

WORKERS STRIKE AT THE BALLOT BOX

For Socialism and the Lives of Your Brothers in Boise Jails

Bozeman Socialists

Nominate Ticket and Adopt Working Class Platform.

Ticket.

First ward—D. E. Frazier.
Second ward—Hyrum Olson.

The socialists of Bozeman nominated candidates for alderman at their convention held March 23. They are putting up a good fight and showing the capitalists that they are looking to a better state of society.

Platform.

We, the socialists of Bozeman, Mont., in mass convention assembled, renew our allegiance to the principles of international socialism and present to the voters of Bozeman these same principles in detail to be applied into municipal rather than national issues as a platform in this campaign.

We believe that all workers should get the equivalent of all they produce, and we demand that they shall get it. As the only means of realizing this demand we declare that the workers who get only a small share of what they produce, shall peacefully obtain the same at the ballot box. Therefore as a majority party we would put our principles as a whole into operation. But as a minority party we favor all measures of benefit to the working class as a whole, and such as will lead to the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth. We therefore favor the following measures.

We demand the municipal ownership of all public utilities.
We demand that no contract labor shall be performed on public works.
We also demand an eight hour labor day on public works.
(Signed) COMMITTEE.

Gompers is squealing because of Congress' "indifference" to all labor measures. Gompers is foolish or he would know that none but the working class are interested in working class measures.

The capitalists are to double the appropriations for the National Guards service, increase it from one to two million dollars, and are going to place the naval militia in the same relation to the government as the National Guard. Slowly, almost imperceptibly the capitalist government is preparing for any emergency that may arise from the growing strength of labor. Let the union men put the label on the militia; that is better than having it shoot you. Get in the militia and infect it with unionism. When loyalty to labor becomes general with the working class there will be no one to shoot workingmen.

Roosevelt was a little previous in congratulating the Moro female murderers upon their "brilliant achievement." This coarse and brutal poser before the world, who is by turns an angel of peace, hero, gospel peddler, bear killer, model father, and whooping rough rider, for once was too hasty and has called down the indignation upon himself of the thoughtful and decent.

The flour millmen of Kansas have prepared a complaint charging a half dozen railroads with carrying wheat ten cents cheaper to the California mills than they will carry Kansas flour to the coast. This whine of the little grafters against the big grafters is amusing. The railroads are simply following a business principle of encouraging wheat shipments to the coast in preference to flour, because the wheat trade is bigger. The little grafters want to stop them from doing what is best for themselves. In the end they will kill each other off like Kilkenny cats and the people will own the railroads.

Workingmen Attention!

Be Prepared on the Primary Law

The last assembly passed a bill, known as Senate Bill No. 79, which provided for a law regulating election primaries, to be adopted by the people of the state of Montana, by petition and special elections.

The law is a most cunningly prepared document calculated to deprive the working class of any liberty in making nominations for candidates, or sending delegates to conventions.

It is a deep laid plot to enthrone the corporations under the semblance of an extension of popular government.

The Amalgamated company has pushed the law from first to last. It is in counties where the corporations are the strongest that the politicians have most vigorously circulated the petitions. Workingmen, vote it down.

It was hatched by a legislature that has never been anything but the agent of corporate power; vote it down.

It is a rich man's law; It will cost a candidate from \$75 to \$300 to get his name before the people.

The same frauds can be committed at the primary election under the primary law that can be committed at the polling booth; Vote it down.

It will cost counties like Cascade \$6,000 extra to hold the elections; Vote it down.

It abolishes nominations by mass meetings, and leaves nominations to designing tricksters; Vote it down.

Under the primary law only office seekers can come before the people; Vote it down.

It increases the difficulties under which new parties can get on the official ballot; Vote it down.

It is class legislation as it is restricted to certain officials; Vote it down.

It is aimed to suppress reform; Vote it down.

It stimulates corruption; Vote it down.

It breeds perjurers; Vote it down.

It furnishes an official blacklist for big companies; Vote it down.

It enables the political hirelings of the trusts to hire floaters to vote for the set of candidates desired in any political party; Vote it down.

Workingmen, it is not to help you, it is to render you helpless. It is the work of the ruling class of society. If you value your ballot, its liberty, its power to free you in government. Vote Down the Primary Law.

