

Butte Municipal Ticket

Socialist Party of That City Elects a Ticket and Adopts a Platform.

BUTTE SOCIALIST TICKET

1st, 2nd and 3rd Wards—Left open to be filled by central committee.
4th Ward—Oscar Stenberg.
5th Ward—Harry A. Sager.
6th Ward—H. L. Maury.
7th Ward—Jerome B. Savage.
8th Ward—W. H. Pierce.

The Butte socialists held their convention on March 5th at their hall on the top floor of the Owsley block to nominate aldermanic candidates. A large crowd was in attendance. The convention made no nominations for aldermen for the First, Second and Third wards, deciding to allow the city central committee to select the nominees.

The following is the manifesto and platform of the Butte socialist party:

MANIFESTO OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

Whereas all governments as now constituted and conducted have in view but one purpose and that is the protection of the four monopolies; and, machinery, the means of transportation, and money, against the righteous demands of men, or in other words, the sole end of government, as now known, is to help the rich and powerful against the enjoyment by the toiling millions of the fruits of their labor. We, the Socialist Party of Butte, and of the International Socialist Party of the world, the most numerous political party in the world, having more than 15,000,000 members, call on the workingmen of Butte to join us in striking at the polls in the coming city election.

The Livingston Franchises

Mr Bright has petitioned the Livingston city council for a three year franchise for lighting and power privileges. The inducements offered for this valuable franchise is two per cent of the gross receipts from the enterprise for the first 20 years and two and one fourth per cent for the remaining ten, together with free lighting for the city hall and free use of the poles by the city for telephone service. The price of lighting is to be a flat rate of thirty seven and one half to fifty cents for domestic, fifty cents commercial, 75 saloons and 50 boarding houses. The price of electricity is to be fixed by a mixed committee every five years. This in brief is the proposition.

A warning ought to be sounded against the people parting under present conditions with franchises on any terms.

Remember that in such an agreement you bind yourselves for thirty years from the benefits of any municipal progress; whatever happens you are bound by the terms of the contract so that you are unable to take advantage of opportunities that are sure to rise in the future.

Remember that we are entering the era of municipal ownership; that the splendid results of this system is being everywhere demonstrated and that it would be criminal folly to tie yourselves up for 30 years.

Remember that electrical discoveries and improvements are proceeding so rapidly that you cannot afford to shut yourselves out from the great advantages that the next few years will bring.

one blow for freedom and justice.

PREAMBLE

The Socialist party is the American expression of the international movement of modern wage workers, for better food, better houses, sufficient sleep, more leisure, more education and more culture.

Under present conditions the wage worker is always dependent upon the man with means for an opportunity to work for a livelihood and therefore he is not free.

Political liberty alone has become inadequate. We must have both political and economic liberty, to secure this by the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution is the aim of the Socialist party.

In municipal affairs also, the Socialist party stands for every radical change that will bring means of production and transportation into the hands of the people.

It believes in self government for the city; in a just and equitable taxation, where the corporations have their full share; in the consolidation of our county and city administration in the public control of our food supply in the interest of public health, and in the highest development of a reasonable public service. At the proper time it will introduce and carry out these and other measures. The Socialist party is well aware, however, that Butte does not enjoy self government, and as a rule no steps can be taken in that direction without an appeal to the state legislature, to secure self government for this city, and the right to acquire and manage public utilities will be one of the first efforts of the Socialist party.

All governments are and al-

Remember that a municipal plant means getting your light at the cost of operation, instead of paying dividends to a fat corporation, and it is placing you in a position where we can realize from the latest electrical discoveries instead of depending on a corporation to make improvements.

The case in Livingston is interesting in that the company being dealt with is a syndicate that keeps its agents long enough in a place to get the franchise when they go after a new town. In this way it is extending its enterprises over vast territories.

Practically all the leading municipal franchises in Livingston expire within three years so that the city faces a splendid opportunity to acquire its utilities in a short time. Under such circumstances, it would seem a crime for Livingston to part almost for nothing, or even at a high price, with this valuable franchise.

We hope the citizens of Livingston will vote for themselves on this matter.

All legislation against John D. is vain. After most frantic attempts to get the state of Kansas to put the magnate out of business the "independent" oil producers of Kansas have suffered ignominious defeat. John is a heavy owner and controller of the railroads and he is now engaged in charging himself such a heavy price for carrying oil that the "independents" are tied up completely.

ways have been class governments, the ruling class has always used the government to protect their class interest, this being a fact, we pledge ourselves that at any and all times our criterion in all questions coming before us will be, "Does this benefit the working class?" If it does we are for it. If it does not we are against it. The welfare of the working class will always be our guiding star.

PLATFORM.

FIRST CLAUSE: The Socialist party advocates an emergency hospital that may be used for the purpose of the treatment of the people hurt or in need of medical or surgical treatment.

SECOND CLAUSE: Gambling in every form is pernicious and harmful and we honestly assert that if we are elected to office the machinery of city government will be put to work and an end put to gambling.

THIRD CLAUSE: The old men of the city will be given preference over the young men in employment on city work.

FOURTH CLAUSE: We promise that we will fulfil our pledges; not like the party now in power who promised public play grounds for the children, gave instead gambling houses for their fathers.

Eighty damage suits were dismissed between the Amalgamated and Heinze interests during the week and the old enemies have "got together." Isn't it about time for labor factions to settle their fool grievances and get together?

Housed Like Swine

Horrible Conditions at Standard Oil Plant on Hauser Lake Work.

After the infamous whitewash the county commissioners gave conditions in the camp of the Milwaukee Construction company at Hauser Lake where the Amalgamated's big power dam is being constructed, and after the flattering account published in the daily press, the News, which had information absolutely to the contrary and is not "influenced" by any one, decided to publish the whole horrid truth about a condition it is criminal to hide from the public any longer.

Sources of Information.

At the outset we will say our information comes from a prominent labor leader who visited the camp after the celebrated whitewash of the county commissioners, a prominent doctor who has followed conditions in the camp for some time, several working men and directly from the hospital itself.

