

They Want The Swag

Butte Wire Pullers Gravely Propose to Cleanse City---And They Didn't Smile.

The recent gambling revival in Butte is giving the political derelicts of the city a hope that they can find an issue that will waft them into office again. Adversity makes strange bedfellows, and this is doubly true of adversity in politics.

Start the Ball.

The ball was started by William Scallon who wrote a very learned opinion for the daily papers to the effect that gambling is illegal. This was followed in a few days by a letter from Manager Wharton of the Street Railway company in which he said that his company will lose \$1500 per month if gambling is allowed to continue. The next move was to hold a meeting for the purpose of forming an organization that the instigators are pleased to call a civic league. This preliminary meeting was held in the offices of the Street Railway company on the evening of Feb. 13, and the meeters tickled themselves and each other by saying that it was a thoroughly representative crowd.

A Phantasma.

The phantasma was begun by the election of William Scallon as chairman and T. M. Nolan as secretary. These are two of the most prominent Amalgamated attorneys in the state, and are commonly spoken of as "Amalgamated tools." On taking the charge Scallon managed to retain his usual serious look, and said that the law must be enforced. He then called on A. B. Keith, who was formerly editor of the Daily Miner, for some remarks. Keith spoke of the immorality of gambling and criminality of the gamblers, but claimed that the moral turpitude of officials who will not enforce the laws is much worse than that of the gamblers. He also said that when editor of the Miner he did his best to educate public sentiment against

gambling, but people here are unable to remember such "educating" that was his "best."

Pilots and Fakirs.

Some sky pilots were next called by the chairman, and they indulged in the usual palaver about civic virtue and the sanctity of the home and the decency of citizenship and other things that do not and can not exist under capitalism. By the irony of fate Malcolm Gillis was sandwiched in among the preachers. Whether this if an oversight on the part of the chairman, or was done as a bit of sarcasm, or because the gospel sharps of Butte are fit companions for the Butte agent of the father of lies, I am unable to say, but at any rate he got in among them.

And Didn't Snicker.

This Gillis is the most notorious labor lieutenant of the capitalist class in Montana, and has always served as the most servile yet efficient tool of the Amalgamated in Butte. That is saying much of a mining camp that has all the servile tools the companies want, with many left over. Gillis faced the crowd without a snicker as he told them how he loved Butte and wanted the city to have such a pure name that none of her citizens need feel ashamed when abroad for being from Butte. One who did not know Gillis might have believed that he meant it.

A Frugal Groceryman.

One of the moving causes of the meeting was shown by the remarks of ex-Mayor Harrington. He said that business was better for him in the grocery trade when there was no gambling, thus showing that it is because the gamblers are encroaching on their vested rights of robbing the workers that they were moved to present their smug, hypocritical

faces in the meeting at all.

Politician in Evidence.

But the politician who is ready to exploit every thing from the innocence of childhood, to the crimes of capitalism was in evidence, and had in fact engineered the meeting. It could not be expected, therefore, that they would be able to keep their purposes entirely masked.

Let the Mask Fall.

Attorney E. B. Howell, was the first to give a glimpse of the "pure" character of the meeting when he said, "it is the duty of the officers, not of the private citizens, to enforce the law. If the officers will not enforce the laws there is an election coming in the fall, and then we should not shirk our duty." But if Howell lifted the mask, Manager Wharton tore it clear off when he said, "we should not compel men to enforce the laws. We should elect men to enforce them." Coming as this remark did from one of the chief performers in the circus it may be taken as a true statement of their intentions. The well fed grafters may soon expect to have the hungry grafters after them with the cry of "get out so we can run things."

Socialist Exposes Them.

Comrade Ambrose of the city council who was elected on the socialist ticket was present. He made a few remarks on invitation of the chair-

man, and received closer attention than had been given any previous speaker. He showed conclusively that the present officers will not enforce the laws. He cited an instance of being appointed to investigate the red light district, and that when the mayor and city council turned down his report, with no action whatever.

He also at the time of making report had asked the Ministerial association to lend their influence to its support, but this was also wasted effort, as they would not take it up.

Criminal Officers.

Comrade Ambrose laid bare the criminality of the officers who are the henchmen of the capitalist class. He showed that every capitalistic office holder is a criminal because he does not obey his oath, and he does this because he is too cowardly to step on the toes of the moneyed interests, which of course might defeat him for re-election. But Comrade Ambrose went much further than any of the capitalistic hypocrits around him had dared or cared to go. He told of the dance halls, saloons and noodle joints where boys and girls of sixteen to twenty years of age who belong to the "best families" may be seen any evening. Yet those who called the meeting had not the courage or decency to mention these glaring crimes. Such

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Official Call To Action

Stirring Appeal Sent Out by Industrial Workers as Result of Mine Owners' Conspiracy.

Beginning at the Coeur d'Alene in 1897 a reign of lawless violence has been waged by the capitalist class in the western states, one phase of which was the unparalleled series of outrages perpetrated against the laborers of Colorado. Throughout this conspiracy there had been continuous attempts to crush the labor organizations of the miners by seeking to foist upon them the crimes committed by the capitalist conspirators themselves. Every one of these attempts has failed. In spite of suborned witnesses and terrorized and corrupt juries, every case has ended in complete acquittal. The failure of the conspirators' diabolical schemes has filled them with desperation.

The renewal of these outrages in the present arrest of Charles H. Moyer, Wm. D. Haywood and their associates marks the culmination of this conspiracy. The secret arrest, illegal deportation, and general criminal character of all the proceedings mark this as the first step to railroad these innocent men to the gallows, in the hope of thereby breaking up the radical working class organizations and putting an end to all resistance to tyranny.

We declare the arrest to be the result of a conspiracy premeditated by the capitalist pirates of the west, led by the mine owners and backed by the Standard Oil company. The latter had disposed of Heinze of Montana as an antagonist of its interests and found only the radical organizations of the working class left to oppose it. To put Moyer, Haywood and their associates out of the way would effectually clear the field for their brutal reign under the black flag of piracy. And this is the evident intention of the gang which has pursued our comrades mercilessly for years.