VOTE IT DOWN!! VOTE IT DOWN!! VOTE IT DOWN!!

Great Falls Nominates

Socialists Are Active and Great Campaign Alarms Copper Collars.

Ticket.

First ward—George I. Dickinson.
Second ward—Myles J. Scallon.
Third ward—William N. Palsgrove.
Fourth ward—Hiram L. Hull.

The Socialists of Great Falls held their convention on March 23. They adopted a clear and positive platform, and in unmistakable terms declare against the adoption of the primary law.

Their platform is as follows:

Platform.

We, the Socialists of Great Falls, in mass convention assembled, present to the voters of Great Falls, for their consideration in this municipal campaign, our platform and candidates.

We reaffirm our adherence to the

interest of the working class and to the principles and program of international socialism.

Realizing the failure of the present industrial system to relieve the wants of the necessities of the masses, we call upon the workers to free themselves at the ballot box and to study the principles of Socialism, and if elected to power our candidates pledge themselves to work for the interest of the producing classes only.

We positively adhere to the principle of the secret ballot and to the program of our national platform, the initiative and referendum and imperative mandate, and we call upon all producers of wealth to study our principles, that they may reap the full benefits of their labor.

The Standard Oil company signalized the fact during the week that the Kansas investigation had not yet wholly crushed it by advancing the price of gasoline one half cent a gallon. It might do well to investigate the reason for the raise.

A good example of the growing morbidism of our capitalistic system which is systematically exploited, is the fact that Pat Crowe the notorious bandit and kidnapper is about to start out on a lecture tour.

The New York police are investigating an almost unbelievable condition of white female slavery that exists in the negro districts of New York city. What foul and awful condition cannot lurk in the dens of our hideous civilization?

Moyer, Haywood, and Pettibone have been distributed among the Idaho jails, because the Pinkerton thugs requested it for purposes of sweating. The beef trust magnates were acquitted on the grounds that they had given testimony under force. Where is our boasted "equality before the law?"

"The democracy" has enunciated the principles to guide it in the fall campaign from Tammany Hall, New York. It declares itself unqualifiedly opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities on the ground that private corporations can manage those things better. This is a pretty good indication of what interest the democrats represent, and about how rapidly the democratic party is drifting toward reform.

Roosevelt said to the Gompers lobby the other day, "the bonds that unite all good American citizens are stronger by far than the difference which I think you accentuate altogether too much between the men who do one kind of labor and men who do another." Roosevelt would have us believe that all men are laborers in this beastly parasitic civilization and have interests in common. He would class rent taking, profit gouging, interest wracking as work, in the same sense that weaving cloth, running an engine or raising wheat is work. The man who makes a profit out of the use of your body as a producer has the same benevolent interest in your family that you yourself have, and he who lowers your wages or raises the price of the things you buy is as much interested in seeing that your children are educated as you are.



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THE WORKER'S OPPORTUNITY.

Next Monday, April 2, is election day. Once more the government of the nation calls to the great masses, always the toilers and producers, to come forth and exercise their sovereign power, and choose who shall be their rulers.

The socialists alone lift their heads in intelligent and indignant protest over the outrages and the suffering heaped upon the world's disinherited. The Socialists alone understand that the useful toilers are poor and miserable because they are forced to fight for a chance to work, and then give up their product to the masters of the means of life.

O, workers, awaken! To-morrow calls once more to you to protest. Montana, with the shame of its courts and its senators, bids you hearken to the clink of the handcuffs on manacled labor. They say the copper war is over; it has just commenced. But this time it will be the copper magnates against the copper toilers.

The city election is the threshold of the conquests beyond. Workers, to-morrow is your opportunity. You may make the world anew. You may make your city anew if you will.

The great battle between the government and the Beef Trust magnates ended, Chicago, March 22, in the fifteen law breakers, although their guilt was evident, being freed by Judge Humphrey of the supreme court. The legal loophole in this instance was the excuse that the law breakers had been compelled to give evidence against their will by Commissioner Garfield, which evidence could not be used against them; working people are sweated and convicted on the evidence thus gained; but then, no one supposes trust magnates to be subject to laws designed for the working people.

