

## Primary Perjury

### Red Lodge Picket Offers Large Bribe as Inducement to Passing Primary Law.

The supreme court of Illinois has handed down a decision declaring the new primary law unconstitutional. Governor Deneen will call a special session of the legislature to pass a new primary law in conformity with the decision of the supreme court. There were four points in the Illinois law upon which its unconstitutionality was based; the filing of a fee for party nomination; the discrimination between large and small counties as to being entitled to a primary; the provision of primary vote for governor, and for no other state officers, and its provision restricting the number of legislative candidates to a county. The supreme court also holds that voters of the socialist party, which challenged the unconstitutionality of the law, and which has been debarred from holding a primary election under its provisions, had lost none of their rights, and fixed a date for such primary.

Carl Stroever, a first class Chicago attorney and good comrade, who has been the chief instrument in procuring the defeat of the Illinois measure, has made a careful study of the Montana law. He

says that it is thoroughly vicious. He further states that the most serious objection to the law is—that it permits outsiders to interfere with the nominations of a party. There is nothing to prevent republicans from marring democratic nominations, and vice versa. And their is in particular nothing to prevent the corporation controlled machinery of the old parties from forcing undesirable candidates upon weak new parties.

The right of self determination of parties should not be interfered with in this manner. Nobody should be allowed a voice in the choice of a candidate except members of the particular party.

Another objection is that the law arbitrarily prohibits the nomination of the same person by several tickets.

The Red Lodge Picket is figuratively standing on its head to secure the passage of the law in Carbon county. It offers to defray the printing expenses of the special election, and the holding of the first primary, in case the measure carries. Query: Who is so flush with money as to grub stake the Picket to se-

cure its sponsorship for the primary law? The News has said all along that it is only the moneyed interests that want the law passed, and this cash interest of the Picket is corroborative evidence. The Picket of last week comes out with a sensational front page account of the doing up of the imported Chicago socialist spellbinder, in other words, Comrade Murray E. King, on the primary law, by one D. J. O'Shea. According to the Picket Mr. O'Shea "refuted every argument of the socialist speaker." He cited the change in elections since the secret ballot had been introduced seeming to be blandly unconscious that the very reason the corporations were pushing the law was for the purpose of destroying the secrecy of the ballot.

He spoke of it doing away with

the boss system in balloting. The innocent gentleman has evidently never heard of the "carbon method" and the "endless chain," against both of which the Montana primary law offers no panacea. But the most naive objection of all was the assertion that this law was what the socialists had wanted and worked for. The Great Falls Tribune made a similar assertion when it found the law was defeated in Cascade county. A good fair primary law, would be of inestimable benefit to the protection of the expression of the will of the people. The proposed Montana law is just about everything that the socialists and all other honest people don't want.

Carbon county votes on this law next week and again the grafters and corporation tools will go down to ignominious defeat.

## Boise Manifesto

### Idaho Socialists Deplore Violence and Demand Justice.

Issued by Local Boise, Socialist Party, April 1, 1906.

In view of the fact that three of our fellowmen are imprisoned in this city charged with the atrocious murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, and in view of the fact that the socialists as the political representatives of the working class, are now forced to the front for examination and criticism, we feel called upon to make the following statement:

First: We direct attention to the fact that international socialism is the champion of peace and of peaceful methods. We expect to win by ballots, not by bullets. To the six million socialists alone is due the peace of Europe during the Franco-German war. We are unalterably opposed to the use of arms to achieve our victory. We appeal to mere reason and to their interests and urge them to unite at the ballot box. Historically the socialists have always been the most unrelenting and consistent opponents of anarchism.

Second: We point out that the murder case now set for trial in our state, is only an incident in the great struggle between capital and labor now in progress throughout the civilized world. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, whether innocent or guilty, would never be arrested for this crime, and Governor Steunenberg would never have been assassinated, except for the war of interests between the mine owners and the mine workers in this Rocky Mountain region. We point out that the war of interests of the employer and employed, between organized capital and organized labor, is the underlying cause of all the crime and bloody conflicts which have rent Idaho and Colorado during the last few years. It was this war of class interests, and not Governor Steunenberg which established the bull pen and imported negro soldiers in the Coeur d'Alene's. Governor Steunenberg fell as one of the victims in this class war, as many an unknown miner has also fallen. We ask all thinking people to consider what vast interests are involved in this cruel war. If the officers of the Western Federation of Miners are found guilty and condemned their organization will be ruined and the mine owners will be able to regulate wages to suit themselves.

A wage reduction of fifty cents a day for the hundred thousand members of the miners Federation equals \$50,000,000 a day or over a million dollars a month. The conviction of these men is therefore worth at least ten million dollars a year to the combined employers. Consider that even a single million judiciously expended in a political campaign can control a legislature, elect a governor, unseat judges and name a United States senator, and

see how great and far reaching the issues involved in this trial.

It was this war of class interests which devastated Colorado with unheard of violations of human rights and seated a governor not elected.

