

Eugene V. Deb's

Speech at Indianapolis Sept. 1 will be the feature of the News Next Week. We have made arrangements for the speech in full. The News will be published couple days late in order that the Comrades may have it for distribution on Labor Day. Send in Your Orders at Once! Don't Delay!! In Bundles 2 cents per copy. Greatest Propaganda Document.

Unions Never Can Win Out

We often hear unionists say "If every workingman belonged to a union and would be loyal to their organizations in time of trouble, we could make the capitalists come to time." Let us see if they are right. Suppose every working man in the United States would join the union of his craft, and steadfastly refuse to scab. Would that settle the labor question? Would that bring victory to organized labor? Not in a thousand years. On the contrary, unreasonable though it may seem to the average union man, that would make matters infinitely worse for organized labor. In fact, it would deal the death blow to "pure and simple" unionism, and precipitate the industrial revolution.

Suppose tomorrow every working man joins the union of his craft, and that all the unions of the country are welded into one complete federation, which is the dream of all progressive unionists. There are today approximately one million idle men. The fact that they entered the unions would not put them to work, since all the jobs are filled. They and their families must live, and to prevent them from going to work at whatever wages they can get—to prevent them from scabbing—they and their families must be provided with at least enough for their daily existence. If this is not done, their admission into the union is a farce, for they will be compelled to continue their former practice of taking any job and wages they can get. Is the organization going to take upon itself the burden of maintaining day after day these million men and their families? How long would their treasury hold out? The very question is enough. It may be contended that the men who were working could be assessed a portion of their wages to maintain a fund for this purpose. Very well; but that would decrease their income, thereby lowering to that extent the union scale. The greater the number of unemployed, the greater proportion of their wages those working would have to give up, and consequently the lower the general scale of union wages. Thus the principle aim of unionism—high wages—would be defeated by unionism itself.

But this is not all the trouble that would result from an "universal" union. In case of a strike, if all the workers were loyal, the situation would be simply this: either the men would stay out until they got hungry, when the organization would go utterly to pieces, or the capitalists, not being able to operate their business with scab labor, would resort to the militia and the bull ben all over the country—and then the revolution. The essential principle of unionism repudiates the idea of a universal union. That principle is: under the capitalist system, where there is always a considerable percentage of idle workers, the unions succeed at the expense of the workers who are not in the unions. If a union is successful, it simply means that it has made a compact with employers whereby the employers will hire none but union labor, or, that they will not hire non-union labor. Right here the non-union workers are placed at a disadvantage in the struggle for jobs, and the union workers get their jobs and high wages at the non-unionists expense. In our present situation of two men for every job, in proportion as the unions go up the non-unionists go down.

We can see also that the most successful union is the one that numbers no more members than can find employment. Unions cannot create jobs for their members; all they can possibly do is to fill the existing jobs; their union is weakened thereby, since an idle unionist is under constant pressure (through his stomach) to become a scab.

Union men should not long for all the toilers in the land to enlist under the banner of organized labor, unless they wish to see union wages and fair conditions pulled down to the level of the unorganized workers, and in the hour of stress the whole structure of the movement to fall down upon their heads.

There is another truth that stands out in bold relief, and stares every intelligent union man in the face. It is, that a union card is a good thing for the man with a job, but to a man who is permanently out of employment, it is not worth its ink. This is enough to demonstrate the insufficiency of trades unionism to materially improve the condition of even those within it. An organization that cannot guarantee a job to every member is weak at the very point where it should be strongest. The job is the workers' means of existence, and an organization that does not control the job is superficial, and will disappear as the job disappears.

Union men, the thing to do is to own the jobs. Then the industrial fight is won. Strikes are forever abolished. There is then no chance for men to scab. In the Socialist republic we ourselves will determine the conditions under which we shall work, and instead of union wages we will take the whole product of our toil.

T. P. HUGHES.

State Secretary Imbued With Butteism Scores All Others

Butte, Montana, August 14, 1904.

