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CARBON COUNTY TICKET

The socialists of Carbon county held a rousing mass convention Sept. 19, and placed a full ticket in the field. It was the largest convention of the party in the history of the local socialist movement. The local papers give extended accounts of the matter and state that harmony and enthusiasm prevailed. One of the members reports it as the largest, most enthusiastic and most class-conscious convention that they have ever held. A total of 64 votes was cast. David Lay, chairman of the county central committee, presided over the convention, with Alderman Wallace F. Hayworth as secretary.

On motion of George W. Burke three committees of five each were appointed on membership, on permanent organization and order of business and on platform and resolutions, the chair naming the following:

Membership—John Peters, Ross Prutton, M. H. Lucas, B. L. Gunnary, J. S. Decker.

Order of Business—J. M. Woodcock, P. C. Bowen, T. R. Austin, Thomas Northy, W. H. Adamson.

Resolutions—George W. Burke, William Dew, John Hudson, J. L. Maryott, B. P. Womsley.

The ticket is headed by J. L. Maryott for representative, one of the strongest men in Carbon county.

On motion of George W. Burke it was decided to elect six committeemen—two from Red Lodge and one each from the Clarke Fork, Dean, Nye and Red Lodge creek. The following were chosen:

Red Lodge—T. R. Austin and Mike Salo.

Clarke Fork—J. M. Woodcock. Dean—C. W. Adams.

Nye—E. R. Prutton. Red Lodge creek—W. T. Stewart.

David Lay was re-elected chairman of the committee.

John Hudson of Dean, nominee for congress, was then introduced to the convention and his brief talk was listened to with rapt attention and roundly applauded. Mr. Hudson declared that if elected to represent the people of Montana in the lower house his first act would be the introduction of a bill to repeal "the infamous militia law," and that unless he were thrown out of the window he would introduce any bill petitioned for by the socialists, even though he had to present one every day of the congressional session. He concluded by saying: "We believe that what is used collectively should be owned collectively and what is used privately should be owned privately. That's what socialism means."

The Ticket.

For Representative—John L. Maryott.

For Sheriff—Ross D. Prutton.

For Treasurer—Wallace F. Hayworth.

For County Clerk—B. L. Gunnary.

For Clerk of Court—W. E. Ogden.

County Attorney—George W. Burke.

For Assessor—Mike Salo.

For Superintendent—Mrs. Frances Cochran.

For Surveyor—David Lay.

For Administrator—George W. Dawson.

For Coroner—G. F. Rybolt.

For County Commissioners—Thomas Northy, six year term; E. T. Prewett, four year term; J. S. Decker, two year term.

PLATFORM.

We, the socialists of Carbon county, in convention assembled, pledge our fidelity to the principles of international socialism, as embodied in the united thought and action of the socialists of all nations, as the only idea of self government.

The socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that economic development which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class.

The socialist movement therefore is a world-movement. It knows of no conflicts of interest between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and in so standing it makes for the freedom of all mankind.

The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery, as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of pro-

duction and distribution; and hence, the division of society into two distinct classes; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization.

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interest, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded in fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace or individual freedom, except in the complete triumph of the working or producing class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

The republican and democratic parties are alike false to the interest of society, they alike represent and are the tools of capitalism, and they alike struggle for power to maintain an industrial system which can be preserved only by the still further enslavement and degradation of the producers of all wealth.

The republican and democratic parties no longer represent the principles and program advocated by their founders; but have long since been captured by the capitalism, and are ever obedient and faithful servants to the interest of their master, and openly ignore the rights of labor except at the polls.

For while they have been in power for the past fifty years, the rich have grown richer and the poor have grown poorer, until we have in this country today a few multi-millionaires and a multi-million paupers, with thousands of women working in sweatshops, and many more driven to prostitution, and millions of little children are eking out a miserable existence, working in the factories for a pittance, being deprived of an education, while their fathers must tramp in search of a job. And while the capitalists have been prating and gloating over our prosperity, and pointing with pride to our export trade, labor has been deprived of the common necessities of life, and the home, the one thing so dear to all, is very rapidly being confiscated by the capitalist system, until today out of over 16,000,000 homes in the United States, 13,000,000 are either rented or mortgaged.