Third:—We do not know whether our comrades are guilty of the crime charged against them. We do know that they have a right to be presumed innocent till proof shall be presented sufficient to remove every reasonable doubt. We believe every fair minded citizen will agree with us that all effort should be condemned which aims to prejudice and poison the public mind against these prisoners by the publication of one-sided statements, garbled confessions, and such names as assassins, conspirators, etc.

Fourth: We request careful consideration of the fact that the murder of Governor Steunenberg was sure to injure the miners and sure to help the mine owners. Every one charged it to the miners at the first and if it can now be fastened upon them the result will be millions on millions of benefit to the employers. What possible benefit could the death of Mr. Steunenberg be to the Western Federation of Miners? If they wanted to kill some one, why didn't they select Governor McDonald, or Bulkley Wells, or Attorney Crump, or some one actually opposed to them at the present time.

We submit this absence of motive throws an immense burden of proof upon the prosecution, and entitles our fellow workingmen to an equally immense presumption of innocence.

Fifth: We call attention to fact that scores of our fellow workingmen were arrested and imprisoned in Colorado charged in the newspapers and by the officials with many heinous crimes. But not one of them was ever convicted. Moyer himself was held in Telluride jail 101 days and then liberated for lack of evidence.

Sixth: We call attention to the fact that the commonest device of the employers to defeat strikes is to provoke the strikers to violence, or to hire thugs and detectives to go among them and incite them to violence thus turning public opinion against the union and giving an excuse for ordering out the military. Horrible as the suggestion seems that Steunenberg was murdered at the instigation of the Mine Owner's themselves, it is no worse than to charge it to the workers, and it is certain that nothing better than this assassination could have happened for the Mine Owners Association in order to crush the Western Federation of Miners.

If Orchard and Adams were employed as spies and detectives and

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## Octopus Spreading

### Gas Company Cuts Wages in City Run Under Citizen's Alliance Label.

The fight of the octopus against human rights is moving gleefully along in Helena. The octopus needs more blood to satisfy its thirst. Water is too weak to sustain its life. There must be less for the maintenance of the producer and his family, and more for society's pampered few.

The gas plant of Helena, an asset of the Amalgamated copper and coal oil combination of John D's, has decided to reduce wages. The engineers in its employ received notice, to take effect April 1, of a reduction of \$25 a month, and the further curtailing of expenses by dispensing with the services of all helpers who have been receiving \$75 a month. The wages of the managing department and chief clerk have been increased. This means less living for the producers, or those who build up society, and more and greater luxuries for the persons who live by exploitation.

The next public graft to receive the attentions of this murderous gang will be the street car employees, and then it will be in order for John D. to donate another million to the Chicago university.

The workers have voted the ticket bearing the label of the citizen's alliance. Union men, take heed. You will soon receive pay for your perfidy on April 2, in Helena. You harp 364 days in the year upon the necessity of union men seeing that the label of some trade union is upon the articles they purchase. And then you scab upon yourselves and all others by voting a scab ticket on election day. We recommend to all union men who voted for the republican coal oil ticket that it will now be in order for them to make application to the national organizer of the citizen's alliance to again visit Helena so that these political adherents may be lined up in the organization where they rightly belong, the citizen's alliance, with Lindsay as High Chief and Mogul; that they advertise and recommend the only true label (so far as a majority of the working class voters of Helena are concerned)—that of the citizen's alliance. Remember that you want this now. Accept what you voted for, and we hope that the medicine will please you good and plenty.

ALEX. FAIRGRIEVE.

## "THE NEW CHIVALRY" IS OUT

Bertha S. Wilkins, California Socialist, Writes a Story.

There has come to the desk of The News a little socialist tale with the above title. The author is Bertha S. Wilkins. Comrade Wilkins is a California socialist, her home being in Los Angeles. She was one of the delegates at the national convention. With a strong desire to make the literary art contribute to the cause of socialism her devotion to the accomplishment of that purpose has been persistent and remarkable. With a shawl over her head she applied for work in the packing houses of Chicago, and worked three days cutting meat from bones in order that she might experience the life that these workers lived. In "The New Chivalry" she has written a very readable story, portraying the experience of a baby, with a socialist setting that makes excellent propaganda material. The Chicago Socialist is the publisher, and the price is ten cents.

## ALLIANCE OF METHODISTS

Scorn Demands of Union Men—Print Irreligious Articles.

At the conference of the Methodist church in Brooklyn a few days ago, representatives of the printers distributed circulars outside of the church showing the discriminations against labor made by the Methodist book concern, how they printed advertisements for whiskey, and did other work not generally considered to be of an especially religious nature. Rev. Eaton, one of the managing clergymen of the concern, denounced the printers in an address, and said if anything improper was printed in the offices neither he nor "Brother" Mains knew anything about it. Ignorance is not only bliss in many cases, but the highest kind of commercial policy.

Economic determinism prostitutes even the church against the purposes of humanity for the sake of gain.

The Chicago vote was over 27,000; a substantial increase over last year.

## Important Union Debate

Between Arthur Morrow Lewis and Job Harriman, Published in Pamphlet Form, Demands Wide Circulation.

