

## The Dream of The Pauper.

It was after an unusually hard day's work, a few nights ago, I went to bed early, but could not sleep for a long time. Finally I dozed off into a troubled sleep, and had the following dream:

My wife and I were alone. All the children had grown up and left us, even the baby. She was 17 years old, and had worked herself up until now she was a servant girl for Mrs. Boozee, the wife of the Hon. Sidney Boozee, a saloon keeper who had been elected to the legislature on the bamboozle ticket of Silver Bow county, Montana. She was getting two dollars and six bits a week and some old clothes, and I thought that was splendid. Of the other four girls, two of them were working in a department store some place, but I did not seem to know where; and it did not worry me much. They were getting three dollars a week—three dollars apiece mind you—and that, I thought, was all any girl could expect. Of the other two girls, one of them was working in a sausage factory, and the other was cooking some place on a ranch. They were all working and doing well, I supposed.

One of the boys was working in a shingle mill for someone somewhere the last time I had heard from him, which had been a long time. I did not know where the other one was; hadn't heard from him for years; but nothing seemed strange about that. I supposed he was doing well, as I had heard Senator Graball say a few nights ago in a speech that there were two jobs for every man in this country who wanted to work.

"Well, Mary," I said to my wife, "the kids are all gone and left us and here we are all alone again; and I am proud to say we have given them all a good education; that is, they have all passed the eighth grade and that's plenty education for any workingman's kids. But," I said, "we have been very extravagant; we haven't saved any money; and you bet if I had to do it over again I would do different. Just think of all the shoes we have bought for them children in the summertime, when they might just as well have been going barefoot. You bet I never had any shoes in the summer when I was a kid. Now, Mary," I said, "let us start in and save something. Let us make a million dollars. We can do it all right if we just think so. Let's wade in and work and save every cent, and we can soon make a million."

"We are pretty old to start in for the million mark," said Mary.

"Old!" I yelled; "why, I'm only 67. I'm just a kid; just the right age to have a little sense."

Mary said she thought it was about time I was getting some.

Well, we started in to roll up that million. I was working in the mines—never lost a shift, and Mary was washing. I went around among the boys at the mine and got all their dirty clothes, and would pack them home at night and bring the clean ones back in the morning, and so on.

We kept this up for a year, and then we counted up. We had been living pretty cheap. We had one small room and a kitchen, which only cost \$5 per month; and we had saved one thousand dollars in the year.

"Just look at that," I said: "a thousand dollars in a year. Why, it will only take us a thousand years to make a million dollars, and then we'll take a trip around the world and see the children." Everything seemed natural about this.

Mary kept washing and I kept working in the mines, sometimes working overtime, and every year

we saved a thousand dollars. Once in a while we would get a letter from some of the children. One of the girls got married and had two pair of twins in two years and got congratulations from the president. After awhile another one got married and got a divorce in three weeks: but we thought nothing strange about that. Everything was lovely, and we kept right on working. Every time we got \$20 in silver or bills I would get a twenty dollar gold piece; wouldn't have anything but gold—that was the only stuff. I dug a hole in the ground and had it covered over with a flat rock. No banks for me; Oh no, I was too old for that. I kept my money in the hole in the ground.

After about 700 years we got a big letter one day. The envelope was about two feet long—U. S. Navy was printed on it in big letters. We opened it, and—glory of glories—it was from one of the boys. Not the one who was making shingles; the other one. He had joined the navy. Mary cried for joy.

"Just think of it" she said; "one of our boys has worked himself up until now he can stand on the deck of one of Uncle Sam's glorious battleships and cock a cannon—and all in 700 years. I always knew he was a smart boy. Well, I am proud," she said; and she lit into the washing again. We kept right on saving a thousand dollars a year until we had worked 963 years.

"Only 37 years more, Mary," I said, "and we'll have that million skinned like an eel."

But I noticed that Mary was not looking very strong. Her form was not as straight as it used to be; but she had been stooping over the washtub for quite a while, and one could not expect a working woman to be neat and straight like a lady. That evening when I came home with a bundle of dirty clothes on my back, Mary was dead. She had dropped dead at the washtub. I was sorry, as I was getting more orders for washing all the time, and there was money in it. But it could not be helped. I got a cheap coffin and dug a grave myself, not very far from my bank, and buried her. The funeral cost me \$17.65 (seventeen dollars and sixty five cents), but I worked overtime enough that month to make it up.

Poor Mary! I had never thought of her going off so sudden like. If she had only held out for 37 years more we would have had a million, and she would have been a lady, and could have mixed in society with Mrs. Gotmore and Mrs. Van Boostem. I was a little sorry that we had not quit when we had \$750,000, but we could not have put so much style on that much money.

So I was pretty lonesome. I would imagine I saw Mary bending over the washtub and rub, rub, rub, as she had done for 963 years and never lost a shift, as we say in the mines, and never had been further away from the cabin than the end of the clothesline; but it was a long one, you bet.

One of the girls wrote me from Russia. She said that was not much better a country than the U. S.; and she would like to come home and keep house for me; but she couldn't work any game like that on me. I never answered her letter. "I am living a strenuous life," I said to myself; "let her do the same. 'The survival of the fittest'—that's my doctrine."

I kept on working right along. One day I got another big letter, from Rear Admiral Bustemup, stating that there had been a frightful explosion on one of the battleships, and my boy had been blown clear

across the continent, and they hadn't seen or heard of him since.