Mr. J. H. Walsh, Helena, Montana,

Dear Comrade:—

Yours of August 11th I have concluded to answer further not that I want to quarrel or make any further fuss. But since I received yours I received one from Mrs. Hazlett and it makes me feel a little cross ways to have Butte found fault with. I haven't seen any wings sprouting on any Butte comrade but I believe there is some very good men amongst them, even if they do not take the Montana News, and if the balance of the state put up as much, or delighted themselves as much for Socialism as the Butte comrades, the News or anything even Socialistic, would not want any jacking-up. We sure have some dead ones in Butte, but I assure you that it is not going to do any good for any one in Helena or the southeastern part of this state to call us dead ones or any other name.

Now Butte brought Mrs. Hazlett here, as good an exponent of Socialism as ever trod the state, and the dead ones of Helena gave her the enormous sum of \$3.60 for speaking to a large crowd for an hour and a half and held their attention and the crowd put up \$6.70; large crowd \$6.70; large crowd \$6.70, and she got \$3.60, and then talk about dead ones in Butte. Now when the state committee were talking about this trip that she is on they instructed me to charge Helena and Great Falls \$10 for one night, \$15 for two and \$20 for three, because they were large towns, I told them that they had better make one flat rate for each town and if there was any thing left after paying her wages and expenses to send her to the place that seemed to want her most. I followed the state committee's instructions to the letter and I wrote Helena about the matter and never heard from them.

Now I think it is about time for residents of Helena to quit talking about dead ones; get to work and do something for Socialism.

Now Mr. Walsh, kindly remember one thing; that Butte might be chuck full of live Socialists and not one copy of the News come here. It is up to you to make the News a paper that they will all want; of course I know that the Socialists of this state should support one paper, and so far as I am concerned, would as soon it would be the News as any other, and a little rather; am anxious the state should support at least one Socialist paper, a Van, an a No. 1 speaker and an organizer, and all the other things that go with these things mentioned. But it will never come about



as long as the comrades of one town shout dead ones or complain of sharp practice against the comrades of another town.

When we get down to business and are really comrades, not only forget about our town, but ourselves, and work for Socialism. Then we can call each other comrades, and Socialism will thrive. But if when we do a noble act, we get upon some high place and shout, there! see what I have done; why don't the Socialists of Butte or Helena or any other place do as well?

Now one more word about the paper. I will endeavor to keep my subscription paid up, but remember one thing that I am poor and depend on wages to live, and if times get so hard that I cannot pay for it and still can squeeze out a dollar for propaganda in some other way, that I am not dead. I know of several Butte comrades who are giving \$5 per month for propoganda, that I think are not taking the News; good men too; they have to earn every dollar by hard knocks and are trying to make their dollars go as far as possible.

Now about Mills and high prices; he has said that he was going through the state, makes what I claim is a fair proposition. If any of the locals want him at that figure all right. But if he gets no dates in Montana and ever asks me, I will answer him truthfully, that the price was too high, and will also tell him it is no way to rush through a state on a star route.

So I don't think it is best to fight the proposition. If he comes through without dates in Montana and finds that no one has been knocking, will lay it to other things and will never know the real cause.

With regard to the candidates hustling into the field, I will show this to the chairman of the state committee and if he and they see fit to act on this suggestion all right; but remember that there is no executive power given to the state secretary, and the more I see of it, the more I think there should not be.

Now Comrade Walsh don't get angry at me for this letter. I want to be a comrade to every Socialist in the state. But I do hate knocking, fault finding and back-biting so. I am for Socialism regardless of the dead ones in Butte, Helena or any other place. The world is my country and Socialism is my greatest ambition. Yours for Socialism, W. H. PIERCE.

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The MONTANA NEWS
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Boycott on Meat Extends to Helena

Headquarters Helena Trades and Labor Assembly, Helena, Montana.

