Mt. Olive, Ill.; 11, St. Louis, Mo.; 12, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; 13, Memphis, Tenn. He will spend the remainder of August in Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota, filling dates at the most important points in these states before returning east.

Dates have been accepted for John Spargo for his western tour by locals Cleveland and Toledo, O., Rockford, Ill., Dubuque, Ia., and Omaha, Neb.

Franklin H. Wentworth will work from Sept. 1 to Sept. 15 in New York under the direction of

the state committee and will then fill dates in the western states.

The Convention Report.
The printed report of the national convention proceedings is now ready and all orders will be promptly filled. Locals would do well to see that cloth bound copies are placed in all public libraries and reading rooms, and every party member should have one. The book contains 330 pages of reading matter, and besides the report proper has the following: Portraits and biographical sketches of Debs and Hanford; appendix, consisting of names and addresses of delegates, party platform and constitution, state and municipal program, resolutions adopted by convention, rules of convention, names and addresses of national committee, state secretaries and Socialist press, Socialist vote of the world and United States. In paper covers, 50 cents; cloth bound, \$1 prepaid. Address all orders to William Maily, national secretary, 269 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

Notice to Party Members.
During the past month the national secretary has received a number of inquiries from comrades in different parts of the country about various private enterprises claiming to be operating in the interest of the national organization. Upon referring the matter to the national quorum at its meeting July 9-10, the national secretary was instructed to "notify Socialist comrades through the party press that the party has absolutely no connection with any insurance, gold mine or other commercial scheme."

Since the quorum meeting the national secretary received by mail what purported to be a "Certificate for 59 shares in the capital stock of the Tucker Co-Operative Homestead Mining and Milling Company," and issued to "National Socialist Party of the United States," and accompanied by a circular letter issued by the company under date of June 14, 1904. The national secretary promptly returned the certificate, informing the senders that "The national party did not subscribe for the same and the company had no authority from the national committee of the Socialist party to issue a certificate in the name of the National Socialist party."

WILLIAM MAILLY,
National Secretary.

Comrade Rector Sends Sub and Word of Cheer

Monarch, Mont., July 18, '04.
J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: Herewith \$2.50 to pay for one year's subscription to your valuable paper. Your records should show my name handed in by Comrade Cragg some months ago, I think in February or March. I have been away for three months; just got back into the harness again. The local (with 10 members) here died while I was away; will try and revive it. They will all vote right, but as you know the cause needs the dues money. After the convention I went south from Chicago to St. Louis and Houston, Texas, then west to Spokane, Wash. The Socialists will show a fine increase this fall. However, I expect to see Parker elected and then the worst panic the country has ever seen will be in order. Then the g. o. p. will say to the dear people, "I told you so!"

This will be a bid for the dear American suckers to return again the g. o. p. to office—will the people ever get wise? I am afraid the labor vote will be disfranchised before they wake up to their true conditions. Well, I am glad to see you located in Helena. Every comrade and laboring man in the state should subscribe for the News.

Yours for the cause,
J. M. RECTOR.

There is one fight that should be arbitrated: That is the uniting of the Socialist party and the Socialist Labor party. Of course it is not necessary that they be united this fall, for neither can elect, and both will do their mission in educating people to an understanding of Socialism. But the time is near at hand when these two parties, whose fundamental principle is, "to the laborer belongs the full product of his toil," should be united, and the force of the proletarian solidified. This must be done, and will be done by the honest Socialists who really believe in the above assertion and the Marxian quotation of "Workmen of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains, you have a world to gain." It has been an old trick of the money power to keep the laboring people divided one way or another.

A dispatch says: Charles M. Schwab, former president of the United States Steel corporation, has offered to contribute \$225,000 toward building the new Roman Catholic cathedral here, which will be one of the finest edifices

in the world. This report was current today, and was neither affirmed nor denied by the local church authorities. J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, has already promised to donate \$1,000,000. Cardinal Sattoli has promised to dedicate the structure.

And after reading the above can you not see why the Catholic church stands with the money power? The church of today is a society of money hirelings and an oppressor of the common people.

At last Mrs. Maybrick has been released from prison in England. She sailed for France upon her release and will come to America later. The sympathetic side of her 14 years' incarceration in an English jail has attracted the attention of the world.

It is reported that a secret organization of the Citizens' Alliance has been perfected in Butte. Keep your eyes open, things will be doing before long.

Guess Bryan, the fakir, isn't catching it from all sources now.

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The Class Fight

BY A. T. HARVEY
LEWISTOWN, MONT.

