

STATE CONVENTION NUMBER

The State
Committee
Proceedings

The state committee of the socialist party of Montana held its annual meeting August 1, 1906, at the Workers' club, in Helena.

The meeting was called to order by James Graham, who after a brief but terse statement of the business before the meeting, called for nominations for chairman. Comrade Mabie of Chico was unanimously elected.

Herman Brown of Lewistown was unanimously elected secretary.

Comrades Kain, Hudson and Horn were elected credential committee. A recess of twenty minutes was declared for the credential committee to prepare report. Credentials accepted: S. Anderson, Livingston; Joseph Friel, Chestnut; Mrs. N. G. Wells, Fridley; Murry E. King, Helena; Thomas Burns, Butte; J. F. Mabie, Chico; John Hudson, Dean; Henry Kain, Baxendale; John Horn, Billings; T. F. Fabert, Stark, and J. W. Goodson, Stevensville, John J. Comerford of Norris; Paul Castle, Bozeman; John Peters, Red Lodge.

Motion carried that meeting be declared executive session and that doors be closed. Doorkeeper appointed.

James Graham, state secretary, suggested the following order of business:

Committee on auditing.
Committee on constitution.

Committee on campaign, committee on news, joint as finance committee.

Committee on resolutions.

Report of state secretary.

Reports of committees:

New business.

Good and welfare.

Election of officers.

Motion that suggestion of state secretary be adopted was carried.

Committees were elected as follows:

Constitution—Horn, King and Comerford.

Auditing—Burns, Hudson and Friel.

Campaign—Anderson, Kain and Mabie.

News—King, Fabert and Comerford.

Motion carried that committeeman Wesleder be appointed advisory member of News committee.

Resolutions—Hudson, King and Friel.

Recess.

Motion carried that editor of News report. Report of editor. Committeeman

Comerford makes speech of approval of Mrs. Hazlett's editorship and moves that a vote of thanks be extended her for the magnificent work she has done. Motion carried.

State secretary reported on his work for the year, discussed the condition of the state movement and made the following suggestions: First, that a state cabinet be formed of five men, to take place of what is now known as the local quorum. Second, that some method be adopted to appoint a law-making committee of socialists so that we can govern our members while in office. Third, that campaign committee consider advisability of concentrating forces in certain counties. Fourth, that the two offices, that of state secretary and business manager of News, be combined. Also that a clerk or stenographer be engaged in the office to do the clerical work, thus giving the secretary-manager more time for hustling job work for News, routing speakers, etc.

Recess granted until 8:30 August 22.

Meeting called to order by secretary

Morning Session, August 22.

at 9:30. M. E. King elected chairman.

Call for report on constitution, which was read by Chairman Horn, chairman of that committee. Motion carried that report be read in full first, and afterwards in sections and accepted or rejected as is the will of the assemblage. Art. I, Sec. 1 Comrade Graham suggests that it will give charters with small membership same representation as counties with large membership, and thus work injustice.

Art. I, Sec. 1 adopted.

Sec. 2, amendment adopted. Sec. 3, amendment adopted. Sec. 4 not altered.

Comrade Horn's able plea for Billings for the reduction of dues was not acted

upon. Comrades decided not to take any action tending to lower the income of the state office.

Art. 2 not altered. Art. 3—Motion carried that sections 1, 2, 3 be stricken out and the substitutes inserted, and sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 stand as they are.

Art. 4, words "state cabinet" be inserted in place of "local quorum." Art. 5, motion carried that new article entitled Press be inserted as Art. 5, and present Art. 5 come under local organization, as Art. 6. Motion carried that in Sec. 10, Art. 6, the word "may" shall be inserted to take place of the words "shall immediately. Motion carried that former Art. 6 be stricken out. Art. 7 carried that amendment be accepted. Art. 8 remain unchanged.

Motion carried that these amendments be printed in the Montana News, and be left open for six weeks for the consideration of locals. After six weeks if no objections are made they stand as amended, and the constitution revised in accordance therewith.

Report of committee on resolutions heard, resolutions read. Motion carried to adjourn until called to order by secretary of state committee, giving remaining committees time to finish business.

Reassembled August 23, 1906, at 4 p. m.

Meeting called to order by the secretary. Comerford elected chairman.

Report of auditing committee read by M. E. King. Motion carried and report adopted.

Report of committees on press read by Thomas Burns. Motion carried and report accepted as amended.

Report of campaign committee read by Burns. Motion carried that Silver Bow county be incorporated with other counties named, to receive special attention. Carried that report be accepted as amended.

Motion that report of committee on campaign be amended to strike out the last section, outlining the contesting of the primary law in the courts lost.

Report of committee on finance read by Burns. Motion that report be adopted as read carried.

Report of state secretary. Motion carried to adjourn until 7 p. m.

7:30 P. M:

Motion carried that report of state secretary on Montana News be accepted and a vote of thanks be extended State Secretary Comrade Graham.

Amendment—That at his leisure he make a report to be sent to each local, carried.

Motion—That state headquarters be moved from Livingston to Helena.

Questioned by Thomas Burns of Butte, who eloquently disapproved of the headquarters being moved to Helena. He said that it ought to be in Butte, as that is the logical place for the state paper, it being the labor center and would be better supported. Motion amended by Burns to read that the headquarters and Montana News be removed to Butte. Burns, Hazlett, Comerford and Mabie heard at length on the question. Comrade Hudson took the chair while Comerford addressed the committee. Ayes—Peters, Burns, Comerford and King. Nays—Hudson, Goodson, Horne, Castle, Mabie, Wesleder, Mrs. Wells. Original motion, that headquarters be moved to Helena, carried.

Motion carried—All money over two hundred dollars in treasury of News must be turned over to the state treasurer of the socialist party of Montana. And all money in News treasury must be placed in bank designated by the state cabinet in the name of News, subject to manager's call, and manager be placed under five hundred dollars bond.

Motion carried that we proceed to elect state secretary.

Motion carried that state secretary be elected manager of Montana News. Com-

PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS

Of the Socialist Party of Montana in State
Convention Assembled Aug. 23, 1906

PLATFORM.

We, the delegates of the socialist party of Montana, in convention assembled, re-affirm our allegiance to the socialist party of America and to the cause of international socialism, and call upon every member of the working class to join with us for the purpose of capturing the powers of government, to the end that we may take possession of the tools of production, distribution and exchange, abolish the wage system, and establish a system for the benefit of the workers.

Today the means of production, distribution and exchange are owned by the capitalist class, they are operated by the working class, but only where their operations will make profit for the owning class.