Whereas, Since the organization of the meat trust the prices of meat to the consumer have been increased to a figure that is prohibitive to the poor and added burden to every laborer no matter how prosperous he may be; and on the other hand, the prices of live stock to the producer have been cut almost in half, so that the meat trust is annually making added millions of dollars by taking them from the legitimate price of live stock, and is adding other millions of dollars to its profits annually by taxing the consumer and adding an unreasonable price. The meat trust, by virtue of its monopolistic position, being the exclusive buyer and the exclusive seller, is robbing the people of many millions of dollars annually—money that it has no moral or legal right to—and notwithstanding this fact, it now rapaciously demands still other added dollars of profit that are to be secured by a reduction of the wages of its employees. And,

Whereas, The affiliated packing house unions have been compelled to strike against a reduction of wages and unjust treatment, and all efforts made by the labor unions involved to secure a fair arbitration have proved fruitless, and have been met with the assertion from the trust packing houses, that the fight is on and that there would be no compromise and that the finish would be the destruction of the unions. To the end that every union man may assist his union brother who is contending with this gigantic robber trust for a just wage and for just treatment and decent conditions in which to labor, it is hereby,

Resolved, By the Helena Trades and Labor Assembly that all members of labor unions affiliated with it shall from this date refrain from using and decline to purchase any of the products of:

Armour & Co., Cudahy & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., who form the meat trust and who are shippers of fresh; dressed, preserved and canned meats of all kinds, candles and soaps, the latter brands being:

Light House Soap, Diamond C Soap, Swift's Pride Soap, the state being districted by the trust and one of the above soaps allotted to each district. And it is further,

Resolved, That all labor union men be requested and earnestly urged to demand and use,

Perry's White Rosebud Soap, manufactured in the City of Helena and which is the only union made soap offered in the local market.

Dated at Helena, Montana, the third day of August, nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK ANDREWS, Pres.
 W. W. HILLIS, Sec.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT DATES

Hamilton 22nd, 23rd, 24th.
 Stevensville 26.
 Missoula 27-29.
 Bonner 30-31.
 Butte Sept 1-4.
 Basin Sept 5, Labor Day.
 Butte Sept. 6 to 30 inclusive. Exodus XIII: 8.

Beginning with the next issue Franklin H. Wentworth, one of the most brilliant Socialist writers of this country, will become a regular contributor of The Comrade. He will write a monthly review of current events. Those who remember Comrade Wentworth's splendid work in the Socialist Spirit will know that this review promises to be a very interesting feature of future issues of The Comrade.

The International Socialist Review

The opening article in the August International Socialist Review by Ernest Unterman on "The Ethics of Historical Materialism" is one of the most suggestive and instructive discussions of Socialist philosophy that has appeared for some time. It shows that the ethical foundation of Socialism is based on a much firmer foundation than is commonly realized. Algernon Lee gives a sharp clear reply to Robert R. LaMonte's attack on the trade union policy of the Socialist party, showing that the unions are a present fact which must be dealt with and cannot be theorized away. The second installment of the articles on "Industrial Concentration in the United States" by A. M. and May Wood Simons, covers the period of the civil war, and presents for the first time in printed form the industrial side and results of the great struggle, showing its importance in the formative period of American capitalism. In a somewhat lighter vein than most of the contents of the International Socialist Review is the first series of "Letters from a Pork Packer's Stenographer." In a sharp entertaining and chatty manner the inside workings of the great meat trust are laid bare. This is especially timely in view of the great strike of the packing house employes. There are numerous other articles dealing with subjects bearing of Socialist philosophy and tactics, together with the usual departments on the World of Labor (in which Max S. Hayes gives the labor record of the presidential candidates) Socialism Abroad, book reviews, etc.—Charles H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth Ave., Chicago, \$1.00 a year, 10 cts. a copy.

Butte Local No. 1, Socialist Party, meets every Monday, 8 p. m., at 121 North Main street, in main hall. Butte Women's Socialist Guild meets at same time and place, in front hall.

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Eugene V. Debs Ben Hanford

J. H. Walsh, editor of The Montana News, and Socialist nominee for congress, will speak at Winston Saturday night, August 27.

Socialism appears to be growing at a wonderfully rapid rate in Montana. Some of the enthusiasts are putting Deb's vote at 20,000.

Look out for the union labor political fakir in the union who is pointing out a "good man" in the capitalist parties as a representative of the working class. Hoch der Arbeiter!

Comrades, are you selling any of the "sub" cards left with you to dispose of? We must have your help. You must make an effort to sell all the cards you have and remit the cash as soon as possible.

The union labor fakir who is in the unions to turn the vote of the wage slave to the capitalist class, for political aggrandizement, or the cold coin, is the most degrading character that ever. His days are short.