"It's a glorious death," I thought. "It's for the glory of the country; I am willing to lose him."

One day, when they were rushing things in the mill where the other boy was working—they had a rush order to get out shingles to cover a building where there was going to be a big prize fight—my boy fell against one of the saws and got cut in two. "That's nothing" I thought; "there will be four jobs for someone else now."

One of the girls fell down the elevator shaft in the store where she was working and got crippled for life, and as she had been extravagant and blown in all of the three dollars a week and hadn't saved anything, why of course they sent her to the poor farm. "That's a lesson for the rest of them," I thought; "they'll probably start in and lay up something for a rainy day, like I am doing."

The other girl who was working in the store married a "sheeny," and got a divorce from him and married an Italian, and he cut her throat. "That's nothing," I thought, "in strenuous times like these."

The girl who was cooking on the ranch was the one that got married first. I thought "Well, she must have a pile of kids by this time."

I found out that the other one—the sausage maker—had been dead for about 467 years; and the baby, she eloped with the Hon. Boozee.

"Well," I said to myself. "I know about where they all are, anyway."

By this time my thousand years were up, but I had not quite made a thousand a year since Mary died, but didn't lack much—only about \$136 dollars,—as I had put in time and a half and only eaten two meals a day for the last 37 years.

"At last! at last!" I shouted, as I dropped in the \$136, "I'm a millionaire!"

Just then my wife gave me a poke in the ribs and woke me up and said "Well, if you are a millionaire you'd better get me a new pair of shoes."

I said "Get out, I'm no millionaire. I'm a Socialist."

JOHN BRACK.

## Covers Montana Situation Well.

The following letter by a comrade in Oregon to the Socialist paper of that state, "The Real Issue," is very applicable to the situation in Montana, and we reproduce it for the benefit of our readers:

Mulino, Ore., Nov. 20, 1904.

I wish to say a few words regarding speakers as has been discussed in the Real Issue. I doubt the wisdom of placing speakers in the state at the present time. To my mind the money could be better expended in other ways, because few, if any, persons come to hear them except those who are already Socialists. What we need is organization and education. Let us make three locals of five members each enough for a county organization. These comrades can elect a county committee of three members and a county chairman, who shall be a combined county secretary, treasurer and information agent; and now comes the important part of his work. Let him systematically take the names of every voter in each precinct from the registration books, have printed blanks to place the name, post office address, business, present political party, religious beliefs and church, and any other information that may be useful to the county committee. These blanks can be sent to some reliable comrade in each precinct to be filled out and returned to the chairman, who will send by mail literature to each one as he may need. In precincts where there is no comrade who is competent to furnish the needed information, someone can be secured to spend a few days in this precinct,

hold a few meetings, and find out by visitation the information needed to fill out the blank and return to county chairman. The writer has 500 or 600 pieces of Socialist literature which he would be glad to donate to our county chairman if we had one, but I am ashamed to say that Clackamas county which polls 500 votes has no county organization. I understand that much the same condition exists in other counties, and it is high time that we are arousing the comrades all over the state to the absolute necessity of perfecting a thorough state and county organization. After we have bombarded the voters with judiciously distributed publications for a year, then about six months prior to the June election of 1906, turn loose all the speakers we can secure. We can then be sure of better crowds and results. I feel sure that this plan will secure far more results for less money than the speaker method. Another very good way is for comrades to post up cartoons and other literature on trees, fences, buildings and other conspicuous places. Ten dollars expended in literature will reach 500 non-Socialist voters. \$10 for a speaker will not reach ten voters on the average. Now, Comrade Robbins, I should like to hear from you and other comrades in the state about this plan. Criticise if you must, but let us work harder for the Co-operative Commonwealth than ever before.

Yours truly,

CLAUDE S. HOWARD.

In two local elections, the people of Milwaukee, by a vote of five to one and eight to one, favored the establishment of a municipal lighting plant. Notwithstanding which, ten democratic alderman and five republican alderman have balked the passage of a bond issue for that purpose. The Socialist aldermen voted solidly in favor of the proposition, as did a majority of the democratic and republican aldermen. The only party not tampered with, therefore, appears to be the Socialist. Undoubtedly the people are quietly taking note of this fact. If the Socialist vote in Milwaukee is so large as to attract national attention and if it still further increases, let the significance thereof be understood. Milwaukee is struggling against the dominance of the "system" and may need a Socialistic broom to clear the boards.—Catholic Citizen.

Prof. Graham Taylor of Chicago University, does not think that the democratic party will go over to Socialism, as some plutocrats allege; and he gives an excellent reason:

"If the democratic party becomes 'radical,' as Bryan insists it must and will, it may retard somewhat the entirely distinct propaganda of a very different radicalism by the Socialists, but it will neither absorb, nor destroy that kind. Nowhere else in the world has the Socialist party been appropriated by any other, and it is sure to maintain its uncompromising independence here in America, where it has the freest opportunity in all the world to succeed."—Catholic Citizen.

A local paper in the east contains a notice in its columns signed by a party that persons visiting his premises after night and stealing cobs will be met with a warm reception in the future. Now the question arises where did the fellow living in the city get the cobs? He never raised a stalk of corn, never husked an ear, nor never shelled a bushel, let alone stacking up a large pile of cobs. The difference is, that one fellow stole them under cover of night while one stole them under cover of the competitive system.