The owning class can give or withhold employment at will. As a result of this absolute power the workers who perform all useful labor must humiliate themselves by begging for jobs of a class that performs no useful labor. If this permission to work is withheld they and their families must starve.

Society is thus divided into two hostile classes, the capitalist class and the working class. This condition has brought into existence the socialist party, the political expression of the working class struggle.

The private ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange by the capitalist class gives them control of the legislatures, courts and all executive offices, which they use to hold the working class in subjection. This fact demands as an inevitable conclusion, the organization of the working class into a political party that shall everywhere and always be distinct from and opposed to every political party not founded entirely upon the interest of the working class.

The socialist party is organized to meet this demand, and is therefore the party of the working class.

In conclusion we appeal to all members of the working class to study the principles of socialism and vote with their class at all elections until they overthrow the power of capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle, and inaugurate the co-operative commonwealth, based upon this fundamental principle of justice: To the workers the full social value of the product of their toil. "Workers of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains—you have a world to gain."

RESOLUTIONS.

We, the delegates to the state convention of the socialist party of Montana, denounce and condemn the red-handed despotism of the Rocky Mountain Mine Owners' Association in kidnaping the officials of the Western Federation of Miners, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, for the purpose of judicially murdering them, in order to break up the solid phalanx of unionism, the W. F. of M., and we demand for them an immediate trial.

Therefore be it resolved, That the most effective means of saving their lives is to poll a large socialist vote at the coming elections.

Whereas, Our comrades and brothers of the working class of Russia are plunging into an armed conflict with the murderous ruling class, and,

Whereas, The battle of the Russian proletariat is our battle, their defeat being our defeat, and their victory our victory, therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our solidarity with the Russian revolutionists, and their aims, and we pledge them our support and sympathy.

CONSTITUTION AMENDED

Perhaps the ablest and most necessary work done during the meeting of the state committee was the amending of the constitution. The amendments as adopted follow below. They will stand for six weeks, and then if there are no objections, will become a part of the state constitution.

Art. I, Sec. I, referring to the formation of the state committee, is changed to read: There shall be a state committee composed of one member from each county.

Sec. III is changed to read: The state committee shall meet in regular session annually. Special meetings may be called at the request of one-third of such committee. All committee meeting calls shall be signed by state secretary, and one member of the socialist cabinet.

Article III is changed to provide for a socialist cabinet, to take the place of the local quorum, and direct the constant business of the party.

Sec. I. The socialist cabinet shall be

composed of five members, elected by the state committee at its annual session, from the membership of the party.

Sec. II. The socialist cabinet shall meet once in three months. It shall supervise and direct the work of the state secretary and the business manager, and editor of the Montana News.

Sec. III. All acts of the socialist cabinet shall be subject to a referendum of the state committee, upon petition of three members of the state committee, to be submitted by state secretary.

Article V treats of the press.

Sec. 1. The state paper of the socialist party of Montana shall be known as the Montana News.

Sec. 2. The business manager and the editor of the Montana News shall be elected in the same manner as the state secretary.

Sec. . The salary of the business manager and the editor shall be determined by the state committee.

Sec. 4. The business manager and the editor shall work under the supervision of the socialist cabinet, subject to referendum of the state committee, as heretofore provided.

Wesleder, Comerford, Ambrose, Cragg, Bauer, Horn and Lay were nominated. Vote by ballot. Burns and Goodson appointed tellers. Wesleder Mabie, Ambrose, Rooney, Horn elected.

Motion carried that committee give a vote of thanks to local Helena, and state officers, for the pleasant reception afforded the committee while here.

There was some minor business referring to detail matters of the party, after which state committee adjourned.

The State
Convention
Proceedings

The fourth annual state convention of the socialist party of Montana met, pursuant to call, at 2 p. m. August 22, at the Workers' club, in Helena, for the purpose of nominating a state ticket for the fall elections. The following is the report of proceedings:

Fourth annual convention of the socialist party of Montana.

August 22, 1906

Meeting called to order by state secretary at 2 p. m.

Motion carried that Comrade Graham be elected chairman.

Motion carried that Comrade Brown of Lewistown be elected secretary.

Call of state convention of the state of Montana read.

Motion carried that a committee of three be elected on credentials. Thos. Burns, John Horn, G. H. Willet, Latimer, Peters, Wesleder were nominated.

Motion carried that three tellers be appointed by the chair. Dickenson, Hudson and Levingood were so appointed.

Willet, Burns and Latimer were elected by ballot as committee on credentials.

Recess of five minutes.

Report of committee on credentials. Carried that report of committee be accepted.

The following delegates were ordered seated in the convention:

Chico—J. F. Mabie, Ernest Lyons.

Dean—John Hudson.

Fridley—Mrs. Eva N. Wells.

Garnet—B. A. C. Stone.

Great Falls—George Wesleder, Florence Wesleder, George Dickenson.

Helena—Joseph Baur, M. E. King, Dr. Willett, Mary Larson, J. Wandell.

Lewistown—Herman Brown.

Billings—John Horne.

Bozeman—Paul Castle.

Baxendale—Harry Kain.

Butte—Thomas Burns, C. C. McHugh, N. E. Ambrose, N. E. Levingood, Pat Moran, Mike McCormick, Steve Loeffler, A. Perkla, J. T. Donovan, P. King, Hilja Koopikka, Livia Rasvall.

Chestnut—Joseph Friel, Charles Pearson.

Livingston—A. D. Peugh, A. S. Anderson, Jas. D. Graham.

Norris—J. J. Comerford.

Red Lodge—John Peters, George Burke, A. Fairgrieve, W.L. Hayworth.

Stark—Fred Fabert.

Stevensville—J. W. Goodson.

Recommended that ladies of Finn local of Butte be given privilege of convention. Carried.

Motion carried that present officers be made permanent.

(Chairman and secretary).

Nominations in order for committee on order of business. Burke, Comerford and McCormick elected.

Motion carried that committee of five be elected for platform. Wesleder, Burns, Mabie, Horn and King were elected by ballot. Mrs. Hazlett unanimously elected advisory on platform.

Motion carried that a committee of five act on resolutions. Two members of state committee on resolutions, King and Hudson, and three to be elected. Ambrose, Willet and Latimer elected.

Motion carried that convention adjourn to meet at 7 p. m.

August 22, 7 P. M.

Called to order by chairman.

Motion carried that Comrade B. A. Stone be seated as delegate.

Motion carried that report of committee on credentials be accepted.

Motion carried that report of committee on order of business be segregated.

Motion carried that report of committees be inserted between sections 4 and 5.

Report of committee on platform.

Moved that platform as read be adopted.

Amendment that platform be read and adopted by sections. Carried.

