

WORKERS VOTE A SOCIALIST TICKET

Cease to vote for Tyrants and Exploiters and Vote Only Legitimate Ticket of the Working Class--Socialism or Ruin!

Inhuman Treatment

Typhoid Epidemic Result of Gerry's Black Hole of Calcutta---Men Turned Out to Die.

The public investigation into the causes of the wholesale epidemic that has been the result of the almost unthinkable conditions at Hauser Lake, is daily revealing additional horrors to which the helpless workers on the dam are subject. St Peter's hospital is filled to overflowing with the typhoid patients. Over sixty are there at present. Two tents have been put up to hold the sick for which there was no room inside.

Over a Hundred Victims.

Over a hundred altogether have been at the hospital. At one time pallets had to be put on the floor in order to take care of the victims of this damnable profit grinding. One bitter night one of the tents blew over. The hospital force is worked to exhaustion. And the devotion and sacrifice of those who have thrown themselves into the emergency as nurses is worthy of the highest commendation. Some of the trained nurses are working for half their usual pay. Several have offered their services for nothing. One of these young women has contracted the disease and at this writing is a patient herself and at the danger point.

Inadequate Provision.

Careful investigation has shown that so far as the hospital force is concerned the patients are getting all the care that is possible under the circumstances. Only four have died, and the usual percentage in cases of typhoid is much greater. The one exception, and it is a serious one, is that the men are made to leave the hospital too soon. They are turned out in a number of instances four or five days after they are up. From two to three weeks is the usual time that is allowed before typhoid patients are safe from care, able to take care of their own eating, and ready for work. These men have been turned out when they were so weak that they fell against the railing as they went down the steps.

Fell To the Floor.

One man, who was obliged to call a carriage, fell on the floor, and remained there helpless during the drive to the hotel. Some of the men are so weak that their ankles will scarcely sustain their weight. Their large pathetic eyes, their pallid faces, and feeble frames, fill one with indignation at the hideous crime that would take the money from these men for hospital service, and then turn them out at a time when there

are the utmost dangers of a relapse, and when the eating of unsuitable food practically means death. Many of these men, living on the poverty margin of the world's workers, are utterly destitute and have no where to go and have had to seek the county poor farm. Others have been taken in by friends. Some of them are huddling in saloons and sleeping in chairs all night. Such are the blessings that capitalism confers upon civilization.

Entitled to Care.

These men have paid their dollar every month to the company for a guarantee that they will be cared for when sick till they are ready for work again. The company is shirking its obligations in a shameful and criminal way. It overloads the one hospital, where it has made arrangements to take care of its sick, and absolutely

Workers, Be on Guard!

The open prostitution of law and all authorized legal procedure in the circumstances attending the arrest of Vincent St. John, and the turning of him over to the Colorado authorities, is sufficient to warn the workingmen of the land of what it means to have their government institutions in capitalist hands. These vultures for the greed of profits, and control of the money-making powers of society will stop at nothing to force the toilers to their will. The methods employed in St. John's case are wholly unprecedented. Justice Stovall convened court for the specific purpose of dismissing the Idaho charge against him in the Steunenberg case, without even giving notice to his attorney. It is cut and dried that St. John is to be taken back to Telluride to be hanged for crimes that he never committed. Workingmen, it is the old tragedy of history—the brutal subordination and murder of the working class when they dare to oppose the conditions of their enslavement. Arouse! Become conscious! Cease to endorse at the ballot box your own exploitation! Vote for the party of the only possible program of your class freedom.

refuses to assume any other responsibilities. It would cost money; it would reduce profits. Working flesh is cheap. One foreman on the dam said if they did die they were well lost. But profits are sacred. The horses are valuable. They are property. If men were slaves they would be valuable, and cared for, but workers are easily replaced from the surplus that is clamoring for work, even under such bestial conditions as the Amalgamated provides at Hauserlake.

Company a Criminal.

The hospital is not to blame for

turning the men out too soon. They are obliged to do so to make room for the new ones. The company should provide comfortable places for the convalescents until they are ready for work. Their contract in taking the hospital fee demands that they should do it. It is a form of brutal criminality imaginable only under the most degraded barbarism to first practically murder the men to provide cheap living, take from their meager wages under promise to protect them, then turn them out to die or starve, or use up their own scanty savings because

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Conspiracy of Plutes

Helena Citizen's Alliance Condemns Moyer and Haywood to Death, Then Hide Resolutions.

There is a secretive body of "law and order" men in Helena as in Cripple Creek, whose sole purpose is to treacherously strike trade unionism or socialism a blow in the dark and then retreat to cover and immunity from the public gaze. This body of eminent respectables are afflicted with a disease which may be termed labor-phobia. Any act of labor for self defense and aggrandizement awakens the mad-dog instinct in them. They want to bite something and inoculate it with their frothy poison. With this peculiar attitude we will not attempt to find fault, as it is but a manifestation of the capitalist class instinct

of self preservation; but only against the dark and secretive methods of these pretended "law and order" people do we inveigh. When a labor union passes resolutions denouncing in the most uncompromising language the railroading to the gallows of its brothers, its words are bold and frank and are flung out to the public without reservation; when the "law and order" crowd passes resolutions on the same subject, only worded slightly different, their resolutions are locked in the strong box, there to gather the cobwebs of ages as the brains of its authors become clogged with the cobwebs of reactionary ideas. What good secret resolutions do is not yet discoverable.