Speaking for the working class and the revolutionary working class movement, we accept the challenge in the name of freedom and will meet this outrage as it ought to be met, by calling upon our comrades to confront these debauchers of government who cry "To hell with the constitution!" and resort to every desperate means to intimidate and, as the present situation shows, even to murder our fellow workers and comrades, who have never been proven guilty of a single offense charged against them.

Read the statement of one who was instrumental in kidnapping our comrades and separating them from their homes and families: "The officers of the Western Federation of Miners and those who were implicated in the secret designs of the leaders will never leave Idaho alive."

The Industrial Workers are hereby called upon to prepare for such immediate action as developments in this latest criminal outrage may warrant; first, by a series of mass indignation meetings, not to pass meaningless resolutions, but to act as becomes men conscious of their rights and determined to maintain them; second, by starting a defense fund, contributions to be sent to national headquarters of the I. W. W., 148 W. Madison street, Chicago.

It being evident that the Standard Oil free-booters have taken the law in their own hands, nothing remains for us but to meet them upon the ground and with the weapons of their own choosing. Workingmen of America, be prepared to act.

CHAS. O. SHERMAN,
General President.
Wm. E. Trautmann,
Gen'l Sec.-Treas.
Chicago, Feb. 20, 1906.

Primary Notes

Pat Meeney says the Labor party has always wanted a primary law. Certainly, because a labor party is always the stool pigeon to catch the floating vote that the capitalists cannot corral in the old parties. They want a primary law to spot every man's vote.

Since Pat, the steerer, can't get the laboring class to swallow the primary law he'll try to duplicate the Hearst municipal ownership racket in Montana. Anything to beat socialism.

The bosses in Montana thought the workers would swallow the primary law whole, but the News put their eye out.

If you want every boss for whom you work to know just where you stand politically, then you want the primary law.

Pat could no longer serve his masters when he couldn't lead the labor party into the shambles of the primary law. So he quit.

A nice outfit these labor fakirs are for you working men to follow politically. Dan McDonald wants the primary law. Vote it down.

It's a dead cinch the working class don't want the sort of government the capitalists want. The Amalgamated is boosting the primary law. Vote it down.

The framers of the primary law took good care to place the primaries when the farmers are all in the field.

The argument against the primary law is that it was passed by the Montana legislature. It may be that these fellows would voluntarily emancipate the people from their rule and thereby end their graft and

their power to serve the corporations—but we're from Missouri.

Dr. Eggleston is said to be the guardian angel of the primary law. This is not the first time an emissary of darkness has come to the poor deluded workers in the garb of an angel of light.

Unless your bank account is solid no use to apply for office under the primary law. It takes a small fortune to pay for those petitions.

County commissioners have full power to appoint judges under the primary law. Coal diggers you know about how much they'll appoint judges favorable to you.

The Montana Record is the principal paper in the state that is boosting for Senate Bill 79. Every paper that is working for this measure is working against the best interests of labor in Montana.

When the petitions for the primary law were presented in Livingston they were turned down by every union in the town. This was before the labor party in Butte had the sand to kill the political serpent.

The Helena Record is using that old chestnut argument that because the primary law is not a very good thing, it is better than nothing at all. It is just about as reasonable to say that it is better to steal a little than not to steal at all; better to get a little burnt than not to get burnt at all; better to force a poor man to make two or three campaigns for an office than to make one campaign. The Record is a lineal descendent of Aristotle in the realm of argument. It first assumes something, and then manufactures a few facts to prove the whole theory. What a splendid Baconian brain lies hidden in the cob-web pile in the Record office!

SOCIALIST CALL FOR CITY CONVENTION

A mass city convention of the Socialist party of Helena is hereby called to meet Saturday, March 3, 1906, 8 p. m., at the Workers' Educational club for the purpose of nominating a full city ticket, to voted for at the coming city election, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. By order of City Central Committee.
Feb. 17, 1906.
Hermann Luehmann, Chairman.
T. P. Hughes, Secretary.

Capitalist Slush

Butte Paper Says Workingmen Are to Blame for Losing Lives in Capitalist Industries

Twenty-one persons killed every day, or nearly one an hour, is the average record of the death-dealing American railroads. Accidents are far more frequent in America than in European countries combined.

G. E. Walsh, an expert on accident-preventing devices, in an exhaustive article on the subject says that America leads in the production of such machines which find ready sale in Europe, although generally disregarded at home.

American workmen, he says, spurn as childish, life-saving devices while the more conservative man across the water uses them constantly.

American speed is attributed as the great cause of accidental death. Americans work faster, and speed is the prime cause of accidents. The mortality list from mining accidents in America is twice as great as that of any country in Europe.—Butte Evening News.

The above is the explanation the

capitalists give for the 650,000 persons killed by accident in the industries in America per year. The capitalist press try to give the impression that it is the American workingman who refuses to avail himself of accident-preventing devices. Capitalist production has become most highly developed in America. More surplus value is ground out of the workers than in any other country. The capitalists have such full and complete control of government that it is impossible to enforce laws for the protection of the workers. Laws like the fellow-servant act, for instance, are passed by which the company can avoid all liability for accident. The workman is paced to the limit by the machine; is worked long hours and to the point of exhaustion. is not furnished the means to protect himself, and then the enterprising capitalist press amuses itself by publishing cheerful items like the above, tending to show how little the American workman cares for his life. If America dominates the industrial world she can only do so by a plan of production by which her workers can make more for their masters.

Another Opinion

Mable Enters Controversy Between C. E. Paine and Murray E. King

A man stood on the bank of the river. He was nearly blind. Splashing his cane in the water he cried, "The river is here at my feet." Another man, equally short of sight who stood on the opposite side of the river, hearing the cry, shouted back, "No, the river is here at my feet." Whereupon a dispute arose, each claiming the river was at his own feet; he could see it, he could feel it, he could dabble his hands in the water. While they were thus engaged a man of full sight passed that way and hearing the dispute, he said, "Friends the river is between you."