Not a word has been received from many of the comrades over the state to whom we sent our "red" letter appealing for funds by the selling of subscription cards to the News. Come on, comrades! There is no time to sleep now. Awake! Sell one or more cards and remit. We must have this help before the first of the year.

## S. L. P. Idea of Union Label.

The Socialist Labor party does not use the typographical union label on its official publication, the Daily People and Weekly People of New York, and owing to the fact that this party claims to be the only party representing the working class interests, the question naturally arises, why do they not use the label? The following letter to the editor of the Daily and Weekly People from a comrade, brings out an answer from the editor of the above mentioned publication that is worthy careful perusal. The especial attention of "pure and simple" union men is called to the scientific explanation as to why they do not use the label, and possibly no more exemplary instance could be called to mind than the breweries of this state paying 10 cents for a label to put on each keg of beer, that they may sell more booze.

The letter of inquiry is as follows:

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 5, 1904.

During the present campaign I have frequently been questioned by union men as to why the S. L. P. does not use the union label on its literature and papers. I have always answered that we omit the label chiefly because the unions have permitted it to become a capitalist device for selling goods, and because it is not an infallible sign that the workers got even "decent wages." This reply is not satisfactory to the men I have met, most of whom are friendly to the idea of Socialism, and will vote the Debs ticket mainly I think, because of this union label matter. They say: "If you employ union printers, you should use the union label to show that your work is not done by non-union or scab labor. If your S. T. & L. A. is a union of honest men and your printing is done by its members, why don't you use its label? Are you ashamed to proclaim to the world that your work is not done by scabs?"

Now, I wish you would print this letter and append a straightforward answer to it, in language so plain that members of the S. L. P. can clip the article and keep it for the benefit of their pure and simple friends, who might thereby be induced to read our literature and see that we have the only genuine working class party in America.

T. J. Tanner.

The editor of the Daily People makes the following answer:

The gist of the question turns upon the point of the answer, quoted above as given by friends of the label idea. They are quoted as saying: "If you employ union printers you should use the union label to show that your work is not done by non-union or scab labor. If your S. T. & L. A. is a union of honest men and your printing is done by its members, why don't you use its label? Are you ashamed to proclaim to the world that your work is not done by scabs?"

In the first place, the S. T. & L. A. has no label. It once had one. It deliberately discarded the same at the Hartford convention. The label was discarded upon the argument that the label was one of the levers which insensibly switched a trades union from the class struggle plane, on which alone it can be true to working class interests, on to the "Mutuality of Interests between Capital and Labor" plane, on which the line of the class struggle is blurred to the inevitable ultimate injury of the working class. The instances proving the point are overwhelming. They showed how the label first becomes a protection to the employer's goods; how, from that, it is gradually used by the employer in competition with others of

the trade; how presently it serves to place members of the union on the employer's pensionary list, by sending them over the country to advertise that particular employer's goods as "union label goods;" how from that the label insensibly becomes a tool in the employer's hands in that, tempted by the revenues which the label furnishes the union, the union officers will lend themselves to the employer as a means to place a competing employer at a disadvantage by refusing him the label. Finally, it was shown how by these easy gradations the label turns into a means of grave injury to the working class; it prevents the full organization of the trade as a necessary consequence or preliminary to refusing the label to an employer's competitor—a striking illustration of which was lately documentarily furnished in the instance of the Tobin Boot and Shoe Workers' union; and secondly, it debauches the union officers engaged in such practices. Through them it debauches the union itself; takes the union out of the category of a bona fide labor organization, whose duty it is to consolidate the working class, and throws the union into the category of a guild. These and scores of similar arguments settled the question. The S. T. & L. A. abolished its own label. The S. T. & L. A. having done so, and justly too, by what process of reasoning can the S. L. P. or the S. L. P. man indulge in the very labels that furnished the arguments for the S. T. & L. A. to abolish its own?

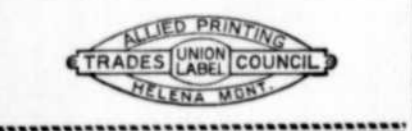
The label, at best, is a delusion. In very few cases does it really help the men, and what is gained there is more than lost by the loss of the general principle. It is, consequently, not because we are ashamed to proclaim to the world that our work is done under the best labor conditions possible, that we use no label even when we employ a union that deals in the article. We use no label because by the light of our knowledge, to use the label is to encourage a delusion on the whole gravely harmful to labor—and the S. L. P., which, while it does not underrate, neither overrates the vote, holds that, not by fomenting delusion, but sober facts can the working class be emancipated.

The workers of Massachusetts should feel elated over the news that Gen. Miles is to become adjutant general of the state militia under the Dick military law, when the new governor takes his seat. General Miles will receive the full pay of a lieutenant-general, which is \$10,500 a year and allowances. In addition he will receive as adjutant general from the state of Massachusetts \$3,600 a year. As a retired officer Gen. Miles now receives \$8,500 a year. While he may receive a scale of wages slightly in excess of the average worker of Massachusetts he will be in a position with the militia to keep the workers working that they may make more shoes for the people across the Canadian line while they and their families go barefoot. Governor-elect Douglas made his campaign on the tariff point and talk that under his regime they would be able to sell more shoes to foreigners, thereby giving employment to more people in this country. That's nice, too, of the governor to give the working mules a chance to work longer hours and more days to make shoes for someone who does not work at all, even though they may be foreigners to this country. Oh, you working mules! You are the easiest dupes on the earth.