One would judge after wading through a long account of an automobile ride, that the camp as described by the commissioners was some model sanitary resort for which the commissioners were paid to advertise. The fact is that after Commissioner Cory's visit some weeks ago the company, moved by the only motive that it seems capable of being moved by introduced certain sanitary improvements. Like all corporation improvements, love of the workingmen had nothing to do with it. It was to save their own skins they did it. The chairman of the county commissioners is reported by the press as saying "I believe I express the sentiments of my colleagues when I state that nothing is wanting which is possible under the circumstances to make the place healthy and wholesome."

Like the Black Hole.

A well known labor leader returning from the camp a day or two later finds an entirely different condition. The first fact that impress-

Four young men were arrested near Passaic, New Jersey, for attempting to wreck an eastbound Buffalo express. The only reason assigned was a desire to see the excitement that would result. That four youths could deliberately plan the death of hundreds of passengers to gratify a morbid curiosity is the most fearful arraignment that could be brought against the tendencies of the times.

The ice trust of New York city has raised the price of ice 10 cents per hundred higher than at this time last year. Considerable suffering is looked for during the sultry months, but suffering is cash to our kings of finance, and why should we complain. We should take a large Christian comfort in the contemplation of their increased profits.

Conditions are reported to be so bad at the Moundsville prison near Wheeling, West Virginia, that convicts are continually going insane. Four such unfortunates were removed to an asylum during the week. That there are such human monsters executing the law in this county is a cause for the deepest shame and indignation.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to give Rockefeller a pension which would amount to all he could spend each year, in order to keep him from stealing the earth? A man ought to be satisfied with all he can spend and ought to be willing to quit. If Rockefeller would stop at that, we would quit kicking.

ed him was the beastly way the men were housed and packed together.

Two bunk houses, each were made to accommodate 58 men with scarcely room for half that number. The buildings in each case are 18x40 feet; neither of them have windows, and their only means of ventilation are transoms and cupolas. Into these dark, reeking holes, alive with vermin and poisoned with foul air, 116 men are wedged. The air space amounts to 112 cubic feet per man, almost 300 cubic feet less than the most lax laws permit. There are 240 men working in the camp. In the smaller bunk houses, while they fare better, their conditions are anything but decent.

Food That Nauseates.

Our informants describe the food as filthy and nauseating. Both the preparation and the serving of the food is revolting. A man who recently escaped from these conditions and returned to his home in Bozeman, testifies to the fact that the scales were never removed from the fish when they were cooked. Two young men now in Helena, were unable to eat the food and were preparing to pitch a tent of their own when both became stricken with typhoid. They say the men were fed like hogs.

A Veritable Slave Pen.

The place, say our informants, is a veritable slave pen. The company owns the store and practically everything on the grounds. It costs \$1.50 to get in by stage and \$1.50 to get out again. Board is 75c a day, and the men have to buy their own blankets or go without. Wages are \$2.25 a day. Under such conditions it is difficult for many men to get away once they are stranded in the camp. As it is, many of the men are leaving as fast as possible, and new men are unwittingly drifting in, probably to their death.

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Livingston Names Men

Socialist City Ticket Is Composed of Workingmen Voted to Interests of Their Class.

LIVINGSTON SOCIALIST TICKET

1st Ward—Howard Nethkin.
2nd Ward—W. H. Smith.
3rd Ward—C. C. Simpson.

A mass meeting of the socialists of Livingston was held at the Socialist hall, Saturday evening, March, 10. A large crowd was in attendance in spite of the blizzard that was raging. A full aldermanic ticket was nominated.

Howard Nethkin, the candidate for alderman for the first ward is a carpenter, and an active and untiring worker in the socialist movement.

T. M. Robertson, special examiner for the bureau of corporations, testified in the packers case, March 7, that J. Ogden Armour refused to disclose the affairs of Armour and company, because he didn't "believe it any of the governments business." This is about the clearest expression of anarchy we have heard since Vanderbilt got off his famous, "Public be damned."

Appalling accounts of the Japanese famine continue to come in. In the province in which Osaka is located there are six hundred and eighty thousand starving people out of a population of 2,821,557. Japan is a good example of the successful capitalist nation; it is able to conquer the world, but it cannot provide for its own people.

This weeks dispatches say that if the coal operators grant an increase of wages to the miners, they will make the "public" pay it. How are you going to beat a game of this kind?

Amalgamated Pipe Dreams

The Napoleonic genius of Rockefeller reaches its culmination, so far, in an attempt to gorgonize the Russian Empire. A special to the Chicago Daily Times dated, March 6, tells of his attempt to get control of a strip of land 40 miles wide clear across Europe and Asia.

The redoubtable Jonah doesn't balk at anything on account of its size. He very graciously offered to make out his modest little check of \$200,000,000 which would save the Russian government in a critical hour from bankruptcy and revolution and would place Johnny in possession of a railroad concession consisting of every alternate section of land 20 miles on each side of the track reaching from the Baltic sea to the Pacific ocean.

You can trust an American Shylock to be a Johnny-on-the-spot every time, to see the commercial features of a great human crisis, to batten like a buzzard on the carrion of decaying nations, to press home an advantage to wring an empire from the misfortunes of peoples and to give his millions to strangle liberty.

But the crowned head of all the Russias seems to possess greater wisdom than the American voting kings; he is said to have "made every effort to protect himself and his people from an enemy greater than the foe of the battlefield," which shows that the gorgonization of America is not without effect on more fortunate peoples.

ment. W. H. Smith, the second ward nominee, is also a carpenter, and was the first business agent for the Trades Council in Livingston. He was active and successful in securing an increase in wages for the teamsters, clerks, cooks and waiters as well as thoroughly organizing a number of unions in Livingston.

C. C. Simpson, third ward candidate, is a member of National Park Lodge 168, International Association of Machinists. He is well known for his activity in the unions in Chicago, Joliet, Illinois, and Anaconda. He is now secretary in the machinists' union at Livingston.