This is a fable. It was brought to my mind by the article in the Montana News, "The Real Revolution," by Comrade King and the answer by Comrade Payne. It seems to me that most of the differences arise from misunderstandings caused by looking at things from different points of view—from only one side of the river. I believe that if Comrades King and Payne could sit down and talk the matter over they would find they do not differ so much after all. Comrade Payne "would not advise a

rash and unreasoning attempt at armed resistance to capitalism before we have the power to make it reasonably certain that we can be successful." He also believes in reason. He says, "The enemy will certainly rebel and become the outlaw when we have obtained the majority." I can't see that they differ so very much on this point.

What difference whether or no the enemy change the laws to fit his deeds? What difference whether he rebels within the constitution or without the constitution when we have the majority, the knowledge and the power. Knowledge is power, therefore I agree with Comrade King that at the present moment we lay stress upon the idea. We want the majority of the working class to get the idea into their heads that the world belongs to the working class, and when that is accomplished we'll get it, constitutions or no constitutions.

"I have no dread of what is called for by the instinct of mankind, nor do I fear God's world, will fall asunder because we tear a parchment more or less."

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WHO ARE THE ASSASSINS?

This is the way the editor hiring of the official organ of the Amalgamated, the Helena Independent, of February 24, who butchers English and crucifies honor, condemns Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, without trial or evidence:

"Union workmen will be astounded and grieved to learn that some of their accredited leaders look upon assassination as a desirable method of enforcing the rights of workmen."

This, in the face of the contradictory stories that come from Boise, the shady character of Orchard, the shady dealings of the Pinkertons, the damaging testimony from Colorado against the mine owners, their shameful record at Cripple Creek and the lies about the accused that have already been impeached.

He further says the enemies of organized labor will take advantage of the murder by union leaders to arraign "the existing industrial system of organization and union."

The industrial union is a class conscious organization of the workers to obtain full possession of the industries and emancipate themselves from capitalism.

This then is the secret of the plot, to destroy the Industrial Workers by destroying the Federation of Miners, which is the backbone of that organization.

The conduct of those who have the prisoners in charge is evidence of the lawlessness nature of the legal assassins. The prisoners are kept in solitary confinement, and according to a press dispatch of Feb. 28, the accused are allowed to write only one letter a day, which is censored by the warden, and when Moyer asked permission to write one business letter and one to his wife it was denied him. He was compelled to choose between them.

Fred Muller, attorney for Orchard was not allowed to consult his client. No reason was given for the refusal, but it was believed that Orchard might be induced to retract his confession.

Orchard by his "confession," of course, turns states evidence and receives his freedom and any other reward his services might be worth, so that from the first he has taken no risk and has been sure of any reward offered him.

PREPARATION FOR HOSTILITIES.

In the scree of the Helena Independent, quoted above, that paper says:

"Union labor leaders have commenced to cultivate hostility against national guards, volunteer soldiers and police. Why? The military establishment and the constabulary are the guardians of law and order. They are not enemies of organized labor, but are the appointed enemies of organized lawlessness."

Almost simultaneously with this comes the news through the press that inquiry made as to the Montana national guard; the query being as to its readiness for service in the event of hostilities, and adds,

"the guard in Montana is poorly equipped for active service." In this connection from the same source comes the news that a regular army officer has been sent to Bozeman to instruct the college militia there in the gentle art of killing.

How comes it there is such great concern about the national guard just at this particular time? What kind of an armed invasion does Montana fear? If the guard is likely to be called out on foreign service, why single out Montana?

Take these facts in connection with the Amalgamated merger, followed by the declaration of the Denver News, that the wages of miners would be reduced probably one dollar per day and the conspiracy coming the same time against the Western Federation of Miners, and it ought to become clear to any one as to what militias are used for.

PROSTITUTED JOURNALISM.

It is on unwritten law among newspapers to refrain from any intimation or assumption of the guilt of any one arrested or charged with crime. This partly as a matter of honor, partly to avoid prosecution for libel. Neither principles of honor nor danger of prosecution seems to have any effect upon the prostituted capitalist sheets of Montana.

Since the arrest of Haywood and Moyer most of these organs of the consecrated Amalgamated interests have written contemptible editorial screeds on the theory that the accused are guilty and have already volunteered barrels of free advice to the "deluded innocent miners."

The tenor of all these editorial fulminations is a filthy attack on "union leaders" and a historical slobbering over "union members."

These trust organs are a little premature in anticipating justice and expressing capitalistic benevolence for the "honest rank and file."

They reveal the entire purpose of the plot, but they have begun rather early to manufacture public opinion and alienate the miners from their organization. Their impatience to serve the mine owners convicts them. Their slobberings over the "honest rank and file" of the Western Federation of Miners, looks to the man who is next like the slobberings of the boa constrictor over the fawn it is about to swallow.

BERGER TACTICS.

What will our cock-sure, hide-bound tacticians, otherwise known as impossibilists, who believe human movements grow according to rule, rote, and "resolutions" say to this splendid demonstration from Milwaukee, "The land of opportunism?" The following is copied from a circular sent out by the state secretary of Wisconsin and being, as it is, the testimony of the enemy the republican "Free Press" deserves thoughtful consideration:

"If we had more space, we should like to quote in full an article on the Social-Democratic fair, which appeared in the Free Press (republican) a paper decidedly hostile to us. Those who have heard for years, says the Free Press, 'the efforts of Social-Democratic, orators and organizers to make the working classes class-conscious, those who have seen the organization grow steadily from a mere handful of agitators to one which has broken into the city council, the county board, and the state legislature, are willing to admit that the Social-Democratic party is a movement to be reckoned with—an adversary worthy of any political foe's steel. The people who attended the fair were the intelligent laboring men, their wives, their sons and their daughters. They were well behaved. There was an air of wholesomeness about the event from the opening to the closing of the doors. There was personal liberty, but there was no licence. The methods of the Social-Democrats are marvels. Apparently one of the first efforts is that the Social-Democratic party shall furnish the amusements, the recreation, the society, and the opportunity for self improvement to all the members and their families. The Social-Democrats have their own singing societies, they have

their own turning societies, they have their own dances, conducted by each of the thirty-nine branches of the party in various parts of the city. The effect of all this was to be seen at the Social-Democratic fair. Each night a different singing society, composed of men, furnished a programme of vocal music for the fair. And it was good music, such as you would expect from from any one of the many German Maennerchor of Milwaukee in which from twenty to thirty male voices are to be heard. Each night a different class from some of the turning societies was on a programme to give exhibitions in gymnasium work. There was a minstrel show, almost in continual performance. And in all these thousands of people took part. Reflecting how friendships are made and what a powerful factor the social element is in binding people together, one stops in wide-eyed wonder to contemplate where this movement will end. Surely, it bears evidence or making its adherents class-conscious. But there is still a stronger bond than any of these features make. There is the element of self-sacrifice, apparently gladly made, which goes far to creating intelligent zeal and arousing enthusiasm which bears fruit.