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Peabody favors the militia and so does Gov. Toole.

Socialist increase depends upon education and organization.

Montana's capitalist legislature will convene in twelve days.

Comrades can assist the News by acting at once on the requests of the "red" letter sent them over two weeks ago.

In precinct three of Denver it was found that the democrats had voted 340 illegal votes and the republican 28. The Socialists voted no illegal votes, and still you working mules can't see why we need Socialism.

The Butte Miner plays the roll of double thief when it bribes a man like Pat Peoples for a thousand dollars, and then steals \$20,000 from the county crib. It at least fails to pay its help an honest percentage of the theft.

It begins to look as if Peabody would be Colorado's next governor. The grossest fraud was committed at election time by both old parties. The union deserter who betrayed his own working class party at the polls will have something to reflect over if Peabody is seated.

It is said that the railroads are going to make a great fight in congress against increasing the powers of the inter-state railroad commission with a view of lowering freight rates. Why, never worry. Roosevelt's stab at this lessening of freight rates is all capitalistic bluff and must be done in order to fool the common cattle who rushed to the polls on election day to vote for him.

The New York papers are having a lot to say of late as regards the establishing of an all-night bank; and the working mules are lead to really believe that it is a sign of great advancement. It simply shows that the banker is not satisfied with robbing the public during the day and drawing interest from the working class while he sleeps, but that a den must be opened to continue the fleecing operation during the night.

An officer of the Western Federation of Miners said in Denver the other day that they, meaning his union, were well satisfied with the American Labor Union and would stay affiliated with it; that there was no intention of going to the American Federation of Labor. That's good, but how about the members of these two organizations scabbing on election day, and their official journal endorsing the scab proposition, on the assinine plea that the worker must be educated to understand Socialism before he will vote for it?

According to reports, the enforcement of the child labor law of Illinois went into effect Monday, and as a result it is estimated that 2,500 boys were taken from underground work. The working class advances slowly but surely. There are a num-

ber of advances to be made. Why simply take these boys out of the mines, unless we provide schools and keeping at the expense of the taxpayers? That is what should be done. When boys and girls of the working class are taken from their former work, if any of them are by these new laws, they should be provided all the necessaries incidental to a first class education.

**THAT "RED" LETTER APPEAL.** Only one more issue of the News between now and the first of the year, and we desire to urge upon the comrades this week, the necessity of the disposal of the subscription cards and the remitting of the money to this office before January 1, 1905. To double the circulation of the News would be an easy matter if every reader would take a little interest in the cause, and get out and sell a few subscriptions; but for two or three of us to double the circulation means a year's work. To double the circulation means a double mission; it would give us money enough to pay off the mortgage against this plant and at the same time carry the Socialist propaganda to many hundreds who would in the year's time become aligned with the movement.

Let us impress upon the minds of the comrades who received that "red" letter a few weeks ago that it is imperative that they help out at this time. And let us further impress upon the comrades that we are not asking for any voluntary contributions, but that we are urging upon you your duty to the cause, i. e., to sell a few subscriptions. Will you do this at once or will you procrastinate until it is too late to help?

Many of the letters sent out have not as much as returned an answer; if these comrades would write us letters advising us to quit publishing the paper and get out of the Socialist movement "because it is so hard to get the workers to do anything" for themselves, we would feel much better pleased than to receive no answer whatever. Why, the comrades appear to get a letter and throw it aside without the thought of the courtesy even of an answer.

Now comrades in conclusion let us urge upon you at this time the need of your assistance in the field as a solicitor for a few subscriptions that we may not only keep the Montana News going but that we may improve it, double its circulation, yea, quadruple it, and continue to carry the gospel of the Socialist movement to the workers until such time that they shall stand aligned in solid phalanx at the ballot box to strike the blow that sends capitalism crumbling to the ground and establishes the great co-operative commonwealth.

**CATHOLIC ON SOCIALISM.**

We noted some weeks ago a letter written by Mr. Francis B. Livesey, who very appropriately lives at a place called Sykesville, Md., in which fears were expressed for the salvation of Cardinal Gibbons because the Cardinal had spoken some friendly words about trade unionism. Mr. Livesey argued that a word for trade unionism was a word for Socialism.

Now comes Rev. P. Ullrich F. Mueller, C. P. S., whose very name is a guaranty against liberalism, and in a letter to The Catholic Tribune, dated from Carthage, Ohio, says:

"I have made Socialism one of the principal studies of my life. Some thirty or forty volumes of Socialistic literature fill my shelves, all the Socialistic campaign pamphlets of the two last elections, a number of foremost Socialistic weeklies and a first class monthly form the base of my judgment. But is unionism Socialism? Emphatically: No! Unionism dare never be confounded with Socialism. Even where unions have declared by a majority referendum vote for Socialism the unions, as such, stand for other principles than Socialism. If they declare for 'Socialism,' as did the Western Federation of Miners, the meaning is (1) that they intend to support the 'Socialist ticket,' (2) that they strive for 'the co-operative commonwealth.' They do not thereby as yet approve of the 'entire Socialist philosophy.' The class

conscious Socialist, too, must in many cases be distinguished from the 'Socialist voter.' The former, if he is consistent, is an atheist; the latter often an ignorant fellow, who by his vote wants to protest against the present mode of production and distribution of wealth, a fact which after all cannot, his ignorance presupposed, be so very grievous if we consider the starvation wages, the child labor, the overwork, etc., as prevalent in many fields of employment."