That the demo-republican party is ever on the side of capitalism there can be no doubt; every person who is posted knows that the conduct of its Presidents, Governors, Judges, Congresses and Legislatures is proof of that fact.

Into the midst of this strain and crisis of civilization the socialist movement comes as the only saving or conservative force.

If the world is to be saved from chaos and disorder, it must be by the union of the producers of all nations in the socialist movement.

The socialist party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens.

Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend, shall be owned by the Government, and administered for the benefit of all its people. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users.

Socialists take the ground that the trust in itself is not an evil, that the evil lies in the private ownership and we propose to transfer all such agencies from private hands to Government ownership, to be managed and operated for the good of all.

Resolution.

We, the Socialist Party of Carbon county, in convention assembled, condemn the lawless methods used by the authorities of Colorado and Idaho, in kidnapping the officers of the Western Federation of Miners and deporting and imprisoning them in violation of the constitutions of the states of Idaho and Colorado, and the constitution of the United States, and demand their immediate trial or release from custody.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governors of Idaho and Colorado, and to Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

Industrial concentration is proceeding at a merry pace. The consolidation of big manufacturing interests is being followed up by the invasion of capital into the domain of retailing, hitherto the monopoly of the "small business man". The grocery trade, cigar, shoe trade, the drug trade and others are being gobbled up by the "big fish" in the pond and the small fry capitalists are being forced one by one into the ranks of the working class. That is the time the socialist "theory" is demonstrated in fact.—Socialist Review.

SILVER BOW TICKET

The socialists of Silver Bow county held their convention Sept. 10 in Judge Donlan's court rooms at Butte. Alderman George Ambrose was elected chairman and N. E. Levengood, secretary.

The following ticket was placed in nomination:

For State Senator—George O'Malley. Members of the Legislature—Frank O'Hare, J. F. Donovan, R. C. Scott, W. S. Van Eaton, Con McHugh, J. L. Brown, John Paura, A. Perkla, Herman Quant, Harry Swift, Charles Nissila, and W. H. Pierce.

For Commissioners—George Ambrose, six year term; Henry Harrley, four year term; Patrick Moran, two year term.

For Sheriff—N. E. Levengood. For Treasurer—John Harrington. For Clerk and Recorder—Harry S. Davies.

For County Attorney—Swan T. Hogevoil.

For Assessor—Arthur E. Cox.

For County Auditor—John Byrne.

For Coroner—Michael McCormick.

Superintendent of Schools—F. W. Moler.

For County Administrator.

Van Horne.

For Justices of the peace, South Butte township—David Schroeder and Howard Stone; Silver Bow township, Solomon Bruner and J. J. Colligan.

County Central Committee—G. R. McDonald, George Ambrose, Con McHugh, John Harrington, Mike McCormick, H. L. Maury, Matt Manley, A. Perkla and R. C. Scott.

The story of the "Mollie Maguire" is handled by the national office which story vividly reveals the infamies of James McParland, alias Jim McKenna, who is now so prominently identified with the Moyer-Haywood and Pettibone persecution. Five cents a copy; 30 for \$1 prepaid.

VALLEY CO. TICKET

The socialists of Valley county held their convention at Glasgow, Sept. 12. The convention was called to order at 2 p. m. with Comrade Kamper in the chair, and the following names placed in nomination:

For State Senator—H. U. Coster.

For Representative—C. W. Kamper.

For Sheriff—R. C. Stanfield.

For Treasurer—H. R. Spooner.

For County Commissioner—John Lohr, six year term.

For Clerk and Recorder—C. E. Miller.

PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS.

We, the Socialist Party of Valley county, Mont., in convention assembled hereby renew our allegiance to the principles of socialism as promulgated by the National and State branches of that political party; and

Whereas, class conscious socialists throughout the world realize that nothing is to be gained by the producer in supporting the policies of any of the other political parties; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Socialist Party call upon all producers of wealth to unite with them in their effort to secure the wealth which their labor creates, but which is now wrongfully withheld through the controlling influence of capitalism.