Such is the most recent twilight performance of the "Citizen's Alliance." These pillars of the social fabric met recently, filled with frothy indignation, against the "incendiary," "sedatious," and "anarchistic" resolutions of various revolutionary trades unions, determined to "offset" the bad effect of those dangerous documents by several mild allusions to the red-handed character of the murder of Steunenberg by the Western Federation of Miners officials. What effect their rabid prejudice as to the guilt of the accused would have had in mollifying public sentiment will never be known as the resolutions are kept only for the ears of Helena's "inner circle."

One member of the "inner circle," however, would not swallow this kind of business, and had to suffer the anguish of having it jammed down his throat by sundry incensed members of the "law and order" men.

In this way peace was restored in the "inner circle," and a unanimity was gained beautiful to contemplate.

The above was shown to a member of the Citizens' Alliance, and he would neither affirm or deny it.

Senator Clark was acquitted by the supreme court for acquiring illegally 80 entries of timber land in Powell and Missoula counties. But it is not relevant to us whether the capitalist court considers Clark guilty or not guilty; the part we cannot get around is this; Clark still has those eighty entries and is liable to keep them.

The New York Equitable Assurance Society has withdrawn from Russia. Its getting warm where the Equitable wont take its chances.



BUTTE SOCIALISTS

Edited by the Butte Socialist Local.

TICKET.

These are the candidates of the Socialists of Butte for Alderman:

1. Ward—Mathias Jacobsen.
2. Ward—Henry Schmitt.
3. Ward—P. J. Dwyer.
4. Ward—Oscar Stenberg.
5. Ward—Herma Quandt.
6. Ward—H. Laundes Maury.
7. Ward—Jerome B. Savage.
8. Ward—Wm. H. Pierce.

For School Trustees:

Lewis A. Van Horne, Patrick Moran, Jesse Bromley, H. A. Barton.

FIGHTING THE SOCIALISTS.

A bitter fight is being waged in Butte against the socialist candidates for aldermen, especially in the seventh ward, which Comrade Ambrose has so courageously represented. Comrade Ambrose holds over, and Comrade Savage is the candidate for the position of his colleague. Comrade Ambrose has had an interesting time with the putrescent outfit that constitutes the present council. True to the principles of the world-wide socialist movement that does not believe in supporting bourgeois institutions from taxes on the unfortunate sisterhood that the present capitalist society maintains, Comrade Ambrose has opposed the collections made in the bad lands. Thereupon the council appointed him to investigate the district. The investigation was duly made, referred to the judiciary committee and turned down by the whitewashing crowd that had appointed Comrade Ambrose. The following is the report:

Down in the Bad Lands.

"To the Honorable Mayor and City Council—Having been appointed by your honorable body as a committee of one to act with the chief of police to ascertain the collections down in the red light district, I have the following report to make:

"After having been appointed I went down the same night and counted the women and found 164 in the small cribs and cigar stores. The following night all the chief of police found was 101 in the small cribs and cigar stores, 27 in the big houses, and one house which the chief claimed started up after they had made the collections, and there were 6 women in this house and 11 women claimed they were sick and did not pay, and 14 women in the dance houses, so I thought I would investigate a little further in this matter and found by inquiring around that there are more than 200 women in the red light district.

"Now, I would make the following recommendation:

Makes Recommendations.

"First—That the chief of police close the cigar stores run by women paying crib license.

"Second—That the license be collected by the license collector, Al Orton.

"Third—That the city attorney be instructed to draw an ordinance charging each dance house run in connection with saloons the sum of \$100 per quarter for running said dance house, where women are regularly employed, and the women so employed be compelled to pay the same fine as other women pay in the red light district.

"Fourth—That steps be taken to rid the city of 'secretaries' who are living off the earnings of these unfortunate women. I find that there are about 30 of them down there; that they have a house rented that they meet in and they compel these women to come there and eat.

"Now, these human vultures pay \$10 per month for the privilege of doing business in Butte. The city authorities have taken this business out of the county attorney's hands, with the promise to enforce the laws and drive these men out of Butte.

Should Close Club.

"I further recommend that the French club be closed. I find that they have a restaurant where these women are compelled to come and eat, and they are charged an enormous price for their board.

"I also find that these women work an eight-hour shift, which makes it hard to check them up. I also find that they have a wrapper factory where they make wrappers for these women at an exorbitant price. That this French club is a part of a syndicate formed in every big city for the purpose of importing women for immoral purposes.

"Now, we have daughters of our own growing up, and cannot tell when they may fall into these men's hands and be enticed into these dens of iniquity. I have seen the daughters of some of the best families in the city down in these houses. It is up to us as men who have taken an oath to see that the laws of the city are obeyed and in force."

Immediately the capitalist press, especially the "News," the Heinze organ, began to shriek with outraged decency, and hold up their hands in holy horror that such "immoral" things should be talked about. It was all right to tolerate their existence but to

talk about it was the limit. It complained because he went into "disgusting details," and called his report "insulting and indecent."

Comrade Ambrose needs help on the city council, and the working men should see that he gets it.

Be sure and register.

Butte is said to be the Gibraltar of unionism in America. It won't do the workers any good when the Amalgamated gets after them unless it is also the Gibraltar of socialism.

The workingman's ballot is his only chance for expression in government. You can't vote unless you are registered.