The debate between Comrade Arthur Morrow Lewis and Job Harriman, which occurred at Los Angeles, regarding the policy of the socialist party toward the trade union movement, has been published in pamphlet form by the Commonsense Publishing company of Los Angeles and may be had for 10 cents. Comrade Simons, in an editorial in the International Review, speaks of it as marking an exceedingly valuable historical point in the socialist movement. Comrade Lewis is a brilliant logician who has a complete mastery of the socialist position and a beautifully vivid grasp of what is meant in the scientific development of human thought by the

materialistic conception of history. Harriman, for many years one of the most brilliant and scholarly men the socialist movement possessed, and whose sincerity of purpose and ability to defend his position no one has ever doubted, was completely worsted in the debate because he was maintaining the wrong side. A careful perusal of this pamphlet ought to clear up one's mind forever in regard to the will-o'-the-wisp of union labor parties.

The pamphlet agreeably surprises us with an attractive advertisement of the Montana News upon the cover. It reads "First State Owned Paper of the Socialist Party—Breezy Brilliant."

## SOCIALISTS FORCE COUNCIL

To Adopt Legal Time On All City Work in Livingston.

After C. C. Simpson was elected alderman at Livingston on the socialist ticket, the council met Friday night, and the men on street work began to work eight hours a day on Saturday. The Montana News and the Socialist party together have been battering on this flagrant violation of the state law by the city authorities, and this action, now that it is known that a socialist comes upon the scene, has saved the city a suit against it by the State Federation of Labor.

The Butte Evening News has a goodlooking cut and a half column article devoted to Comrade Con McHugh, national committeeman of the Socialist party, as a teacher of Gaelic in Montana. The article pays a commendable tribute to the many excellent qualities of the man who, for so long a time filled the office of police judge at Anaconda under the Socialist party.

## MILWAUKEE SOCIALISTS

Make Great Gains in That City—Organization Brings Results.

The Milwaukee election, which was so eagerly looked forward to as a test between the capitalist class there and the workers, has resulted in the increase of the already large number of socialists to the number of twelve aldermen, five supervisors, two justices and three constables. The vote of Arnold for mayor was 17,000. The gain is particularly gratifying as it comes mostly from working class districts, with a marked increase in the wards where there were already socialist aldermen. Racine won four aldermen.

Serious disturbances are reported from Lethbridge where the coal miners are on strike. As usual, the mounted police under the control of a capitalist government, are bullying and mistreating the union men. Even the women and children are said to be resenting their brutality. Perhaps the workers will learn sometime to vote themselves into control of government instead of their masters. They'll have more help in time of strike.

## Brotherhood Ignores Labor

Washington Paper Gives List of the "Opponents of Machine Rule"—Liberalists Show No Concern for Workers.

The Referendum News, published at Washington, D. C., and bearing the legend, "For the Brotherhood of Man," gives a list of the "opponents of machine rule" as follows:

Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, Robert LaFollette, James K. Jones, Wm. R. Hearst, John M. Thurston and Thomas E. Watson. Almost every man of this set is directly opposed to any measure that is of distinct advantage to labor. As the machines of politics are directed solely to enabling the grafter to live off the producer, any action that favors the grafter as against the

producer must necessarily be in favor of machine rule. Roosevelt is notorious for his stand against all labor legislation. Bryan is even now being favorably spoken of as the representative of the conservative wing of the democratic party. Bob La Follette's legislature turned down every measure in the interest of labor that the socialist representatives introduced. The Hearst papers avoided all reference to the outrages being practiced on the Western Federation of Miners officials until forced into it by the labor and socialist press. Tom Watson has his "reform" magazine printed at a rat office.

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**MORE RESOURCES.**

We are in receipt of a letter from the Butte comrades in which they state that if they could have space in the paper in which they could carry matter pertaining to the local situation, on lines similar to those adopted during the campaign they could greatly enhance the scope of the paper in Butte. This letter opens up a whole vista of possibilities for the legitimate field of a state paper. In order that such a paper should completely fulfil its function, it should be able all the time to fight the capitalist class according to the conditions in each locality. It has been the dream of the management of the Montana News to have each local occupy space in the paper. To do so with the paper the present size is an utter impossibility. An official organ of the party should, in a certain sense, cover the socialist field; and more than all, it should deal comprehensively with matters that go towards the mobilization of a compact state organization. With the editorial space this leaves only the front page for news and general matter pertaining to the socialist movement. In fact, with the paper the present size, we cannot do justice to the necessities of the locals in the state. The only alternative is that we should have a larger paper.

We have suggested to Butte, and we suggest now, that if at least the larger locals would occupy a certain space each week and would either take sufficient papers or pay the additional cost of the same, enough revenue would be furnished in this way to enable us to publish permanently an eight-page paper. Circumstances are pointing to the fact that we shall probably do this any way within a short time. If this plan goes into operation an eight-page paper means a tremendous press expense. Our bill with the firm that does our press work for the last month with the large editions, was \$388.

Any one can easily see that such bills as that would soon pay for a press. Moreover, we almost got hung up on our last week's large edition. We are the heaviest customer of the firm that does our work. They carry their stock on too small a margin, and they ran out of paper and delayed The News until Saturday, and with the important election matters depending on it, we were simply in a panic.