"Without dwelling long on the picture which comes to the mind of the sacrifices that make the array of booths and needle-work possible, one is particularly impressed by the pride each member of the party expresses at the fact that the Socialist-Democratic party does not engage in the humiliating and 'degrading' performance of touching up the business men, the manufacturing interests, nor appealing to any of the men with money, in order to raise funds with which to conduct its campaign. Any Socialist will smile proudly with an air of independence which amounts almost to defiance, as he tells you that the party 'is not under obligation to anybody outside of the party, and that it will be free and untrammelled to do that which it believes to be right without fear of embarrassing pressure from the outside.' And this very thought seems to be nothing more than an emphatic expression of a greater feeling of class-consciousness, which the leaders have been preaching and striving for since the organization was in swaddling clothes. The efforts to supply the amusement, the entertainment, the social life, the opportunities for self-improvement, mental and physical, together with the opportunity for the widow, the orphan, and the most humble of individuals to contribute their mites, are all apparently component parts of the greater plan and effort to make the members of the party class-conscious, teach them independence. An organization which looks after the morals of its members, by teaching the younger generations virtue, temperance, self-control, as well as self sacrifice, is one which differs so materially from all other political movements, that it is worthy of study and consideration at least."

If this is what Berger tactics lead to, let us have Berger tactics all over this land. We want the shortest cut to a class-conscious working class movement, so let us have done with preconceived theories. When the Hearst movement gains headway, heres dollas to doughnuts it will get less support in Milwaukee than in impossibilist centers.

Don't be afraid of sentiment, sentiment stimulates thought; thought emancipates.

Mr. Lovejoy shows that today America has the largest army of child wage earners maintained by any modern civilized country. Those between 10 and 15 employed in manufacturing establishments have increased 100 per cent in 20 years.

The National Dry Goods Association in its recent convention in New York voted to oppose a bill now before congress to encrease the limit of weight in packages carried by parcel post. This is using the law against the public good to compel patronage.

DEGENERACY OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS

Mrs. Jarrels of Indianapolis on the death of a bloodhound owned by her, had the announcement made in the local papers, invited the friends of the family to the funeral, had the body of the beast laid out in the parlor in a satin lined casket. Services were held over it at which Mrs Jarrels fainted from grief. A hearse and carriage were in attendance, and the friends followed the body to the grave and watched the interment.

Some moths ago an Episcopalian minister in New York was paid \$100 to marry two dogs before an attentive assemblage of the four hundred. The reverence these priestly prostitutes have for the "sacredness" of religion is easily seen.

The crown has been put on the disgusting vulgarity of the White House wedding by parading the brides gift of a \$15,000 pup. We are told that the female brute had a complete trousseau, petticoats lingerie, and other luxurious garments. Such wanton degeneracy and perversion of nature is equalled only by the worst days of the Rome. A class of human beings that can occupy their minds with such bestial amusement is in the last decadent stage of its existence. As these gibbering parasites find that the economic evolution is sloughing them into oblivion, they try to dazzle the eyes of the suffering masses, made hungry and miserable by their gorging waste of the product these masses have toiled for, by a splendor of display and pageantry fitted only for the potentes of barbarism.

Workers of the world vote this scum into oblivion. Turn them out of the control of government and human life, bag and baggage. Run things for yourselves. You are the majority. This will be socialism.

Workers' Club Lecturers

It is with pleasure that we note this week the change in the character of the lectures to be presented by the Workers' club for March. The lectures are all of an educational nature and to be presented by persons who are thorough students of the subjects to be discussed, from the standpoint of science. The program is as follows:

March 4—Murray E. King of Chicago. Subject, "Social Evolution."

March 11—R. B. Sigafos, manager for American DeForrest Wireless Telegraph Co. Subject, "The Hidden Mysteries of Science."

March 18—Dr. Dean. Subject, "The Status of Woman Suffrage."

March 25—Murray E. King. Subject, "Causes of Poverty." Discussion by Joseph Baur, Dr. Willetts Mrs. Hazlett, Alex Fairgrieve.

COURTESY.

It has been proven hundreds of times that courtesy benefits not only to whom it is shown, but also the one extending the courtesy. Its little courtesies that often make the most lasting impressions. Courtesy towards its patrons is one of the many praise worth characteristics of the North-Western Line. Its employes are instructed to accord all patrons, but particularly ladies and children, every possible courtesy and attention. It's the little details in the construction of the New North-Western Limited between the Twin Cities and Chicago that have made it such a popular train with the traveling public. Leaves Minneapolis 8 p.m., St. Paul 8:35 p. m. and arrives Chicago 8:55 a. m. Ticket offices at 600 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis; 396 Robert St., (Ryan Hotel) St. Paul. One hundred and twenty shops in Quincy, Mass., have locked out 1,500 granite cutters as the result of a strike settlement of 26 men.

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is the consistency of those who truckle to capitalism.

Hands Out Hot Stuff.

Another old time member of the socialist party of Butte, Comrade W. N. Holden, was given as close attention as Comrade Ambrose received. The leading spirits had spoken of how the workingman's family had to suffer because of the gambling, but they had nothing to say of the greater and more widespread suffering that is caused by capitalistic exploitation.