The Chicago and Alton Railroad company and the Chicago and Alton Railway company is the latest railroad merger. Combined property worth forty million dollars. Centralization hasn't ceased yet.

Rockefeller took over during the week, the interests of N. B. Barnsdale of Pittsburg. Federal investigation doesn't seem to spoil his appetite at all.

Wagg—Why is the Montana policeman always on the side of the corporation against labor?

Wagg—Give it up.
Wagg—Because he is an Amalgamated "copper" with "bullish" tendencies.

Wagg—Well, why are Montana workingmen always voted in favor of the corporations?

Wagg—Don't know.
Wagg—Because they are Amalgamated "stock" and are voted in blocks to keep Rockefeller in control.

"Petroleum or dynamite, that is the question," is the burden of the Czar's soliloquy. "To have to choose between chemical dessication or have the unctuous ointment of autocracy polluted with the vile smell of kerosene is indeed an ignoble end of the Romanoffs."

John D's attempt to swallow Russia proves that the report about his lost appetite is a canard.

It is said that Rockefeller will not be able to digest the diverse materials of Russian revolution and reaction; but Standard Oil is a wonderful germicide. In America it seems to render the revolutionary germ harmless. Kerosene is rubbed in until you can till a man's politics by his smell.

One advantage of Rockefeller's buying Russia is that he won't have to Russianize it.

John D. is an artful old dodger and so naive and cunning. While he plays peek-a-boo with a federal bench warrant in America he bullies poor little Nicholas of Russia until the poor little fellow is afraid to sleep alone. This is a double header stunt hard to beat.

When John D. introduces his latest Cripple Creek and judicial assassination methods into Russia the revolution will think it has encountered a double action buzz saw. Dynamite isn't in it with Standard Oil Amalgamated.

M. E. K.

BUTTE SOCIALISTS

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"FRIENDS OF LABOR."

The working class constitutes the great bulk of the population of Butte and they cast the greatest number of votes and still they possess no representation with power in the City Council, why is it thus?

It is because they have chosen to waste their votes in the securing of public office for the questionable "friends of labor," instead of casting their votes for men, who like themselves are a component part of the working class; and who have an interest in public affairs which are with their own identical.

Every politician who has ever turned his servile throat to the gaping voters has announced in patriotic platitudes his friendship for the working class, and upheld bombastically the dignity of the sons of toil.

A Peabody, a Steunenberg, a Gooding and a McDonald have proved in supplication to the workers before election, and after suing successfully for each blockhead's vote they have turned the tyranny of the capitalistic usurpation of government upon the humble heads of the working class. Why?

Because they were friends of labor, and also friends of capitalist; and when the clash came, they could not be friends of both classes.

The result was that they became the friends of their own class and the enemies of our class.

Let us not have representation through the professed "friend of labor."

Let us have representation in men of our own class.

Let us elect men who are Socialists and part of the working class before election and who will remain Socialist and workingmen after election.

Of such men is the Socialist ticket composed this coming election; men who know, men who understand the differences in public issues that are of interest to the workers, men who can distinguish that there is a difference between the magnitudes of the stars of the constellation and the tin stars on plug tobacco.

Give in to our hands the control of city government and we will use all powers invested in us for the betterment of the condition of the working class.

Elect our candidates to the City Council now and we will elect some more next spring and then we will make of Butte a human habitation instead of the breeding place of filth and crime.

N. L. Petersen.

DO NOT FAIL TO REGISTER.

CAPITALISM AND THE HOME.

Butte, like other towns, is occasionally subject to those gigantic "booms," which are the accumulated day-dreams of all real estate sharks. They boom on paper, and have at hand an endless variety of business utopias to console the minds of the business interests and those sophists of ethics and morality whose sole purpose of existence is to collect rents.

The only thing they ever succeed in boosting is rents which the workers are compelled to pay. 24,000 people in Butte live in rented homes. This refers to families and not the people who live and pay rent in lodging houses and hotels. 79 per cent of the population live in rented homes and an additional 6 per cent live in mortgaged homes and the workers who own homes, few they be, live in little 3 or 4 room cottages on the flats. The other 15 per cent who own their homes consist of real estate sharks and the solid business men who send their agents to knock at the door of your home (?) every month to demand their rents in advance.

These business men and real estate sharks have an interest in boosting Butte. To them it means more rents, which must come out of your pockets. So when the rent collector calls at your home and when you hear the money-prompted "hurrah" for Butte, just reflect that you, Mr. Tenant, must foot the bills.

Yet, we can not blame those who own property, for boosting Butte—but we do blame the tenant who is fool enough to boost his money out of his pocket.

These business men who have accumulated their fortunes through the sale of adulterated groceries, shoddy clothes, nitrate of canned beef, embalmed poultry, and especially the hauling of pianos into the rented homes of the working class and hauling them out again,—let them boost if they choose. But let us workers who foot the bills boost for ourselves. First, let us boost for higher wages; second, let us boost for shorter hours of labor; third, let us boost for better schools for our children; let us boost for public play grounds, for better sanitary conditions, for purer foods. Let this be our conscious goal. Let us boost for ourselves, for our wives, and our children, and not for the rented homes which necessity compels us to inhabit.

And you may also reflect upon the fact that after the workers in the aggregate have done the labor of Butte for 40 years, they have made others rich, and these who have become rich, in return for their wealth, have nothing but contempt for the workers who produced the wealth. 40 years you have worked and still you pay rent—something wrong.

You may be blind, but the Socialists are not. We know that if you would give this subject a few minutes consideration that you would think the same as we do.

Let those who labor own the means by which they work, and then they would own the products of their labor and dispense with the rent collector as we have the keepers of the toll road.

Consult the abstract of the 12th census.—N. L. P.

GAMBLING AND REFORM.

Those who are interested in having gambling in Butte are not taking the movement of the Civic League very seriously, and why should they? The motive, while heralded as a wave of morality by the Civic League and its votaries, under the pretense of enforcing "law and order," resolves itself to the same basis as that of the gamblers—down to the allmighty dollar.