Already \$400 have been promised toward a press. This with the money that Walsh received for a press would enable us to install one.

What we need is more equipment to enable us to handle the business that we already have on hand. It is up to the comrades to work out a plan. Better resources mean better service.

**BRYAN SAFE.**

It is beginning to be noised about in political circles that Mr. Bryan will be a presidential candidate acceptable to the conservative wing of the democratic party. Why has the radical moved up a notch in the estimation of the conservative? This is the reason: It is absolutely

necessary that the capitalist class be able to control two parties in order to split the vote of the working class. Otherwise, they might actually unite on a ticket that was opposed to the capitalist interests.

The working class have got wise to the fact that Parker stood for the same interests as Roosevelt. It now looks as though that same dreadful working class was going off after Hearst and government ownership. Hearst is popular. If he captures the democratic convention he will be almost as bad as the socialists. Bryan, at least, wants to leave institutions unchanged. The silver question is settled.

His old glamor will still attract a big vote, and we'll stave off the socialist question a while longer.

So the money-king custodians of the politics of the people argue. All but the socialists will bite.

**CAPITALIST FUSION.**

It is truly a marvel to see the depths of perjury to which the capitalist class will go to put the men they want in power. In the Seventh ward in Butte, Connor, the alderman elected, was elected by a combination of four tickets, democratic, labor, anti-trust and anti-trust republican. And even then he only beat Savage, the socialist candidate, by 14 votes. Wincott, the Judas Iscariot of the Socialist party, received 112 votes. Had he not been running, Savage would have had an easy victory. In some wards the labor party combined with the republicans, and in others with the democrats, but always against the socialists, of course.

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**Science and Revolution**

By Arthur Morrow Lewis.

Everywhere one observes the tendency of people to overestimate the value of their own possessions. Not only is this so in the matter of furniture and chickens, it is conspicuous in a man's rating of the particular kind of knowledge he himself happens to have cultivated. So far from socialists being exempt from this habit, it crops up everywhere in our ranks. Those who are afflicted most pronouncedly are usually not satisfied with exalting their own particular kind of knowledge—of which they have usually none too much—but seek to still further enhance its importance, and their own, by openly sneering at every other kind. Few things are so admirable in a socialist as a close and exact knowledge of Marxian economics. No socialist is justified in considering his mental equipment even relatively complete until he has mastered the theory of surplus value and is conversant with other matters that pertain to the socialist position in political economy. But one cannot help observing in many quarters a deplorable tendency to deery and belittle every phase of socialist thought which does not deal directly with value, price and profit. The attitude of these critics, as a rule, is due to the fact that outside economics, their minds are almost entirely blank. It seems to be an integral part of their philosophy—and it is likely they have one of a kind, great as is their antipathy to the word—that what they do not know is not worth knowing. There are several socialist speakers of this type and at least one editor. Where speakers and editors behave in this way, it is but natural that a considerable body of the "rank and file" should be infected. It is from this source we get the parrot cry that socialism is an economic question and has nothing to do with biology, religion or philosophy. To those who wish to see this narrowing tendency discouraged, who wish to see in the socialist thought of this country a full and explicit recognition of the materialist conception of history, with its far-reaching relations to science, history and philosophy, both ancient and modern; to such nothing has happened recently, so entirely welcome or of so great importance, as the appearance of Untermann's "Science and Revolution." Those who wish to see American socialist thinking develop to the same scope and caliber as that of continental Europe will do everything in their power to give this work the widest possible circulation.

It would no doubt be wholly impracticable to make a careful study of such a work as this a condition of party membership, but it is to be hoped the time is not far distant when some such test will be applied to party orators, soap box and others, before they undertake the enlightenment of an ignorant public.

As to reviewing the contents of the book, no attempt is made here. Those who have been accustomed to look to such writers as Clodd and Draper for an explanation of the dark ages, will readily appreciate the immense superiority of Untermann's interpretation of the social phenomena of that period. While he also recognizes the important part played by church mystics and Christian theologians as leaders of reaction he penetrates below the surface, laying bare the economic causes of that reaction, a task altogether beyond their mental powers and utterly incongenial to thinkers of their class affiliation.

Another most valuable feature is the development of the idea of a proletarian science. This idea is carefully and brilliantly worked out to its logical conclusion "Materialist Monism," the latest born child of modern positive science. This conclusion will probably meet with considerable opposition, the most vigorous of which may be expected from quarters where the principal qualification for the discussion is profound ignorance of the question.

In conclusion let any one should mistakenly suppose that Comrade Untermann wishes to make "Materialist Monism" a party qualification, let the reader carefully ponder the following passage from the chapter entitled "a waif and its adoption," one of the most valuable chapters to be found in the entire range of socialist literature—Of course it is not necessary that every member of the socialist parties should endorse the full conclusions of the socialist philosophy. For these conclusions reach far beyond the present and future requirements of party activity. But this cannot prevent us from making use of our right of free speech within and without the party for the mutual education of ourselves and others by means of free discussion of vitally human problems. On the contrary it is one of our greatest duties to make use of this right and guard it against reactionary attempts to stifle the free word in the interest of some "sacred hallucination."—Reprinted from the International Socialist Review.