Judge Bell of Washington has rendered a decision in the superior court of King county, in the case of S. Normile vs. Board of Public Works of Seattle, that the eight-hour law is unconstitutional. Why, certainly. He is class conscious.

In his Labor day proclamation Governor Toole says in part: "Now, therefore, I, J. K. Toole, governor of the state of Montana, do hereby request and urge the appropriate observance of the day by all the people of this state." And the Socialist party would "request and urge the appropriate observance" of labor's right at the ballot box on the 8th day of next November.

There is little significance to the fact that the Boston Pilot, the leading Catholic journal of America, has come out for Roosevelt. Religious journals come cheap, and then it is not much of a change in its past attitude, as it formerly supported the present graft system from the the democratic side of the fence. Just changed position, but still supports a system that perpetuates wage slavery.

We do not suspect the honesty of every man in public life nor do we believe that Mayor Purcell is getting his water free of charge, but it does look like the water company is sailing along mighty darned smooth like. Funny, isn't it? Between the board of county commissioners and the combination between Tom Carter's mayor and the water company the Socialists should find a lot of ammunition for fall sport.

By all means the Socialists of Jefferson county should not fail to place a county ticket in the field. There are more Socialists in Jefferson county, comparatively speaking, than elsewhere in the state. Some of the comrades there do not realize their real strength. The fact that there is a local now formed at Boulder ought to supply available timber in the county that are not dependent upon the mining or railroad corporations.

Ida Crouch-Hazlett returned to Helena Sunday evening from Cascade county and lectured to a fine audience near Gans & Klein's store on Broadway. There were possibly 1,000 men and a goodly number of women present to listen to the truths of Socialism as they rolled so eloquently from the lips of this gifted woman. Mrs. Hazlett is equal to a squadron of Japanese warships—she riddles the hulks of capitalism above and below the water line and places them hors de combat. Come again, comrade.

Heinze has sold to the Amalgamated and time will prove this statement to be true. Heinze is trying to ride on six horses at one time, not because he likes the people or that he is fighting their arch enemy, the Amalgamated, but because he has agreed to deliver the assets. The Amalgamated cannot capture Montana itself, so it agrees to pay Heinze a lump sum for the state with Heinze's lawsuits thrown in. What a glorious lot of gulls these laboring people are if they are taken in, corralled and sold, like a lot of steers, to enhance the price of Heinze's property.

On Thursday, August 18th, Superintendent of Public Instruction Welch met Superintendent Kidney of the Heinze properties at Basin, and State Executive Committeeman Lidgate at the depot in Basin, between passenger trains. Welch, who is known as a glass-hand and rubber-arm politician, is an ardent(?) member of the Workingmen's union of Helena, for the purpose of swinging the union vote to the camp of Capitalist Heinze. These three gentlemen are aligned with the union fakirs—anti-trust, populist, anti-trust demo and anti-trust republico, better understood as Heinze's managerial combination of heelers and lackeys. For a few minutes the platform was

Socialist National and State Ticket

- For President—Eugene V. Debs of Indiana.
- For Vice President—Ben Hanford of New York
- For Presidential Electors—W. N. Holden, of Silver Bow. J. F. Mabie, of Park. Joseph Hoar, of Silver Bow.
- For Governor—Malcomb G. O'Mally, Silver Bow.
- For Lieutenant Governor—John W. Frinke, of Deer Lodge.
- For Congressman—J. H. Walsh, of Fergus.
- For Chief Justice of Supreme Court—C. M. Parr, of Silver Bow.
- For Clerk of Supreme Court—John Peters, of Carbon.
- For Secretary of State—Henry Lynch, of Fergus.
- For State Treasurer—Erik Olson, of Cascade.
- For State Auditor—W. C. Phelps, of Lewis & Clarke.
- For Attorney General—E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.
- For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.



covered with political swill, made as a bi-product from the hog by Phil Armour, the Chicago pig-sticker. Ye gods! What a trinity to look after the political interests of the wage slave! Kidney wants his master to win out this fall; Welch the same, providing he is slated for superintendent of public instruction, and Lidgate wants a better job in the concentrator. The day is not far distant when the union labor political fakir will be understood in his true light, due to the effect of Socialist educational work.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM OUR ARTICLES.