One of the latest cases of resistance to the law which almost ended in the death of an officer is the case of Henry M. Tilford, Standard Oil multimillionaire thug of New York city. When the officer thrust his arm through the window of the former's automobile and dropped a subpoena in his lap summoning him to court to testify in the case against the trust, the wealthy criminal raised the window, caught the officers arm, dragged him several hundred feet in a break neck pace dropped him and sped on. When it comes to trampling on law the trust anarchist beats them all.

The reason given by the coal trust

operators for refusing the wage raise asked by Mitchell and his organization is that such a raise would absolutely wipe out profits and cripple the industry. If this is true; if under our capitalistic civilization there is no way to furnish the coal of the nation except through the sacrifice of all that makes life worth anything by the half million coal diggers and their dependents; then there should be no hesitancy in the determination to sweep the system away. Humanity should have no coal until it can compensate those men directly to the full value of this sacrifice, who give their happiness, their manhood and their lives to bring forth coal from the earth.

Workingman, stand with your class at the ballot box.

HELENA SOCIAL

The card party given by Helena Local last week, was voted by all present the most enjoyable affair of the kind yet given by the party. About 80 tickets were sold, and the crowd showed a disposition from the first to enjoy themselves.

The mandolin club gave several selections; and Comrade Florence Sartain sang a solo. She was accompanied by Miss Maud Clemens. The game of progressive whist was carried on with a zest, the winner of the most games having over sixty to his credit. The reason we have never credited the prizes in these pages is that it is a regulation of the postoffice department that papers mentioning card prize contests are debarred from the mails.

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Corrupt Practices of Class Government.

It seems to a man not too far from the ground that the grand old party is in the middle of a bad condition. They have lied so often, so persistently, and so long, that to tell the truth, would be rather like trying some new patent medicine, they are afraid of the result.

That smooth working machine, called protection, is getting creaky and uncertain in its movement and there are some manipulators that seem to be unable to tell just where to use lubrication, and Germany and China have now undertaken to install machines of their own. Whether they will undertake to get patents in this country depends upon the action of the present men at the throttle. But there is a feeling in the breasts of some of our smart set, that something must be done.

Now that looked good in some ways and our manufacturers were pleased with it, and, if history may be credited, they began to profit by it—not by improving their capacity, but by raising the price on commodities up to the level with what England must pay in order to enter our market. Through the operation of that thing called protection the farmers seemed to get the bad end of the bargain and they were at that time a power to be considered, for this was an essentially agricultural country, and they naturally expected that the prices of their products would rise in proportion to the prices of factory products.

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foreign competition. We would naturally suppose by the passage of the labor laws that the infant industries had all the men they needed and would not infringe on a law that was intended to protect their own countrymen; but the figures for the last year will hardly bear that throughout, 978,000 immigrants—somebody has gone wrong and it looks more suspicious that the influx of foreigners should begin just when the first tariff was levied in 1820, and a continuous stream has poured in every year since until the very nice sum of 22,572,000 has been absorbed by the country in the face of all laws that were calculated to prohibit excessive immigration.

But in the investigation of the beef trust by order of that same Mr. Roosevelt, there seems to be some misunderstanding as to the scope of the publicity dope. The judge, Grosscup by name, when instructing the jury, rather ignored the idea of letting the public in on that deal and gave them to understand that the real beef trust was not on trial, but the agents and managers who were representing them. I suppose by that he did not consider Mr. Armour, Swift, Cudahy, and other chief moguls of that grand aggregation had anything to do with the trust, so while their hirelings were being hauled over the coals these immunes were traveling in Europe.

T. P. CRUMLEY.

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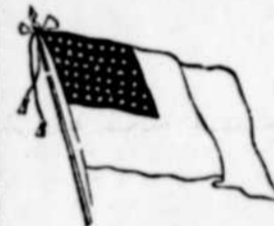
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Comrade Renneker, secretary of Local Forsyth, asks for a copy of the primary law. He reports an interesting meeting of the local on March 19.

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-OWEN SMITH.

Women's Clubs

WOMAN AND ECONOMICS.

Mrs. Hazlett's Lecture before the Workers' Educational Club, Sunday Evening, Jan. 7.