**ANOTHER PHASE**

I know that to oppose the prevailing sentiment is hazzardous. Yet I have often expressed similiar views on different occasions. If I were in the place of either of the comrades imprisoned in the Canyon county jail in Idaho, my most sincere wish would be "that the fool-killer would take a rap at several of my blundering friends." Why those men have been condemned and hanged a thousand times already. Do we wish it? If not why countenance it? What socialist of common sense and reason expects a capitalist governor to respect the laborer's howls against the methods used to degrade him. The mine owners, failed to get the miners to commit themselves during the trying times in Colorado. They have lost the best miners on earth and want them back, but they do not want to go to union headquarters and sign the scale. Why lie about union history. The capitalist press can do enough of that. It shows how much of a friend of labor some of those are who say that St. John is a member of the executive committee and that he was kidnapped by Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. When did Pettibone become a member of the committee? According to the officers he is not a member. According to the Exiles St. John left Telluride at the earnest solicitation of the officials of San Miguel Co., as they were tired of the expense and annoyance of arresting and doing things to convict him and others on trumped up charges. Now I would like to ask the socialists who are not union men, to get union advice before they go to making breaks, and just study the significance of this matter. If the comrades are convicted on the grounds that to take labor's side of the wage struggle, is to become responsible before the capitalist jurisprudence for all injuries which circumstances may lay at the door of labor, when humanity holds the measure scale of justice, and makes retribution, and measures to those who have lost, with the measure used to take from them, then what will be the position of the partisan "Divine" authority? The greatest danger in the taking of St. John to Colorado is that by raising the Lynch scare they may get some fool to justify the kidnapping of those whom they now have in Idaho. I would pity anyone who tried to make an open move amid the old miners now about Telluride. We want the miners to be socialists. Not on sympathy, not because they are wronged, but because we all have rights which are denied to us. In the words of Debs we do not want them to come until they come to stay. Determined silence is our best weapon.

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Talk about a materialistic conception of things! If women were able to keep themselves, says Buzzy's "Daily Mail," the whole sacred edifice of marriage would tumble down, and the debris would only be fit to cart away to a municipal sanitary depot. The grossest materialist never preached so sordid a doctrine as that. Injure woman's food to her without the intervening providence of man, enable her to gain her own tucker, and she will spit in the face of morality, drain the goblet of free-love to the dregs, and predestine the baby never to be born!—yea, make her no longer dependent for her dinner upon the good will of the master male, and the foot that should rock the cradle for God will dance the can-can with the devil. Professed materialists get over the ethical difficulty by investing matter with the attributes of the spiritual; by imagining soul-qualities to be enwrapped in the nature of matter; but the "Mail's" materialism has not even this saving grace. It is gross in the last degree. Woman is like a dog, that that will lick the hand that feeds it, and is not to be trusted when it feeds itself. The Chow binds the feet of his woman, that she may not run away; the "Mail" would have us chain her to the leg of the dinner table with the same object in view. All that is most holy in the relations of the sexes is thus resolved into the vulgar question of who shall pay the butcher's bill. When the poet rhapsodizes of love he is only throwing the halo of romance round tripe and onions; and the faithfulness of the wedded wife, lauded in song and story, is merely her inability to feed herself translated into terms of matrimony. Such at least is the logical deduction from Buzzy's doctrine that the economic dependence of woman on man is essential to the maintenance of the marriage tie. The "Daily Mail" is a very humorous male; it needs a Daily Female to keep it in order.—Cintra, in Brisbane Worker.

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## National News

The national executive committee, all members being present met at headquarters at 10:15 a. m. on Thursday, March 29, and adjourned at 6:10 p. m., Friday, March 30. The minutes of the meeting will appear in full in the March issue of the official monthly bulletin.

Action of the National Executive committee for the defense of Moyer, Haywood, etc:

The committee would recommend that the 1st of May celebration wherever practicable be also made a protest meeting, and that the co-operation of all labor organizations be invited, and that parades with transparencies be utilized as a means of publicity.

Recommend that the national office prepare a uniform poster for use of such meeting, containing portraits of Moyer and Haywood, and a brief statement of the facts in the case, leaving space for date and place of meeting.

We would urge upon the socialist press the necessity of taking up this matter actively and publishing not only full statements of the facts, but also editorially urging action by the members.

Subscription lists should be circulated in addition to collections taken at the meetings and all funds forwarded to the national secretary of the Socialist party.

Copies of all resolutions adopted should be sent to the governors of Idaho and Colorado, and to the president of the United States, and that the national secretary prepare a list of available speakers for publication in the socialist press for the use of locals for these protest meetings. Adopted. The committee also submitted the following resolution.

Whereas, The success of the conspiracy against the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners depends upon the acquiescence or silence of the working class of the United States, and is possible only because the powers of government are still in the hands of the capitalist class; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we consider the most effective means of defending our comrades and of preventing the repetition of such outrages, lies in the growth of the organized socialist movement and the threat and possibilities which such a movement carries of the capture of the powers of government by the workers.

Dates for national lecturers and organizers for the coming week are:

James H. Brower—April 8, 9, 10, Corsicana, Tex.; 11, 12, Sealy; 13, 14, Hallettsville.