Resolved, That we declare our belief in the innocence in the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, and that we denounce the action of the public officials in support of the conspirators who are attempting to convict these men before their trial.

Resolved, That the Socialist Party appeal to the workers and wage earners of Valley county to support the Socialist ticket as the ticket identical with their class interest.

C. C. SMITH,
GEO. W. RIST,
FRED JOHNSON.

GALLATIN COUNTY TICKET

The socialist party of Gallatin county held their convention at the Union hall, Chestnut, Montana, Sept. 16, 1906, and placed their candidates in the field, who are pledged to support the platform, as under,

We, the socialists of Gallatin county, hereby affirm our adherence to the principles of international socialism and present to the voters of Gallatin 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 the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all productions shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit come to an end; that we shall all be producers together, and that all opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

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 suffrage 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. Chestnut, Mont., Sept. 16, 1906.

To the Governors of the States of Colorado and Idaho.

Gentlemen:—Whereas, the inherent rights of the free American citizens,

Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, who were maliciously kidnapped and otherwise unjustly treated by the governors of the states of Colorado and Idaho, has been grossly infringed upon, and

Whereas, we believe these actions to be a part of a deep laid conspiracy on the part of the capitalistic class to disorganize the working class in their struggle for industrial emancipation, and

Whereas, we believe the parties to be prosecution have manufactured false evidence and otherwise twisted facts, having declared before trial that the prisoners would never leave Idaho alive, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Gallatin county socialists in convention assembled, condemn the above mentioned actions as contrary to all principles of justice, also be it

Resolved, That we demand of the authorities a speedy trial or release on reasonable bail, and be it further

Resolved, That the socialists of Gallatin county pledge their moral and financial influence in support of the above resolutions and that a copy of these be sent to the governors of the states of Colorado and Idaho, and a copy spread on the minutes of this convention.

Committee
JOS. J. FRIEL,
FRANK KIRBY,
S. RUHSAMER.

For Representatives—Joseph Friel, Chestnut, miner; Charles Pierson, Chestnut, miner; Paul H. Castle, Central Park, miner.

For County Commissioners—Richard Corrigan, six year term, Bozeman; A. Swenson, four year term, Belgrade, laborer; J. C. Doughty, two year term, Chestnut, farmer.

For Sheriff—Barney Warner, Chestnut, farmer.

For Clerk and Recorder—Oscar Clebeen, Belgrade, laborer.

For County Treasurer—S. Ruhsamer, Chestnut, farmer.

For Assessor—Frank Redfield, Chestnut, farmer.

For Superintendent of Schools—E. F. Cornelius, Bozeman, painter.

For Justice of Peace for Chestnut—Ed. Mc Donald, Chestnut, miner.

For Constable for Chestnut—William Pierson, Chestnut, miner.

It was left to the central committee to fill all vacancies on the ticket if they saw fit to do so.

Lewis and Clark County Socialists.

The county central committee met at the News office Sept. 20, and issued the following convention call:

SOCIALIST COUNTY CONVENTION.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the socialist county central committee a socialist county mass convention of Lewis and Clark county, Montana, is hereby called to meet at 22 Park avenue in the city of Helena, Montana, on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of nominating the following officers:

Seven representatives in the legislature.

Three county commissioners, one for two years, one for four years and one for six years.

One treasurer.

One county clerk.

One sheriff.

One county auditor.

One county attorney.

One surveyor.

One coroner.

One public administrator.

One assessor.

One county superintendent of common schools.

Two justices of the peace for Helena township, and two constables for Helena township.

By order of the county central committee.

G. A. WILLETT,
Chairman.

Flathead County.

The socialists of Flathead county held their convention Sept. 15th, and placed the following ticket in nomination:

For Senator—E. G. Bjorneby, Kalispell.

For Representatives—Henry Boothman, Libby; H. H. Kineley, Kalispell; George Held, Kalispell.