First section read.

Motion carried that first section be

adopted.

Motion carried that section two be rejected.

Motion carried that section three be rejected.

Motion carried that section four be rejected.

Motion carried that section one, which was adopted as platform, be reconsidered.

Section one reconsidered and motion that it be adopted as platform lost.

Motion carried that we proceed with the order of business and hear report of committee on resolutions.

Reading of resolutions, majority and minority reports.

Moved that minority report be adopted as read.

Amendment—That minority report be read by sections.

Amendment of amendment—That the minority and majority resolutions be referred to the committee, and the committee to act in conjunction with platform committee and report at next session, to be held in the morning.

Amendment to the amendment carried.

Resignation of Comrade Horn as member of committee rejected.

Adjourn until 8 p. m. Thursday.

8:30 Thursday, August 23, 1906.

Called to order by state secretary.

Horn and Ambrose nominated for chairman. Horn elected.

Motion to strike out minutes of proceedings of last session, except the motion to refer back to respective committees, resolutions and platform.

Amendment—That we do not strike out the business that was transacted.

Motion carried that we proceed with usual business.

Platform read and adopted as read.

Motion to adopt resolutions as amended carried.

Nomination for congressman—John Hudson of Dean and Harry Hazelton nominated. Motion carried that votes be taken. Goodson appointed teller to take place of Hudson, Hudson being a candidate. Votes cast in favor of Hudson and nomination made unanimous.

Speech by Hudson.

Nominations for associate justice of the supreme court—H. L. Maury of Butte nominated. Nominations closed and secretary ordered to cast ballot for H. L. Maury as nominated for associate justice of supreme court.

Motion carried that any vacancies that may occur in the state ticket shall be filled by the state committee.

Carried that we go on with the "good and welfare."

Motion that a committee be appointed, or elected, to draft amendments to present constitution, to be submitted to the referendum.

Motion to adjourn overrules other motions—carried.

A branch of Finnish socialists has been organized in Pittsburgh with 20 members.

The Wisconsin socialist party is arranging for a German speaker to make a tour of the state during the campaign.

The woman's branch of Lynn, Mass., was represented by three delegates in the state convention of the party in Boston.

In the campaign this fall in Wisconsin the state organization is giving special attention to those assembly districts where there is a chance of electing members to the legislature.

The police and mayor of Cranford, New Jersey, ordered Comrade Pierce to cease speaking at an open-air meeting, but he went right on with his address, insisting on his constitutional rights, and after listening long enough to see that he was in earnest the mayor and his cops made a sneak.

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State Socialist Ticket

FOR CONGRESS— JOHN HUDSON of Carbon County

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT—

H. L. MAURY of Butte

NOTE.

The editor wishes to state that while she was away on her western trip she was obliged to trust the editorial work to an assistant. In this way many things crept into the paper opposed to the policy of the management, and for which the editor is obliged to disclaim all responsibility.

THE PARTY CONFERENCES.

The meetings of the state committee and the state convention that occurred August 21, 22, 23, were the most notable and satisfactory ever held by the Montana socialist party.

The Times man ought to have been at the socialist convention to learn of the tremendous emoluments of the News staff. When he learns of this mighty international socialist movement his talk won't sound so foolish.

lines. The bane of the western socialist movement has been that there was enthusiasm, money, energy, class spirit, and all that without much reading or experience, or clear comprehension of the legitimate path of the proletarian.

These meetings had one great fault; they were too short. Many valuable matters of policy were left untouched. There was a great work of campaign policy, providing for expenses, strengthening the fighting organization, attacking and weakening the capitalist position that is still left for more serious future consideration.

However, the Montana party is a unit; it is earnest; and it is strong. What there is of it is lined up rationally and intelligently. It is not so large as it might be, for a purely working district like Montana. But what there is, is on the right track, and we're going right ahead.

GO AND LEARN SOMETHING.

The Forsyth Times has periodical spasms over the advance of socialism in Montana. This week the howl seems to be a little shriller than usual. Here is his intelligent comment: "Montana socialists would howl if the republican or democratic parties charged voters for campaign literature."

A. M. Simons has a long article in the International Review on the subject of the general strike in connection with the Idaho affair. He gives credit to Wileshire for the first enunciation of this idea.

PROTECTOR OF CRIME.

The Social Democratic Herald has a good item. It seems that a thief in Yonkers, N. Y., was being pursued by the police, who were close upon his track, and with revolvers in hand ordered him to halt.

CALLING UP THE RESERVES.

Why the Corporations Are Calling Up For Men, "More Men."

A clipping from the St. Louis Globe makes very interesting reading for those who are on the spot. No paper in San Francisco would dare to publish such a statement. Why? Simply because the proof of its mendacity is accessible to everybody here.

If, as this clipping says, the United Railways of San Francisco need 6,000 men, how is it that according to the managing of this labor-losing gang of railway capitalists, this company is able to secure all the men it needs to take the place of the striking firemen, wipers, oilers, construction men and other who are out on strike.

The only scarcity of labor in San Francisco and Oakland today is in those lines where the wages are insufficient to allow the men any surplus after they pay the present high prices for the necessities of life. At the present time the cost of living in San Francisco is practically double what it was before the fire, while at the same time there has been no raise in wages except in one or two favored lines of employment, such as plumbing.

In conclusion, we can assure you that a knowledge of all the facts right here on the spot will demonstrate that while there is much on the surface that lends color to the Globe's statement that "the demand for labor in California promises to exceed the supply for many months to come," still the statement is false.

Day's Pay Fund

Socialists should not neglect the sacrifice of the Day's Pay that has been called for to strengthen this remarkable campaign. Montana is the state of states where this should be an easy fund to collect.

Cascade County Socialist Convention.

The socialist party of Cascade county held their convention at the Union hall at Great Falls August 11, 1906, and placed their candidates in the field who are pledged to support the platform as under:

We, the socialists of Cascade county, hereby affirm our adherence to the principles of international socialism and present to the voters of Cascade county a statement of our position and list of candidates.

We, as socialists, believe that the present industrial system based upon classes, which results in the concentration of the wealth of the world in the hands of a few individuals, is founded on a fundamental injustice.

In the private ownership of the means of existence is to be found the root and source of social evils, therefore to remove these evils a complete revolution in economic conditions is absolutely essential. In order to achieve this, socialists claim that all those things upon which people in common depend shall be by the people in common be owned and administered.

We pledge ourselves as the party of the working class to use all political power as fast as it shall be entrusted to us by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for their ultimate and complete emancipation.

To this end we appeal to all workers to cast their faith and lot with the socialist party.

Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow-workers is at once an appeal for their common good and freedom and for the freedom and blossoming of our common humanity.

In pledging ourselves and those we represent, to be faithful to the appeal which we make we believe that we are but preparing the soil of that economic freedom from which will spring the freedom of the whole man.

Following are the candidates of the socialist party:

- For state senator, Geo. I. Dickinson, Great Falls. For state representatives, W. J. McDermott, S. R. Spahn, Great Falls; Oscar English, Kibbey; J. T. Dyer, Ed Zingel, Great Falls. For county treasurer, J. M. Rector, Monarch. For sheriff, George L. Wesleder, Great Falls. For county attorney, Jesse D. Selby, Great Falls. For county clerk and recorder, E. G. Strong, Great Falls. For county assessor, R. J. McDermond, Great Falls. For county auditor, J. W. Daly, Great Falls. For county coroner, J. F. Gemmerling, Great Falls. For public administrator, W. J. Paterson, Great Falls. For county superintendent of schools, Mrs. Florence Wesleder, Great Falls. For county commissioners, six year term, Herman O. Phillips, Great Falls. For county commissioner, four year term, Walter Dannett, Great Falls. For county commissioner, two year term, Frank A. Serboss, Monarch. For justice of the peace, Louis Dilno, Great Falls. For justice of the peace, Wm. N. Palsgrove, Great Falls. For constables Great Falls township, John H. McManus, John Haag, Great Falls.

Change of Headquarters.

The change of the state headquarters to Helena presents itself as an eminently fitting move to all persons interested in the most efficient administration of party affairs. In the first place the state capital is where the revolutionary movement should be centered. There all the damnable political schemes are hatched for the political subjection of the working class.

The state papers generally have given pretty fair accounts of the socialist meetings of the past week, many of them printing besides the ticket, platform and resolutions.

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State Cabinet. A notable advance has been made in the system of business organization of the Montana party in the substitution of a socialist cabinet for the old executive local quorum. In the whole experience of the party there have always been grave objections to a local quorum. Outside of the largest cities it is almost impossible to find five first-class, capable business comrades at one point. Another reason is that it concentrates authority dangerously at one point, leaving the rest of the state in a more or less helpless and irresponsible condition.

Seit zwanzig Jahren

hat die "Montana Staats-Zeitung" ununterbrochen das deutsche Zeitungsfeld in Montana eingenommen und dieser Ruf von West nach Ost ist ein Beweis für den Erfolg der deutschen Zeitung. Sie soll in jedem deutschen Hause in Montana aufhängen—loyale Montanauer haben sie bereits, aber wir wollen noch mehr haben. Für \$2.00 per Jahr wird dieselbe portofrei an irgend eine Adresse im Staate oder Lande gefandt. Nach Deutschland \$3.00. Der obige Preis schließt den "Sonntags-Gast" in sich, mit anderen Worten eine zwölf Seiten starke Zeitung für \$2 per Jahr. An address: Montana Staats-Zeitung, P. O. Box 238, Helena, Mont.

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Ballade of Christ on Calvary.

I
Lo! I have drunk the vinegar and gall
That bitter mingled draught which was
to be;
A cross of thorns I wear as coronal,
The cross I bore as mine own gallows-
tree;
My foes close in, my twelve disciples
flee,
Hiding like foxes in a lowly den,
While I with gaze unwavering come to
see
This is the fate of those who die for
men.

II

For halt and blind, for captives held in
thrall,
My voice was raised, for them I bent
the knee,
For such I prayed beneath the midnight's
pall
In vigil kept by lonely Galilee;
For all sad souls consumed by misery
I counseled hope, I gave my life and
then—
Here is the torture and the rabble's glee:
This is the fate of those who die for
men.

III

Have I not heeded every dolorous call
However scorned or humble its degree?
The beggar waiting by the city wall,
The leper's woe, the erring harlot's plea?
Yea! I have conquered even death's de-
ceit
And shall I not in anguish say again,
Here in the shadow of the crosses three:
This is the fate of those who die for
men.

Envoy.

Out of the depths of utter agony
My cry re-echoes with the strength of
ten;
My God! My God! Thou hast forsaken
me!
This is the fate of those who die for
men.
—Ernest McGaffey in National Maga-
zine.

IN THE FIELD.

Lena Morris Lewis dates:
Lewistown Aug. 30
Bozeman Aug. 31, Sept. 12
Livingston Sept. 34
Columbus Sept. 5
Billings Sept. 6-7

Latimer's Dates.

Cascade county, under direction of
county central committee, until Sep-
tember 1.
Kendall Sept. 3-4
Gilt Edge Sept. 5-6
Lewistown Sept. 7-8

Isaac Cowan's Dates.

Flathead county, under direction of
local Kalispel till Sept. 3.
Libby Sept. 4-5
George Goebel enters state Sept. 13.
The comrades should all ascertain
the dates of their county fairs, and
make arrangements for special work.
They should have a socialist booth,
with literature for sale and distribu-
tion, and speakers if possible.

Illinois Socialists.

The socialists of Illinois held their
state convention in Chicago Aug. 21. The
platform is fearfully and wonderfully
made. It goes back to the primitive
state of man and concludes with the
latest and most improved methods of
running a whisky joint. But the resolu-
tions are what make one blink one's
eyes, and wonder if they hear the rever-
berations of the Omaha populists of
over a decade ago:

"Denouncing the attempt of the re-
publicans to make political capital out of
the rate bill;" "calling on the United
States government to assume the func-
tions of the banking interests;" "de-
nouncing the Hearst Independence
League;" "extending sincere sympathy
to Arthur Brisbane, the editor of the
Hearst papers." \$403.78 was raised in
collections and pledges for the cam-
paign.

The following state ticket was placed
in nomination:
State treasurer—W. E. McDermott.
State superintendent of schools—May
Wood Simons.

Trustees state university—Gertrude
Breslan Hunt, Corinne Brown, A. M. Si-
mons.

The treasurer of the labor party of
Wilkesbarre, Pa., wrote to ask permis-
sion to put Comrade Dettry on the Union
Labor ticket. He was informed that the
proposition could not be considered, as
the socialists stand or fall by a straight
ticket.

Geo. Goebel is making a most success-
ful tour of Wisconsin.

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National News

Eugene V. Debs will speak in Carnegie
hall, Allegheny, Pa., September 26.

The right to hold street meetings in
Wilkesburg, Pa., has been won.

The campaign committee of Union
county, New Jersey, reported 18 street
meetings and one hall meeting held
during August.

The Japanese on the Pacific coast are
organizing into a socialist revolutionary
party, which will be affiliated with the
American socialist party.