E. E. Carr—April 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, New York.

John Collins—April 8, Omaha, Neb.; 9, enroute; 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Wellfleet.

Bob Fieldman—Massachusetts.  
George H. Goebel—Pennsylvania, under the direction of the state committee.

Ben Hanford—April 7, Camden; 9, Wilmington, Del.; 10, Royersford, Pa.; 11, Pottsville; 13, Shamokin.

Gertrude Breslau Hunt—April 9, 10, Laporte, Ind.; 11, 12, Mishawaka; 13, 14, Goshen.

Arthur Morrow Lewis—April 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Bisbee, Ariz.

Guy E. Miller—April 8, Charlotte, N. C.; 9, 10, Waynesville; 11, 12, Asheville; 13, 14, Tennessee, under the direction of the provisional state committee.

John W. Slayton—April 8, enroute; 9, Dayton, Ohio.

M. W. Wilkins—Connecticut, under the direction of the state committee.

John M. Work—April 8, Mount Vernon, Mo.; 9, Cabool; 10, Van Buren; 11, enroute; 12, Aquilla; 13, Bloomfield; 14, Poplar Bluff.

A lecture tour is being arranged for Comrade A. H. Floaten of Colorado through Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado.

Applications should be filed at once for dates for organizers Alex. Halonen (Finnish) and Fred Martinek (Bohemian).

## International

Because the Rev. Theodore Pashkovsky, priest of the Russian orthodox church in San Francisco, has refused to offer up prayers for the repose of the soul of Lieutenant Schmidt, leader of the Kniaz Potemkin mutiny, and to hold a memorial service in honor of that officer, the Russian revolutionists in Father Pashkovsky's congregation have boycotted his church and written the priest threatening letters. These letters state that unless the priest accedes to the demands for a service in honor of Schmidt, the signers will secede from the religious body. Father Pashkovsky declares that he will not under any circumstances pray for the man who armed himself against the czar.

There is hardly a pretence of concealing the farce that is taking place in Russia under the semblance of democratic elections. The government of the czar is dictating every move, and even where peasants have been elected it is only those that the government considers absolutely safe. Greater trammels than ever are being placed upon the press. It is stated that the revolutionists are planning for another uprising in May.

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## BOISE MANIFESTO

(Continued from page 1.)

union breakers by the "inner circle" of the Mine Owners they could not have done more effective work for their employers than they are alleged to have done under the direction of the miner's "inner circle." The Miners were charged in Colorado with the blowing up of the Independence depot, as they were charged with numberless other crimes. But the wonderful thing is, the miners have never been proved guilty of the charges. With all their money the Mine Owners Association have never convicted the miners of the crimes charged against them. Yet somebody committed those crimes. It was to the interest of the Mine Owners to have them committed. It was the worst thing possible for the Miners union to have them committed.

We submit to all fair minded men whether it was likely wise and experienced labor leaders like Moyer and Haywood would commit crimes which could do them no good, but which would be certain to ruin their own organization.

In conclusion we repeat; We have no sympathy with crime and violence. But we demand fair play and that no man be pronounced guilty till he is proved guilty.

E. FRANCIS GARV, Chair.  
I. W. WRIGHT, Rec. Sec.

The Progress satisfies all men in search of clothing. See them when in Livingston.

Wilshire's Magazine for April has an article on the Montana primary law by Mrs. Hazlett. Socialists cannot post themselves too well on this menace to the ballot box.

## COURTESY.

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## STATE NEWS

Comrade A. M. Hunter of Coyo, Utah, sends in three subscriptions with a promise of more.

Comrade Briggs of Des Moines, Ia., writes for the News to sell at his news stand.

Butte, though failing to carry the seventh ward, did not go backward, polling a little over 13 per cent of the total vote. Thirteen per cent of the vote was last year's record.

Comrade Graham has been absent a week in Livingston. He went down home to vote and to get acquainted with his family. His private affairs have been neglected so long that he found it necessary to be as busy at Livingston as he is at Helena.

Comrade Cragg of Lewistown writes: "The News is a hummer and I am going to protect it at all hazards. I hope the circulation will reach 6,000 a week after the election is over." Comrade Cragg is the kind that gets up and hustles to make it reach 6,000 a week.

Comrade Mabie writes an April fool letter like this: "This last News is a dandy. That Have bunch know how to express themselves as well as any in the state. If the Plaindealer can't understand our position after reading these arguments, it must be a case of hopeless imbecility."

Comrade Barton, who did such excellent work on the campaign editions as the press writer of the Butte local, lost his position in the Butte Reduction Works, for his aggressive exposure of the vileness of the capitalist administration. The works are owned by Clark, and the Clark people have it in for the socialists. But it was James Doull, the foreman of the construction department that got Comrade Barton's scalp. This Doull was the man that corrupted Winscott in the council. He was the candidate in the eighth ward and the socialists did everything in their power to defeat him. Consequently he used his economic power against Barton.

