

Short Squibs To the Point

Question—Why is a labor fakir like a double-bit ax?

Answer—because both cut (political) wood either way.

The wage slaves have nothing to lose by the stealings of the Amalgamated stock jobbers, now being exposed by Lawson. They can look on with complacency, to the fact that it was only the small fifty thousand dollar exploiter who got it where the lady is in the habit of wearing the beads.

The Joe Toole "Socialists" at the state capitol building are looking askance, and are in a nebulous state. With the Amalgamated company indorsing Toole for governor, and the aforesaid "Socialists" standing against "Peabodyism in Montana," they are what you might call in a h—l of a fix. Likely they will adjust matters O. K.

The great trouble with the pure and simple union man is that he wants the Socialists in the union to be union men all the year, and on the day preceding election move for a suspension of the rules, in order that he (the pure and simple) may scab on election day by voting the old party ticket, against his class interests.

That's a poor bunch of Socialists over there in Missoula county. There's the Grahams, the Claytons, the Reeleys, the Cases, the Tingleys and some others. Ye gods! What an aggregation of fighting Celts! International Socialism means the peaceful solution of all the class struggles throughout the wide world. What will the Irish do in case of peace? Deprived of the opportunity to even fight for home rule for Ireland, by way of the "Joe Toole initiative and referendum on the 'O'Reagan' plan."

In his speech at Basin on Labor day, Attorney General Donovan had a way out of it. It run through his populist mind. He advised the workmen to save all the money they made, and deposit it in savings banks. Imagine a wage slave, providing clothes and food for a family of eight or ten on the current wages, and working half of the time, placing money in savings banks, and coping with the capitalists in case of labor troubles. Good advice, that. Why not tell them to vote the Socialists into power with a view of giving to labor what it produces, and incidentally expatriate populist and all other political parasites.

"When thieves fall out, men get their just dues." Hence the exposure of the stock deals of the Amalgamated by Lawson. Mr. Lawson declares that he is not a Socialist. Of course not. Were it not for the money that Lawson receives from Everybody's Magazine, and his bitterness toward Rockefeller, on account of getting the hot end of the poker, in his thieving connection with the commercial Mafias, the public would have been in ignorance, as far as Lawson is concerned. Socialism is too honest a system for Lawson just yet, inasmuch as he is desirous of continuing his plunderings.

Attorney General Donovan was in attendance at the meeting of the Montana Federation of Labor, recently held in Hamilton. What union was he delegated from, or for what purpose was he there? It is said that he was a delegate from the A. O. O. P. W. P. (Ancient Order of Political Wire Pullers) of Helena. The astute attorney general likely took the same premise as the uninvited individual named Pat, who shoved his avoirdupois into the portals of a swell wedding party, and when asked by the coxcomb in charge to account for his presence, was equal to the occasion by saying: "Be gobs, I thought I'd come, as long as nary a wan invited me to stay 'way."