G. H. Lockwood, who has stood trial
in Kalamazoo, Mich., for street speak-
ing, divided the jury on his case, three
standing for conviction and three for
acquittal.

San Francisco local has managed to
get a full ticket for the primaries and
hopes for enough votes in the burnt dis-
trict to elect them.

In Pasadena, California, the socialist
party controls one-half the election
boards, from the fact of being the sec-
ond largest voting party.

G. W. Woodbey, the colored socialist
orator, is speaking in Nevada. He has
just closed a week's successful work at
Reno. Comrade Woodbey is one of the
most successful socialist speakers and
writers.

Adolph Grethen, the socialist violin-
ist of Minneapolis, was arrested for
playing on the streets, fined \$25, with
a stay of a year. The case will be car-
ried to the supreme court.

Joseph Medill Patterson is to be the
Labor Day orator at Salem, Ill., the old
home of Mr. Bryan. Large posters have
been gotten out, and it is expected that
the attendance will be unprecedented.

Comrade Fieldman of Pennsylvania is
doing valuable field work in that state.
The Union Sentinel states that the cap-
italist papers are taking wrathful
notice of his talks, and holding up the
glories of workingman's home, which
shows that the socialist propaganda is
doing good work.

Reports from various parts of Ohio
continue to show satisfactory progress
being made by the socialist party. The
call of the A. F. of L. officials for po-
litical action is causing many of the
workers to join the socialist party in-
stead of forming another new party. This
is especially true in the mining districts.

John P. Weigel, editor of the Brauer
Zeitung and secretary of the Cincinnati
campaign committee, also candidate for
the office of county recorder on the so-
cialist ticket, who died of heart failure
last week, was cremated. State Secre-
tary Kline delivered an address at the
home, Joseph Jasin at the crematory,
and the Herwegh Mannerchor sang ap-
propriate songs.

Tennessee socialists are making a fine
showing and have an increasingly large
vote. On August 12 the tenth congress-
ional district held a convention and
named a full ticket. They issued an
appeal to the trade unions explaining
their attitude. The Dixie Worker, pub-
lished at Memphis, issues its first num-
ber August 18. S. Friedman is the busi-
ness manager and H. G. Perlman the ed-
itor.

Kansas is coming to the front, and is
putting out a monthly report of its
work, which is called the Kansas Social
ist Bulletin. The August number, the
first volume, is at hand. A. O. Grigsby,
the state secretary, is publisher. It
contains the full socialist state ticket,
the state platform, state secretary's re-
port, and other matter of information
to members of the state party. It also
has a number of very apt articles on
matters pertaining to socialism.

The Union Sentinel is published at
Reading, Pennsylvania, as the medium
of expression of the Pennsylvania com-
rades. It is attempting to raise an
equipment fund to increase its efficiency
and is getting considerable encourage-
ment. With the growth of the movement
in the various states there is an increas-
ing demand for a means of public ex-
pression; hence the increasing need of
papers for state work.

Austin Lewis is publishing through
the columns of the Socialist Voice of
Oakland, California, a series of articles
entitled "Socialism and the Church." They
are published in four installments,
and will afterwards be issued as a
pamphlet. The articles deal with such
important topics as "Religion and the
Proletariat," "Functions of the Modern
Church." This treatment is of especial
importance at this time when there is
such widespread interest as to the basis
of scientific knowledge, and the mater-
ialistic conception of history.

International

In Serbia the socialists have just suc-
ceeded in electing a member to parlia-
ment.

Two socialist comrades, Becaberren
and Bear, were seated in the Chilean par-
liament in the recent election.

Word comes from Russia in regard to
the attempts on the life of Stolypin
that the pure socialists have entered on
a duel with the government, and are
attempting its overthrow at every point.

It is stated that in Switzerland the
socialist party is almost wholly anti-
militarist, and is devoting itself to that
sort of agitation and persuading the
people to refuse to serve in the Swiss
army.

A dispatch from Warsaw states that
the social democratic party and the so-
cialistic organization of the proletariat
have issued protests accusing and con-
demning the Polish socialist party for
the recent aimless massacre of police
and soldiers.

The social democracy is making con-
tinued gains in the neighborhood of
Berlin, Germany. In 1902 they had,
in 12 suburban districts, 31 represen-
tatives. In 1904, in 17 districts, 56
representatives, and in 1906, in 30
districts, 94 representatives. The vote
was increased from 5,358 to 13,360.

It should always be remembered that
the socialists of France were the only
body of men who, as an organization,
stood by Dreyfus from first to last. His
great defenders were Zola, the famous
author, Labori, one of the foremost at-
torneys in France, and Jaures, the great-
est orator in that country and at pres-
ent the leader of the socialist group in
parliament.

Dr. Gregory Maxime has returned to
Russia to take part in the revolution.
Before leaving he gave a speech in the
Grand Central Palace, New York, in
which he said that the indifference of
American working men to industrial and
political questions, and the neglect to
send men from their own ranks to gov-
erning bodies would result in a more
tyrannical rule than that of Russia. He
cited the Colorado and Idaho outrages as
evidence.

**What "State Socialism" in Japan
Really Means—A War Policy.**

Prof. Jose Katayama, the distin-
guished economist, who is also a
member of the international socialist
bureau, has just returned from Japan.
He denied most emphatically that the
"monopolization of industry" policy
which his government is adopting is
intended to benefit the people, or pro-
ject a cooperative commonwealth.
He asserts that it is the aim of the
government to permit the military,
which is the controlling element, to
entrench themselves more securely.

In commenting on the conditions of
wage earners in Japan, he said: "There
is no country in the world, not even
Italy, where the burden of taxation
is as great per capita as in Japan. I
consider the victory over Russia has
been won at an awful cost. There are
in Japan 90,000 men permanently crippled
as a result of the war. In
many localities there has been for
some time a severe famine." He also
stated that the great war debt would
increase taxation to a considerable ex-
tent.

Free speech, free press and trade
unionism are rigorously held in sup-
pression. Notwithstanding this fact
there are three socialist papers in To-
kyo alone, and some 30,000 socialists in
Japan; a large number of whom are
graduates from European and American
colleges.

At the last parliamentary election
the socialist delegate received strong
support. Prof. Katayama will leave
this coast soon for an eastern lecture
tour.—Socialist Voice.

A tour has been arranged for John
C. Chase to cover about 30 unorganized
places in New York state. Other speak-
ers also will be assigned as much as
possible to organized places with a view
of effecting organization wherever pos-
sible.