Comrade Wright of Boise, Idaho sends an interesting communication: "Enclosed you will find copy of "Socialist Manifesto" adopted by Local Boise at a special meeting called for that purpose. At same meeting arrangements were also made to have Comrade Joseph Wanhope talk at the G. A. R. hall next Sunday evening at 7:20. Seven applications came in, with the promise of as many more next Sunday.

We now have a membership of 52. Application for charter went in the last of December 1905 with 21 names on, and it is not a good town for socialists either.

"P. S. The Idaho Daily Statesman, with due courtesy refused to print our Manifesto."

The following message comes from Comrade McHugh:

"Local Anaconda sends to the Montana News \$7.50 (all that was in the treasury) and also assessed each member of the local \$1 per month for three months for the same purpose. We realize the need of a paper in Montana to stand for the interests of the working class, and believe the circulation could be greatly increased if the members and sympathizers would push it. At the last meeting Local Anaconda voted to put no ticket up this election. This does not mean that we shall vote for either of the wings of capitalism. We can vote blank ballots. Those who vote a ballot part socialism and part capitalism, have another chapter to learn. They can easily be side-tracked, and are afraid of "throwing their vote away" and will vote for the "best man" etc."

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## State Department

We are in receipt of a letter from Comrade Margaret Palsgrove of Great Falls. It deals so comprehensively and intelligently with the financial situation of the News that we think it will convey valuable information to the comrades if we publish it entire.

"Enclosed you will please find money order for fifteen dollars to apply to a salary fund."

I read that article in the Montana News, "Party Members." It was in the 14th or the 21st of March, no doubt you remember. Well I read it to the local last week, and a portion of your letter which was sent to me speaking of financial deficiency, so it was suggested that each party member pay fifty cents each month extra towards a salary fund, and the result was fifteen dollars from this local. Some members have not attended lately and so may not know of it yet. Others are habitual shirkers. Comrade Zingie tried to make up for some and paid five dollars extra again. Comrade McDermott mentioned the deficiency in press facilities and the consequent loss to the party of about \$500. Some of the comrades suggested that if each party member in the state would pay a dollar, we might supply that which is needed to do all the required work and cut off the expense. Some comrades, as usual, favored the plan and agreed to do as much. Others thought it could not be put on each and every one, because some might not have work or might be unable some way or another. Still I think every class-conscious socialist with a will would find the way for that 'one dollar' sooner or later.

"What is the matter of you suggesting something of that sort through the News to each local, and each party member, after explaining the need of it as you did to Mr. McDermott?"

Of course I know dear comrade, that your wisdom reaches farther than mine, I merely speak out what I think concerning these matters. But if you need cash, I really think that you have to dig and dig quite frequently at people and rouse them up out of their indifference and may not be always indifference either. Some think by the party taking over the News that it pays for salary and everything and has the equipment to do all the work alone instead of giving out printing on such work as you mentioned to Mr. McDermott. You may not like to urge people to pay and pay, but we must bear in mind or be reminded what you are doing for the socialist party in this state, and so as it appears to me it would pay to once in awhile explain things through the Montana News. The winter is about over and living cheaper and work for most can be found during the summer. This may be the best time to raise money. Some of the comrades will try the scheme to get advertising for the News."

The reason we do not say much in the paper about financial needs is that it is almost impossible for

anyone to understand the real needs and conditions without being on the ground. Another reason is that we have desired to avoid loading the paper with constant appeals for aid. Most of the socialist papers do this, and it is dreary reading. Besides it carries a suggestion of disability, discouragement, and more than all commercialism, which does not tend to give strength and confidence to a movement. Such an atmosphere as this may cause no serious effects with a privately owned paper. But with a party owned paper and air of constant pulling is not desirable. And the management has preferred to let things go along slowly rather than discourage the comrades. And if it has gone a little slowly it has gone none the less surely. We are not in debt. All we need is more equipment to enable us to save money and handle the business that comes to us, and when that is on a solid basis we are sure the paper will be able to pay all those who are on it.

The comrades all over the state seem to be awaking to a greater sense of responsibility as to what can be done with a fearless press in the hands of the workers, and to be taking steps to accomplish that end.

We wish to remind the members of the locals outside of Helena that they should keep sending us news bearing on the local situation. It is this local color that makes the paper a valuable asset to the socialists all over the state.

Comrade Graham sends in four subs from Livingston.

The steps of the office have been kept hot since the election by persons coming in and plunking down a dollar for the News. They say they like a paper without a muzzle on in.

We are receiving so many compliments on the general mechanical appearance of the News that we are beginning to feel quite set up over it. Two editors in the state, and those among the best, have said it was the best made up paper in the state. All we need now is a steady eight pages to enable it to thoroughly cover the ground of the Montana Socialist Party.