The subject of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's famous book has been taken as the title for this address. It will be necessary to an understanding of the treatment to define the term "economics," explain the province of the science of political economy, and the various constructions that have been put upon the word "wealth."

We will take it as referring to the means of obtaining the necessities of life.

The modern and scientific interpretation of history is based on the causes that lie in the conditions of obtaining the necessities of life. The scholars, and teachers of history in the most advanced institutions of learning to-day first seek the surrounding physical conditions before they attempt to account for the event.

Thus we come to the purely scientific method of the interpretation of phenomena, the examination of the data as facts first, and then the process of arriving at the conclusion.

It may seem at first that the "interesting sex," as Bernard Shaw has been kind enough to call us, would have nothing in common with such dry matters as science, and history, and philosophical conclusions.

Woman's Position. But woman's position, both as an individual and in society, cannot be interpreted "according to her nature," as the ordinary uninformed, crude, superficial mind has been accustomed to account for everything, as though all was made by adamant prearrangement, and could never be changed.

The universe and everything that is in it is in a continual state of flux. This flux is called evolution, and is caused by adaptation to environment.

Woman's position in society must necessarily include the sex relation, or marriage regarded as an institution. The scientists tell us that this relation like every other custom and institution has changed as economic conditions have changed.

References. References were made to Lewis Morgan's works on "Ancient Society," and the "Iroquois Indians," Engels' "Origin of the Family," Mrs. Gilman's "Woman and Economics," and August Bebel's "Die Frau."

The earliest condition in which the anthropologist finds the human race is the tribal. The tribal is not a promiscuous association of human beings, but an iron-clad organization, with regulations and ethical laws of its own, the same as modern society.

At this time, when man was frail and weak upon the earth, in a perpetual war with nature for the means of subsistence, it was a question of self-preservation to reproduce himself to the utmost. A woman's social position, and indeed her very life, depended upon her being a mother. At such times woman and motherhood were held in the highest honor. When Rome was desirous of more soldiers with which to conquer the world the public saluted the prospective mother, and Napoleon never ceased to laud the mothers. He needed more soldiers to slaughter.

Not Dependent. Women were not economically dependent on men. This led to great freedom for physical and mental development, and the positions of prestige which women held. This was evidenced by the descriptions of Caesar and the Roman historians of the time of the Roman invasion.

Because men were engaged in hunting and the defense of the tribe

women were the early inventors of household arts, weaving, pottery, dressing skins, building houses, agriculture, use of fire, and cooked food. Private property was unknown in times of the common welfare.

How did the human race make the change to the present condition? It came from necessity—the attempt of every living organism to preserve itself;—The cause of the persistence of the type is that those that were successful in adapting themselves to the environment lived and were enabled to perpetuate their kind. Other types perished.

Enslaved Women.

Tribes increased and pressed on the means of life. Wars were the result. The chief victor was given the spoils, the conquered were made slaves—and women were enslaved as wives. These times were written in the Homeric legends. Those who have read Greek may remember how Achilles sulked in his tents before the gates of Troy, while quarreling over the disposal of the beautiful captured maiden, Briseus.

This capturing of women gave ownership as did the capturing of property. The owners were the strongest, hence they established a government to protect their interests, and maintained it by military power. They secluded women, not one but many, and set up the family based on private property.

We have examples of this social epoch in Bible times and the family of ancient Rome.

Ethical or moral standards follow customs.

This ownership of woman was complete cemented by law and maintained by superior strength.

The Roman law sets forth her complete subjugation. English law, founded on the Roman reflects the same condition of "subordination of the mother sex. Blackstone states that under the code woman is a nonentity and a chattel. Conditions concerning her property, children, marriage and divorce, government are all made for her.

Limited Sphere.

Woman is thus confined to a limited sphere and forced to busy herself with trifling details.

But above all she must secure the economic support of man—and this has been her chief aim through the awful ages of her enslavement. She had only the alternative of being man's drudge or his toy. She was placed in perpetual competition with her sisters for the favor of man, the cause of nature was reversed with awful effect upon the character of woman and her children.