You see, the "pure and simple" over at Missoula didn't want a So-

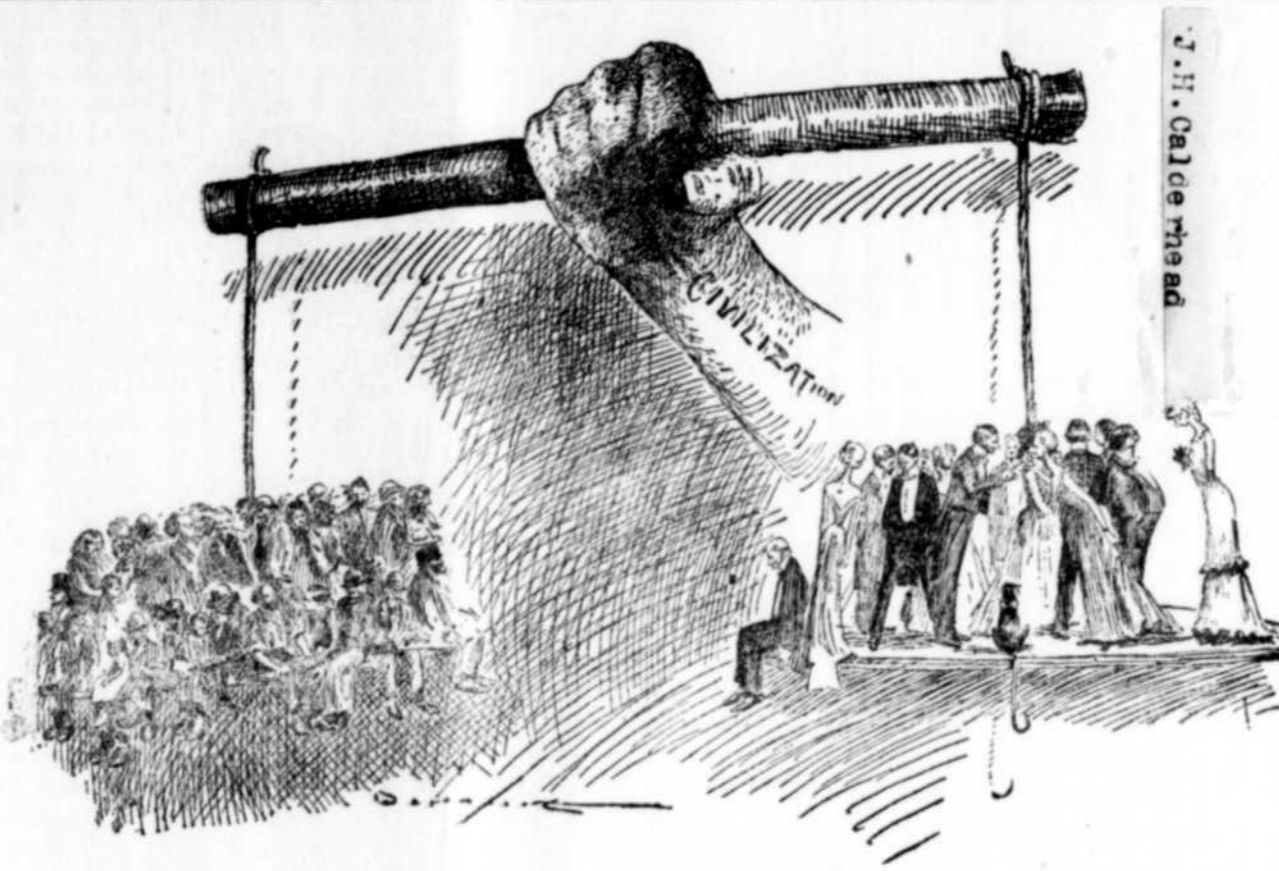
cialist speaker to address an assemblage of wage slaves on Labor day. None of Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett in theirs. They wanted a capitalist speech—a lawyer, or something, doncher know. One who could tell them that they were "voting kings;" that they were "the only pure and unadulterated that produced by the sweat of their brow." Same game as they give the farmer. "Remember me on election day." No they didn't want a Socialist speaker, so they secured George O'Malley of Butte. A poor one, that. Must have been a Socialist on the committee on speakers.

A pair of labor decoy-ducks, named Reuben Dwight, and a Mr. Hardenberg, of Missoula, the former appropriately named, who is a low-salaried clerk of the M. & M. Co., and lately was used in their political department as representative, while the latter is a tin-merchant in gents' furnishing goods, and has as much license to be in a labor union as a lawyer has to deliver a Labor day address, became highly offended on account of Camrade O'Malley delivering an address on Labor day, that pictured in unerring words the causes of the workingman's subjection. They became epizootic and wanted him called off.

From a union standpoint, the unionists of Bonner in the carpenter line touch the climax. They are class-conscious there. Recently a delegate appeared before the Western Trades and Labor Council and assured that body that he was a duly accredited representative of labor to the council, inasmuch as he had permission from John R. Toole, the oily manager of the Amalgamated Co. at Bonner, to establish a carpenters' union there, segregate from the Missoula union, and, like Finnegan's goat in Moriarity's cabbage patch, go it alone. Indeed, the good-natured John R., in addressing the council some time after, declared that "we" must have a carpenters' union of our own down in Bonner. Good-natured fellow, you know.

Recently Mitchell refused a raise in his salary. The pure and simple lauded him to the skies for this, as being an honest labor leader, with his heart in the cause. Under this system labor fakirs have gone before Mitchell and likely will thrive in the future until set aside by the educational features of Socialism. Lately Mitchell and his lieutenants stumped the country in the face of a referendum vote advising that the coal miners accept a reduction in the scale. Eleven times in nine minutes Mitchell declared himself a republican in a "labor lecture." The point is this: Can not Mitchell well afford to refuse an increase of a couple of hundred dollars in salary and make a grandstand play for what there would be on the side in playing capitalist politics and bringing about the accepting of a reduction in pay, both acts which mean millions of dollars to the capitalists. We say is not this possible? Moral: A shell game man throws out a few concessions before he goes after the whole chunk.

The burning question of the hour in the state, politically speaking, is: "Has Heinze sold out?" Positively, we cannot say. The barometer used in gauging old party political matters is by the amount of boodle that is on tap. We hear of none of it emanating from F. Augustus. This is the crucible test. Old party politics is business. From that standpoint, in view of the fact that the trust has displaced competition in all large businesses, as the eliminator of wasteful expense, is it not a business proposition for Rockefeller to buy Heinze out, at a fair price, rather than to carry on political business by relentless warfare under the threadbare and non-progressive competitive sys-



INEQUALITY SHOWN IN THE SCALES OF THE PRESENT DAY CIVILIZATION.

tem. Then again would it not apply to Heinze in the same manner? Did you ever think of this?