Democratic papers are attempting to make capital by indirectly admitting the condition of business depression which is stifling the industrial world; with evident glee they tell of the empty dinner pails of many millions of American toilers, although the high priests of capitalism declare that such conditions cannot exist under a republican administration. The democratic editors hope the working class will turn its vote over to their party, so they can bask in the sunshine of federal patronage or enjoy the boodle so lavishly distributed by the rich, to those who make or administer laws in their favor. How the workers are to fare under democratic control is something that never enters their calculations, and if the grim specter of 1893 haunts their dreams, it is dismissed instant, as panics do not pinch officeholders.

The worthy editors are proving the Socialist economists' fundamental law correct by so valiantly struggling for their own selfish wants—that is, office or federal patronage. Even the patron saint of the radical democrats, Bryan, has jabbed his "crown of thorns" on to the brow of labor, and in wild abandon embraced the cross of gold. Hearst, who declared it was impossible for any self-respecting man and democrat to vote for Parker, because Parker was a tool of the rich and willing slave of the trusts, has executed a back action somersault and is now supporting in the columns of his yellow rags the multi-millionaire labor skinner Davis, whose record for heartless robbery of the unfortunate miners of the south is well known, and that silent parasite, who only talks to scourge mankind, and whose labor is the signing of opinions declar-

ing labor laws unconstitutional. Bryan and Hearst were right when they declared no self-respecting man could support Parker or Roosevelt, if he was one of the common people. Both these men are, and represent nothing but the interests of the trusts, and if either is elected can be depended on to serve the interests of the rich and scourge the poor at every opportunity.

The democratic party as an organization holding different views from the republicans, has ceased to exist; they are one in everything save name, and the principal reason for maintaining the party is to keep the votes of millions of workers away from the Socialists. That many prominent members of the once great party appreciate this fact is evident from their utterances. After the St. Louis convention ex-Senator Pettigrew said solemnly:

"Nothing now remains but to nominate Roosevelt and make it unanimous. There is only one party in the country; why have two candidates?"

The Chicago Record-Herald stated: "For eight years the democratic party has been a Bryan party, a silver party, an anti-Wall street party, a radical tariff reform party. Now, it becomes a Parker party, a gold standard party, a Wall street party, and more amazing still, a party which stands for the sort of tariff reform which in the last analysis is only a surrender to the forces ranged behind the protective tariff."

Bryan gives his views as follows:

"A democratic victory will mean very little, if any, progress on economic questions, so long as the party is under the control of the

Wall street element. I pointed out several months ago that the triumph of the Wall street element of the party would deny to the country any hope of relief on economic questions. Judge Parker's nomination was secured by crooked and indefensible methods and nothing good can be expected from him on the money question."

As is evident from the above quotations and a careful reading of the platforms of the two parties, they are in thorough accord on all the questions that once divided them; and the only really important consideration, the conflict of labor and capital, is practically ignored by both; it follows that the producing, or laboring class, has only to decide whether it will vote for the republican or the Socialist candidates.

Never before have the democrats laid aside the mask of pretended friendship for labor, although their actions when elected and in power ought to have been conclusive proof of their hostility to the interests of the working class.

For about forty years prior to the civil war they were the ruling party, and maintained chattel slavery, and treated the common people with disdain; in the southern states the democratic governors have always used the military forces to crush the unions in their attempts to better the material condition of their members. Steunenberg of Idaho, the democrat, and pre-election friend of labor, blazed the trail that Peabody is so ably following in Colorado; and Cleveland in his anxiety to aid the rich invaded the state of Illinois and crushed the railroad workers in their efforts to obtain a little better treatment from the railroad barons of America. But when we look to the republicans what chance is there for redress? Colorado, in letters of blood, and fiery signals, fed by the homes of labor, warns all there is no hope for justice, no room for free citizens, no welcome for men. Just work for willing slaves and millions for the rich.

Under the republican Roosevelt the United States troops were ordered out to suppress the miners and compel them to work ten hours in Arizona, although it was contrary to the law. There is no difference between the two, a vote for one is a vote for the other, as both are controlled by the same people, the rich. It is time the workers looked the issue squarely in the face. What do you think of Roosevelt, who refuses to help the outraged miners of Colorado, and has forced the open shop principle of the Citizens' Alliance in the government printing offices in Washington?

And what of Parker, the paid attorney of the railroad magnates, who decided the eight-hour law was unconstitutional. Both candidates and the parties stand for the continued robbery of the producing class, commercial piracy, and the slavery of the masses; first, last and all the time they are for the interests of the Wall street millionaires. Opposed to them is the candidate of the people, a member of the oppressed working class; a man who has devoted his talents to the struggle for industrial emancipation, Eugene V. Debs, representing the party that advocates a complete change in our industrial system, a change that will for all time abolish the reign of plutocracy, and usher in the reign of sovereign people, the owners of all the instruments of production and distribution, guaranteeing to every man and woman who labors the full product of their toil, about twenty-five hundred dollars a year. Think it over, workers, and when November comes you will vote for your own interests by supporting the Socialist candidate for president.



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