So when you see women accused of silly and childish things you will know the reason why they have developed these characteristics. They have been hampered mentally and physically. They have been kept from the arts, the professions, and the realm of science. Only the bravest have dared to break through the magic circle of male prohibition. Paul LaFargue has given some admirable statistics concerning the relative size of the male and the female brains, of body, and of mental strength.

But behold! the economic change has made another wonderful change in woman's position in an opposite direction

Economic Change.

This is the invention of modern machinery. Cheapened labor has thrown men out of work—women take their places as bread winners. They invade all industries, arts, and trades with consequent breaking up of homes, prostitution, death to bodies, but eventually freedom and emancipation to both bodies and souls.

Woman's brain is keener, she has a larger outlook on life, her body is healthier. The modern intelligent, sensible, busy woman makes the best mother. She is only the prototype of what the future free, self-reliant woman will be who chooses the father of her children because of fitness, and not because of economic pressure.

Recaptures Means of Life.

When society has once more recaptured its machinery of production, when the abundance of life is open to all, then and not till then shall we know the capacity, power, and beauty of the feminine nature. Then will man sue for her favors as she is forced to sue to-day for his support. Then, as Engels says, for the first time in history will the monogamous marriage be established, and it will be established on mutual attraction, affection, and respect. The only possible freedom for woman, as for every other living creature, is economic freedom.

Quit voting for what you don't want, and vote for what you do want even if you don't get it.

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National News

The state committee of Pennsylvania reports having received a protest from Schuylkill county against wasting money in the coal fields, by sending organizers there during a strike. Their objections are based upon the ground that free speakers and literature at such times militates against the establishment of a healthy and responsible organization thereafter. That locals formed under such circumstances are composed of members not acquainted with the socialist philosophy, and such an organization may readily become a prey for practical politicians as has been the case in several instances in the past.

Since the strike of 1902 a new trespass law has been passed which would bar our speakers at many points. The state committee takes the same view and suggests that the nature of the assistance rendered, should be that newspaper writers should be stationed at vantage points to send write-ups, reports and letters to the socialist press and labor papers.

Comrade D. Feely of San Jose, California, who died recently, left his estate mainly to the Socialist party. Two comrades are acting as executors under the direction of the state committee. It is expected the party will be the beneficiary to the extent of several thousand dollars.

Dates for national lecturers and organizers for the coming week are: James H. Brower, March 25, Dennison, Texas; 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Fort Worth.

E. E. Carr, March 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Newark, N. J.

John Collins, March 25, 26, 27, Alta, Ala; 28, 29, 30, 31, South Omaha, Nebr.

A. H. Floaten, March 22, Lincoln Neb; 23, Omaha; 24, Des Moines, Ia; 26, Waterloo; 27, enroute; 27, Kewanee, Ill.

George H. Goebel: Under the direction of the Pennsylvania state committee. March 15, Rochester; 16, New Brighton; 17, Monaca; 18, New Castle; 19-20, Franklin; 21, Titusville; 22, New Kesington; 23, Derry Station; 24, Hindman; 26, Williamsport; 27, New Albany; 28, Sayre; 29, Shamokin; 30, Locust Gap.

Guy E. Miller, March 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Winston-Salem N. C.

John W. Slayton, March 25, 26, 27, Bfsbee Ariz; 28, enroute; 29, 30, 21, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

M. W. Wilkins, March 26, Proctorsville, Vt; 27, Rutland, 28, 29, 30, 31, Connecticut, under the direction of the state committee.

John M. Work, March 25, 26. Under the direction of Oklahoma Territorial committee.

Ben Hanford: Applications for Comrade Ben Hanford are being received from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

August Bebel, leader of the German Socialist party has decided to lecture in America in June of this year. He will incidentally study economic conditions here and try to solve the question as to the social backwardness of the American working class in comparison with the working class of Europe.

The Chicago Socialist party will hold from two to five or six meetings every day from March 23 until April 2.

An attempt was made by the politicians at the recent city elections in Pennsylvania to stamp out socialism by refusing to count the socialist vote. Several cases of fraud have been shown by comrades.

A new set of delegates has been elected to the Trades Assembly in Cleveland who are attempting to change the policy of "The Cleveland Citizen" edited by Max Hayes and issued by that body. It is thought they will expunge the socialist columns which have been run in the paper for years.