The purpose of this paper in calling the attention of our readers to the action of the county board of commissioners in reducing Mr. Marlowe's assessment was not to attack those men personally, but to call attention to the rotten economic system under which such things may be done and are being done wherever a board of equalization and private monopoly of public functions exist in the same county or state. No one knows so well as does a Socialist that men of the stamp under discussion are the product of conditions which surround them just as are children of the slums and preachers of so-called religion as well as shyster lawyers and fake labor leaders are products of that same rotten economic system. What we desire to show is that nothing but corruption can be looked for in places where private monopoly of public functions exists nor where any monopoly of any necessity exists. Where a profit may be had or something be gotten for the asking, as is the case under discussion, it will be asked for and, with one influence or another, secured. The fault lies with the system and the people are responsible for the system. It is this damnable system the Socialists propose to wipe out. The ownership by the people of all means of production and distribution, the destruction of the wage system and the substitution thereof of the co-operative commonwealth, where the laborer will receive the full product of his toil, is what Socialism means. Under Socialism Marlowe, the monopolist, could not exist; Marlowe then would perform labor useful to society and receive the full product of his labor. Corey and Hutchinson, as public officials, would have no control over assessments, because property would not be assessed. Money, or rather revenue for the government, will be raised by toll upon the products of labor; and everybody will labor or starve. Passes upon street railways will not be an inducement for the reduction of assessments, for everyone will ride free on railways of every description.

Owners of office buildings never charge for the use of elevators, no matter how high the buildings may be, whether two or thirty stories. Mr. Marlowe owns a six-story business block, yet he charges nothing to ride on the elevator; why should not one, traveling horizontally, ride free? Mr. Marlowe now charges to cents fare on his railways, but under Socialism you will ride when and where you please free. The movement of population and, as a result, production of wealth will be facilitated.

SHOULD REMEMBER YOUR HOME PAPEP FIRST.

Comrades over the state who are exerting themselves selling "subs" for the Appeal might remember that there is a Socialist paper in the state that needs their support first. We must have your subscriptions before we can make a paper worthy of the name. Some of you push the sales of the Appeal because it is only 25 cents and is easier sold than The News at \$1. However, you comrades must remember that the scale of wages and other expenses in the state of Montana will not permit the publication of a two-bit paper. There is a great difference between the scale of Helena and Girard. In Helena it is \$4 to \$5.50 for eight hours, while in Girard we are told that wage slaves on the Appeal receive as low as \$3 per week. Now it is up to you union men and laboring people in general to first support your own home paper that supports your scale and fights your battles. If you will throw yourselves into the cause and give us a subscription list that we should have, we will again reduce the subscription price. But as The News is not backed by capitalists we must have the support of every one of you. Now, don't let us have to keep using space to awake you to a sense of your duty. If you want a paper in the state get in here and help. The News can do more in the state than the Appeal with your help; it can do nothing without you. There are several hundred "sub" cards out now, in the hands of comrades and we should be hearing from you every day. Stick a pin in yourself and wake up. It is time to do something. The campaign is on. Rush the sale of the cards and send in the money.

"REGARDING PLATFORMS."

Under the above caption the Helena Independent of August 23 charges the republicans with stealing Socialist principles and with having placed a Socialist on its municipal ticket in Helena last spring, this evidently referring to Mjke Corbett, who was nominated on the Edwards ticket for police judge. The Independent is greatly mistaken; neither the republicans, nor do the democrats steal "principles;" principles cannot be stolen; principles must be absorbed and advocated and believed in and lived up to; then they are free to all and need not be "stolen." When words, which are used by the Socialists to express principles, are used as planks in republican and democratic platforms, larceny is not committed, nor do those parties gain anything. Nor was Mike Corbett a Socialist; Socialists do not accept nominations by parties that depend for their success upon theft. Bryan stole the populist platform and swallowed the party, and has had a bad case of indigestion ever since. The Independent howled for populism then as it is now howling for Wall street. The Independent and Record are alike, they both represent all that is bad; they represent Wm. A. Clark, the man who debauched the state of Montana to satisfy his awful vanity; and the Record represents the Amalgamated, which is preparing to crush the people of Montana, as its owners, the Rockefellers, are doing to the people in Colorado. The Record also represents that slippery scoundrel, T. H. Carter, whose vocation in this life is to deceive and rob the people of any old state from Maine to the Philippines. It is the pot calling the kettle bad names.