Comrade Holden showed that the working men think as well of their families as other men do of theirs, but they do not get sufficient wages to care for them properly and that some of them have recourse to gambling with the hope of adding to their income sufficiently to obtain the comforts of life for their loved ones.

Triumvirate of Graft.

The instigators of the meeting are composed of three elements. The first element is the business men who are exploiting all their customers, but particularly the workers. The second element is the politicians who want office, and who are raising the anti-gamble cry for campaign purposes only. The third element is the preachers who have civic virtue on tap at all times for sale to the highest bidders. But neither of these three elements has any regard for the wealth producers of the nation except as beasts of burden.

Arrant Hypocrisy.

If the business men regarded the welfare of the workers as they say they do, they would try to overthrow the capitalistic system. If the politicians and preachers had any regard for the welfare of the workers they would refuse to go into communion and fellowship with the murderous exploiters of the toiling masses of the world. It is a clear case of economic determinism with all of them, and they cannot be expected to try to overthrow the method by which they get their living. They will continue to live by exploitation and hypocrisy until the workers combine to overthrow all forms of capitalism.

Must Overthrow System.

Any one who is earnestly desirous of aiding the working class should join with the working class party to overthrow all forms of exploitation along with gambling, as this is but one of the perennial blossoms that spring from the upas tree of capitalism.

C. E. PAYNE.

BUTTE SOCIALISTS

Will hold their primaries on

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd

in the respective wards of Butte, between the hours of 5 and 9 o'clock p. m. The city convention is called to meet on Monday, March 5, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the Owsley Block, Fifth Floor.

H. QUANDT, Sec., Butte, Mont.

THE SONG OF THE TRUSTS

Let us gather up the sunbeams, Lying all around our path: Get a trust on wheat and roses, Give the poor the thorns and chaff. Let us find our chiefest pleasure Hoarding bounties of to-day, So the poor will have scant measure And two prices have to pay.

Yes; we'll reservoir the river And we'll levy on the lakes, And we'll lay a trifling toll tax On each man who partakes. We will brand his number on him That he'll carry through his life: We'll apprentice all his children, Get a mortgage on his wife.

We will capture 'em the wind-god And confine him in a cave, And then, through our patent process, We the atmosphere will save. Thus we'll squeeze our little brother When he tries his lungs to fill: Put a meter on his windpipe And present our little bill.

We will syndicate the starlight And monopolize the moon! Claim royalty on rent-days, A proprietary moon! For right of way through ocean's spray We'll pay just what it's worth: We'll drive our stakes around the lakes In fact, we'll own the earth. —From The Social Rebel

ANOTHER OPINION

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Our greatest danger in America, is that capitalism will force us to use armed resistance before we are ready. What we need at present is education that will weld the workers together in a class-conscious body knowing exactly what we want. The larger our numbers and the more power we can show, the less likely we are to have to use force. A demand backed up by overwhelming power always commands respect.

Force may be justified in one time or country when not in another. Force is no doubt justifiable in Russia today because the people have no other way to back up their demands and make their power felt. They might petition till the end of time and be shot down for each petition. Who ever heard of a downtrodden people gaining their freedom by petition?

Here in the United States, where the people have so far had the ballot and the right to organize, the working class have never yet shown either by their ballots or their industrial organization that they are agreed on what they want and to talk of armed resistance under such a condition is useless. Let us educate a little more—and then some.

J. F. MABIE.

[Ed. Note.—Comrade Mabie in the above is a little unfair to me. I have been engaged in no controversy, as my position was attacked after I had written my only article. I agree with his position.]

The Red Lodge Gazette, run in the interest of the socialist party of Carbon county recent appeared with an opposition to the primary law. The Red Lodge Picket severely criticized Comrade Burke, the editor, for his position, stating that the law was a socialist measure. Whereupon the Gazette returns by saying that it had arrived at its conclusions through study of the law without knowing what position the official organ of the party would take upon the matter, but that since the News has come out with the assertion that the socialists would oppose it in every way possible it presents the major part of the News article on the law. The Helena Record hastens to the support of this amalgamated measure by reprinting the Picket article. Birds of a feather flock together.

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LABOR NEWS

The following resolutions were passed by the Butte Mill and Smelters' union in regard to the latest mine owners outrages:

Butte, Mont., Feb. 22, 1906.

Whereas, A subsidized press, without warrant of investigation or truth, is printing in glaring colors charges against the Western Federation of Miners and its members of committing many revolting crimes committed during the past 18 years, notwithstanding that the Western Federation was organized less than 13 years ago, and since that time its members have been persecuted with these charges, have been tried in competent courts of justice, and have been acquitted of any and all crimes charged against them:

Whereas, Pinkerton detectives have sworn to charges knowing them to be absolutely false, and have prostituted themselves for the \$30,000 offered a reward:

Whereas, the Mine Owner's association of the states of Colorado and Idaho and the executive administrations of those states have again entered into a conspiracy for the purpose of discrediting and ultimately disrupting the Western Federation of Miners:

Whereas, Governor McDonald, of Colorado, honored a requisition from Governor Gooding of Idaho, both knowing the charges therein were false, the men charged not having been in Idaho for years; and by these acts the state officials have shown to the people that the positions of trust reposed in them by the people have been prostituted for lucre, and they have been not only guilty of betraying said trust, but also are guilty of the crimes of perjury, kidnapping and attempted murder; and

Whereas, We know the foregoing acts have but one conclusion—anarchy and the absolute abolition of all laws, which means chaos and the following of the strong hand of tyranny; therefore, be it

Resolved, We, the Butte Mill and Smelters' union, No. 74, W. F. of M., condemn the acts of hirelings and deplore the fact of such contemptible characters being elevated to such positions, realizing that nothing can be more dangerous than placing in the hands of unscrupulous individuals the law itself. Be it further

Resolved, That this union declare its unshaken confidence in the innocence, integrity of the officials of the Western Federation of Miners, and hereby appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the defense of our kidnapped and persecuted brothers.

(Seal) H. T. SCHULTZ, Pres.
C. P. MAHONEY, Sec.