The marriage is announced of English
Walling, a young man of wealth and
well known in the socialist movement, to
Anna Strunsky in Paris last month. Miss
Strunsky, although a Russian by birth,
has lived in this country ever since her
early childhood, and has long been con-
nected with the socialist party in Cali-
fornia, and has great literary talent. She
is the joint author with Jack London
of the Kempton-Wace Letters, a series
of essays on love. Mr. Walling and Miss
Strunsky for the last year have both
been in Russia, where it was reported
last spring, the former was imprisoned
for secretly assisting the revolution.

Women's Clubs

**To Beat a Child Is to Commit an As-
sault.**

When we grow up we are apt to for-
get we were once children. Therefore,
it is hard to say: "Give every child its
freedom."

Compress a child, and it becomes
warped in proportion to the amount of
compression. It needs freedom to grow
and expand in all directions. It can not
do it as a slave. As long as it is il-
legally owned by its parents it is a slave.

Today about one-half the population
of this county (the little ones) is owned
by the other half (the big ones), solely
by the right of might. To be owned
is repugnant to all, little as well as big.
I can see no natural law sanctioning this
ownership.

We find by observation that a large
proportion of people whip their slaves,
be these slaves black or white, large or
small. Science has not proved that a
small white person enjoys a whipping
more than a large colored person. Our
late war with the loss of life and prop-
erty was fought to free the blacks, but
these little whites have no one to fi-
ght for them, no one to stand for their rights.

A child has no vote which it may cast
for its freedom. No one writes or speaks
for it. It has no dollars with which to
influence a judge or jury to alleviate its
troubles, no court of appeals from which
to hope, no strength to fight back, no
state lines to cross to freedom. It can
not purchase its freedom. It has no
chance in this world except to work out
its sentence for a period of 18 or 21
years, as the case may be.

The hope for a change of masters is
denied it. "They are nothing but chil-
dren" settles all compunctions of con-
science that may arise at times. We are
so seared in this matter that no rule of
right, fair dealing, honesty or honor is
observed as to our children. The in-
justice practiced toward minors is so
great that tongue and pen can give but
a very slight inkling of it.

Whipping children makes them all
liars, while they are young. They may
or they may not outgrow this ten-
dency to untruthfulness. As long as we
think we own a person, great or small,
we treat that person differently than
when no idea of such ownership exists.
Even where parents do not whip they
mistreat their children to some extent
as long as they think they can or so
long as they think they have a right to
do so.

We see mean, coarse, sneaking chil-
dren; nervous, undecided, weak and half
foolish children; sad, dull, inactive chil-
dren; hard hearted, cruel, deceitful
hypocritical, thievish, unloving and un-
lovable children, all of which is due to
the whip.

There is a difference in children at
birth, it is true, but much can be done
after birth to make or unmake each and
every human being.

A child of five or more years has a
right to the same treatment as the child
of 25 or more years old. What would
you think of a mother taking down a
whip and applying it to a daughter 22
years old for the reason that she had
just broken a cup while washing dishes?
Would you feel perfectly cool and con-
sider it just the thing to do? This is just
what happens every day. I have seen
and heard of similar cases over and over
again, with this difference—that on one
side of the affair there were minors, gen-
erally between four and twelve years.
But that doesn't help the matter a par-
ticle. Breaking a dish is just as much
of an accident to a girl of six as to one
of 22.

Laws for the prevention of cruelty to
children do not work. Let us have a
standard which will ostracize or punish
a person the same for assaulting a
child as for assaulting a grown person.
It hurts the child just as much and per-
haps a little more. Do not let the plea
of being a father to the assaulted con-
done for the assault. Boys in school
will not let a large boy mistreat, at-
tack or fight a much smaller boy. If one
should undertake it they would double
and treble up on him and say to him:
"Take some one of your size."

But one of these same boys when
grown up will assault and beat the
smallest kind of a boy or girl if by ac-
cident he happens to be the child's fa-
ther. Let us take some one of our size
if we must do mine and pommel some-
body.

—Henry C. Hanson in Labor.

Finnish Ladies' Club.

A question has come up in the recent
organization of the Finnish woman's so-
cialist club at Butte, in regard to sepa-
rate organizations for men and women.
The Finnish women have wished to be
organized and hold their membership
separately for the reason that most of
their members are backward about doing
effective work in the presence of the
men, from lack of experience. This mat-
ter came up at the convention, and it
was decided to cite them to the method
employed by the Great Falls woman's
socialist club. These women comrades
also felt the need of development along
socialist lines of action. In consequence

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they formed a club of their own for
purposes of public experience and study. The
women who were avowed socialists in
this club joined the regular local where
men and women both held membership.
But they carried on their own separate
meetings. Consequently they had two
meetings to attend while the men had
only one. This method was recom-
mended as producing eminently sati-
sfactory results, and agreeable to all parties
concerned. The Finnish women serve
as a model for American women of the
working class. The cause lies far back
in political environments. In Finland
they have been used to equality and
suffrage, and they do not intend to be
subordinated by inferior American con-
ditions and, they are to be honored and
praised for that.

Jack London writes to the editor of
the San Francisco Bulletin, that has
been publishing some articles by the
Rev. William Rader on "Some of the
Terrible Mistakes of History," asking
him if he and the Rev. Mr. Rader would
dare to tell of the mistake that was
made in Chicago when they hanged the
Haymarket anarchists. "But, says the
'Socialist Voice,' the Bulletin didn't
dare."

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State Department

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CONVENTION NOTES.

Red Lodge had four delegates. We expect Carbon county to do things this fall.

The national committeeman from Montana, Con McHugh, was one of the delegates from Butte.

Paul Castle of Bozeman was at his post, ready to push along whenever needed. He is a preacher, but he sticks by the revolution.

Comrade Perkla represented the Finnish local of Butte, with its eighty members. The American Finns are making wonderful progress in organization.

Whenever it was necessary to get down to a solid socialist basis as a motive force in proceedings, Mabie was there with the goods.

The party is indebted to Comrade Mary Larson of Helena for the excellent stenographic notes she kept of the proceedings. Her reports have saved us a lot of work.

Comrade Digenson of Great Falls has a glib tongue of his own. He has his own business of painter and paper hanger, and the Amalgamated can't shut his mouth.

Comrade Ambrose, our Butte alderman, was there like a rock for an uncompromising socialist position. You can't sidetrack him with any gold brick schemes, and the politicians of Butte have found this out.

Harry Kain of Baxendale local isn't ashamed of being a socialist if he has got a big stone cutter's business, and owns the quarry himself. He's always there with the goods, whether it be a vote, money, or help.

Comrade Fabert of Stark, state committeeman and delegate, unloaded \$9 when he came in the way of dues, assessments, day's pay, and so on. He came early and he stayed till evening was over, even Mrs. Lewis' lecture on Friday night.