The labor party is making a few feeble struggles by electing delegates to a convention. We notice Heinze's paper is not boosting it any this spring. Of course not. Heinze has gone out of the labor business and is now in Amalgamated business.

See that your name is on the registration list.

FEEBLE ECOES OF THE LABOR PARTY.

It is worse than madness at this stage of the game for the working class of Butte to be beguiled by any idea of a labor party. The cause which gave birth to it has vanished. Heinze used it as a club with which to terrify the Amalgamated and corrupt and control the courts. He no longer needs to terrify the Amalgamated. He is a part of the Amalgamated. Its interests are his. The only possible use a labor party can now be in Butte is to serve as a catch-all to divide the working class and attract the radical element that the capitalist class fear will not vote the old tickets; also to serve as a grafting scheme for corrupt labor leaders who are determined to live by fleecing the lambs of labor. There is a brave array of delegates named, but the backing from the capitalist press is but feeble.

What else could be expected with the Amalgamated company attacking the leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World with the evident purpose of crushing the powerful western unions. The Gibraltar of unionism is menaced by the capitalist combine. The only possible program for the workers is that offered by the Socialist party. They can only destroy the evils of their industries by destroying the system which makes them. The Socialist party is militant, revolutionary, devoted to the overthrow of the capitalist class. It stands for the conquest of political power by the workers of the world. Workers, be independent. Cease to be led to your ruin.

Don't overlook the red label.

An entertainment and lecture will be given by Prof Parkes, the clonlike explorer, in the Broadway theatre March 28th. The proceeds will be given to the defense fund of Messers Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. The affair will be under the auspices of organized labor in Butte and promises to be a hummer. Turn out and help a good cause.

If it were not too raw altogether a good many has-been political parties would like to kiss and make up. Sort of a Jack sprat and wife combination.

Vote early and then get in and see that the other fellow does likewise.

Justice of the Peace Doran was nominated chairman of the Democratic Convention. Hennessey's collector is doing well and his merits must be recognized, to the shame of the respectable element in the Democratic party.

Men elected by the Socialist party must carry out the policy and platforms of their party, else they are dropped quickly and hard, never more to betray their party or their class unless picked up by the master class and rejuvenated a little for some specially dirty work, then plunk!

"I'll never sell out," yelled Heinze. Those who are simple enough to believe one the master class, when dollars are involved are thrice foolish. Where art thou now, O, savior of Montana? You have forgotten your dear, dear boys in Butte and art now dancing with a new love on Wall street.

Thou wert always unfaithful to thy loves either masculine or feminine, but the siren song has won you completely, and your faithful menials in Butte wearth sack cloth and ashes.

Look over the city platform. Don't you like it? Well I reckon.

Local No. 1 held a red hot session last Monday evening. A lot of business was attended to and some good talks were made by visiting comrades.

Get to the polls early.

REVOLUTIONARY

PRINTERS OF 1850.

A Study in the Retrogression of Labor, Under the Capitalist Influence of Gompersism.

The Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor No. 61, contains a Documentary History of the Early Organization of Printers, which is highly interesting and instructive. It shows that the labor movement, up to 1850, was a genuine and progressive one, not to be compared with its present decay brought upon solely by the labor lieutenants of capital, during the last few decades.

As far back as 1815 the fallacious A. F. of L. tenet of the identity of interests between employer and employed was exploded by the Typographical Society of New York City in a resolution stating that "the interests of the journeymen are separate and in some respects opposite to that of the employers." Of course, this resolution does not come up entirely to the requirements of a revolutionary workingman of to-day, but it certainly puts to shame the declarations of the present pure and simple.

The most interesting document in this compilation is the address issued by the National Convention of Journeymen Printers of the United States (the parent of the present national body of printers), which met December 2, 1850 in New York City. This address proves that at that time the working class was far more advanced, more enlightened than now and gives us an exact idea how destructive the virus of fakirdom has been to the American labor movement. The printers were then on the right track. They denied the identity of interests between labor and capital; they even aimed at the abolition of the wage system; they were in fact a revolutionary body of men. To prove my assertions, I give herewith the most striking passages of the address (of course, the reader must keep in mind that in 1850 the knowledge of economics was still very scant):

"It is useless to disguise from ourselves the fact that under the present arrangement of things there exists a PERPETUAL ANTAGONISM BETWEEN LABOR AND CAPITAL. The toilers are involuntarily pitted against the employers; one side striving to sell their labor for as much, and the other striving to buy it for as little as they can. In this war of interests, labor, of itself, stands no chance. The power is all on the other side. Every addition to the number of laborers in the market decreases their power; while the power of capital grows in a ratio commensurate with the increase of capital itself. On the one side, the greater the number of dollars, the greater the ability to succeed in the conflict; on the other the greater the number of laborers, the less the ability to succeed. Add to this the fact that wealth accumulates on the one side much faster as the laborers accumulate on the other, and the utter impotence of unorganized labor in a warfare against capital becomes manifest.

"It appears evident that an extensive organization, embracing the whole country, would secure to our own or any other trade a power which could be derived from no other source. The delegates here assembled have come together deeply impressed with this conviction. They regard such an organization not only as an agent of immediate relief, BUT ALSO AS ESSENTIAL TO THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION of those unnatural relations at present subsisting between the interests of the employing and the employed classes.