AN EXCELLENT RESOLUTION WITH ONE EXCEPTION.

It is with much pleasure that we notice the good work being done by the splendid band of Socialists in Fergus county. Such enthusiasm is bound to spread to every corner of Montana and meet at its borders the conquering hosts coming from the north, the south, the east and the west. In the county convention they evinced a perfect knowledge of the principles which underlie and permeate the world-wide movement of Socialism, but their type machine "skipped" or slipped a cog while transcribing the following resolution.

"Be it resolved, That the candidates of the Socialist party pledge themselves to turn in to the county central committee of the party the salaries received for performing the duties of the office to which they may be elected, with the understanding that they are to receive for their services the union scale in the occupation which they usually followed prior to election. The balance of said salaries to be used by the party in educational propaganda."

It begins with an exposition of Socialism and ends with a recognition of class by grading the pay of officers according to the wages respectively received by them prior to election. This is worthy of Victor L. Berger and Max Hayes of the A. F. of L., who proposed to raise Gompers' salary above that of other men who labor.

The resolution, with this one exception, is above criticism and we recommend that it be adopted by all future county conventions.



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If you want to know what the condition is, write me now and I'll tell you how you can get a \$10 share of my stock, with voting privilege, on which I will guarantee a 5 per cent annual dividend. Don't delay, this offer is limited.

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Comrade M. J. Kennedy is doing good work in his street lectures at Butte; he is a splendid speaker, conscientious and has the ability to hold a large, interested crowd until a late hour every evening.

It is said that F. A. Heinze has one of the largest and most expensive libraries in the state, which contains all of the leading works on Socialism. No wonder that the Brooklyn boy has been enabled to combat single-handed with the greatest money power on earth. It goes to prove what a knowledge of scientific economics will do for a person, and if for an individual, then for the whole world; but perhaps there is also another moral in his method, for if the Amalgamated Copper company sues him for a few more millions and should get judgment, the defendant would be prepared to preach the gospel of social economy to honest effect and thereby properly defeat the grafters after all.

The Ladies of the Butte Socialist Guild has indefinitely postponed their annual picnic and instead will give a social early in September.

A large delegation of Socialists left Butte Sunday evening to attend the labor convention which met at Hamilton, Mont., Monday, Aug. 22.

The referendum vote for the amendment of the Socialist state constitution was taken in Butte Locals Monday evening, Aug. 15.

The half-day wage assessment, as proposed by the state convention, was talked over in the Butte locals last Monday night, but was laid on the table and will be taken up for further consideration at the next regular meeting.

The Socialist club has engaged Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett to speak on the streets of Butte and it is expected that she will begin the work on the first evening in September.

Quite a heated discussion took place at the last meeting in Butte Local No. 1 on the intellectualist and the common labor question. As a matter of course it was looked upon as propaganda work, since no one would be so foolish as to take offense at what the comrades had to say, for all are endeavoring to aid the advancement of Socialism as far as their time and earnest efforts will permit; however, it is time that the middle class, the professionals, etc., awaken to the fact that they are wage slaves as well as the commonest working man and it is also high time that the mechanic and all laborers recognize the same great fact and no longer try to draw a line between class labor. The world may advance to the sense of universal brotherhood sufficiently to get along without some of the professionals, the lawyer, for instance, and the real estate agents, but the teacher, the scientist, the chemist, the book-keeper, the physician, the dentist, are hard-working people, and will always be needed by the masses. Suffering humanity will forever continue to require their services just as much as those of the common laborer and the mechanic.

A moral for the unconscious conservative to ponder: Good, wholesome criticism is a real benefit to an honest-thinking person, but it is unwise to depreciate that which you possess, even though it may seem to be of little value.

Socialist Convention.

A mass convention of the Socialist party of Lewis and Clarke county is hereby called to meet Saturday, August 27th, 8 p. m., at Socialist headquarters, No. 22 Park avenue, Helena, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

All party members in good standing are eligible to participate in said convention.

By order of County Central Committee.