Now that the republican party in state convention has declared for the passage of the initiative and referendum, the direct primary law, eight-hour law, child labor, fellow servant law and some other soppy dope, all of which means nothing, and in so doing beat the Joe Toole, Heinze, pop, labor-fakir conglomeration to it, it might not be out of order to suggest that the Direct Legislation league of Helena disintegrate into batches and buckle into the different factions. Then again it might be wise to incorporate and go into the second hand business. Pretty much like the fifth wheel on a wagon, that bunch. In the meanwhile the Socialist party will go on, hewing close to the line and advancing in proportions until victory is attained, anticipating in the interim kindred overtures to meet the exigencies of the Socialist trend.

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Ida Crouch-Hazlett, Socialist lecturer, raised the salaries of the lady milliners working in M. J. Connell's big store in Butte. And she didn't have a commission as walking delegate from any of the unions in Butte either. This open-hearted capitalistic concern was paying the young ladies the liberal wages of \$10.00 per month, the highest not exceeding \$18.00 per month. Nice condition to preserve chastity among young girls! What's this the priests who oppose Socialism are spouting about "Socialism destroying the homes?" Comrade Hazlett exposed conditions at Connell's in an open street lecture. The wires were kept busy by the Connell managers next day looking for Mrs. Hazlett to amend matters, the managers stating they did not know such a condition existed. Matters were adjusted satisfactorily, ending in an increase of pay to something like living wages for the girls.

Socialism And Middle Class

This talk about the workingmen being chumps and jackasses, while undoubtedly true, is tiresome, especially when it comes from the lips of Socialist middlemen. The writer, being an advocate of the theory that the emancipation of the working class must and will be the act of the working class itself, has this time-worn phrase about the "working mules" flung at him by Socialist middlemen so often and with such evident assumption of superior intelligence, that it has become offensive to his sense of the fitness of things. If the middlemen were all Socialists, and were only waiting for the working class to see the light, this claim to wisdom would hold good; but such is not the case. Socialists among middlemen are comparatively few. As a class they are still afflicted with economic blindness.

A merchant, running a 2 by 4 shop on a side street, selling goods in two-bit lots, on credit, chasing about town trying to collect a few measly bills, working and worrying 12 hours a day to keep his customers from trading with his competitor down the street, then balances his books at the end of the month and finds he has barely made the equivalent of union wages—consider the spectacle of this man pointing his finger at the wage earners and calling them a lot of jackasses. What can we say for him?

I doubt if the average profit in retail businesses equals the average prevailing wages. A few middlemen make fortunes, some live in comparative luxury, but the vast majority of them struggle hard for a bare living, and 95 out of every 100 of them cannot make a living and eventually go to the wall. Some wage earners receive good wages, but the great majority get only enough to maintain a miserable existence. Still these are no worse off than that 95 per cent of middlemen who are forced into their ranks. When we consider the cares, the risks of loss by fire, flood, panic, the imminent danger of annihilation by the advent of trust stores, all of which enter into the life of the middleman, together with the fact that he is dependent entirely upon the wage earners for his daily bread, we cannot fail to see how insecure is his hold on prosperity. He is between two fires, either of them all-consuming, and one of them is bound soon or later to overtake him. His future under the competitive system is filled with ever-increasing uncertainty. The trusts will eventually wipe him out. On the other hand, when Socialism takes the place of capitalism, he will cease to be a middleman, and will become a producer. The constant, wearing, insane, unnatural struggle for "business" will then be ended and he will begin to live a truly human and humane life. Now it is easy to see, when he blindly rejects Socialism, how hollow is his claim to superior wisdom. We cannot perceive the Socialist middleman's consistency when he reproaches the working class for their stupidity in not turning to Socialism. Let him spread the light among his fellow merchants. Of the two, middlemen and wage earners, the middlemen, considering their better opportunity for the study and observation of economics, are much the greater chumps. T. P. HUGHES.

Citizens Alliance And Union Man On Same Ticket

Lewistown, Mont' Sept. 12, '04

The conventions of the two grand old frands have become matters of history; and as the people expected, the ring of local capitalists have selected the tickets of both. It is evident that fusion was seriously considered, but braver counsel prevailed and it was decided to trust to luck and the Amalgamated to elect the old gang again. But where there is such unity of feeling it is impossible to suppress public expression of it, so if they did not fuse on all the ticket, they have selected a few of each for their especial care and love. They did not openly fuse, but the "Jeffersonian democrats" indorsed the republican Judge Cheadle, and left a loving blank on their ticket in favor of the republican Doctor Atticks and the other party to the unholy alliance indorsed Miss Meyersick, the democratic incumbent as superintendent of schools. The fact is there are a few lambs of a trusting, hoping nature on both tickets that will get the long knife of capitalist corruption buried to the hilt in their vitals next election day.