"Combination merely to fix and sustain a scale of prices is of minor importance compared to that combination which looks to AN ULTIMATE REDUCTION OF LABOR. Scales of prices to keep up the values of labor are only necessary under a system which in its uninterrupted generation, gives to that value A CONTINUED DOWNWARD TENDENCY. But when labor determines no longer to sell itself to speculators, but to become its own employer; TO OWN AND ENJOY ITSELF AND THE FRUIT THEREOF, the necessity for scales of prices will have passed away, and labor will be forever rescued from the control of the capitalist. It will then be free, fruitful, honorable. The shackles of a disastrous conventionalism will have fallen from its limbs, and it will appear in the character which nature designed it to sustain. This is certainly a consummation most devoutly to be wished; and, however difficult it may be to attain, if within the range of possibility, OUGHT TO CONSTITUTE THE GREAT END TO WHICH ALL OUR OTHER AIMS AND EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE SUBSIDIARY."

Any one reading this last passage without knowing its source would most assuredly suppose that the promulgation of such views could have only emanated from the parent organization of the Industrial Workers of the World and not from that of the pure and simple International Typographical Union of to-day.—H. A. M.

The Socialist vote will surprise some of the supposedly wise ones on the other side of the fence.

The "Miner" came out with captions in red ink "Pure Politics," under which were the names of the men who were booked to be nominated in the Democratic Convention. Look over the names of the pure (?) brigade: Purity in Butte according to the wise one in the "Miner" has changed its garb of white for one of brilliant red. How do the adherents of the above named party like it. Like all faithful subservient menials they take their medicine with a sour face and dare not say anything.

The Socialist party this year has as strong an aggregation of candidates as was ever put up in Butte.

There are no prospective traitors of the S. W. order. All are true and tried friends and workers for working class interests and if a man who votes, desires to be true to his home, true to his family and true to his own best interests, he will at least help out the Socialist candidate in his ward.

Our estimable friend James Doull, Democratic candidate for alderman in 8th ward, is booked for an early retirement from the field of obnoxious politics. He has been a good and faithful servant and has ever been ready to obey the beck and nod of his master. His talents have ever been used to further the interests of the master class and he will now be shown that the lease on his aldermanic position can easily be dispensed with. Vale Jim!

W. H. Pierce, aldermanic candidate on socialist ticket for 8th ward is sure to be elected. He is an exceptionally popular man and is held in high esteem in all circles, because of undoubted ability and courage in advancing the best interests of his class he should be elected by a good big majority.

Keep your eyes open for repeaters.

Be sure and not overlook the election for school trustees.

Every Socialist should interest his friends and neighbors in the coming election. Get out and talk it over with them. Show them where it is to their best interests to vote the socialist ticket. Don't be backward in telling the truth.

We have a world to win and nothing to lose.

"Be not like dumb driven cattle, Be a hero in the strife."

The most despicable creature, belonging to the genus homo, is the ornery cuss who will sell his vote to the man with an axe to grind for his capitalistic master.

The seventh ward will do the usual thing and returns will show a good big majority for the socialist candidate Jerome B. Savage.

Benedict Arold is spending some of his corruption funds in a frantic endeavor to be elected in the 7th. No party could muster up the courage to chaperon the friendless creature and he is running independent, a poor word to use when applied to a parasite. He will soon pass into oblivion and his name will never be recalled except in words of scorn and reproach. Very soon, now and then: "I'll get the wheelbarrow, Si."

SCIENCE AND REVOLUTION.

By Arthur Morrow Lewis.

The socialist movement of this country is slow to produce great writers. In books, we have produced nothing as yet that posterity will care to read except perhaps Morgan's "Foundations" and Hilquit's "History." Apart from these two "Science and Revolution" is the first genuine socialist classic to make its appearance in this country without being translated or imported. It would be a source of much self-congratulation if this book were only a thorough native, but we cannot forget the author's German education. The book itself renders such an oversight impossible, for notwithstanding the popular style, consciously adopted, there stands revealed on every page a scholarship and a fearlessness of the theological world, that one seeks for with small success among native writers. Those who believe it is "good policy" to suppress in our literature and on our platform the real nature of historical materialism, lest we should scare those misty minded newcomers who enter our party expecting to find a more sympathetic reception for their obsolete ideas, will get little encouragement from our author.

In a party where every third person is a spiritualist or swedenborgian or theosophist or seventh day adventist or divine healer or astrologer or a believer in the great gospel or "message" that "Man is God" or "I am it" or "I am that I am," the appearance of "Science and Revolution" is a boon to make one wish that a few of the defunct gods were still alive that we might give them thanks.

Helena Industrial Union No. 138, Industrial Workers of the World, at their regular meeting, March 19, endorsed the Socialist ticket, and pledged \$5 to the campaign fund with the promise of more if it was needed.

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Hayre Socialists Nominate Ticket

Clear and Ringing Platform.

Candidates.

For Mayor—B. B. Ryan.
For City Treasurer—E. E. Marcoe.
For Police Magistrate—Jas. Lamey.
For Alderman, 1st Ward—A. T. Swanson.
For Alderman, 2d Ward—W. E. Ryan.
For Alderman, 3d Ward—E. G. Miller.

Platform:

We, the Socialists of Hayre, in convention assembled, present to the voters of the City of Hayre our platform and choice of candidates for election as city officials on April 2, 1906.

We demand for labor all that labor produces and in order to obtain this a re-construction of society is necessary.