At a meeting of the Butte Stationary Engineer's union, No. 83, last evening, these resolutions were passed in regard to the recent arrest of officers of the Western Federation of Miners:

"Whereas, The law of the United States is an institution that the citizens of the United States respect and uphold, yet the manner in which the law has been debauched and misapplied in the way in which Charles Moyer and William D. Haywood, officers of the Western Federation of Miners, have been treated in being kidnapped from the state of

Colorado and placed in the penitentiary in Idaho at the behest of the Mine Owners association, represented by a few irresponsible calling themselves Pinkerton detectives, is repugnant to the law-abiding citizen and causes him to doubt that all are free and equal before the law of our land, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this un-American action merits the severest condemnation of all law-abiding and law-respecting citizens, and be it further

"Resolved, That we, the members of Butte Stationary Engineer's union, No. 83, herewith affirm our confidence in the integrity and innocence of Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, and William Haywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, and hereby pledge to them a continuance of our moral and financial support. Respectfully submitted.

"John M'Mullen.
"Thomas J. Ganter.
"H. A. Weidenbace."

Idaho News

Financial report of Socialist party, January, Emmett, Idaho, 1906.

Receipts.	
LOCAL	
Burke	2.50
Boise	4.00
Central Ridge	3.60
Coeur d'Alene	2.80
Caldwell	6.50
Emmett	5.95
Fairview	1.00
Government Gulch	6.10
Glenns Ferry	4.00
Idaho Falls	2.20
Lewistown	1.70
Melrose	.60
Nez Perce	.60
Newman	5.00
Orena	3.10
Pocatello	3.00
Rathdrum	1.00
Russel	.60
Wallace	1.50
Weiser	2.50
Bal. Jan. 1	59.34
Total	\$117.59
Expended	65.17
Bal. Feb. 1	\$ 52.42
Expended.	
Postage	5.25
Mail Orders & Exchange	.41
Due Stamps	35.00
Stock, Chas. H. Kerr & Co.	5.50
Printing	2.50
Nat. Campaign Fund	1.75
Russian Fund	3.25
Literature (Weeks)	3.50
Supplies	.40
Salary	6.61
Amount	\$ 64.17
Summary of Receipts	
Dues	52.90
Supplies	.60
Literature (Weeks)	1.00
Nat. Campaign Fund	.50
Russian Fund	3.25
Amount	\$ 58.25
Summary of Balance Feb. 1	
General Fund	\$35.12
Organizing Fund	15.00
Dues to National Office	3.30
Total	\$53.42

January proves to be the "banner" month of state organization for amount of dues received. Heavy correspondence with two referendums and supplies for three newly organized locals brings up postage bill this month. You should order "Week's" pamphlets, 25c per 100 postpaid, from state office quick, as now is the time for propaganda.

Fraternally submitted,
THOS. J. COONROD,
State Secy.-Treas.

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National News

The monster Social-Democratic fair at Liedertafel Halls, Milwaukee, opened February 12, and will close February 18. The Sentinel (Republican) estimated the crowd in the opening evening at 1,000 persons.

An interesting feature of the fair is the booths of the trades unions, which fill the entire upper gallery of the large hall. The painters union has a highly artistic display. Other attractive booths are those of the cigarmakers, shoemakers, carpenters, barbers, brushmakers, garment makers, and other unions. Much amusement is afforded by the amateur minstrels whose clever hits at the capitalist parties are well taken by the audience. The proceeds of the fair will go to the social democratic press and the municipal campaign fund.

Some old party aldermen are already beginning to repent of their vote against the eight-hour amendments proposed by the Social-Democrats in the Milwaukee council when the franchises of interurban lines were under discussion. A few days ago, when a committee of the council had under consideration a plan to lease the city garbage plant to a certain capitalist, a Social-Democratic member again proposed an eight-hour clause in the contract.

This being rejected by the capitalist, one of the democratic aldermen gravely rose, and declared that then he must vote against the contract, as "he stood for an eight hour day." This is a very recent conversion, as every alderman except the Social-Democrats voted against the eight-hour amendments only a week before. We mention this little incident simply to show what socialists in the minority may do by persistently fighting for workingmen's rights. By placing the old party politicians on record, they will at last scare them into some valuable concessions to the interests of labor.

Dates for national lecturers and organizers for the coming week are: James H. Brower, Feb. 18, Spring Valley, Ill; 19, LaSalle; 20, Peoria; 21, 22, 23, Fulton; 24, Havana. John Collins, Feb. 18, 19, Taylorville, Ill; 20, 21, Litchfield; 22, 23, 24, Madison county. Guy E. Miller, Feb. 18, Bessemer, Ala. Then a few weeks in North Carolina with Comrade Mother Jones without assignment with headquarters at Columbia. Communications addressed general delivery, Columbus, S. C., will reach them. Teofilo Petriella (Italian), Feb. 18, Novinger, Mo; 19, enroute; 20, 21, Oglesby, Ill. John Slavton, Feb. 18, 19 20, 21, Yuma, Ariz; 22, enroute; 23, 24, Prescott.

M. W. Wilkins: Under the direction of Maine state committee. Dates will be announced later.

E. E. Carr, will start for Danville, Ill., March 1, on a tour eastward as far as Boston, Mass. A few dates through Indiana and Ohio may be secured if application is filed at once.

Local Omaha, Nebr., has chosen its candidates for city officers. The primary election takes place April 3. The general city election occurs May 1. Local South Omaha, has nominated its ticket for primaries March 3. The city election will be held April Third.

The Schmitz party of San Francisco, is endeavoring to extend its field of operations throughout the state of California, under the title of Union Labor Party, with Eugene Schmitz the prospective candidate for Governor.

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Let the words wait to your hearts. Let the words burn into your souls. She was drunk. It hurts, does it, and it isn't at all the thing to do to write about a drunken woman? If she had not been there in Central Park last Sunday, you would never have had to hear about it. As it is, you must.