The genial Mr. Wharton said that if gambling were closed in Butte that it would mean to his corporation, the street car company, an increase in traffic and hence augment the income of the company.

Then again the business interest would improve were gambling closed. Workmen would have more money to spend with the legitimate business man.

The working man might accumulate enough money to buy some furniture on the installment plan and possibly might take a fancy to pay down \$10.00 on a lot in the wilderness.

Those who exercise political control of Butte and who now have the power to close gambling in Butte, fail to enforce the law that they have sworn to uphold, for well they know, "since they have lost their Warwick" that the enforcement of the law and the closing of gambling will end their political regime for all time to come.

The politicians of the Civic League, profound instigators of political corruption themselves, have become the champions of public decency. All for what? They know that the closing of gambling means their rise to power and again it is a question of dollars.

When we had a republican administration in Butte gambling was wide open.

When we had a democratic administration in Butte, gambling was wide open.

And the movement of the Civic League is the consummation of gall in demanding the enforcement of the law they failed to enforce when they held the political dominion of Butte.

Don't think for one moment that the Socialists are in favor of gambling, either open or behind closed doors. Were we given the power we would positively stop gambling in all forms. Why? Because gambling degenerates its victims so that they easily become the tools of intriguing politicians who unite such votes with the votes of the elite and respectable in nullifying the votes of the working class.

Gambling keeps many laboring men broke; a broken man is a poor union man and easily becomes a scab in case of a strike. He fails to pay the dues to his union; he loses self respect; he has no time to think for himself; he wastes all his time at the gambling table; and so it is that politicians are able to use him on election day in the interest of the capitalists and against the interests of the working class.

The Socialist party knows that out of this element are enlisted the professional strike breakers. This class became the tools of the mine owners association and citizen's alliance during the strike in Cripple Creek. So therefore we do not favor breeding anymore of such minions by the toleration of gambling in Butte when we are given the power to close it.

All other parties have given you buncombe.

The Socialist Party will deliver the goods.

CARD PARTY.

Local Helena will give a card party in the parlors of the Workers' club, Tuesday evening, March 20. The proceeds will go to the Helena city campaign.

Reports to the British party papers indicate that since the elections great activity among the socialists prevails throughout the kingdom, with new branches and new accessions coming in continually.

Do not fail to register. You must register to vote at school election.

BUTTE TEAMSTERS' UNION ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Renders Financial Assistance to Victims of Capitalist Conspiracy.

The Butte Teamsters' union, at its last meeting, adopted the following resolutions, which had been reported by a committee consisting of Mack Hendricks, Joseph Gundy, A. H. Allerton and George Gitz:

"Whereas, President Moyer and Secretary Haywood of the Western Federation of Miners, and George A. Pettibone, a former member of the board of that body, have been arrested without due process of law, and charged with the heinous crime of murder; and,

"Whereas, They have been taken from their homes at Denver, Colo., by means that belittle the dignity of public office, and place the officials who consummated the arrest, in the minds of every law abiding citizen, as enemies of the American government; and,

"Whereas, The constitution of the United States, the supreme law of the land, guarantees to all citizens the right to be secure in their person and property, until otherwise deprived of them, by due process of law; be it

"Resolved, That the Butte Teamsters' union, in regular meeting assembled, most earnestly condemns the methods employed in arresting Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and pronounces such action as unworthy the name of an American official.

"Resolved, That we deplore the fact that such men as Governor McDonald of Colorado and Governor Gooding of Idaho should permit their respective states to be used as instruments to destroy the security of American citizenship, and to become the willing tools of the Mine Owners' association, in its insane desire to disrupt the Western Federation of Miners.

"Resolved, That we tender to Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone our moral and financial assistance, and assure them that the Butte Teamsters' union is with them until they are again enjoying the freedom of American citizenship, which is their right under the law.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and a copy be given to the press."

FAILURE OF CAPITALISM.

The present social structure of society glaringly portrays the incompetency of those who revolt the powers of government to cope (even should they choose) with the outrageous economic conditions that exist in the development of intense capitalism, murder, arson, embezzlement and bribery are inherent in the capitalistic system and instead of growing less frequent, such crimes are rapidly increasing, as the wealth of the Nation falls in to the hands of the few, and pauperism, and its train of vicious abuses become the share of the many.

Capitalism has transformed political dishonesty and incompetency in to a private virtue whereby men of no moment rise to power, wealth and fame and its titles.

The justice of the Peace who makes a collection agency of his office becomes "yer honor," a deputy sheriff becomes invested with the dignity of Dicken's Beadle in "Sketches by Boz," and the farming servile legislator of the many kings becomes the "honorable" and is hailed as a Golas that surpasses the original in the minds of the bourgeoisie.

Success, means in the present the acquiring of money no matter how. Yet the money is the slogan of each embezzling capitalist. Ethics, standards of morality are only matters of money. Everything is for sale and gold exchangeable with gold. The viciousness of the rich and the pitiful humbleness of the poor are the efforts of the incompetency of capitalism, even to legislate for itself.

The working class have given to these capitalists the power to legislate and they have proved a failure. Now give that same power to men of your own class and they will legislate in the interest of the working class, and thereby benefit yourself.

An important conference of delegates from 96 Jewish socialist organizations met March 3d and 4th in New York to promote organization among the Jews of New York city. Resolutions were adopted calling on all Jews to join the unions of their crafts and spread the socialist propaganda therein; denouncing the intended murder of Haywood and Moyer; calling upon the delegates to join the socialist party and agitate for it in their organizations; recommending that the socialist party branches in each city should hold joint meetings, and calling on all Jewish organizations to make contributions for "Forward," the Jewish socialist paper.

The latest in Butte, red label Cigars.

HOUSED LIKE SWINE.

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More Appalling Still.

But more appalling still are the conditions prior to Commissioner Cory's first visit. The typhoid epidemic was mainly from two sources, which to some extent, have been remedied. One was from the fact that the sewage from the kitchen was turned into the river in a pool from which the water for the camp was drawn. The other was from the filth that gathered under the kitchen. Men from the camp testify that when the floor of the kitchen was raised for the removal of this, fully two feet of putrescent refuse had accumulated.