Father Mueller's desire is obviously to keep these poor fellows in the church rather than to read them out. Altogether a laudable purpose for one whose mission is the salvation of souls.—Catholic Citizen.

**THE SECRETARY'S WAGES.**

The membership of the American Labor union have set an example for the Socialist party in their taking a referendum vote to reduce the salaries of their national president and secretary. On this suggestion from the "pure and simples" it might be for the Socialist party to consider paying the national secretary \$1,500 per year, which is far in excess of a proletarian income. In fact Comrades Lynch, Hughes and Walsh sacrifice their time in publishing the News in the interest of the cause; many others are doing as much; one man is as much to the cause as another. The idea of paying the national secretary \$125 per month, while we pay other comrades who work in the same office, and just as hard, about half that sum, is far from Socialism. It appears that we need someone who understands Socialism to teach the practice of Socialism to the Socialists. If the party would contribute such wages as that to the three comrades mentioned above we will put out a paper that will drive the boodle sheets out of business. In fact it would be a graft; and in three months time we would be printing a large daily. Just think of we three here drawing \$375 per month, and then possibly hiring some other comrade in the same office at half the wages. If this isn't aristocracy and rank distinction, then there is no such a thing. Let us change this matter of paying a national secretary such wages, and give him a proletarian wage scale.

**THE STATE ORGANIZATION.**

When the comrades read the article in another column from the state secretary, they will evidently realize the shiftless condition of the party organization in this state.

The hard proposition appears to be, not to make Socialists from the recruits, but to make real Socialists out of your Socialists. Many join the party organization and attend a meeting or two, and then fail to show up.

According to the vote upon the amendments submitted to the voters at the last election, only about 50 per cent of the legal voters who voted the head of some ticket voted for the amendments. This shows conclusively that only about half of the people are ready to vote for issues, to cast aside personalities and take up generalities.

In Florida, a retiring editor of the Socialist paper of that state, says that he thinks the state paper ought to have a larger subscription list than 250, when a total vote of 2,300 was cast at the last election. One would naturally think that he was right, but it appears to be a mistake to figure upon much being done, by the number in the organization. The few hustlers appear to be made to carry the load.

The same lax condition or lethargic sleep appears to prevail among the comrades from Florida to Washington, and can only be explained from a psychological standpoint.

The Montana News sent out a large number of circular letters asking for aid for the paper by selling subscription cards. So far, as we go to press, sufficient has been received to pay the postage on letters of appeal sent out, but as to getting in sufficient to pay the interest on the mortgage on the plant that falls due the first of the year, that's out of the question. In fact some of the comrades have not even been courteous enough to answer the letters

sent them. We know they got them for the same were sent in return envelopes, and their failure to come back to this office is proof that the parties received them to whom they were addressed. Now as a matter of fact, every Socialist who reads this paper could go out tomorrow and get at least one new subscriber, and some could get more. That would double the circulation.

The state secretary shows that the same lax condition exists in the membership even as to paying their dues. Just think of a class conscious Socialist failing to attend his local meetings or pay his dues? And then he is the fellow who stands up ready to criticise the "pure and simple" union man who pays his dues to hold his job. And after he becomes a militant Socialist he thinks his chief duty is to let off "hot air."

You must awake from this shiftless, sleepy way, comrades, and get into the movement, for without the organization the Socialist movement is a failure, and with a strong organization of militant, class conscious, dues paying members the battle is ours in another campaign in the state of Montana.

For God sake wake up and do your duty by giving your assistance to the state secretary that is due him.

**UNION PETITIONS NEEDED.**

It is said that the women of the country are to be in the Montana legislature next month to fight for the woman suffrage right to be made a law. Very probable that both old capitalist humbug parties overlooked that Socialist point or they would have had it in their platforms. In fact they would have put anything in their platforms if it showed any signs of getting them votes. However, as long as they did not declare themselves upon this point, the News would now suggest to the women that they get to the "pure and simple" union men who are long on petitions and scabbing at the polls, and request the many unions of the state to send in petitions to the legislature to pass a law granting the right of franchise to the women. In fact the unions would delight in parading around with a useless petition, getting signers to pray to the capitalist hirelings, shyster lawyers, citizens alliance and scabs that will compose the make-up of the body of legislators. The unions have been so long on bended knee before these august bodies that they generally seem to think it rather an honor to go begging of them for most any old thing. Let the women get the unions in on this proposition.

**FIGHT GIRL STENOGRAPHERS.**

The Anti-Women Stenographers society of Columbus, Ohio, which is organized to foster sentiment against young girls as stenographers in offices, gives out the following statistics in regard to this matter:

During the past 10 years 6,263 divorce cases have been filed by wives in the courts of this country naming their husbands' fair stenographers as co-respondents. In 5,951 of these cases sufficient proof has been produced to influence the court in granting the wives the decree of divorce.

In the past 10 years 796 employers in this country were made defendants in breach of promise suits instituted by their fair stenographers, and of this number it was shown by testimony in open court that in 361 cases the employer had first caused the disgrace of the plaintiffs under promise of marriage.

The mistake of the above named society, is in the way that they propose to eliminate the trouble. The present competitive system is accountable for it all. Unless something is done to relieve the girls from being driven to this kind of life, it will continue. The capitalist system that forces competition in the labor market, and drives girls to do the bidding of their employers, is the cause, and the effect cannot be remedied by all the associations on earth unless the cause be removed. Socialism only will remove it.