FRED W. CARLSON,
Chairman,

T. P. HUGHES, Sec'y.
Helena, Mont., Aug. 13, 1904.

Another Important Amendment Needed

The referendum has gone out to the locals of the state for their votes on the new amendments to the constitution submitted by the state committee. The new amendments are very important and are all needed, but there is one that has been left out and it should be put in by all means. That is an amendment providing for the raising of a fund to pay the railroad and hotel expenses of delegates to state conventions. The Montana News has published articles before on this matter, and we urge again upon the membership the importance of an amendment of this kind. No convention of the Socialists should be made up of a class who can "afford" to

go on their own expense account. You cannot keep a movement on the right road by following any of the old party tactics, and this is one of their strongholds. When there is a fund provided and set aside, as there should be, then each local can select their best convention material, and their poverty will be no excuse for not going.

This is the keynote to holding a class conscious movement within the proper bounds, and the News urges upon the membership the great importance of this suggested amendment providing for a fund that will liquidate all expenses of delegates to state conventions.

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Socialism Gaining Strength

Under the caption of "Socialism Gaining Strength," the Red Lodge Picket, a republican paper, delivers to its readers the following editorial, which is worthy of perusal, and shows conclusively that the great growth of Socialism is beginning to be recognized by even the republican press. The article is as follows:

"The official call for the Socialist mass convention, to be held in Red Lodge Sept. 6, has been issued and sent out in circular form by Chairman Burke and Secretary Lay of the committee. The convention will convene at the court house at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and is called for the purpose of nominating a full legislative, county and township ticket and perfecting the county organization of the Socialist party. The call invites all those who believe in the collective ownership of the material means of production and distribution to attend the mass nominating convention.

"There are many excellent planks in the Socialist platform and not a few of the principles are inherently right and will ultimately prevail. We recognize the right of every man to think and act as he chooses, so long as his neighbor is not injured thereby. In instances there may be people who profess Socialism simply because of political pique or disappointment at not receiving preferment or that recognition in the councils of the party with which they have been allied that they think they are justly entitled to receive. These are soreheads, mugwumps, if you please, disgruntled and dissatisfied with all existing political conditions. They want to "turn the rascals out" and put themselves in. We believe, though, that the great body of Socialists are honest in their convictions and firm in the belief that the principles of Socialism, if divested of extreme radicalism and put into operation, would prove beneficial to the country. All the honor and wisdom and patriotism is not wrapped up in any one political organization.

"While we think the republican party is the political instrument through which needed reforms can best be brought about, we do not deny the right of others to think differently.

"It is useless to attempt to disguise the fact that the cause of Socialism is rapidly spreading. Its growth in the state and in this county is noticeable and new converts are daily becoming enrolled under the new banner to fight against the further encroachment of great combinations of capital."

Comment By An Amalgamated Paper

As to Ten-Dollar Mills coming to Montana and the position of The Montana News upon the same, the Anaconda Standard, an Amalgamated paper, has the following editorial comment to offer on the proposition. Under the head of "Drawing the Line" it says:

"Even as the reddest apple is often 'rotten at the core' and the sweetest rose frequently has the sharpest thorn, so the Utopia of Socialism has its unpleasant features; the Montana Socialists are just now concerned over one that has developed in their jurisdiction. The state organ of the Socialists in its current issue discusses the matter and incidentally sheds some light upon a question that vexed many people.

"It appears that one Walter Thomas Mills, an evangelist of So-

cialism, wants to lecture in this state and has written to the Montana Socialists asking for an assignment of dates at the rate of ten dollars per date with an allowance of five dollars for expenses. Commenting upon this proposition, the Socialist paper remarks: 'The News is absolutely opposed to the Montana Socialists giving him any dates at such figures; in fact, they cannot if they so desired, as three dollars per lecture is the established price within the borders of this state; three dollars is Socialism, fifteen dollars is graftism.'

"Whether or not Walter Thomas Mills secures dates in Montana, his request has resulted in some benefit; the line is now drawn between Socialism and 'graftism'; it is three dollars; if you get that you're a Socialist and if you get more you're a grafter. It is well to have these things understood, and the statement of the News is timely and pertinent. It fixes the line of demarcation clearly, sharply and intelligibly. He who runs may read. But just think how many there are who are on the 'graftism' side of the line."