Thomas Burns, the state committeeman from Butte, is the one that led the assault on the citizens' alliance of Billings. The capitalists keep him moving around pretty well, but he's got a voice big enough to make a noise before he gets out of the way.

Joe Friel of Chestnut and also Charlie Pearson were also delegates to the coal miners' convention of Dist. 22. There were many socialists here among the miners. Among the most prominent were our friends James and Arthur Morgan of Dietz.

It was a matter of regret that, in the person of Comrade Goodson, Stevensville sent the only representative from the western part of the state. The conference was grand, but what would it have been could all our points have been represented?

Comrade Horne of Billings is an old war horse that we are glad to see with his shoulder against the wheel of the state work.

Comrade Horne's long experience with the socialist movement in Chicago makes him an excellent advisor in regard to a clean-cut socialist policy. He

stated that this convention showed the party of Montana to be in better condition than it had ever been. He said it was in working class hands, and no schemers or politicians or labor fakirs had control of it.

Great regret was expressed that Comrade Rector, the state committeeman from Monarch, was unable to be with us during the week's session. He telegraphed his regrets, and sent his regards to all the comrade delegates.

Comrade Leooffler of Butte is one of those well-grounded German comrades that knows when you're talking working class tactics. He's the right sort to have around when a platform is under discussion.

N. E. Levengood, another of that solid and encouraging delegation from Butte, is the man that made such a splendid record as assessor when the socialists controlled Deer Lodge county. He was run out of Anaconda like the rest, but he isn't dead yet. He has a fine transfer business in Butte, and looks as rosy and smiling as ever.

Ernest Lyons, delegate from Chico local, is young in years, but he has already had considerable experience in movements for a more advanced civilization. He was with the Ruskin colony in Tennessee, and afterwards went south with them. He says that so far as a happy social life was concerned it was to be found in those joyous days of equal work and pleasure before the enemies of co-operative success destroyed the progress of the colony.

Atie-up in Garnet local prevented Comrade Stone from representing the socialist sentiment in Granite county. He came in Monday, however, and was here during the sessions. He was debarred from serving as state committeeman, because of the local condition at Garnet, but was given a seat in the convention. Comrade Stone is everywhere and always a socialist. No untoward circumstances ever discourage him. He is with the revolution, and he wants socialism, and he gives of both his time and his money to that end.

An encouraging feature of the Montana convention was the number of women who participated in it officially. There were Mrs. Wesleder from Great Falls, Mrs. Wells from Fridley, Miss Larson from Helena, Mrs. Koopikka and Miss Roswell from Butte. There can be no class revolt without the co-operation of women. The ignorance, timidity and superstition of women must give way to a courageous attitude towards the wrongs of the working class and an intelligent comprehension of the situation. Women make noble allies when understanding has taken the place of ignorance.

The platform and resolutions of the Illinois convention shows that all the 28 members of the committee must have worked on it at once, and everybody had his say. If they want to know how to make a platform let them look at Montana. Hers is a dandy. And it didn't all "just happen" either. When the committee reported it to the convention on Wednesday evening the jumble of long-winded nothingness was certainly discouraging as a milestone of socialist progress. Comrade Graham, who was in the chair, severely censured the

committee, and sent them back to do their work over again. They then gathered around the oak table in the parlors of the Workers' club and worked like Trojans till one o'clock at night, when the work was completed. The result is the present compact, neat platform that is the pride of the Montana movement.

John Hudson, the popular candidate for congress from eastern Montana, is most fortunate in having a wife whose devotion to the socialist movement is as conspicuous as his own. The Hudsons live on a beautiful ranch 40 miles from Columbus, and they have to make that drive every time they take a speaker up into that country. One day when Comrade Hudson was working on the roads 20 miles from home the mail brought a letter from Comrade Graham, telling him to go to Columbus and help Latimer organize a local. Comrade Melinda Hudson was tired out with her week's housework, and it was late in the afternoon, but she took a horse, left the children alone, rode to John's camp, and got there at 11 o'clock at night. John thought some of the children were dead or injured, or something awful, but she only told him he had to go to Columbus the next day and help at a socialist meeting. She then slept in the rough camp blankets, and rode back those long miles the next morning. These people find life worth living.

STATE WORK.

Comrade Anderson of Stevensville local, now of Danville, Wash., sends in his day's pay to be distributed as per call.

Comrade Comerford writes immediately on his arrival at home: "I have just arrived in town. We have agreed to call our county convention for September 5. Please publish the call."

Comrade Miller writes from Havre for more application cards. A call has been issued for a county convention to meet September 3. He says: "Mrs. Lewis' meeting was well received at Chinook, and highly complimented."

Secretaries of locals should take exceeding care to send in the proceedings of conventions immediately after the meetings close. Only in that way can we give prompt service in regard to socialist news.

Comrade A. J. Macdonald, though away from Montana and on the road, is still at work. He sends two subs from Bismark, N. D., and says he will organize a local there on Sunday. He says: "Will do what I can for the News while here. Send me some sample copies."

Comrade Frazier of Bozeman writes in regard to Mrs. Lewis' meetings at that point: "The comrades said to write you at once, and tell you to send Comrade Lewis for the three dates you mention. Send bills at once. We have a good place picked out for her to stay while here."

Comrade Cowan writes that he held a meeting at Glasgow on the 20th, which was lacking in numbers but made up in efficiency and a determination to do something. The meeting was called to order by Comrade Kampfer. A delegate was elected to the convention, but failed to arrive. A full county ticket was named, but we have not received the names.

Now that the policy of the Montana party is defined for another year, and we are right in a tremendous and eventful campaign, let the comrades show their good will and their desire to help practically by doing something definite immediately for the News. Let each local send us a list of 10 subs at once. That can be done easily by all locals except those in very small country places where possible subscriptions have been exhausted. Now just go to a little trouble and get those subs.

Mrs. Lewis has developed an original line of action as a result of her experience in being entertained. She says she has been made so miserable and insulted so often by the wives of comrades to whose homes she was taken, who knew nothing about socialism and bitterly opposed their husbands in it that, as soon as she learned she was to be taken to a private house she made it a point to ask if the woman was a socialist or sympathized with the movement. If a negative answer was given she said she preferred to pay her own way rather than have her nerves racked, and be in poor condition for her work from the uncongenial surroundings.