LABOR NEWS

Federal Labor Union No. 133 of Billings has adopted the following resolutions, expressive of the views of the membership of that organization:

Whereas, We, the officers and members of Billings Federal Labor Union No. 133, of Billings, Mont., can see no occasion for the unnecessary haste in deporting the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, Charles H. Moyer and Wm. D. Haywood and their associates from their own state without first allowing them a preliminary trial, or any action whatever to show that they were guilty of any offense, and we hereby condemn the Associated Press reports sent broadcast condemning these men in advance of any trial of any kind for the sole purpose of creating a prejudice against them; and

Whereas, We condemn any and all unlawful or unfair acts of any kind; be it herefore

Resolved, That we hereby demand a fair and unbiased trial of these parties, having confidence that they can prove themselves innocent.

Billings Labor Union, No. 133. By Committee.

STATE NEWS

Word comes from Comrade Petersen congratulating us on the fine typographical appearance of the election printing sent out by the News for the Butte local. The News can equal anything in the state in that line.

Comrade Andrew McDonald is always doing things. He sends in \$3 for subscribers to the News and to the Appeal. He has this to say in regard to our organization work: "If a speaker goes to Malta I think it would pay to take a side trip to Zortman, as it is quite a little mining camp, and the hotel keeper there is a good socialist. He says that if a speaker comes that it won't cost them anything for hotel charges. His name is Edgar Bush."

The Finn local of Butte sends in \$12 for four books of stamps.

Comrade Allen of Trout Creek sends \$2.50 for five subscription cards.

Havre is enthusiastic over the campaign. Comrade Gillespie writes: "The political pot is boiling here. The opponents to our program are so split up among themselves that they hardly know on which foot they are standing. Comrade Miller is now out rustling subs for our campaign fund.

The latest merger is a syndication of all the railways of Oakland and San Francisco and vicinity. The manner in which work is piling up for future Federal courts is appalling.

Lake Como Local of Socialist Party has obtained a Charter from the State Committee and is now ready to receive applications for membership from any farmer or wage worker in Ravalli county. For further information writhe to the address—Lake Como Local, Como, Montana.

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MALICIOUS LIE.

Word is being circulated in the usual lying malicious, contemptible way employed by the capitalist class to sidetrack any political action by the workers, that Fairgrieve will pull off the socialist ticket at the last moment. Anyone familiar with the methods of the Socialist party looks with contempt upon such cheap campaigning. A socialist goes on a ticket to stay and Purcell and all the copper gang together haven't got money enough to pull him off. Socialists are that part of the working class that take their revolutionary stand because they wish a revolution. There is more money the other way.

It is also currently reported around Helena that even if the socialist ticket is elected our officials will never be seated. All this is done to discourage and frighten off the class-conscious vote of the workers. Don't be alarmed. If our men are elected we'll see that every one is installed in office. The socialists are wise to the tricks of the plutes. You vote straight. The party will take care of the rest.

SAME OLD TUNE.

The democratic convention has nominated Mayor Purcell to succeed himself for mayor of Helena. The platform adopted consists mostly in scathing flings at previous administrations, and self-congratulation over the alleged benefits of the present one. It declares with time-honored capitalist hypocrisy for the municipal ownership of public utilities, city scales, a free employment agency, and a limited referendum. They are the same old promises that have been made for years, and violated always. Those who represent the wolves are live off of them.

There is another phase to the Hauslerlake scandal that makes it still more damnable. Chessman and Lindsay were on the committee for St. Peter's hospital that went out to examine the conditions at the dam with a view as to the emergency the hospital would have to meet. They reported everything all right. The report shows "steering." The question is—Can a man who is so easily steered when looking after a charitable church institution be as easily "steered" when at the head of the affairs of the city as mayor? Is he to be trusted to carry the city out of the mire of graft and debt in which it is now swamped?

He is now sending oranges and all sorts of rare fruit to the hospital to offset the disease he covered up.

The capitalist press is going to great lengths to explain to its readers that the new Labor party of Great Britain is not socialistic or revolutionary. Its anxiety is something pitiful. The fact that the leaders and the majority of the new party are socialists is not mentioned in these accounts. The explanation is to the effect that the new party is purely a simple, "labor" party devoted to harmless reforms. This was their trick when the German Socialist party suddenly sprang into prominence. Their fear that their victims on this side of the Atlantic will be swept into the world revolution is the most disconcerting fact they have to face.