Why So Many Workers Idle?

Why so many "laboring" men idle? Is it because they have enough of the necessities and luxuries of life stored up?

Why so many "gentlemen" idle? Is it because they, too, have a full storehouse of the good things that make their sides shake with smiles?

Why so many "working" women idle? Hundreds of thousands of them wander the streets of America seeking cover from the heat of summer and the storms of winter.

Why so many "ladies" idle? Is it not because they have keepers who forage upon industry, filling palaces with satins, precious stones and the choice products of those choice idiots, the laboring man and working woman.

Why so much machinery idle? Is it not because it is owned by that class which neither toils nor does it spin?

Why so much land idle? Is it because you vote its possession and control into the hands of that class before whom you crawl like whipped curs?

Why so many labor fakirs busy and prosperous, living off the juiciest viands and smoking the best of cigars?

Is it because you union men are ———, well, no language supplies a term sufficiently comprehensive to describe just the kind of animal you are, that you will permit them to dominate you, lead you into strikes and boycotts and keep you away from the discussion and study of the only remedy—the Ballot!

Why so many small merchants on the verge of bankruptcy? Is it because the producing consumers are dealing direct, each with the other, and dividing the profit which you, the small merchant, enjoyed.

The small merchant will soon be a reminiscence, a curiosity like the old stage coach. He will be found occasionally in some dark corner of the wilderness which the co-operative agent has overlooked. The next great world's fair will exhibit him on the Pike or Midway along with the aborigines of the bush and plains.

Why should the producing consumer support the middle man? He is as useless to the body economic as is the vermiform appendix is to man's inner works, and this middle man causes a great deal more trouble.

Gomrades Oppose \$10 Mills Generally.

We are glad the comrades generally agree with the stand taken by The News toward Mills' \$10 lectures. But were we alone in the matter we would continue to oppose the recognition of Mills as being worthy of more pay than are thousands of others who are pouring out their souls in behalf of the emancipation of the wage slaves from their thralldom. Because Mills is ready of speech and profound in the doctrines of Socialism is no reason for meting out to him greater pay; this very qualification is strong argument for Mills confining his demands to pay received by others in the same field. Ida Croch-Hetzlett receives \$3 per lecture, which is more than the great mass of humanity receive for 10 hours' hard, exacting labor, and it is from these hard-working wage slaves that Mills' \$10 must come. This paper has a goodly staff of men who work day and night, year in and year out, and receive no compensation excepting the glory and pleasure in pushing toward fruition the great cause we love so well, the cause of humanity—Socialism. If Mills is a true, dyed in the wool Socialist, he would do as true Socialists do, dig for his fellow creatures without regard to pay. Let Mills "make good."

When a Man Leaps Into Socialism

When a man leaps into Socialism; that is to say, the moment the great fundamental truth reaches home, eats through and into his mental epidermis, that moment that man is figuratively jerked up and whisked through all the worlds of doubt. The transition is instantaneous. He cannot count telegraph poles, nor the rail clicks. He is away and out far beyond the mumble of idiocies one hears in the old society, such for instance as "It can't come in our time;" "It will take ten thousand years to bring about your dreams;" "Human nature will have to change before that will come to pass." And more of the same hogwash. From the vantage point of truth the Socialist sees clear through every fallacy of other systems. He lives in an atmosphere from which darkness has been drained to the last dregs. His transition was instantaneous because frictionless. He was born again. His old soulless self was cremated in the brilliant light of everlasting truth. No slag remained. Harmony is his atmosphere. There are no discords battling with the rhythm of his social and individual hopes.

Knowing the way and the bourne he perforce must lead his brother.

Why shouldn't we be Socialists?

When we survey the field of political action, and we might say economic action, the great impel-

ling force of self-respect compels a falling away from old party moorings. That is the first step. It being the nature of man to attach to something which promises stability, he seeks other organized association.

He attempts to square himself with his past political gyrations, fearing otherwise the ridicule of his fellows.

A compromise results. Formerly he joined the populist or another party or movement, all being mere palliatives, flirtations with the devil while cohabiting with hope.

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Ending with the text: "Why shouldn't we be Socialists?"

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