Private ownership in the means of production and distribution being the one great barrier that prevents the laborer from obtaining the proceeds of his toil, it is essential that it be removed in order to bring about the emancipation of the wage workers.

The laborer possessing nothing but his laboring capacity is consequently at the mercy of individuals who own and control the means of life, and in return for his toil receives nothing more than a bare subsistence.

Under capitalism there is no hope of ameliorating the hopeless and degrading condition under which the majority of wage workers are condemned to an existence that is akin to depravity.

In order to put an end to the evils of present social conditions and the degradation to which the wage workers are forced to submit, they must own and control the means of life, and an intelligent use of the ballot is all that is necessary to acquire them.

Our movement is a working class movement and the whole aim of its members who may be elected will be to benefit the workers.

It is to this end that we wish to capture the political power of Hayre and for this solely. Our candidates, if elected, are pledged to inaugurate and support the following measures:

Municipal ownership of all public utilities, and, as circumstances warrant, the absorption by the city of industries that are now considered semi-public. The revenues from the operation of these utilities not to be directed toward the reduction of taxes, but toward the betterment of the conditions of labor employed therein and the extension and improvement of the service.

The extension of public works, such as streets, good roads, parks, etc., for the employment of the idle.

The establishment of a free employment bureau.

An eight-hour day on city work, and the abandonment of the letting of contracts for such work.

The abolition of the chain gang.

The strict enforcement of the child labor laws.

The full power of the city government to be used to ameliorate the conditions of women and children working in factories, stores, laundries, etc.

The immediate repeal of the infamous vagrancy law.

The establishing of a free city hospital, not to be designated as a poor farm.

We condemn the action of our present city officials, especially those who were elected on the eight-hour work-day platform, in not seeing that the state eight-hour law was enforced in this city.

We denounce the city council for being so lax in enforcing the city ordinance, passed by them, with reference to the opium evil, especially as the dives are open for the patronage of the school children.

We also charge the responsible officials with negligence in the prosecution of their duties in securing the regular attendance of all school children and the ringing of the curfew.

We also denounce the ordinance that the present city council have drawn up requiring a voter to reside in the city six months previous to election as a vicious attack upon the American citizen, as it is an attempt to disfranchise the working man, who is compelled to travel from place to place to seek work, and prevent him from trying to better his condition wherever his lot may be.

Follow workingmen, our measure to you in this campaign is this: Hayre belongs to the men who make it, but it is in the hands of the men who make its private fortunes. Stand up like freemen and by your overwhelming numbers take that which belongs to you.

Send in your order for the municipal edition of the News at once.

WORKINGMEN OF HAYRE, READ!

On Saturday night, March 31, at 8 p. m., a public meeting will be held under the auspices of the Socialist club of Hayre in the Trades and Labor hall for the purpose of making a protest against the foul conspiracy of the capitalist class in the arrest of Charles H. Moyer, William D. Haywood and George A. Pettibone, of the Western Federation of Miners and Industrial Workers of the World.

The whole forces of capitalism are being used in order to convict these men on false charges and it is necessary that Labor should take a determined stand and thwart this infamous plot and denounce the conspirators as criminals, as in reality they are.

We, the Socialists of Hayre do earnestly appeal to the workers of Hayre to join with us in our fight against this infamous wrong and to add to the rapidly rising tide of indignation that is found in labor circles throughout the country.

It is simply a question of justice, and in the interest of justice we are bound to fight this wrong.

Remember that on March 31 you will have the opportunity to render assistance both financially and morally.

Come in crowds and let our fellow workers who are now imprisoned for fighting for labor's interests know that Hayre is right.

VOTE FOR THESE MEN.

Mr. B. B. Ryan is a most energetic worker for the cause in Hayre, being always ready to help in the work and generous when expenses are to be met.

A. T. Swanson, the nominee for alderman from the first ward, is in the tinning and plumbing business, coming from Anaconda three years ago, which was at that time the socialist stronghold of Montana. He was overflowing with the principles of our cause and commenced at once to open up correspondence with the state secretary, with the result that a speaker was sent to Hayre and organized a local with Comrade Swanson as organizer, which position he held for over two years.

He is straightforward and fearless, endowed with an irresistible will power and ample ability. He, if elected, would be a hard nut for the capitalists to crack.

Mr. W. E. Ryan is the war horse of the party who polled the most votes in the second ward last year, but through some fluke was not allowed to take the seat the voters wanted him to. He is a sure winner.

Mr. E. G. Miller is known throughout the city for the interest he takes in the labor and socialist movements. He is our present organizer and if we win in this election much will redound to his credit.

Mr. James Lamey has been a tax-paying resident in this city for the last 17 years. He is an ardent socialist, and having always had to work hard for his living knows that the conditions of the present system need changing. In former years he was continuously employed on railroad work.

Mr. E. E. Marcoe, our next city treasurer, was one of the mainstays of our local when it was in its infancy, and was a nominee for school trustee last spring, polling a good vote.

NO CONVENTION.

The referendum has decided by a large vote against holding an extra National Convention. The referendum was put in three parts; part one declaring for a national convention. This was defeated by 1477 votes.

There is a cry that comes across this mighty continent. It echoes through the land from sea to sea, in the hearts of all American sons and daughters. It says that American labor must and shall be free. So long have Shylock's tyranny oppressed us. So long the grasping landlords silken purse has carried off the wealth that heaven blessed us and left our starving people but a curse.