The society also charges that the profession unfits young women for the duties of home and wives, and that few young men regard young women stenographers as suitable for wives.

**FREE TO THE BOYS**

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**GOV. TOOLE FAVORS MILITIA.**

The papers stated the other day that Governor Joseph K. Toole has received a communication from General George Harris, chairman of the committee on military organization for the parade attending the inauguration of President Roosevelt, March 4, 1905, extending an invitation to the militia of Montana to be present in Washington and participate.

There will be a large parade at the inauguration exercises in which the military organizations of the various states are invited to participate. It is not expected, however, that the Montana militia will be in attendance although Governor Toole stated that it would be an excellent thing if the various companies could be present. What do you working mules who voted for Gov. Toole, your labor idol, think of that? He thinks it would be an EXCELLENT thing to make the military parade something that would eclipse the army parades of the European despots. It appears that the military spirit is growing, and that Montana's democratic governor would highly appreciate seeing a great military parade around open-shop Roosevelt at the inauguration ceremonies. Good for the capitalist hirelings—give the workers what they voted for—militias, bayonets, bullets and bull pens. If that kind of "dope" will not arouse them, then Socialism is a failure.

The Appeal to Reason appears to be getting a great amount of criticism handed it of late by the Socialist papers all over the country. That fake, humbug co-operative advertisement appears to have raised the ire of many of the class conscious writers. The latest suggestion by the Appeal to its readers is to start local papers. Some more chastising is due to arrive upon this suggestion immediately. When the Socialist papers now established are struggling for an existence, it does look like poor advice for some Socialist to advise the comrades to undertake something that they must certainly fail at. What the movement needs more than any other one thing is a good Socialist paper. There is not a first class Socialist paper published in the United States. The International Socialist Review fills its mission as a monthly, and Wilshire's magazine is very good, but as to our publications being up to the standard, we are far from it.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Deitz, Wyoming, Dec. 13, 1904.  
Mr. J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: I have at last got that job I was looking for. I worked here one day so far, but I think I will get along here for the balance of the winter. They have a Socialist club here of 15 members and all good workers. Debs' vote here was 96, none 4 years ago.

Send my paper here and I will try and get you a few subs.

With best regards to all the comrades, I remain  
Yours fraternally,  
WM. DICK.

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider his ways, and be wise."

Never did the Master give better advice than when he used the above language. It never struck the writer so forcibly as when reading

"The Farmer and Socialism," in the News of the 7th.

Comrades, did you ever watch the ants when the top of their home was destroyed? I have; and well might the Master use the words he did. Well can man learn a great lesson from them. They go to work with a will to rebuild their habitation and replenish their store house (and there are no drones among them.)

But Man—what is he doing? I remember, when the Chinese sacrificed ten thousand lives to a railroad god that they built, how the sky pilots held up their hands in holy horror. But where are they that say one word against our system of government?

I see our president has recommended a greater navy and floating mines—and for what purpose? So that a few drones can sit in their gilded parlors and eat of the fat of the land, while the wage slave is fed from the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table, so that Shylock can have his pound of flesh.

Father, do you ever stop to think, as you gaze upon your boy, the pride of your heart and the joy of your last days, that the chances are 7 to 10 that you can look with your mind's eye and see his bleeding and mangled form on some battlefield in the near future. And you too, poor mother, when you clasp your new born babe to your throbbing breast, that it may be only an instrument of profit to the ones that sit in high places, while you slave over the washtub so that the elect can exact another pound of flesh.

So, my fellow wage slaves, let us take the Master's advice. Study the ant, and learn wisdom. Arouse from this lethargy. Shake off the shackles that the green-eyed monster has put on our hands, and live, fight and die for our loved ones. Let us not sacrifice our lives for a great navy or floating mines, but rather fight that we may inherit the earth and enjoy the fullness thereof.

Storrs, Mont.  
[Contributors to the News will please sign their name and address to all articles or they will not be published.—Editor.]

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 12, '04  
To the Socialist Locals of Montana.

Comrades: The following referendum has been submitted by local Lewistown:

Resolved by Local Lewistown, that it is of paramount importance to the party of the state that the Montana News be maintained, that Comrade Walsh has been working

incessantly and through sacrifices, to this end, encountered by adverse difficulties contingent to a working class movement; that the state Local Quorum take immediate steps to devise ways and means whereby to strengthen the Montana News financially, and otherwise assist Comrade Walsh in making the Montana News a factor in the state of Montana toward the great international working class movement.

Amendments to this referendum will be received up until Jan. 10, 1905.

Vote on this referendum will take place from Jan. 10 to Jan. 31, 1905.

The following comrades have been nominated as candidates for National Committeeman:

C. C. McHugh, Anaconda.  
J. H. Walsh, Helena.

Vote for National Committeeman will be counted January 31, 1905 at 8 p. m.

Fraternally yours,  
J. D. GRAHAM,  
State Secretary.

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 13, 1904.  
J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: Enclosed find post office money order for \$3, to pay for cards sent in since you spoke here.

I had your letter to me read at local last Sunday, and some of the comrades said they would do all they could to get subscribers from now to Jan. 1.

Can you tell me where to send for French Socialist papers?

W. P. GRAHAM.  
[L' Union des Travailleurs, published at Charleroi, Pennsylvania, is, I believe, the only French Socialist paper published in America.—Editor.]