### Murray Kings Report.

Silver Tip, April, 2, 1906. I left Red Lodge Saturday after having held two meetings there and came to Silver Tip. I have not been able to hold a meeting here on account of the critical condition of a prominent citizen and socialist here who was recently shot. His (Mr. Ogden's) condition has absorbed the entire attention of the community. On account of an improvement, we had decided to hold a meeting tonight, but a raging blizzard has sprung up which makes it impossible for the ranchers to come from the distance, they are obliged to. However, I have not wasted time but have hunted up socialists

and have secured the signature of seven applicants for membership at large. In the first place, I was advised to do this on account of the great distance the ranchers live apart, rendering as it was thought, a local impracticable at present. After finding an almost universal socialist sentiment, I am sorry I did not at once proceed to organize a local. It is safe to say, however, there will be one here before long. Had I had more time, I could have secured more applications as the majority of the ranchers here are socialists. It is unpopular not to be a socialist here. I have never before met such earnest, enthusiastic and determined class consciousness. Even those who do not yet comprehend socialism, and think they are not socialists, are ready if necessary to fight for the working class, and are loyal to their hearts' core. They are a fighting lot down here and there is no sham about it. This honest frank, and determined class spirit is about the clearest and cleanest revolutionary article I have yet encountered. And incidentally I would like to add, there is a spare spirit of generosity, neighborliness, and fair dealing and no churches here. In my rounds I secured four subscribers for the News, which I send on separate cards. They are paid for. All the enclosed applications except that of Charles Brewer, are paid up for two months at the rate of fifteen cents per month. Charles Brewer's card is paid up for one month; so send membership cards and stamps accordingly. Will go to Bridger tomorrow and if possible hold a meeting there.

Have local writes: We enclose returns showing how the working men of this town defeated themselves. We put up as good a fight as we could and were complimented by the leaders of both parties upon putting up a clean one. We enclose \$5.00, balance of money that we owe the News. We give the corrected report of the elections: Mayor, B. B. Ryan, 26. Police magistrate, James Lamey, 37. Treas. E. E. Marcoe, 56. Alderman 1st ward, A. T. Swanson 4. Second ward, Wm. E. Syan, 26. Third ward, E. G. Miller, 6.

Bozeman writes as follows, The election is past. We are somewhat discouraged in Bozeman as our vote has been smaller this year than any other year since we had tickets out. We understand that we have to organize better and have a more systematic distribution of literature. I, for one, did not want to let you know at all of our downfall. You know this is a poor field for socialist votes. We have to do better in the future."

The comrades are right. It is active work and organization that tells. If the socialist party is not aggressive at any point non-socialists think there is nothing to their teachings and the propaganda does not spread. But Bozeman is going to get busy.

Comrade James Morgan of Deitz, Wyoming, sends in a list of five subscribers from that burg. This comrade is always shoving in good sized orders for printing to the News Go thou and do likewise.

When Comrad Graham came back from Livingston, he had about \$20.00 worth of job work, some more subs and some good orders of advertising. He also lets the cat out of the bag by saying that those pugnacious comrades are actually thinking they can raise \$100 for a press. More about this anon.

Ben Wilson, that old war horse of socialist agitation, sends an inspiring letter in regard to the work in Idaho Falls. Comrade Ben will be one of the workers in Montana this summer, and we are looking for him to cut a swathe among the unregenerate with all his old-time vigor. Here is the way things are going in the land of shameless courts: "You will be glad to know Idaho is awakening to the realization of the insanity of capitalism and bids fair to deliver a strong protest at

the ballot box with its sister state of Montana at its first opportunity.

I arrived here at Idaho Falls March 9, and delivered two lectures. one on the evening of the 9th, and the second, Sunday the 11th. The weather was the most severe Idaho has experienced this year, and the roads were in a wretched condition, yet we had large audiences notwithstanding. The interest awakened was intense, and an earnest request made for more meetings. The comrades then decided to rent the opera house for five nights and hold a second series of lectures. The house was well filled each night, the last three especially, packing the house. The result is the city is deeply stirred and the movement greatly strengthened. Over thirty signed their names to applications for membership in the party.

Out in the country points the interest is scarcely less encouraging. The people are hungry and anxious to hear socialism discussed. On short notice and with little advertising large crowds of interested men and women drive through the cold and mud to attend the meetings. We had excellent meetings at St. Anthony, Marysville, Rigby and Grant in Fremont county, also at Woodville, Market Lake, Shelby, and Taylorville in Bingham county.

At all the points the people are urgently asking for more meetings. The spirit of socialism has possessed them and they are intensely anxious to learn more of the revolutionary principles of our party.

I am leaving tonight for Utah. Will be gone ten days or two weeks. I open in Ogden tomorrow night, where I hold a series of four meetings. I shall return here later and make another round of these counties and organize new locals.

I am delighted to know of the good work you are doing in Montana. Your paper, the Montana News is a regular "battery" against the powers of entrenched capitalism. I shall be glad to stimulate your subscription list here in Idaho. The Idaho comrades should use it extensively. It would greatly strengthen their movement locally."

The Sweetgrass and Big Timber dates have been cancelled owing to measles, but they will be ready for Comrade King April 13. Comrade King will be over in Livingston a few days, and will do some work in Park county, going up to Fridley to stay with Comrade Mabie.

Comrade Prevost has a fine article in Die Brauen Zeitung on the labor question, which we hope to publish shortly for the benefit of the German working men in the state. Comrade Prevost is one of our most reliable and active members here, a member of the brewers' union. The article in question though published at Cincinnati in the official organ of the brewers was sent here by Seattle comrades.

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