Now beware of a titled lord who now enslaves us; the day of retribution is at hand. We only ask the right that Heaven gave us, the right to make a living from our land.

Then rally around the Socialist Flag of freedom, with a purpose ever firm and true, and in a brave and patriotic manner we'll show the world what American hearts can do.

W. L. CRAGG.

Your vote is your chance for freedom. Register.

IDAHO NEWS.

Below is the report of Comrade Coonrod, state secretary of Idaho Socialist party, and his letter to the Idaho locals. Comrade Coonrod states that the state executive committee wishes to route Mrs. Hazlett through the state at her earliest convenience. They have decided to ask assistance of the national executive committee in placing a speaker in the field.

Idaho locals should send all news pertaining to their meetings direct to the News. We shall be glad to give it publication.

Now is the time for Idaho locals to make themselves felt as a force of protest and resistance against the diabolical schemes of the mine owners' association. Meetings of protest should be held throughout the state, and indignant efforts be made to throw off at least a part of the shame that has been heaped upon it by its officials.

February Financial Report—1906.

Receipts.	
Local Coeur d'Alene	\$ 1.00
Local Emmett	.30
Local Glenn's Ferry	2.00
Local Lane	.60
Local Melrose	.30
Local Nez Perce	.55
Local Nampa	4.00
Local Pearl	1.00
Local Russell	.60
Local Wallace	1.80
Local Woodland	1.00
Balance Feb. 1	53.42
Total	\$66.57

Summary of Receipts.	
Dues	\$11.50
Supplies	1.15
Literature	.50
Total	\$13.15

Expended.	
Postage	\$ 1.90
M. O. and Exchange	.08
Literature	2.10
Salary	1.44
Total	\$ 5.52

Recapitulation.	
Total receipts	\$66.57
Expended	5.52
Balance March 1	\$61.05

Summary of Balance.	
General fund	\$37.00
Organizing fund	15.00
Dues to National Office	9.05
Total	\$61.05

Every local should establish a free circulating library in the hands of literature agent, with proper rules to govern same. We can order books for you now from Chas. H. Kerr & Co., at stockholder's prices, quite a large saving, plus 10 per cent to mailing price.

Don't forget that list of members. Ballots for National Referendum A, 1906, have been mailed out. Let me know if you need more.

Some difference in January and February reports.

Fraternally submitted,
THOS. J. COONROD,
Secretary-Treasurer.
Emmett, Ida.

Vote by Locals of Idaho on National Referendum C, 1905.

Local.	Res. 1.		Res. 2.		Res. 3.	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Albion	6	6	2	4		
Boise	8	10	8	10		
Caldwell	5	5	5	5		
Emmett	6	6	6	6		
Fairview	8	8	8	8		
Gov't. Gulch	11	11	11	12		
Glenns Ferry	12	12	12	12		
Lane	2	2	2	2		
Nampa	5	5	5	5		
Newman	20	20	20	20		
Nezperce	6	6	6	6		
Pearl	7	7	7	7		
Pocatello	8	8	8	8		
Rathdrum	4	4	4	4		
Russell	5	5	5	5		
St. Anthony	7	7	7	7		
Twin Falls	3	12	3	12		
Woodland	5	5	5	5		
Wallace	11	10	11	11		
Weiser	4	4	4	4		
Totals	56	110	55	111	59	107

Fraternally submitted,
THOS. J. COONROD,
State Sec'y-Treas.
Emmett, Idaho.
Dated March 5, 1906.

Received Too Late to Count.	
Idaho Falls	19 23 23
Lewiston	4 4 4
Totals	23 23 23

The election of state officers of party resulted as follows:

B. L. Rigg, re-elected National Committee man.
Thos. J. Coonrod, re-elected State Secretary-Treasurer.
A. W. Judd, elected State Organizer.

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MY RIGHT TO WORK.

By R. B. Suthers.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, president of the Local Government Board, speaking at a luncheon at Bradford in connection with the opening of a new workhouse hospital, corrected a misconception regarding the Unemployed Workmen's bill. It was said that the act was a practical admission of the principle that it was the duty of the state to provide employment for all who were able and willing to work, but who could not find employment elsewhere. He denied that absolutely.

The act, said Balfour, was never intended to carry with it such a principle, either in the form in which it was introduced or in the form in which it was ultimately passed, and as for the principle itself he himself repudiated it absolutely. He was perfectly convinced that any community which once admitted or adhered to such a principle would be on the road to irretrievable ruin. He himself had never believed or professed that the act could provide a solution of what was known as the problem of unemployment.

I am one of the unemployed. I want work. I am willing to work. I am able to work. I cannot find work.

I want work. I demand work—and wages.

Yes, I demand work. I do not beg for work. I demand work. I claim it is my right.

In the first place, I demand work because I am a live human being, working and able to work.

Here am I, five foot ten of bone and muscle, and sinew, and flesh and blood. I did not ask to come. I was brought into the world without being consulted. Just as you, my fellow countrymen, were brought into the world. I have as much right here as you have.

Having that instinct, how shall I satisfy it? There is only one way. All human sustenance comes from our Mother Earth. To the earth, then, I must go for my living.

But I cannot go to the earth. Barring my path on every side there is this warning: "Trespassers will be prosecuted."

If I go to the land, if I dig up even a root to appease my hunger, I am

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sent to prison. The land is not mine, I am told. It belongs to somebody.