We must ask the comrades to have patience with us for a week or so till we can catch up with the correspondence after the strenuous work of the convention. Few on the outside can have any idea of the mass of work in this office. As we cannot afford to hire help, something—many things—have to wait. There is no other way. Just remember how much time it takes to attend to the correspondence for your own local, and then think of attending to the correspondence for forty locals, and the national office, and the Montana News job

work, advertising and mailing list, and only two pair of hands to do it, and some idea can be gained of the time demanded. Something has to be neglected in the Montana state work until such time as the socialists take sufficient responsibility upon themselves to have their work done right. Comrade Graham is fagged completely out, and needs a couple of weeks rest.

We are in receipt of the following letter from the international socialist, Bureau, which translated from the French reads:

Dear Comrade: You will remember that the secretariat of the I. S. B. was, at the Paris congress in 1900, instructed to obtain the international periodicals of socialism by gathering the papers concerning the movement. Since the means at our disposal to carry out this decision will ever be insufficient to buy the very numerous socialist publications and others that appear in the whole world, we would be very much obliged to you were you to send us, very kindly, a sample copy of the regular service of Montana News, which you are editing. Accept, dear comrade, with our thanks beforehand, our fraternal greetings.

For the international socialistic bureau. Com. H. I. S. B. The secretary. Maison du Peuple, Brussels, Belgique. Camille Huysmans (Brussels, Belgique).

Mabie is feeling good, and that puts heart in the rest of us. Here's what he writes the day after the convention:

"What's the use of worrying any way? We are not so much importance as we sometimes think we are and things do go without us. You know I was billed to manage the supper last night for the dance given by local Fridley and of course I thought it would be a tremendous failure because I flunked. Well, comrade, Mrs. Wells got home yesterday morning. She laid down and slept about three hours, then she and Comrade Roach rolled up their sleeves and went at things. The dance was a success, everybody was happy. Local Fridley cleared the campaign assessment and some five or ten dollars besides—don't know just how much as I have not seen Comrade Lyons, who had charge of that end of the proposition. Been raining here same as Helena ever since I was gone, and could not have been working at my hay had I been here. So what's the use of worrying?"

Montana is aflame with socialist agitation and organization.—Socialist Voice.

Choteau County Socialist Convention Call.

All members of the socialist party in Choteau county are hereby requested to meet in mass convention at Havre, Mont., September 3, 2 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a full county ticket.

By order of county central committee. E. G. MILLEP, Chairman.

Mrs. Lewis' Meetings.

Mrs. Lewis' Sunday night meeting at Missoula was a great success. The court house was full, jury chairs and all. Mrs. Lewis gave her famous lecture on "The Sex Question." She handles this subject with great courage and the ablest scientific analysis. The sex question is essentially an economic question. The horrors of capitalism can never be overthrown until we attack them in their strongholds. Collections were \$5.85, books sold \$5.50.

We have not got full reports of Hamilton, Victor and Stevensville, but learn that the Hamilton meetings were very satisfactory. At Victor a stormy night prevented any meeting. Victor seems to be most unfortunate about its meetings. Rain also interfered at Stevensville, but a very satisfactory hall meeting was held notwithstanding. At Garnet a steady all-day downpour cut out any possibility of a meeting. Comrade Stone got back from the convention in time, however, to meet her at Bearmouth and take the trip with her, and most generously footed all the bills, and gave her \$10 to straighten out her accounts with the state. She got into Helena Friday night, and lectured at the Workers' club. A good crowd was in attendance, but the immense amount of work on hands last week, and the numerous conventions in the city had prevented as much time being put on the arrangements as should have been done to have obtained proper results. Collection, \$5.50; books sold, \$2.05. Comrade Lewis left on the midnight train that night for Lewistown.

Mrs. Lewis has made some very sensible and practical comments on the question of the entertainment of speakers. She says that frequently she is landed at a first-class hotel and when she asks what arrangements have been made about the expense, finds that nothing has been done about it, and she is expected to meet the bill. It seems that it ought not to be taken very many words to show the exceeding bad management of such an arrangement. In the first place the money of the socialist cause is scarce and precious, and it certainly ought not to be expended for something to eat and a place to sleep. If any socialist has anything of the socialist spirit a sacrifice of a few days can certainly be made to take a socialist worker into the home, especially when the money makes such a large difference in our propaganda work. The speakers take on themselves the hardships of living adrift when they go into the socialist field, and it is more satisfaction to them to see the money devoted to legitimate purposes of propaganda than it is to have luxurious living. But, if private entertainment is an impossibility, and the comrades wish to entertain the speaker at local expense, of course it is a matter of preference with them as to where the entertainment is made. If, however, as is frequently the case, the locals are not strong enough to assume any financial responsibilities, and this must be carried by the party, the speaker should have the privilege of choosing his stopping place. The success of his reports depends upon his expenses, and he doesn't want to put everything the party has into expensive hotel bills. Be-

sides, the money that is drawn from the working class comes too hard to be wasted in luxuries.

Isaac Cowan's report for week ending August 25:

Arrived at Glasgow Sunday, August 19. Had a conference with a few comrades at night. We decided to call a meeting for Monday night. On the 20th we advertised the meeting as best we could, and had fair attendance. Comrade Kampfer called the meeting to order. After a short talk the meeting resolved into a convention. We elected a delegate to the state convention, and nominated a full county ticket. The comrades of Valley county feel very confident of giving the two old parties the race of their lives with chances of electing part of their ticket. On the 21st I went to Chinook. Had two days here, but it rained heavily, and became very cold. I tried to find some one who would own up to being a socialist, but found no one. On the 22nd I went to Havre. On arriving here I soon found Comrade Miller, and the Ryan boys, who are heart and soul in the movement, and never miss a lick when it is possible to land a new convert. We had small street meetings on the 23rd, 24th and 25th, with town hall meetings arranged for on the 26th. I have visited the railroad shops twice. Found quite a number who are socialists, and will join the local. Although the meetings have been small, what was lacking in numbers was made up in interest. Many seem to be beginning to see a new light. Local Havre has called their convention for Sept. 3, Labor Day, at which time they will nominate a full county ticket. Cash received at Gasgow, \$7.35. Will settle with Havre Thursday at close of meetings. Have sold no books because I have none. Hope to have a more interesting report next time.

If the comrades will send their half day's pay fund the state secretary will be able to furnish literature to speakers.—Ed.

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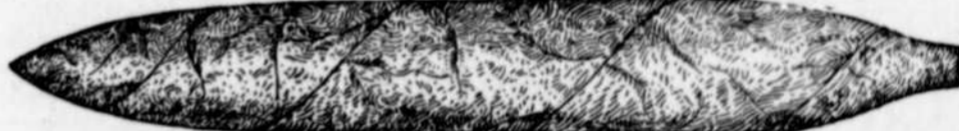
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