Among those favored by the ring that runs both parties is Slater of scab herding notoriety. But when the miners get through with him he will be among those who also ran.

Another pet is Hazen, and his guileless opponent, Sellers, will feel the full weight of the ring's voting strength on election day, when they support the democrat.

As far as treasurer is concerned Wright will be perfectly happy with either Chandler or Cannon as the interest on the \$85,000 of county money will be his no matter which is elected. The only fearful thought is if that Socialist Cragg wins. We will leave our readers to imagine the harrowing state of the boss's feelings when assailed by such a thought.

Although the most important office, the legislative ticket, received scant courtesy from either convention, the democrats unanimously nominated Citizens' Alliance Hilger, and then, appalled at such a candidate, passed the office up till the close of the convention, when Dennis of Kendall was named as running mate for Hilger. We believe Dennis is a union man, but how he drowns his conscience and stays on the same ticket with a member of the organization that is guilty of crimes against the miners of Colorado that would make an Apache blush for shame, is one of the mysteries the miners will solve on the 8th of November, by making his political name coincide with his surname—Dennis.

Despite the ring influence, the

Cascade County Socialists Have Named Ticket

The Socialists of Cascade county held a mass convention in Great Falls Sept. 10th and with great and earnest enthusiasm adopted a platform in line with Socialistic teachings, endorsing the platforms adopted by the national convention at Chicago and the state convention at Helena and pledging their allegiance to the International Socialist party.

D. J. Dolson of Stockett was chairman, and W. A. Doyle of Great Falls secretary, and representatives were present from all parts of the county. Two years ago the Socialists put their first ticket in the field and although hardly able to find men to fill the ticket polled 177 votes. Now, with much confidence, some believe at least a part of the ticket may be elected. They do not wish, however, to raise false hopes in the hearts of comrades throughout the state, but they do hope to give a good account of themselves and also spring a surprise on the mule drivers of the old parties.

Here is the ticket which is thoroughly representative of the people and which is from head to bottom fully competent to fill the offices in an honest and efficient manner, the same which would be a surprise to the offices and the people, as they are hardly used to it: Judge, George I. Dickinson, painter, Great Falls; county attorney, J. T. Dyer, laundryman, Great Falls; clerk of court, Hamilton M. Payne, farmer and prospector, Monarch; sheriff, D. J. Dolson, miner, Stockett; assessor, William Donner, farmer, Stockett; treasurer, J. R. McDermand, millwright, Great Falls; superintendent of schools, Jennie McDermand, housewife, Great Falls; auditor, W. J. Patterson, carpenter, Great Falls; clerk and recorder, H. L. Hull, carpenter, Great Falls; surveyor, George P. Kessner, farmer, Stockett; public administrator, James Fairfield, miner, Sand Coulee; coroner, Lewis Mundt, farmer, Stockett.

Representatives—M. F. Purcell, miner, Stockett; Joseph Kownosky, farmer, Stockett; T. W. McDermott, machinist, Great Falls; John Augster and James Balsinger, miners, Sand Coulee.

The locals at Great Falls, Sand Coulee, Stockett, Monarch and Neihart will immediately proceed to elect a new county central committee, who will take charge of the campaign, and you may expect to hear something doing in Cascade county politics.

battle for sheriff is raging between the republican Cook and the sturdy miner and farmer, Bob McMillan. Slater is but a cipher in the race. Two years ago, when he had the support of the labor party, he only succeeded in beating Bebb by 56 votes, and his chief strength came from the mountains, but this fall the miners are a unit in supporting McMillan, who can be depended on to give justice and not herd scabs, because he is one of the working class that understands the great labor problem.

The Socialist party of Gallatin county has placed a county ticket in the field, the convention having been held in Bozeman. The list of candidates is as follows: State senator, Alex Freeman, Bozeman; representatives, F. Sorensen, Timberline, R. C. Ruhsamer, Cheshnut, Thos. McKusker, Bozeman; sheriff, Barney Warner, Cheshnut; treasurer, C. T. Munroe, Storrs; clerk and recorder, Geo. Schmidt, Sexton; clerk of the court, C. P. Tipton; assessor, Charles Swan, Cheshnut; public administrator, W. Guttieo, Cheshnut; justice of the peace, Bozeman, Michael Stepano, Cheshnut; Hurst Beaver, Belgrade; Oscar Chelgrin.

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Eugene V. Debs Ben Hanford

What a joy is the lot of the Socialist. He stands erect and is sure of his footing. He doesn't wait for a fake leader to give him his cue.

If the men who produce the wealth of the world could be induced to think, and read Socialist papers, how quickly they would get the product of their labor.