I shall always shudder when I pass that seat where the woman sat in the glow of the autumn sunshine. The people of New York were streaming by in gay attire. No one looked at her. No one noticed her. But among all there was none more fit for smiles and gladness than she was. There was none more fit for love and joy than she who sat there in her awful shame and watched the throngs go by. I do not know her story and so I cannot tell it to you, except what nature wrote upon her face so plain that all who passed might read.

The fairies smiled when she was born and lavished gifts upon her. She was a woman born for love. You saw it in her eyes, which, frank and sweet, even in her degradation, looked calmly back at you. You saw it in her red and curving lips, which must kiss and be kissed, or failing that, miss the work in life that they were meant to do. You saw it in the gracious swell of her woman's breast, made to pillow first a lover's head and then a babe's. You saw it in her body's ample room where Nature had made plan to grow great men and women.

The fairies smiled when she was born? Yes, but they must have smiled in scorn after they smiled in benediction. For she was born in a New York tenement house, and almost before she learned to talk, she went to work in a sweat shop. God knows how ever she came to such bloom and strength and power of life in such a place. God knows why she was not crushed and stunted and deadened as her sisters mostly are. Or maybe, after all, God doesn't know. Maybe the people in the tenements are none of his affair.

She wasn't more than eighteen years, or so, and I could see that this was the first time she had ever made escape from the thralldom and the ties of her pitiful life. Made escape for just a little time by way of drink. There is another way she might have tried. I find myself wondering why she didn't try the other way, the way that would take her away from the tenement and the sweat shop. She will in time, of course. I suppose she will next time.

When she dies, this splendid woman born for love, I think the only thing she'll need to say for an excuse will be: "I was born in a tenement and I worked in a sweat shop until I was eighteen years old. After that—"

I don't think God will question her any more, nor call her to account for what happened after that, if the people in the tenements are any of his affair.

But when you and I go up for judgment, I think He will ask us many questions. Questions about the tenements we built or let some one else build, while we lived in the light and sunshine and fresh air. About the sweat shops we owned, or let some one else own, while we bought the garments made in those sweat shops, dyed with the blood and stained with the sins of the people who made them, among whom was this splendid woman born for love.

And for what happened after to this splendid woman born for love, I think God will call you and me to account. I think you and I must answer for her. And that is why I

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State Department

Comrade Platt of Ravalli county writes in regard to the primary law: "If steps had been taken to oppose the law on the first attempt to adopt it by any county it might have resulted in its entire defeat. Ravalli county having voted in its favor, we must make the best of it as it stands, and my only concern is to have unanimity of action by our members in this county, and have our work all laid out and settled by referendum previous to entering the primaries. I desire to enter two candidates named for each office so that there is need be no excuse offered to put up any so-called socialist by non-members. I voted against the law because of the probable trap that might be hidden under its lawful appearance. The only question involved with us will be to find enough members that will be legally entitled to an nomination."

Comrade Rector of Monarch writes: "The News is doing good work here in opening the eyes of the farmers to the dangers of the primary law. Men come to me every day thoroughly aroused on the matter, saying they had no idea of the dangers of the law until explained in the News."

"I like Comrade Mabie's style of presenting socialism to the farmers."

Murray King's Report.

Since my last letter I have held seven meetings in the vicinity of Stevensville and three at Missoula. Four of the Stevensville meetings were in neighboring school districts, and one was a meeting of the local Sunday. There are some hard and persistent workers in the local and their work is steadily bearing fruit. The most tangible results of my visit were the admission of three first class members into the local. All the out and out socialists in the vicinity seems to be taking the News. I, however, found a few who were not, and I trust you have their cards before now.

The average attendance at the school district meetings was about twenty. Quite a number expressed agreement with the doctrine which they had heard for the first time. At the first meeting in Stevensville proper, about 50 were in attendance, great interest was shown and questions were asked for more than an hour. What was my astonishment to get a chill the following evening. The audience had dwindled to insignificant proportions. The truth came out later. I am credibly informed that the powers that be, had quietly used their influence to keep their slaves from the second meeting. I can well believe this from the fact I observed myself that we were personally spotted by the leading usurer, and land grabber of the town. This dreaded grabber appeared at the entrance at the rear of the hallway several times during the meeting, in immaculate white vest, and noted the people within through a crack in the half opened door. These frantic actions on the part of the town bosses, is the best evidence I know of the growth of socialism and the fear it is inculcating. The farmers up here are so heavily indebted to the merchants and bankers who charge 12 and 15 per cent interest that their dependence is pitiable. It in many cases virtually amounts to peonage. Such is the testimony of all the farmers I have talked with in Bitter Root valley except one, self-satisfied, hard-headed partisan republican I chanced to meet. Seven churches hold sway in Stevensville, and my meetings were greatly cut down on account of a great revival which has been going on for weeks and has filled the whole country with hysteria.

I was unable to hold a meeting at Florence owing to some slip in arrangements. I was informed the hall was secured by local socialists but found it locked when I arrived in the evening. Farmers flocked in from several miles distance to hear their first socialist lecture so that the disappointment was keen on both sides. As near as I can judge Florence is one of the best fields for propaganda in Ravalli county. Radicalism is strong, and the real revolutionary sentiment is not wanting. One farmer promised to endeavor to get up a meeting for me if I would come back. I sold an Appeal and a News while there.

Only about sixty people gathered at the Grand theatre at my first lecture in Missoula, about the same number were out the second night and it was only after a member of the committee on arrangements proposed to call the third meeting off that the people showed their true mettle and brought results. Money was immediately volunteered for the theatre, members of the Philharmonic orchestra who were present volunteered music, bills were ordered, and the next day the town was flooded and the audience thus secured bore gratifying testimonial to the effects of determined co-operative effort. The meeting was a success in every way. Comrade Reely made an introductory talk and it was after eleven before the audience were through asking questions and expressing opinions. We had genuine fun during the latter part of the meeting which developed into a free for all discussion, which was rather one-sided, as all the republicans and doubtfulls felt so good they were with us. The best part of the meeting was an impromptu speech by an ex-slave of anti-bellum times who decided that the republican party had drifted away from the principles of the Great Emancipator. This colored speaker brought the house down when he turned to the white slaves present and condemned them for their all around thick-headedness. Missoula is a cowardly, slavish, trust-ridden place and the handful of the unterrified here have an appalling fight on their hands. Have arranged for a meeting in Bonner tomorrow night.