THE FORLORN HOPE.

If there ever was a political chop suey that is a warning to all grafters, ward heelers, and the hangers on that hope to make a ten-cent stake out of everything that smells of public rations, it was materialized in the attempt the republicans made to hold a convention in Helena. Everything was dead, lifeless, devitalized, putrescent. The crimes of the past against the commonweal seemed to hang dolefully in the atmosphere, and the motif that dominated every participant might have been written in letters of fire on the wall: "Rockefeller owns us all anyway, Publicans or Dems are all the same. What we want is to keep out the socialists." Lindsay, the chief of the Citizens' Alliance, was made the standard bearer. The Citizens' Alliance wants to run Helena, and it wants the workmen to put it in power so it can do so.

But the "Resolutions and Platform" is the triumph of dissembler's art that ought to disgust every self-respecting working man in Helena. It blathers about "good feeling," "harmony," the "absence of strife and discord within party lines," when everybody knows that the Carter and Edwards factions virtually had their fingers at each other's throats. There are the familiar maunderings about "prosperity" and "good citizenship." The red-handed Citizens' Alliance is liable to bring both for the working class. The crown is finally put on its shameful perjury when it promises a "clean, fearless, honest, energetic, capable, business-like and economical administration." Workers, just think of these fellows doing anything in an "honest" way. The only way they can help their own "business interests" is to be dishonest. And yet with such transparent falsehoods have the workers been beguiled since the beginning of American history.

The "Principles and Purposes" is the part of the document however, that appeals most touchingly to gods and men and little fishes. It declares for the construction of a "complete new water system by the city." It certainly does not look very plausible that these fellows would establish city ownership of water, when this same gang has just given away a 25-year street car franchise. They also declare for a referendum on all important municipal matters.

It is the old story—traps for the workers to get them to vote the economic masters into political power. There is no relief for the toil-worn workers except as they put their own class in office, on their own program of economic interest, hedged about by the protective measures employed by the Socialist party, of the referendum in nominations and power of recall of candidates.



DR. G. A. WILLET,
Socialist Candidate for Treasurer.

Over 16000 inquiries have been received in the government land office, Helena, Montana, from eastern homeseekers. No encouragement could be given these on account of the railroad land monopoly in the state. The railroads are waiting for the state to settle up in order to raise the value of their bonds, and thus we move in a vicious circle.

China shall have a constitutional government says Prince Tsai Tse who just passed through America on his tour of the world. China's sudden awakening has startled the world. When that vast, patient, enduring, cheap living mass of laborers, unite with machinery, then goodbye to all foreign trade, our national surplus of goods, and our capitalist system of production.

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(Special to the News.)

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John Hogan, 106 Main Street, Livingston, Mont.

PERJURY OF PURCELL.

Can the Workers Be Fooled All the Time?

The grand stand play of both the capitalistic parties in regard to a free city employment agency is the star act in the nauseating farce to befool the working vote once more. During Edward's administration an act was passed to establish such an agency, but no appropriation was made for it. Edwards said he would see that the appropriation was passed, but he never redeemed his promise. The ordinance was prepared by the Trades Assembly, the council passed it, but provided no means for its maintenance.

Workingman, how do you like being shoved off in that way?

Promised Agency.

For two years Purcell has not known that such an ordinance was on the books, and yet his chief boast is the accuracy of the books. If he were so anxious to establish a free employment agency why did he not carry out the city ordinance? He talks of buying up the city franchises. What wonderful consolation that must be to the toiling voters. The street car franchise runs for 25 years, the water franchise expires in 1910, and the gas franchise runs for 15 years. Workers, you see what immediate relief along that line Purcell is likely to give you. Wait till you're dead and you'll be happy. The city is \$900,000 in debt and at this rate it will be \$1,900,000 before you ever get any free city benefits.

No Coal Yard.