For County Commissioners—K. Odeward, Montford, six year term; J. W. Maughan, Whitefish, four year term; George I. Bowler, Sedan, two year term.

For Sheriff—Andrew Pederson, Holt.

For County Clerk and Recorder—J. A. Moore.

For Treasurer—Herman Wrieth.

For Coroner—C. W. Stewart, Kalispell.

For Assessor—Henry Gatiss, Montford.

For Public Administrator—Charles Beckers, Kalispell.

Livingston Challenges Republican Candidates.

Last Saturday night was a gala occasion for the socialists of Livingston. They had distributed large circulars calling on L. H. Vandyke, candidate for the legislature to meet Ida Crouch-Hazlett in debate and defend his position in supporting a child labor law in the last legislature, and over throwing the compulsory educational law; also challenging H. J. Miller to appear and tell why he, as the corporation attorney who successfully killed the eight hour law, is fit to represent the working class of Park county. The town was ablaze before the speaker arrived; and the largest crowd assembled on the corner of Main and Calender that was ever gathered to listen to a socialist speech in the city. The republican nominees, so anxious to do the "dear people's" will in the legislature failed to show up, but Mrs. Hazlett gave their record, all about the juggling with the eight hour law, and challenged contradiction. She also showed up the illegal tampering with the mails and the interference with the Montana News mailing list that has been carried on by Burg the postmaster. Proof was offered and the accused given an opportunity to take up the charges. The town was at a white heat. Groups stood on the street corners discussing the matter till one o'clock in the morning. The Park county socialists mean to carry their campaign into every precinct.

Very Simple.

Maxim Gorki has commenced a series of articles in the Paris "Matin" on American "Milliardaires." In the first article of the series Gorki gives a report of a personal interview he had with one of these Atlantic magnates. It was as follows:

"How did you make your money?" asked Gorki.

"Very simple," was the reply. "I own some railroads. The farmers grow foodstuffs, which I carry to market. I calculate how much of the selling price it is necessary to leave the farmer, so that he may not die of hunger and can continue to work. And I keep all the rest. It is very simple."

Very simple indeed. And the people who cannot see it are more simple still.—Labor Leader.

Two of Carbon Co.'s Winners



J. L. MARYOTT



GEORGE BURKE

RAVALLI COUNTY TICKET

The socialists of Ravalli county, Mont., met in convention at Hamilton pursuant to the county central committee on Sept. 18th at 2 p. m., and transacted the following business: Comrade Ward was elected permanent chairman and A. V. Platt secretary.

The complete ticket as nominated by the convention resulted in placing the following named persons for the offices as designated:

For State Senator—G. W. Ward, Jr., Stoneman.

For Representative—O. B. Jones, chiropractic.

For Representative—Hiram Platt, Farmer.

For Sheriff—J. Worth Goodson, Farmer.

For County Treasurer—James Robb, miner.

For Clerk and Recorder—George Henderson, laborer.

For Assessor—H. E. Woodruff, farmer.

For County Commissioners—six year year term, G. W. Dobins; four year term, M. Kirehner; two year term, Sam Kyle; all farmers.

Superintendent of Public Schools—R. W. Miller, farmer.

Public Administrator—Julius Bernard, laborer.

Coroner—E. G. Wheeler, gunsmith.

The following platform and resolutions were adopted:

We, the socialists of Ravalli county, in convention assembled renew our allegiance to the International Socialist movement of the world and we endorse the National Platform of the Socialist Party of America, and the State Platform of the state of Montana, which recognizes the Class Struggle and stands for the revolutionary movement, for the overthrow of the capitalist system and the ushering in of the

Co-operative Commonwealth;

We invite all workers of this county to stand by and vote with the party of the working class at the ballot box; and we say in the words of Carl Marx: "Workers of the World unite—You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain."

Resolved, that we in convention assembled protest against the illegal arrest and imprisonment of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone of the Western Federation of Miners;

That we condemn the action of the Governors of Idaho and Colorado and all other officials implicated in the illegal and Russifying action in stealing the above named officers from their homes and families in violation of the constitutions of the United States and of the state of Colorado and denying them their constitutional rights as guaranteed by Sec. IX, Art. 2, of the constitution of the United States which reads as follows:

"The privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it."