We are not in the habit of breeding prophets in The News office, but we might venture the tip that Debs will poll as many votes as Parker in Montana this fall.

Ask your old party neighbor why he is a republican or democrat. Ask him what the difference is between them. Then ask him what Socialism is, or ask him which he prefers, \$10 for work every day he desires to work, or \$2 when the other fellow wishes him to work?

Comrade Graham of Livingston writes: I am desirous of seeing a Socialist paper, on good solid, financial basis in this state. I recognize that it is necessary, and brought the matter up before our county convention. I think you will see some more subs from Park county.

In sending in correspondence, the comrades should be careful about making their articles short and to the point. We are becoming flooded with this character of work, and in order that we give all a hearing, we must insist on all being brief and getting to the point quickly.—Editor.

"The Mirror says John D. Rockefeller is about to establish a bank in London. It will have a capital of many million pounds sterling." What will become of our small American banks when Rockefeller gets busy? "Rocky" is mixing in the retail business now, too, and soon people will be doing business with him because they will be able to buy cheaper.

Comrades, don't be afraid of losing your jobs because of Socialism. Sooner or later you will lose them anyway when the smelter or mine closes, then you will kick yourselves because you clung so long to that measly job instead of boldly asserting yourselves at the ballot box and in the highway, and thereby secure a life-long job. Don't be a job lot of loons, but stand out for your own rights and the rights of your children, who will be up against the real thing if you act the part of cowards.

The Socialist is the only great international movement. It has an army of 36,000,000 full grown men and women in its ranks who are working individually and collectively day and night for the cause. In every hamlet in the civilized world is one or more workers spreading the grand gospel of human economic freedom. How long, oh Rockefeller, will you last under such pressure as that? You may help the good work by blacklisting more of us, we don't mind; and, my, how they do buckle down for Socialism when they receive the blue envelope.

Who is the more depraved: The wage slave who has a family of six or eight, only ten days ahead of the cupboard (with his little ones pulling at their mother's apron strings for something to eat), who has been ordered out on strike, in the face of the fact that there are two men looking for his job, and finally scabs to do duty to his family, or the laborer with a card in his pocket who is "hollering" "scab" at his more unfortunate brother and at the same time selling himself and his class to the capitalists by working for and voting his ticket at the polls—the only place that laborers' interest can be accomplished and inculcate a condition which will eliminate the scab and provide work for all. Be honest now, boys, which is which?

Thousands of times every day the question is asked, "What is Socialism?" Because of this universal desire to know what it is that is agitating the entire civilized world, that is stirring the blood of hope in the breasts of so many millions of suffering humanity, we undertake to tell again what we tell in nearly every column of The News. Socialism means the collective ownership of all means of production and distribution of wealth. The means of production embraces land and the tools of all trades and professions necessary to the happiness and well-being of the entire human family. The means of distribution embrace railroads, telephones, telegraphs and centers where the products of labor will be gathered and disbursed. The opportunity to labor will always exist, so no one can say, as is done under our present competitive system, that he cannot get work. In exchange for the products of his toil a man will receive a credit entitling him to whatever he desires at the cost of production and delivery, to which will be added the cost of educating the young and maintaining the aged and infirm.

Chicago, Ill.—The great shops of the Pullman Company were to shut down on September 1 and thousands of men employed in

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 Park Bow. J. F. Mabie, of Park. Joseph Hoar, of Silver Bow. For Governor—Malcomb G. O'Malley, 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.



the various departments of the car building corporation will be without work. Thirty thousand people at Pullman and in the surrounding towns will be affected. When the Pullman Company is working on full time 7,000 persons are employed. During the last few months, owing to lack of new orders, men have been laid off 300 and 400 at a time, until now the force does not aggregate more than 2,000. These men are engaged in finishing cars already under way, and when these are ready for the rails the shops will be closed and the plant rendered idle. The Pullman works may remain closed for more than a month. The head of one of the operating departments of the Pullman Company says: "There is an aggregate of perhaps six to eight weeks' work ahead and the report that all the plants at Pullman will be closed Sept. 1 is news to us. I have no idea of what the management intends doing."

If these shops belonged to the people no one would be thrown out of employment. That is the difference.

THE MONTANA NEWS 25 CENTS UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1905.

Never before has the cause of Socialism leaped to the front and sprung into prominence in the state of Montana as in the past few weeks, and to be abreast with its wonderful movement the price of The Montana News has been reduced to 25 cents from and after September 15th to January 1, 1905. Now is your time, comrades, to help push the cause that means the emancipation of the working class. The shares on the press are going at a rapid rate, and if the work continues for a few weeks longer as it has in the past the press will be installed. Remember, you are not losing anything by taking a share on the press, and the money that is now being paid out weekly for press work at another office will soon pay off all of the shares. It is up to the comrades to help out; and judging from the way the subscription list has been growing in the past, the future surely promises a list of a wonderful size. In order that it may be made easy on the comrades over the state who have so ably assisted us in the past by hustling subscribers, it has been decided to make the above mentioned low price for the campaign. This very cheap rate will put The Montana News within easy reach of all, and owing to this fact should be placed in the hands of ten thousand readers in Montana from now until after election.