The man with an eye in his head will notice that no mention is made of a city coal yard or ice pond or anything that could be of immediate, practical benefit. Oh, no, that might interfere with somebody's profits. Whenever the socialists get in control in this city they will immediately establish these utilities, and everybody knows it just as well as they know that the other fellows won't.

Hoisted Black Flag.

When T. J. Walsh was making his nomination speech for Purcell, and accused Lindsay, the republican candidate, as the man who hoisted the black flag in the trade unions of Helena and put them out of business, it was worth a month's pay check to see E. C. Day, the chairman, shrink together in his chair, and all over the hall the other citizens' alliance delegates squirm into the smallest space possible. But the play had to be made to the "dear workers," and the alliance convention had to keep their facts straight.

Where Is Your Boy?

This is a sweet smelling set to talk of a clean administration with the young boys going to the gambling halls, rushing the can in saloons, and frequenting the dives, in open violation of the ordinance. Where is your boy tonight? Ask Purcell. This last week they've been cleaning up a little—the boys and the streets together. After election the boys can go to Hades for another two years.

Brag of Car Fares.

Purcell brags of the reduced car fares. The copper company reduced the fares for a twenty-five year franchise and the council had nothing to do with it.

Violates Law.

A state law was passed for an eight-hour day for all city work. Mayor Purcell never tried to operate it till Fairgrieve, the socialist candidate for mayor, forced him by a threat of pulling the city. Recs Davis began action against the city officials to see that the eight-hour law was obeyed in regard to policemen. Purcell and Day entered the courts to defeat the action, and at present are still holding the case off. In Helena the policemen are forced to work twelve hours a day by this gang that loves the working men, while in Butte and Anaconda they work eight hours a day. Workers, do

you see your finish with these people in control?

Bows to Alliance.

Two years ago several of the union men raised the issue that Purcell was to be favorable to organized labor in order to beat Edwards. Frank Andrews was promised the job of street commissioner provided he would elect Purcell. Andrews was the most active union man in the city and president of the Trades Assembly. After Purcell's election he received the appointment and served five days. At the first meeting of the council a committee from the citizens' alliance went before it, handed an ultimatum to Purcell, Andrews was kicked out, and had to leave the city to find a job.

Workers, Vote for Your Class.

How any self-respecting working man can vote for such a gang of labor haters is beyond comprehension.

The record of the capitalist class under any party name is always the same so far as the interests of the workers are concerned. Government is a class struggle. The socialists understand the issue, the others do not. Socialists vote for what they want today, and tomorrow it will be theirs.

CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE NOTES.

Local union 138, Industrial Workers of the World, passed resolutions endorsing the Helena Socialist ticket, and voted a contribution of \$5 to the campaign fund. Power workers union 253, Industrial Workers of the World, is yet to be heard from, but they will no doubt take their stand also with the political struggle of the working class.

The efforts of the hustlers in the Helena local are bringing in gratifying contributions to our local fund. Not only working men but business men as well are helping us, which goes to prove that the socialist propaganda appeals to all the victims of the system without regard to their position in the economic scale.

The city central committee is arranging for street meetings and possibly one or two ward meetings. Helena is particularly fortunate at this time in having several good speakers, who have volunteered their services to make these meetings a success. We are also expecting Ben Wilson some time during the campaign.

The Helena Trades and Labor assembly, after a lengthy and somewhat heated discussion, endorsed our ticket, without, however, giving it any financial aid. The central committee has issued a circular to all the unions in Helena, stating the position of the socialist party and asking their support. None of them have so far been heard from, but judging from the sentiments that are being expressed "on the quiet," the results will show that the pure and simple union is not quite as simple as it has been in the past.

The Helena local has gained a victory of no small moment. The secretary of the central committee was sent for by a republican alderman and informed that they (the republicans) had decided that we were entitled to election judges. The names of socialists from each ward were accordingly sent in to the council and they were all appointed. Our vote has steadily increased until at the last election we obtained a balance of power in several precincts—hence the desire of the old parties to grant us favors. From now on the socialist party in Helena is going to be both respected and feared.

The Helena branch of the Brewers' union has endorsed the socialist ticket and contributed \$3 to the campaign fund. The following men were appointed as judges to represent the Socialist party: P. Kragness, A. Anderson, William Rottler, S. Koecken and F. W. Carlson.