I am sent to prison. I am robbed, not only of my right to work, but of my freedom, too.

Is this right? Who thus steals my freedom and my natural right to satisfy the instinct of self-preservation implanted within me?

The British nation it is who does me these wrongs, my fellow countrymen.

You, my fellow countrymen, are a nation. You have a Government, and you have laws. You, my fellow countrymen, appoint this Government. You choose the men who shall make the laws, and you agree to obey the laws.

It is you, then, who rob me of my right to work, and of my freedom if I exercise my natural instinct of self-preservation by taking sustenance from the lap of my mother Nature.

Whether the moral law be divine, or whether it arise from the fact of human brotherhood, in depriving us of the right to work, and live by our work, you have broken it.

The laws of the British nation, my countrymen, are supposed to be an advance on the no-laws of the savage in the wilderness. But the savage in the middle of Africa can exercise his natural instinct of self-preservation.

I cannot exercise mine. You de-

prive me of the right. The savage is better off than I am. He is free to live. I am only free to starve.

Is there not something wrong? A Cabinet Minister has told you that for a State to admit the right to work would mean ruin.

I am ruined now. Thousands like me are ruined every year. Our wives and children are ruined. Because we have not the right to work.

You admit, then, half-heartedly, that we have a right to live. I demand, then, the right to work for that living. I claim it as a right under the moral law.

I do not want charity. I assert that it is immaterial for an able man to accept charity. Charity in such a case degrades both the giver and the taker.

I will not be a beggar. I will not accept your charity. I demand work. You, my countrymen, have robbed me of the right to exercise my natural instincts of self-preservation. Your laws have robbed me of the right to work. I ask you, in the name of justice, to restore that right.

I claim the right to work. Does anyone deny the justice of my demand?—London Clarion.

It will greatly facilitate matters here in the office if the locals will order their municipal extras of the News at once.

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GET IN LINE.

With the approach of the spring election we find the strong and weak places in our organization in the various cities. The locals that have been meeting regularly and keeping up a steady propaganda are the ones that have nominated their tickets early and assumed an aggressive and militant attitude in this campaign.

From now on every effort should be made to strengthen our organization. County committees should plan to distribute literature in the unorganized districts, prepare districts for speakers, and plan a general line of attack.

In cities each local should see that the city is divided into districts or wards, and committees appointed for each ward or district to distribute literature steadily each week to the homes of the non-socialist.

Get every socialist in the local, get every member of the local to attend the meetings; get every member busy on committees or at some kind of active work. Find out what they are best adapted for and give them a commission of work.

While finances, in the way of dues, are needed yet this alone will not solve the problem. A machine must be built up as effective as Tammany, but lacking the bossism and corruption. Every member must be a tooth in the cog to move the machine. Every member must have a say and should make himself heard. Every member should feel that the success of the organization depends on his co-operation and activity. No member should ridicule the party organization, herald its weakness to the world, cast slurs on comrades, or belittle their attempts to advance our cause; but on the other hand should, by word and deed, at all times work silently and openly, seen or unseen, to eliminate the weaknesses and faults from the organization, and perfect its growth.

MOVE ON THE ENEMY.

Considering the attitude of the capitalist class towards organized labor in the mountain states, coupled with the fact that the largest mining trust has been perfected in our midst, it is necessary to our welfare as a party and as members of the working class that we checkmate the moves of the capitalists by electing socialists to office.

The election of a few socialist aldermen this spring and the electing of socialists to the next legislature will do more to offset the conspiracy of the capitalists and stiffen the backbone of labor when the storm breaks, than anything else we know of.

Six active, militant socialists in the next legislature will be a power to the movement in the northwest. Six active militant socialists in the next legislature may mean the defeat of Senator Clark for re-election. Six socialists in the next legislature may mean that the last capitalist or tool of capitalists has been sent to the United States senate from Montana. To do this means a continuation of the active work we have been doing. The state organization is working overtime in its endeavor to perfect the organization. The local quorum will meet in April and discuss and plan the summer campaign and outline the attacks to be made during the season of open air work. On the rank and file depends the success, whether the plans are successful or not. Let every member get busy in the local. Let every local support the state organization. Let every member get in and push.

DEATH AT THE DAM.

Sunday morning one of the men who are driving the piles in the dam at Hauserlake slipped on the icy logs, fell into twenty feet of water, and the body

has not since been found.

The work is among the most dangerous that can be undertaken at this season of the year. The logs are so slippery with ice that the men can only stand on them by wearing cork soles. With their benumbed limbs in this bitter weather every man takes his life in his hands when he works on the Amalgamated company's dam. This devouring of human life into the monstrous maw of capitalism is one of the inevitable conditions of wage labor under the capitalist system. At the packing houses in Chicago the great vats of boiling lard stand unguarded on a level with the floor, and daily helpless victims fall into the death traps and are shipped over the country in tins of fine leaf lard. At the Bessemer steel works at Pueblo, Colo., the machinery is defective, and it is an everyday occurrence for the converters to burst, and a deluge of molten metal kills the wretched Austrians in the trenches. No report is ever made of the deaths. At W. A. Clark's works, on the United Verde mine at Jerome, Arizona, laborers are traced to this point by their friends, and then all track of them lost. They simply fall into the immense cauldrons of metal and are strung over the country in the shape of copper wire. The ravages of capitalist industry are more frightful than those of war. Workers, the socialists are voting to own and run the industries themselves. They will operate them in their own interests and protection of their own lives will be their first consideration.