Comrades who have subscription cards will still sell them at \$1.00 for a year's subscription; but for the 25-cent campaign offer you will find a printed blank form in another part of this paper.

The campaign is on, comrades, and the Socialist party of Montana, with that fearless labor champion—Eugene V. Debs—as its standard bearer, must show to the United States and the world at large that Socialism is a factor to be reckoned with in this state; and there is no better way to do this than to give The News an enormous circulation that it may voice to the people the truth so long held in darkness by a muzzled multi-millionaire press.

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OBJECT LESSON OF THE CHICAGO MEAT STRIKE.

The Associated Press on the 9th heralded notice throughout the United States of the ending of the great meat strike that has so materially affected the meat industry of the nation. Mr. Donnelly declared within the councils of the labor leaders and delegates in charge of the great strike that his union, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of America, would declare the strike off regardless of the actions of the other unions which struck out of sympathy. This act was, as he declared, to save his union from total destruction. Of course Donnelly's lead was followed. The strike was a colossal affair, having involved fifty-three thousand persons in the struggle, and costing the union men in wages five millions of dollars, and losing to the packers seven and one-half millions of dollars. Those who can return to work will be obliged to do so under conditions obtaining previous to the strike. There is an object lesson shown in this defeat and that is the utter futility of the strike as a panacea for the workers' ills. Had the union men contained the proper knowledge of their economic relationship they would have refrained from this method. Had they clearly understood first that the machine by which the slave must work to eke out an existence is owned by the meat packers; that the packers are backed by an employers' association consisting of 1,000,000 of men and billions of dollars, by the subsidized press, by the pulpit, by the armament of the government, and further by the incontrovertible fact that there are two slaves to bid for one vacancy created by going on strike, they would have acted differently. Manifestly all conditions are in favor of the capitalists. To those of us who have been life-long members of organized labor and have studied economic conditions, these matters are self-evident. This strike has not been wholly lost, and from Donnelly's assertions that all the strikers are turning Socialists, it is a necessary educational factor and step in economic evolution.

OVERTURES FORCED BY SOCIALIST AGITATION.

The maneuvering of the forces representing Rockefellerism is interesting. First came Toole with his advocacy of some of the Socialist doctrine, then comes Carter with his gang of sappers with a lie upon their lips. They both pretend to favor the initiative and referendum—not because either believes in the people governing themselves, but because they both recognize the fact that Socialism is eating into the minds of the people, and that the idea of self-government, if not curbed in one way or another, will sweep from existence the like of them. This movement is a flank attack of capitalism upon Socialism itself, by attempting to destroy or neutralize the movement of the people toward the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. This demo-republico-Rockefeller mess comes from the same vat of poison. It is all Rockefellerism. Rockefeller pulls all the strings of capitalism and, by strategy, he is trying to circumvent Socialism. Tom Carter and Joe Toole and Heinze are agents of one collective power; they believe in the same old death-dealing system. They believe in two social classes, namely: the have it all class, to which they are wedded, and the produce it all class, for which they evince great affection just sixty days previous to election. These men are representative of pirates who grow fat, and oily from Rockefeller drippings. They prey upon the people in their own behalf, and loot the people for Rockefeller. These pirates have their own followers. Some are public officials and others are labor fakirs, but they are all chasing the same thing—a fat job. There are only two sides to this fight—Rockefellerism, which is represented by the demo-republico-pop aggregation; opposed to this viper is Socialism, which is for and by the entire people.

UNION MEN ASKED TO SCAB ON ELECTION DAY.

The "labor leaders" of Helena (not the rank and file of working-men) and the populists are again playing the old game of political mendicancy. Their platforms seems to be "office!" The omnipresent fusion pop is always in evidence, when there is anything to tie to, and while that party has fused itself to death, their tenacity to hold on, and keep looking for something to fuse with is remarkable. The iridescent "labor party" is this time led by labor politicians, some of whom have been expelled from the Helena local of the Socialist party for political polygamy. The pops and laborites sent committees

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to the democratic county convention begging recognition. The Citizens' Alliance delegates in the democratic convention spurned any attempt on the part of the convention toward fusion, and the democrats decided that they had nothing to confer, and later, through the influence of Joe Toole, who seemed to be about three-fourths of the convention, and who thinks he will need the votes of the laborers to return him to office this fall, the action of the convention was reconsidered, and the pops and laborites given three marks in the legislature and one judgeship. From a Socialist standpoint the existence of the Citizens' Alliance and the trade union is the product and incarnation of the present system, and will both be eliminated by the introduction of Socialism. However, in the meanwhile, it behooves us to again point out the absurdity and inconsistency of the pure and simple union man fighting capital the greater part of the year on the union plan, and when election time rolls around, instead of supporting the international wage workers ticket, which means the full product of toil to the worker, he is found doing the extravaganza stunt in "scabbery" and suffers no compunction of conscience. Manifestly the present day "labor leader's" desire for office spoils exceeds that of principle.