Butte, Mont., Dec. 16, 1904.  
Editor Montana News: The election judges of our late election, who are now in the clutches of the law, were loud-mouthed in denunciation of the Socialists, and nothing was too vile to apply to them. This is a sample of the defamers of Socialism, who charge us with breaking up the homes, confiscation, etc. I miss my guess if a few of them will not go to Deer Lodge for their actions. Forestell and Breen, the rightfully elected judges, mean business, and if our local papers do not garble facts there will be enough stench raised over this election to attract the attention of the right thinking people of this state to the rottenness of our Montana politics. Our final count will be held in Helena, and there the rottenness of our officials will be exposed to the gaze

of the public. This will certainly be of interest to our Socialists who have to stand the jeers of the simon pures.  
Yours for purity in politics,  
DR. J. CALDER.  
Billings, Mont., Dec. 15, '04.  
Dear Comrade: When you spoke in Billings, I gave you a list of names I had solicited for the News and among them were the names of James

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Baltimore and G. L. Brown, and Baltimore has never received a copy of the paper yet, and Brown only the first two issues. Will you kindly look this matter up and see that they get their papers, as we do not want to lose them as we need all that we can get in Billings. I am rustling all I can for subscriptions. They are dying hard here, but wait for a year or two; we are going to have a beet sugar factory here next year, and they are going to import about 300 Russian families to do the work. I wonder where these old party laborers are going to get off at then? Maybe we can talk Socialism in the union meetings then, which we can not do now without hurting some good democrat or republican.  
Yours for Socialism,  
P. H. FARRELL.

[The names of both the above mentioned subscribers are on our books and have been since the first of November. Further their names are on the mailing galleys from which the label is printed before passing through the machine that places them upon the paper. It is practically impossible for an error to occur here. The papers have gone to the Billings postoffice every week. We have written the postmaster in regard to the matter.—Editor.]

Rochester, Mont., Dec. 16, '04.

Dear Comrade: Your circular letter appealing for help for the News and in reply will say, that our town is a small one, with a very dull spell on just now, and a small local struggling for an existence. I feel very deeply your need and admire the News very much, and certainly wish to see it continued by all means, but you will appreciate our circumstances, and realize how hard it is for us to do all we would like to. I have made some efforts to sell subs for your paper but so far my efforts have been fruitless. You may send me eight or ten cards however, and I will continue trying and no doubt will eventually sell them for you.  
Yours fraternally,  
JOHN E. DENO.

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# State Secretary's Party Report

Comrade John Comerford is arranging for a Socialist watch night service on New Year's eve at Norris. The program so far includes Socialist songs by Butte comrades, speech by Comrade J. H. Walsh, the entertainment to end with a grand ball.

Local Rochester is very active and holds public meetings; a very successful public meeting was held on the 8th inst., and addresses were delivered by Comrades Deno and Sherer on Socialism and organization. Local Rochester is planning to organize locals at Pony, Sheridan and Virginia City.

Comrade Lynch is arousing the Socialists of Fergus county, re-organized Local Lewistown and expects to see good active locals at Gilt Edge, Kendall and Maiden. Fergus county sent in an order this week for 200 due stamps and 80 membership cards, also \$5 for literature. Look out for Fergus county. Watch Lewistown in the coming spring election.

Flathead is another county where the Socialists are active; at a recent meeting of Local Kalispell six new members were admitted. An effort is to be made to organize locals at Whitefish, Columbia Falls, Libby,

Holt and Somers. Kalispell comrades want an organizer put in Flathead county for two weeks.

The locals of Hamilton, Stevensville and Victor, (Ravalli county) are very active. In points of organization Ravalli county holds the banner for southwestern Montana.

Local Missoula is offering \$125 in prizes for the best essays and orations by the scholars of Missoula county. There ought to be more work done in Missoula county from a standpoint of organization. There ought to be seven or eight good active locals, where with the exception of St. Regis there has been no dues sent in for the past few months.

Cascade county sends in no reports, except from Stockett where there is an active wide-awake local. Stockett ought to appoint missionaries to visit the other locals of Cascade county and show the comrades the errors of their ways.

No reports from Choteau county. Lewis and Clarke county is very weak from an organization standpoint. Only two locals, Canyon Ferry and Helena totaling a very small membership. There is good timber in Helena to build up a first

class local if the comrades will get up and do something instead of leaving it to a few to do all the hard work. There ought to be a local put in at East Helena and Marysville and an increase of 100 members in the county before spring. Comrade Scurlock where art thou?

No reports from Jefferson and Deer Lodge counties.

Owing to the election frauds in Silver Bow the Butte comrades, are gathering their brows like gathering storms, Nursing their wrath to keep it warm.

Gallatin county is inactive, although Local Bozeman is endeavoring to take on new life, and effort is being made to organize Belgrade. Great need for systematic and energetic work all through the Gallatin valley.

Park county central committee is sending literature to the farmers for winter reading.

At Aldridge the comrades who are coal miners have been locked out for the past four months, but still they have their cards stamped up-to-date. That is more than a large number throughout the state can brag of.

Local Livingston is taking in new members every Monday night; seats are at a premium while local is in session.

No reports from Yellowstone county; great need of systematic education and organization. Local Billings should get down to the steady work of organizing their territory.

No reports from Sweetgrass county, since election; Knapp and Bade must have taken to the timber.