Comrade Mabie writes from Butte that he was up to the Finn local Saturday night. He says they are

awake there, that about a hundred were present, twenty or thirty of them being women. They serve coffee and cake and make something for the treasury every meeting night—not a bad example to follow.

A letter from Comrade Hedburg of Alhambra states that subscription lists are out for the raising of funds to build a hall co-operatively. They need one there, goodness knows. An exorbitant price has to be paid for the pavilion that belongs to the hotel, and when speakers get there at eight o'clock there are neither lights or fire.

Comrade Rutherford, the "big man" from East Helena was in to take a look at the News force last week. He bought five Appeal cards, and says if Comrade Mabie will come out there again he can get a lot more subscriptions. We already have a large list out there so that people are saying "everybody takes the News."

Comrade Bishop of Livingston local was a visitor to the News office last week. The comrades are getting so they like to see the shop where their ammunition is turned.

In the editorial of last week in speaking of the general executive committee of international unions supporting a strike in Butte the word "two" was omitted.

Comrade McDonald sends in a list of eight from Zortman, and one for the Appeal.

Comrade Dan Hastings of Cheyenne, national committeeman from Wyoming, writes that he can be depended upon to secure readers for the News in Cheyenne.

Dean Mont., Feb. 19, 1906.—Editor Montana News: I want you to publish this over my signature. I went to Fishtail yesterday to attend a farmers co-operative telephone meeting. I had to go into the saloons to see the farmers and there were gambling games going on in both saloons. Our county attorney is a democrat and our sheriff is a republican. What would happen if they were socialists? We would file their resignations immediately. I saw a boy 11 years old and one about 16 in there. The 16 old boy was playing pool and drinking. Oh yes, the old parties enforce the laws—I don't think.

JOHN HUDSON.

Comrade Hudson of Carbon county is going some. We have the following message from him: "Two democrats hired the new hall at Nye and advertising me to lecture. Well what could I do but consent? You know it would never do to show the white feather before the capitalists. Well I faced the largest audience ever seen in Nye. Of course it is no trick to show the crimes of capitalism nor to show the beauties of socialism. The audience applauded me from start to finish. After the lecture I invited the audience to ask me any question they wished. No one had the nerve to try. Then I challenged anyone to debate with me with like results. You ought to have heard the audience applaud me. They all asked me to lecture again. So I guess I will have to. It is easy to talk on socialism, because you have something to say."

A letter from Comrade Floaten of Colorado says: "I want to look up the beet industry here next summer from the standpoint of the child and woman labor. We cannot get into the factory nor on to the grounds. It is a private penitentiary with a stockade around it."

Read up on the Paris Commune and prepare a suitable program of your local to commemorate it.

Send in to the News at as early a date as possible, dates of your city convention, city tickets, and any matters of interest connected with your campaign.

Start a popular fund for your city campaign. You will be surprised to

see how many are sick of gang rule. There are people who believe in the socialist program that are not making any noise about it.

Comrade Hazlett left Sunday night for Havre. She speaks Monday night at a mass meeting called by the trades council for the purpose of discussing the primary law. On Tuesday night the laundry workers, are giving a social to try and organize the women wage workers, and Mrs. Hazlett speaks before them. Wednesday night a socialist meeting will be held. She speaks at Glasgow Thursday and Friday, and Clainook later. Comrade Hazlett expects to spend two strenuous weeks before she returns. Comrade King is acting as editor in her absence.

Comrade T. J. Rooney of Livingston sends us \$3 for subscriptions and promises twenty advertisements for election edition of the News. He is also working up considerable job work for us in that vicinity. Work like Comrade Rooney's is what is making this paper live. Comrades take notice.

National Committeeman McHugh writes us from Anaconda concerning the arrest of Moyer and Haywood: "The Mine Owners know the Western Federation of Miners and the I. W. W. is organizing to put an end to capitalism, and they have laid their plans to throttle them. They aim at having another Haymarket affair. I agree with you that a general strike would be the right thing."

Whats the matter with Great Falls? One of our stand-bys M. J. Scallon hits us with a check for 19 subs. We can stand a good deal of hitting just now. Don't stop boys until you get all the working class of Montana on our lists; then we will insure you a congressman, a senator and the best labor paper in west.

We desire the secretaries to send in their reports for February. We would like to say in this connection that many of the comrades are delinquent in their duties to the organization. We hope all who see this article will immediately amend their ways. Remember we cannot do our full duty here until you do your full duty. The effect of prompt work in the movement generally is of incalculable benefit. Were all arrears in the various locals paid up to date, we would add \$75 in the treasury. We need that \$75 very badly for organization work and can use it to advantage right now. Comrades help us get it.

My experience in Bonner after leaving Missoula, illustrates to what length the capitalist politicians will go to defeat us. Prior to the meeting, Comrade Reely and myself handed cards advertising the meet-

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ing to practically every man in the big force working at the Clark dam. What was our surprise to learn just before the meeting that the company tools had industriously spread the report among the men that we were grafters and that admission to the meeting was 25 and 50 cents. The attendance by this method was cut down to about fifty. The meeting seemed utterly barren of results. The men seemed incapable of understanding or interesting themselves in their own emancipation. I left thoroughly discouraged and with words of condemnation on my lips for the apparent stupidity of the workers. Therein I erred. At the station later when I was preparing to leave Missoula, one of the men from Bonner was present. I spoke about the failure of the meeting. "You are mistaken," said he. "The boys were with you but you must remember they were completely exhausted with work. We are driven to the limit for nine hours and when night comes we are exhausted. We cannot keep awake if we sit still for twenty minutes. The boys all speak well of the idea you advocate. But Senator Clark whom we voted for because he professed to be an eight hour man, works us nine hours on his own works." Thus are the workers often condemned by people who do not understand their condition.

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