The state of Mississippi has gone into the farming business. It owns a farm of 14,500 acres for which it paid \$6 per acre. The state owns 1,200 convicts, 700 of whom labor on this farm, the others are loaned to planters. Last year the state convicts produced 2,800 bales of cotton and this year will more than double this amount; that is to say these 700 convicts will produce about 6,000 bales of cotton for which they will receive nothing. The 500 convicts loaned to planters will produce 5,000 bales for which they will receive nothing. Is this not true of the great mass of producers? The only difference is: the convict is fed, clothed, housed, and, when sick, nursed by the state, whether he works or not. The honest man, who commits no crime, produces, or is prepared and willing to produce, as much wealth as does the convict; when employed he receives barely the necessaries of life, but when idle or sick he is thrown out upon charity, which, by the way, is the greatest insult ever offered to man. The convict is cared for during a stated period and at the expiration of his sentence is given \$5 and a new outfit of clothes. The honest laborer is kicked from place to place and receives nothing at the expiration of his sentence but the church's promise of a gold brick in heaven, because his sentence ends only with his life. Now, readers, suppose the state should employ us all, feed, clothe, house and nurse us, and, after deducting the cost, hand us the residue of what we produced. What objection can you spring to that? Your job hunting days would be over and few would do penance in a prison.

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Correspondence

Chico, Mont., Sept. 11.
J. H. Walsh, Helena.

Dear Comrade: Enclosed find postage money order for one dollar to pay for my sub to News.

Have been out on a ten days' trip with a hunting party and go out again in about a week for a 30 days' trip. Hope to be back in time to help a little with the campaign. The News is improving. With best wishes, fraternally yours,
J. F. MABIE.

Missoula, Sept. 12.
J. H. Walsh, Helena.

Dear Sir and Comrade: Enclosed find money order for twelve dollars. I have sent in ten six months subs and seven yearly. If you want names of six months subscribers let me know. Send me another bundle of papers; I am going out amongst the farmers next week. Regards to Comrade Lynch. Fraternally yours,
W. P. GRAHAM.

Gilt Edge, Sept. 6.
J. H. Walsh, Helena.

Friend Walsh: Yours of 25th inst. to hand and contents noted. You will find enclosed check for \$10.00. Have spoken to several of the boys, but you know how hard it is to get any money out of them. Will have a meeting of the club called and possibly you will hear from us for \$10 or \$20.

Would have answered sooner, but letter went down to coal mine and I am working in Gilt Edge. Hope you will have your own press running soon. Yours fraternally,
ROBT. HENDRY.

Anaconda, Aug. 7.
Comrade Walsh: Enclosed find order for ten dollars for one share. Mayor Frinke has gone east, taking a month's vacation. Levin-good is out in the mountains prospecting. I brought the matter

before the local this evening, but none of them seem to take to it as they should. Denny and M. P. Tobin were absent, and I think they should get in on it. I was ordered by the local to send for five dollars worth of your last week's issue containing the Debs' speech. Send them on if you have them and I will send the \$5 tomorrow or next day.

Some of the boys are kicking on your knocking. I think myself there is work enough for us all until after election day fighting the common enemy. Yours,
C. C. McHUGH.

Livingston, Sept. 6.
Mr. Walsh.—Dear Sir: The Park county Socialists' mass convention met in the county court house yesterday at 3 p. m., and James D. Graham was elected chairman, and D. E. Beeman secretary.

The following comrades were then nominated: James Lyons of Fridley for state senator; Wm. Pearson of Cokedale and Wm. Dick of Aldridge for representatives; John Beard of Livingston for clerk of the district court; W. H. Smith of Livingston for sheriff; W. D. Newlon of Aldridge for treasurer; O. S. Anderson of Livingston for clerk and recorder; M. L. Baker of Hunters' Hot Springs for assessor; John Fodness of Chico for coroner; Joseph Herman of Horr for public administrator; J. D. Graham and John Beard chairman and secretary of the county committee. Yours truly,
D. E. BEEMAN.

Word comes to this office from Neihart that The News is not being handed out by the postmaster there. We are after the postoffice inspector. Comrades, watch this and notify us of failures to receive The News regularly.

Butte, Montana, September 3, 1904.
Mr. J. H. Walsh, Helena, Montana.