A Fearful Price.

And what is the price of all this criminal irresponsibility, indifference and selfishness on the part of the company? A sick list of startling magnitude and the loss of several lives. A representative of the Montana News visited St. Peter's hospital to ascertain the number of typhoid patients from Hauserlake there. The matron did not have the exact figures at hand, but thought there were 43 or more. According to her, there have been over 60 cases of typhoid from Hauserlake treated at St. Peter's hospital. Out of this number three have died. New patients are still coming in at the rate of one to three a day. This fearful record has been made since January 31, when the first case came in, and the end is not yet, and to these we must add the patients in the county hospital.

Is It Evasion?

Let us place these facts over against the statement attributed to the county commissioners: "At present there are five cases of typhoid fever at the (county) hospital. All these men were working at the dam, but developed the disease after they quit work." Do they wish to give the impression that these men did not contract the disease at the dam? If not, why do they mention the fact that the men developed the disease after they quit? Do they want to evade the unpleasant fact that there are 43 or more cases at St. Peter's? If not, why is not a word said about these? Were these guardians of the public welfare so blind to obvious facts that they could not see that men cannot live in health and safety packed like swine in windowless holes; if not, why did they report that, "nothing is wanting under the circumstances to make the place healthy and wholesome?" Why did they not inquire about the food? Why did they confine their report solely to a few improvements that had been made, and ignore crying needs and dangers? Why did they not report, "improvements have been made, but others are necessary before the health and the lives of the men will be safeguarded?" Are they not public servants, and is this not what they are paid to do?

Workingmen, these representatives serve another class than yours, and they hold you and yours of little moment in the balance against capitalist class profits. Move on to your own political party and your own management of the affairs of this country.

SEVEN HUNDRED ARE OUT ON STRIKE.

Great Falls, March 9.—All miners in the employ of the Alberta Railway and Coal company at Lethbridge, Alberta, went out on strike this morning and the company declares there will not be any effort to settle the trouble before next fall. About 700 men are out and all operations in the mines have been suspended. The company claims that the miners demand increased wages and other concessions, the granting of which would increase the cost of producing coal 40 per cent.

Market in Montana.

A very large proportion of the Lethbridge coal has been marketed in Great Falls and other Northern Montana points and in Helena. The supply on hand in this city will be exhausted in a few days. The mines at Sand Coulee and Stockert are prepared to increase their output at once and there will not be any shortage in the local supply.

The capitalist employer is too much for the worker. They must work for a system by which they employ themselves.

THE CZAR'S STOOL PIGEON.

While Russia is shuddering in the throes of her black betrayal the czar's labor stool pigeons are attempting to stem the tides of revolution by the organization of the moderates.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Father Gapon in an open letter today denounces Father Gregori Petroff as a traitor and a tool of the social democrats, who, he says, are fighting against the true interests of the working man. Father Gapon also proposes a plan for a complete investigation of his organization by representatives of the various parties.

It will be interesting to learn how moderation will fare in the midst of the dastardly betrayal of the people by the autocracy and the still more dastardly betrayal of the working class by Gapon and the leaders of the moderates, who used the czar's money to accomplish their purposes.

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Clarion Call to the Rescue.

National Secretary Calls All Socialists to Immediately Prepare to Save Mine Owner's Victims.

Chicago, Ill., March 6, 1906.
To the Locals and Members of the Socialist Party—To the Working Class not yet in all or restrained by injunctions—Greetings:
The class war is on in America as in Russia.

By a foul conspiracy of the capitalist class, Comrades Charles H. Moyer, William D. Haywood and George A. Pettibone, of the Western Federation of Miners, have been kidnapped and secretly transported from home and friends, denied the usual civic rights and are held in separate and solitary confinement.

The governors of Colorado and Idaho have tried them and found them guilty; every big and little detective including the deceptible McParland has convicted them; the latter boasted they would never leave Idaho alive. The capitalist press having already tried and condemned them, calls upon all labor organizations to denounce them as criminals.

The Answer of the Socialist Party to the Conspiracy;

The following motion was passed by unanimous vote of the National Executive Committee this day, March 6:
"That the National Secretary be instructed, immediately upon the adoption of this motion, to issue a call to all locals of the Socialist Party to hold public indignation meetings and to take up collections at such meetings to assist the Western Federation of Miners in defending its officials.

"That the Socialist Party locals unite with other labor organizations, wherever possible, in the holding of indignation meetings so that the protest can be made as unanimous and effective as possible."

Protest meetings should be called with all dispatch, allowing only time for proper arrangements to assure their being of a character worthy the cause. Take a collection at the meeting and appoint committees to gather funds. Act at once.

We must look behind the screen of law and tear the mask of respectability from these capitalist conspirators and reveal them for what they really are: Adepts in small thievery as in grand larceny, skillful in purchasing a confession as in packing a jury; as smooth a set of pirates as ever cut a throat, stole the widow's mite or robbed the school house, the play ground and the cradle, to coin, from young blood, shining shekels.

The laws are administered by the capitalist class by the consent of the unwakened working class, and they deal out two kinds of law, one for the working class, one for the employing class, the former equipped with seven league boots, the latter with leaden shoes.

The reason for this capitalist murder plot is not far to find.

Certain "gentlemen" own the storehouse of nature containing precious metals. The Western Federation of Miners prevent them from owning the workers who alone create the value of all property. Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone advocate the Socialist Program. The collective ownership of the means of production. The conquest of the public powers by the working class.

While capitalism is permitted to retain power, it will demand its revenge and claim its victims.

This nation must be ruled by the working class or misruled by the capitalist class.

Under any, under all circumstances each vote for capitalism endorses its every crime.

Fraternally submitted,
National Executive Committee, Socialist Party.

J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.
Make all remittances payable to J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary.

Socialists must register if they expect to fight capitalism.