The comrades at Dean, Carbon county, intend celebrating New Year's by organizing a local. Red Lodge is endeavoring to organize another branch, which will make two branches in that city. No reports from Fishtail local. Wonder if Comrade Spray has thrown up the sponge?

No reports from Rosebud and Dawson counties.

There are 35 chartered locals in the state, 23 of which are in good standing, aggregating 250 members in good standing, who paid dues and carried on the campaign (this number has increased since election). At present there are at least 400 members from two to four months in arrears, who if they paid up would put at least \$80 in the state treasury and \$40 in the national, which would help to put an organizer in the field to organize the unorganized. 250 militant Socialists carried on the campaign. 400 organized Socialists stood back and admired the 250 do the fighting, then wonder why it was we did not get a larger vote. Going to carry the state, eh? Well, comrades 400 is it not time you took off your coats?

Comrades, at the next meeting of your local see that your secretary has application cards, membership due cards and stamps on hand; appoint committees to see the members who are in arrears and get them on the firing line again. If we are going to win this fight a few cannot carry it on. We must have organization. Organization alone can carry the day. Let us have organized Socialists. We have had enough of the mob Socialist.

JAS. D. GRAHAM,  
State Secretary.

yourself and Mrs. Walsh, and "73" to Lynch. Yours,  
B. E. N.

Hamilton, Mont., Dec. 22, 1904. Montana News, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrades: Local Hamilton at a recent meeting, resolved to do all in its power to help the News; you will hear from us in the near future. I would like to endorse the suggestion of Comrade Woodruff of Stevensville, with this addition: if you can spare the time—give us say 4 or 5 days—help us wake up some of the comrades that have apparently gone to sleep; we to pay all expenses. I believe by that means the circulation of the News can be extended, and the cause we all love be advanced in this country. How does this strike you, Comrade Walsh?

We have just settled all accounts incurred anent the election, and have quite a stock of literature on hand and on the road, which we are getting into the hands of the people as rapidly as possible. It is easy work now. People we could not reach in the past receive it gladly now. Yours fraternally,  
E. G. WHEELER.

[I would be more than pleased to make a speaking tour as suggested, and assist the comrades in getting started off in good shape in their local fields, for there is the nucleus of the great Socialist movement. However to make these speaking tours involves a wonderful expense, and for every day that I am away a printer hired in this office means a cash expense of \$5.50 per day. I have been working on a plan whereby I may make these tours and eliminate this great expense account by getting larger crowds of non-Socialists from whom our collections will be increased and to whom our literature must be sold. Space forbids a full explanation at this time; however I would make at least two speeches in each place. Nothing preventing, the comrades will hear something favorable in the near future.—Ed.]

The Helena Independent says that there will be one bill introduced in the legislature that the railroad corporations and people will both favor. It will be a bill dealing with train robbers and wreckers. That is about right; the fool people are always butting in on something that really doesn't interest them. The railroads, express and telegraph companies can hold them up 365 days in the year to the tune of millions of dollars, but if a "Kid" Curry gang holds up one train and gets a few thousand dollars, the fool people are wild with excitement to catch the terrible offender. But there should be no difference of opinion in the legislature as to the bill, for the body of legislators will be composed of railroad and capitalistic hirelings.

Thos. J. Hagerty, better known as Father Hagerty, the priest who resigned his parish work in Texas to take up the cudgel on behalf of labor, is editing the American Labor Union Journal.—Laborer's Journal.

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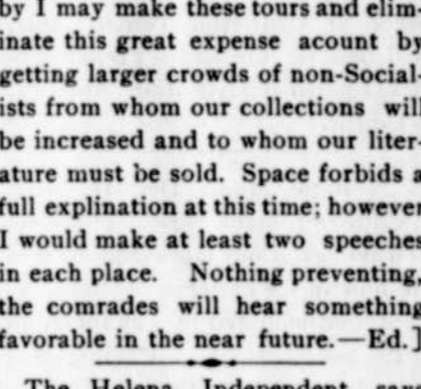
Friend Walsh: Received yours of the 6th inst., and will send you \$10, and \$1 for my subscription for next year. Am rather hard up but I suppose everybody is the same. They say that the Lewistown Democrat died the death of a dog. Sincerely yours,  
A. H. SELLERS.

Boulder, Mont., Dec. 18, 1904. Comrade Walsh: Herewith is \$5 to pay for the 5 cards Lynch left with me. Have sold 3 and 2 more in sight. Send me 5 more. I inclose the 3 cards sold. They are all renewals. Please extend their time one year.

Havard of Wickes complains of not getting his paper, although Oehrlies' copy is coming O. K. to Wickes. Please look it up.

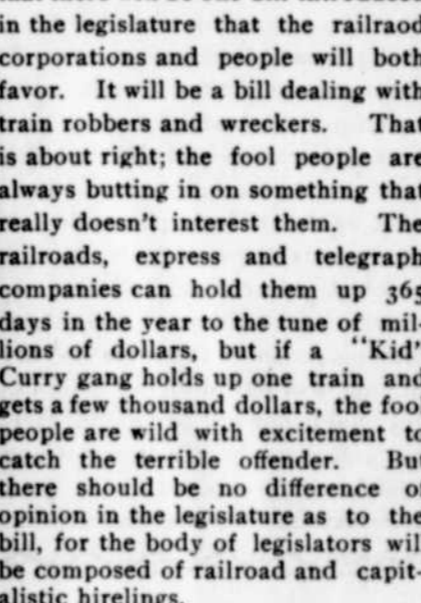
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