Dear Comrade: I notice in the last issue of your paper, regarding Comrade Maury calling your attention to the unlawful proceedings of Ferguson and Lewis and Clarke counties. Of course it is the right thing for any Socialist elected to office to give to the propaganda fund all their salary for above wages in their regular calling, and we, as Socialists, should always keep that in sight. But is there any use in flying in the face of the law, and keep some of the comrades from their seat after they have been elected fairly in every other particular. It has always been understood that way, and why not leave well enough alone. It is possible—yes, quite sure—that we will elect some legislators this fall and this law may be changed. Now it may be that there are traitors in our ranks at these two conventions, who have these resolutions passed, to keep our candidates from qualifying if elected. I sincerely hope this is not so, however. But I think it is wrong for you to sanction disregard for the law.

It is a sure thing that the capitalists will not let a legislator take his seat as long as that law is on the statutes. Think this matter over. Yours for Socialism,
WM. H. PIERCE.

Comrade Maury may be correct on his ruling on the law, but so far I have been unable to find that the courts have ruled upon this point, and until such time as it is tested we are not sure as to what construction will be placed upon the same. It is up to the Socialists to test the law on this point, and it had just as well come one time as another. Why defer the matter? While you and Comrade Maury deplore this act on account of the supposed illegality of it, you both have overlooked the illegal resignation proposition. If the resolution mentioned shall be declared illegal and sufficient ground for the non-seating of a duly elected officer, then surely the same capitalist court will declare likewise on the resignation proposition. The editor of The News does not sanction disregard of law, even as laid down by the capitalist courts, be cause that would be butting my head against a stone wall, but I do believe in forcing an issue to a test if necessary, and it would be better for the movement to do that this year than at the next election when the Socialist party will probably carry the state. The spirit of the resolution is Socialism, and if the capitalist courts shall declare it illegal, it will then be the duty of the comrades to see that it becomes an unwritten law of the party. In this election we cannot elect a majority, and it would be far better to test the proposition while we have a minority elected than later on, when we have a majority—a majority that might also take advantage of the ruling of the case and side with the capitalist court on account of their own pockets. Rest assured no traitor wrote that resolution, and that many of the Socialist resolutions as regarded by the capitalists are disregarding the law—the confiscation proposition, for instance.—Editor.

The international Socialist congress of the world, which recently met at Amsterdam, Holland, on August 15th, and adjourned on August 20th to meet at Stuttgart, Germany, in 1907, was the second session of the international congress of the Socialist party. There were twenty-six countries represented, with 441 delegates. This great gathering brought together the most learned political economists of the age. One of the notable features of this mammoth congress was the meeting and shaking hands of the Russian and Japanese delegates, deploring the terrific war now being waged between the wage slaves of the two empires in the interests of the capitalistic exploiters. An international peace commission was appointed to use the offices of the Socialist party of the world to stop the needless loss of blood, precipitated in the interest of profit. The Socialist party of the United States had nine delegates, the Socialist Labor party one and the United States Social Democratic Women's club one. The congress made a universal plea for a united party of the wage workers of the world.

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Hours, days, and years slide soft away;
In health of body, peace of mind,
Quiet by day,

Sound sleep by night, study and ease,
Together mixt, sweet recreation;
And innocence, which most does please,
With meditation.

Thus let me live, unseen, unknown;
Thus unlamented, let me die,
Steal from the world, and not a stone
Tell where I lie.

Jefferson County

Socialist Convention

The Socialists of Jefferson county are hereby called to meet in mass convention at Clancy, Montana, on Saturday, September 17, 1904, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

The national secretary is prepared to furnish the following literature to state committees, locals or individuals:

Leaflets (four pages), "Who Is Responsible for Anarchy in Colorado?" (2) "The Mission of the Socialist Party;" (3) National Platform, (newly adopted), prices on each, 500 for 75 cents; 1,000 up to 5,000, \$1.25 per 1,000; 5,000 and upwards, \$1.15 per 1,000. All prepaid. The Colorado leaflet is changed in price so that it can be sent prepaid, this being cheaper to buyers than when sent otherwise.

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The national secretary has prepared an illustrated catalogue of all campaign literature and material being handled and sold by the national office and a copy will be sent to any address upon application. Address William Mailly, National Secretary, 269 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

J. H. Walsh, nominee for congress on the Socialist ticket, the "old boss" editor of The News, has taken it on himself to "preach unto the multitude." He spoke at Marysville Sept. 10, Clancy on the 12th and Boulder on the 13th. He makes a flying trip through Cascade county, speaking in Great Falls on the 15th, Belt 16th, Neihart 17th, Monarch 18th and Stockett on the 19th. Comrade Walsh is a forceful and logical talker and gives out straight class-conscious and revolutionary Socialism.

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