CAPITALIST LAWBREAKERS.

Chicago's Commissioner of Public Works Tells Remarkable Story—Capitalists Beyond the Law.

When Joseph Medill Patterson sent his letter of resignation to Mayor Dunne of Chicago he sent a copy of the same letter to the National office of the Socialist party. Last week we published portions of this same letter culled from press reports. We give below the more interesting parts of the letter which for reasons that should be plain were not published by the capitalist press:

Sneak Thieves Unpunished.

Mayor Dunne:—

Since you have been inaugurated as mayor of Chicago, you have sought and in spite of the sneers and opposition of your critics, you have sought most successfully to further the cause of municipal ownership and I have in a far minor way, since my induction in the office to which you appointed me, sought to diminish the amount of special privilege in our city. Of thousands of instances which I might cite, let me respectfully suggest that you draw your own conclusions from the following two or three: The Illinois Tunnel company, operating under a franchise from the city which provides that its conduit shall always remain twenty-seven feet below city datum, have sought continuously to evade that franchise provision. You may remember that last December it applied in most cryptic terms for a permit to run its cars up practically to the surface at the Canal street depot. This application was refused, again made and again refused. Thereupon the Tunnel company sought to steal in the connection early one Sunday morning. They were caught and stopped. Within a week they made the same attempt again and were again stopped. This time their employees were arrested. Of course the fault lay not with the employees but with the officers of the corporation. I inquired of the state attorney of Cook county whether the officers of the corporation could not be imprisoned for their offense, viz: the attempted stealing of the street. I brought forward the fact in my inquiry that it would be easy enough to imprison a man for a loaf of bread; but an examination of the statutes showed that there was no penal offense and that nothing could be done.

Another Loophole for Bandits.

Another well known instance is that of the Illinois Steel company which had filled in Lake Michigan land worth between five and ten million dollars. This land so filled in belonged to the people of the state of Illinois. About this there is no question but our laws and our legal machinery are so framed that recovery is impossible save at the end of a long lawsuit and even then it is most doubtful. The lawsuit has been initiated. If corruption is not meanwhile successful, the suit will drag on for at least four or five years. You and I both know that at the end of that time it is exceedingly improbable that the state of Illinois will recover much from the Illinois Steel corporation, because the land so filled in has been covered with factories, docks, slips, etc., which conduce to capitalistic activity. To interfere with them would "interfere with business," which cannot really be done.

Aristocratic Outlaws.

In the downtown department of the City of Chicago, there are hundreds of bay windows projecting beyond the building line. These bay windows may have been put there by virtue of a council order or ordinance, in which case the council order or ordinance was unconstitutional. But practically none of these bay windows have been removed. All that we have been able to do is to charge a very moderate rate of compensation. The compensation so collected has been illegal because laws do not permit of the alienation of part of the sidewalk. However, we sought to collect this compensation because we thought it was better than nothing.

Resist the Law.

And the sincere resistance accorded us has been amazing. One would suppose that a set of incendiaries, anarchists, communists and all the other ists which are the terms of greatest reproach in our language had sought constantly to destroy the interests of our community. It never occurred to the owners that they were getting something for nothing. They simply realized that they were making money by having the bay windows and paying nothing for them, and therefore nothing else mattered to them.

Privilege All-Powerful.

Money is so strong nowadays that, given time, Delay, it can in some form or other corrupt most men or if it cannot do that, it can get the crank out of the way.

I realized soon after I took office that to fight privilege under the present laws would be a lost. The cards were stacked in its favor from the start; the dice were loaded and are loaded against the community.

Rich Non-Punishable.

Hence of the insignificant little bit that I accomplished against privilege, not one tithe of a tithe could have been accomplished through the law. What I succeeded in was practically all done in an extra legal (though I think never

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International Movement.

Newsy Notes of World-wide Socialist Activities—Back to Revolution.

Events calculated to throw Russia back to revolution transpired this week. The manifesto of March 7 and ukase referring to the national assembly completely blasts the hope of a progressive movement and leaves the Russian proletariat no other recourse but war. Intentionally vague, the document tells enough to reveal the fearful duplicity of the autocracy and the czar. The cabinet will not be responsible to the nation. The government has so arranged matters that it will be able to control the parliament.

The upper house is to consist of one-half the members appointed by the czar, and 26 elected from the nobility and the clergy. This is an assurance that no laws can be passed not desired by the czar and the autocracy.

The government retains the power to promulgate "temporary" laws during the recesses of the parliament, and as the parliament is subject to dissolution by imperial ukase, the government is thus in a position to prevent any law it does not desire, to get rid of troublesome opposition, and to inaugurate and pass any laws it wishes. In other words, the Russian people will possess no more power than they have formerly possessed and the Russian autocracy will remain the same absolute master it has always remained.

With armed resistance apparently crushed, and executions of Russia's noblest sons proceeding at the rate of more than 400 per week, the treacherous and murderous government of the czar has been able to perpetrate this colossal crime of deception on the Russian people.

It seems that nothing can be hoped for from the Russian beast of autocracy. It must be killed. It was expected that the czar would take advantage of March 4, the anniversary of the "emancipation of the serfs," and commemorate the day with an agrarian ukase restoring millions of them to their lands, but events prove that the autocracy is so morally dead that it

cannot take ordinary measures to save itself from destruction. The peasants had been led to believe that this would be done, or that at least the land they had already siezed would be left to them. It is predicted that when they find how treacherously they have been dealt with the most fearful uprising Russia has ever known will occur. The spring is set for this terrible outbreak. There is little doubt as to how the Russian proletariat, deceived and victimized and betrayed, will act when this fearful hour approaches.

THE CLIMAX OF TREACHERY.