ANOTHER PLUTE SHEET GONE CRAZY.

The Red Lodge Pickett has a fit of hysterics over a letter from Comrade Austin, printed several weeks ago. Comrade Austin, referring to the recent purchase by Meyer of the Red Lodge Gazette, and the bitter factions in the republican ranks in that town, said the new paper would be anti-Alderson, which he thought would help the socialist cause. He was referring to the fact that any split in the ranks of the enemy and exposure of their dishonest methods always give strength to the socialist movement. In the course of his remarks he said that if the Alderson faction named the republican ticket the other faction might support the socialists. The Pickett straightway picks up the statement and proclaims that there is a fusion deal on between Meyer and the socialists. This is simply another instance of the wilful misrepresentation of the methods of the Socialist party by those who wish to mislead the working class to vote for their own enslavement. Not all the plute factions and bankers in Montana will get any fusion deal out of the socialists, but they may vote for us if they want to.

NOBLE LABORS ENDED

In the death of Miss Susan B. Anthony there has passed from the scene of human efforts one of the most notable characters in the progress of modern civilization. Miss Anthony gave all the years of her life from the time she was twenty-six till her death at eighty-six to the cause of human liberty in some one of its forms. She worked for the temperance movement, for the abolition of slavery, for juster laws for women, for better conditions for working girls. But the crowning intense devotion of her life was given to the cause of woman's political enfranchisement. And as the evolution of intelligence has gone forward she has passed from the odium that attaches to one who condemns the old way, and proclaims the newer and better, to the honor and love that rest as a benediction on those that have forced a new truth upon the consciousness of mankind. She has passed from rotten eggs, mud and water thrown upon her to magnificent flowers presented at brilliant receptions, the homage of kings and queens, and the grandeur of earth. Her last words were those of regret that the cause of woman's equality and freedom had not triumphed. Like the majority of those devoted to reform movements her mind concentrated on the one object alone, and she did not realize that the subordinating of woman's position was the result of social economic conditions and so long as class rule exists the weaker must be kept in subjection. Women will be free when all men are free. There is no freedom but economic freedom. But in the meanwhile all men and women who are working sincerely

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for juster conditions are breaking down the barriers of prejudice by which the reign of ignorance and superstition will sometime be banished from human life. Miss Anthony's name will be held in grateful veneration as one of the emancipators of all human life.

MORE REPUBLICAN HYSTERICS.

The brainy republican representative on the Valley News, of Glasgow, comments on Mrs. Hazlett's recent lectures in that place in an erudite style that is truly amazing. In the first place he does not present a single argument that was given in the course of lectures, presumably for the reason that his mind is totally incapable of grasping the simplest socialist thought. In lieu of having anything else to which he dares to tie his criticism he complains of Mrs. Hazlett using slang. Nothing could more openly show the pusillanimous method of the capitalists. They are utterly unable to meet our arguments and hence resort to petty misrepresentation prejudice the mind of the public against us. But the subterfuge could hardly have been more transparent than in this instance. It might ordinarily be supposed that those who speak from the standpoint of the working class have not a particularly classic command of English diction. Mrs. Hazlett, however, has been remarkable on the American lecture platform for some ten years, on various subjects for the sweep and purity of her vocabulary. Not even in private life do her closest friends ever accuse her of any forms of expression approaching the vulgarity of slang. Moreover, as a high school teacher of English literature her surroundings have not been particularly conducive to what is doubtless the familiar atmosphere of the editorial defender of capitalism on the Valley News. In any talk to a general public, working class or otherwise

colloquial terms are used rather than high-sounding classical phrases. But simplicity is far removed from the realm of slang, and the malicious canard in the parasitic defender of capitalist bull pens is an insult both to the working class as listeners and to the advocate of their freedom from class rule. Another gross misrepresentation in this conglomeration of false impressions is the statement that the socialists are wroth with Governor Toole because he did not appoint some of them to office. This assertion is so puerile to those who know anything of the socialist constitution or platform that it is unworthy of comment. No person can even hold a membership in the socialist party who accepts a position, elective or appointive, under a capitalist administration. A sample of capitalist criticism like this bears its own ear marks. Under socialism young men would not have to prostitute their abilities and betray their class to hold a job and get something to eat.

It is sad that great men are cursed with bad relatives; according to an unchallenged article in The Saturday Evening Post, Nicholas the husband of "Princess Alice" is a low grade political corruptionist, and according to a press dispatch the brother of the vice-president was among the recent incendiary mobocrats in the negro quarters of Springfield, Ohio.

The priceless information came out in the supreme Investigating Court the other day that the Beef Trust is a most obliging creature; that it opened its books and furnished all the information Investigator Garfield desired. It forgot to add that it furnished also the whitewash with which Garfield so liberally painted the report.

Those people in Seattle who want "a little socialism at a time," elected a public ownership mayor and then turned around and elected the rest of the ticket republican. They need a few more jolts before they wake up.

Twenty-two rifles and 10,000 stands of arms on their way to China to shoot Americans and Christians, were found on the American steamer Manchuria; an instance of capitalist patriotism.

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It is found that most of that bawling, looting, burning maniacal mob in Springfield, Ohio, were boys between 14 and 22. Juvenile perverts are another hideous product of capitalist civilization.