The Russian autocracy is not satisfied with leading the people into the treacherous bog of betrayal; it is determined to forestall any attempt to get out. Press dispatches of March 11 show that additional precautions are taken against any revolutionary uprising by inciting the reactionary elements of the working class, and especially the infamous "Black Hundred," composed of the criminal classes to acts of violence against the Russian patriots. The reactionaries are already celebrating the victory of autocracy and are urging their followers to tear the Jews, "the Christ sellers," to pieces, and hang Count Witte, who is accused with having favored a progressive plan. A proclamation was printed in the typography of the police master, with the approval of the censor and widely distributed, calling on the workmen and peasants to rise up and destroy the Jews. This document convicts the government of complicity in this latest heinous crime. It indicates that the murderous Russian government is determined to anticipate the uprising by fomenting race hatreds and precipitating the criminal population upon the Jews, who are the most progressive and intellectual branch of the Russian proletarian movement, and upon the intelligent and progressive members of the Russian working class.

an illegal way. To enforce obedience on the part of capital even to the existing laws—and we all know the existing laws are "fair" enough to capital—I was compelled to hold up permits to use force, to pester, worry and annoy, in ways never contemplated by our present laws. It would not surprise me if such a system of hazing as I was forced much against my will to adopt were now to be made a criminal offense by the next legislature.

Economic Determinism.

It isn't because rich men are bad or a class apart. They are not. But when money possesses them (They practically never possess money) it alters their very souls without their realizing it and it is simple to see why. It is because money is what a man most wants. It is the very dearest wish of his heart, whatever that may be.

Money is power and dominion. It is wine and woman and song. It is art and poetry and music. It is idleness and activity. It is warmth in winter and coolness in summer. It is clothing and food. It is travel and sport. It is horses and automobiles and silks and diamonds. It is books. It is education. It is self respect and the respect of all others.

No one possesses it but it possesses everybody. In life, money means everything, and therefore, anybody will do anything to get it. It enslaves those whom it possesses and it likewise enslaves in a more sordid way those who have none of it. The man who has money masters the destinies of those who have it not.

A Unique Example.

Here is an instance as it seems to me entirely significant: In the Civil war, an eminent Philadelphia financier by the name of Jay Cook lent a considerable sum of money at a low rate of interest, (perhaps at no interest at all; I have forgotten) to the government. His name has come down in this country as a patriot of extraordinary purity, a man who, when the country was in need, was willing to sacrifice a large part (perhaps the whole, I have forgotten) of his fortune to its welfare. His example was so unique that the average history of that time has never been able to get over it.

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men enlisted and went to the front. They offered, not their money but their lives, their blood and their families to the cause in which they believed and no one has deemed them extraordinary; whereas Jay Cook was extraordinary, because he did not ring out every cent he could from the necessities of the nation. In other words, it is infinitely more uncommon to risk money than to risk blood.

Reform a Delusion.

By distributing money evenly, I do not mean to say that all the money in the country should be cut up into equal bits and that everybody should get a bit of it. But, on the contrary, I believe that the ownership from which money springs should be vested in the whole community. In other words, as I understand it, I am a Socialist. I have hardly read a book on socialism but that which I have enunciated I believe in general to be their theory. If it is their theory I am a Socialist. You will find, and other advanced liberals and radicals who believe as you do will also find, that you are merely bartering with skin deep measures when you stop short of socialism.

Socialism.

The universal ballot gives every male citizen an equal political opportunity. The common ownership of all the means of production and distribution would give everybody an equal chance at music, art, power, sport, study, recreation, travel, self respect and the respect of others. I for one cannot see why these things should be concern-

trated more and more in the hands of a few. Two hundred years ago a proposition for equal political opportunity would have seemed more absurd than today seems the proposition for equal opportunity in all things on this earth for which men strive.

Capital says that today there is equal opportunity for all. In this capitalist lies, and knows it.

Believe me, my dear Mr. Mayor, with best regards, yours very sincerely,

(Signed) —Joseph M. Patterson.

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OUR ANSWER.

The meetings that have been held by socialists and organized labor throughout the country to protest against the attempt to railroad to the gallows the officials of the Western Federation of Miners have put the subsidized press into hysterics, and set them to calling all who are opposed to the anarchist authorities of Colorado and Idaho traitors.

The Helena Independent in an editorial wants to know what the rank and file of the Western Federation of Miners think about the Steunenberg assassination. Well, we can inform the Independent what, not only the W. F. of M., but all workingmen in general, think about it.

The workingmen consider the brutal methods used by Steunenberg and the members of the Mine Owners association to break up the Miner's union and the outrages committed on men and women in the bullpens by the deputy thugs and U. S. soldiers.

We have not forgotten Peabody and his bully, General Bell—how men were taken out of their beds at dead of night, marched half naked over the snow, put on cars and railroaded out of the state because they refused to work longer than eight hours a day.

We remember how workingmen's homes, workers' property, union property, furniture in the union halls, and the co-operative stores which were owned by the unions, were all destroyed by the legal anarchists of Colorado. The property of union men was burned by the state militia of Colorado under orders from the arch outlaw, Adjutant General Bell.

Failing to see the detectives who tried to wreck the train on the Florence & Cripple Creek railroad punished because they were in the employ of the Mine Owners' association; seeing the thugs who blew up the depot at Independence go scot free, owing to the fact that it was done at the dictates of the Citizen's Alliance and an attempt made to saddle the blame on union men; forgetting not that General Bell said, "To hell with the constitution, to hell with the habeas corpus, we will give them post mortems"; how he tyrannized the district court by filling the court room with soldiers with fixed bayonets and insulted the judge upon the bench; knowing that McDonald was not legally elected governor of Colo-Russia, and that the officials of the W. F. of M. were not arrested but kidnapped and taken to Idaho; there is but one conclusion to come to, and that is that the men charged with the murder of Steunenberg are the victims of a foul conspiracy and that there is no hope of them receiving justice in the courts of Idaho; that it is a foregone conclusion that they will be found guilty and sentenced to hang; that this is the intention of the anarchists in power in Idaho. To do so dastardly a deed is their mad endeavor to stamp out organized labor. But we warn them. On them and

on them alone will rest the consequence.

Labor in America is awake, and no longer proposes to be slaughtered like vermin "to make a Roman holiday," or a mine owners' holocaust.

PARTY MEMBERS

If every local in the state felt the personal responsibility for the paper and the financing of the party organization that Livingston and Maiden do, Montana would have a movement that would be the envy of the American party, and there would never be any question of resources, or as to whether there was enough money at the office to pay the bills, and pull us through or not. These are the only two locals in the state that seem to realize that they have a moral responsibility as a part of the state party. We might add Norris, so far as responsibility is concerned, but this local is composed of a few men, and while they are ready with money they are not situated so they can do what the two first mentioned points are doing. With Maiden and Livingston the first thought always is, "Has the party organization money to meet its obligations and keep going?" They know that if these obligations are not met and the bills paid that the bottom drops out of everything, and the result is an utterly disintegrated socialist movement. There is never an appeal that they do not put forth extra efforts to meet it the same as though it concerned personal affairs. They know that the manager and editor are putting in their time without pay, and as the manager is a man of a family, they know that this cannot continue indefinitely. This is in striking contrast to a number of strong locals in the state that are helping every other publication more than they are helping their own state work. It is a filthy bird that befouls its own nest. If for any reason any person or local is dissatisfied with the work that is being done in a local party it is the business of those socialists to begin at home, and bend all their efforts to whatever they think will strengthen their own movement. They can never expect to control and conduct the industries of society until they learn to sustain an intelligent movement with machinery that will produce results and is ready for a crisis. If the state socialists don't support the state paper it cannot go, no matter how strenuously the secretary may respond to the responsibility that has been thrust upon them.

LET US PREPARE

When the railway strike of 1894 was at its height, General Miles was sent by Grover Cleveland to Chicago with United States regulars to break up the strike. Arriving in Chicago, General Miles, did not report for orders to the mayor of Chicago or to the Governor of Illinois, but hid himself to a first class hotel in which a meeting of the general manager's association was being held and to that body did he report for duty in suppressing the strike.

It is said that he at that meeting advocated the detailing off of a firing squad to settle the strike by taking Gene Debs and the executive officers of the A. R. U. out and shooting them.

The general managers opposed such action on the ground that it would arouse the working class to such a pitch that there was no telling where it would end.

The capitalists could not buy, own, control, or bulldoze Gene Debs and the officers of the A. R. U. Neither can they buy, own, control or bulldoze the W. F. of M. today. The only way they defeated the A. R. U. was by imprisoning its officers, robbing and ransacking the general offices of the A. R. U. by dirty, contemptible Pinkerton thugs, and bayoneting the rank and file. To kill Debs they had not the courage. They feared the consequences.

Today the same tactics are being used against the W. F. of M. Its officers are kidnapped in the style that only a curriish Pinkerton hound can act. Methods are used that are as contemptible as the raiding of the offices of the A. R. U. in Chicago

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go in 1894. Not a firing squad but a hangman's noose is what they are debating on to use on the officers of the W. F. of M. Will the mine owners stoop to murder? Yes, but they may fear the consequences. The grand jury has brought an indictment against Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. It was a foregone conclusion that they would. Every workingman expects that they will be found guilty, that the jury will be packed and a verdict rendered to suit the mine owners of Colo-Russia and Siber-Idaho.

The working class believes from past experience witnessed in those two states and elsewhere, from the damnable conspiracy that has been carried out within the past few weeks, that there is no hope of the W. F. of M. getting justice at Boise.

But let the frenzied financiers tarry in their mad career. There is a poor blind Sampson in this land, and before he allows his brothers to be butchered he may shake the pillars of this damnable system by giving the American plutocracy a lesson on the general strike.

See that your name is on the registration lists.

"We can go forth and conquer the nations, make the greatest labor saving and wonderful inventions, think out and manage all commerce, but when we try to figure out and abolish the poverty of the world we go to the tall timbers," says the Butte News, below a cartoon illustrating the point. This is the fullest confession we have yet heard from the capitalist class; better stay in the woods and give the socialists a chance at the last proposition.

The Ku Klux Klan has been revived and is spreading in the south. It is now directed against the negroes. Race hate and law breaking are products of capitalist civilization.

The Red Hand Is Displayed

An Intercepted Letter Leads To Evidence That Mine Owners' Conspiracy Is Against Socialism.

Just as we go to press, Secretary Barnes of the national socialist party sends us the following from Chicago:

"That the Mine Owners and their instruments, the detectives, will go to any length in the prosecution of the officials of the Western Federation of Miners or members of the Socialist party, is fairly in evidence by a report just to hand from State Secretary Buie of Colorado. The mails have been tampered with and letters taken from the headquarters one instance in particular: A letter to W. A. Knight disappeared, which letter came from H. J. Brimble of Florence, Colorado. A couple of days later Mr. Brimble received a letter purporting to come from W. A. Knight, and which asked for information concerning certain members of the Western Federation of Miners, who have also been members of the Socialist party. Mr. Brimble discovered the deception, knowing it was not the handwriting of his friend Knight, and sent the suspicious letter to the headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners in Denver. The party who is supposed to have stolen the letter has recently been a frequent visitor at the socialist headquarters and represented that he wished to join the party. Some of the comrades discovered that he frequently goes to the Opera House block, in which is located the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Since the latter discovery was made, the following threatening letter has been received:

"Denver Local, Socialist Party: This is to notify you that I am not a member of the Socialist party, and if any member of your party or Denver local insists to run after me I want you to know that he will have to take the consequences. I will stop you running after people—I will teach you a lesson.

C. A. SCHAEER.

"Mr. Bowey, look out. To the Denver Local Socialist Party, Denver, 1625 Champa, St."

Don't miss your chance to take a slap at the capitalist class because you have forgotten to register.

Princess Ena of Battenburg, prior to her recent wedding with Alfonso of Spain, changes her Protestantism to Catholicism as she would change her trousseau; an instance of ruling class religion.

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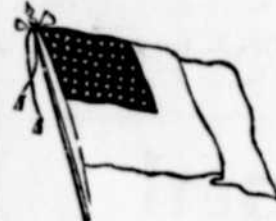
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