Resolved, That we demand of the workers that they cast their ballots for the only party that stands for the overthrow of the whole capitalist system which upholds the kidnapping and attempted railroad of innocent men to the gallows.

A new county central committee was elected as follows:

George W. Ward, Jr., Hamilton local.

Hiram Platt, Lake Como local.

M. Kirehner, Victor local.

R. W. Miller, Stevensville local.

Auditing committee appointed by the chair consists of A. W. Newall of Hamilton and Mr. B. A. Faussett of Stevensville.

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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

POINTERS.

The republican primaries were a frost Two hundred G. O. P men only came out.

Twenty-five percent of those out were tenderloin secretaries of the "nigger" brand.

The showing of respectability was so poor that colored pimps were made delegates.

Hardly any body of the working class was to be seen among the ward heeler.

Times are changing and the working class is changing too.

A few more years and no self respecting working man will be seen among the ward heeler of the plutocratic parties.

The "Plaindealer," the organ of the colored population of Helena, has declared that the purpose of their efforts, was to uplift their race. It seems that all the uplifting that was contemplated was to aid and support the most corrupt and vicious class in Helena. There can be no uplifting in connection with such corrupt and degrading politics. But the slum proletariat is the final resort of tyrants. The exploiters of the working class rely upon the lowest element in society to do the dirty deeds that will force their government on the people.

King of the Tenderloin.

Vernon Gray, one of the most disreputable nigger pimps of the city of Helena, a man whose name decorates the police records for selling poisonous liquors to minors and for living off the earnings of a prostitute, was elected a delegate to the republican county convention from the Third ward, beating a number of the old timers of the ward.

Gray is one of those loud mouthed G. O. P. ward heeler who is opposed to socialism because it would destroy the home. What a splendid sample of the class who defends the sacredness of the home! Gray is too lazy to work or to engage in any honest occupation. His only visible means of support is the earnings derived from a "lost sister,"—Mr. Gray's idea of the American home. What an honored delegate to a republican convention!

CAPITALIST MURDER

The brutality of modern capitalist governments has been again strikingly evidenced in Helena by the wanton murder of an innocent and harmless working man by the chief of police. The report goes that the men who were together at the time of the killing, some five or six were hunting work, and paid their way from Salt Lake into Helena, had money on them, and were molesting no one. Plannery had on neither uniform nor star, but approached the men and ordered Perdue, the man killed, to hold up his hands as he wanted to search him. The men thought they were being robbed and started to run, when the murderous chief killed one of them like a dog. In the first place the policeman had no

business to interfere with other persons who were molesting no one. Again, he had no right to search them on the street. But these men were only working men, and a policeman under capitalism can kill them if he chooses. The capitalist policeman is to protect the capitalist system, not human life.

The irrepressible "Fritz", editor of "The Social Rebel" published at Parkersburg, W. Va., has found something else in that staid and eminently respectable old town to kick about. He has raised ned about the schools, the tax graft, the sanitary conditions, and now he is fighting the street cars. He has caused nice little school ma'ams to resign, he has been tried for libel and exonerated, he has been put in jail, and now he has been pushed off the street car for refusing to pay his fare when he had no seat. It took both motorman and conductor to hold him off, but he has stirred up the town as usual over the abuses of the company.

It is a remarkable commentary or the cowardice of the daily papers that in giving the primary election returns they have failed in every instance to give the Socialist vote. Such a pusillanimous attitude is contemptible, and America, where the workingman's vote is "free and independent," is the only country where it could occur. This silly omission is so much the more conspicuous when the democratic vote is given with all seriousness, while in many of the counties the democrats have not filled out a third of their ticket. But of course they can keep down socialism by refusing to mention the name or recognizing the fact that it is the third ticket on the official ballot.

Police Stop Street Meetings in Denver.

Monday night three socialists were placed under arrest for speaking on the street and the next day handbills containing the following were distributed broadcast:

"Socialists arrested for speaking in behalf of William D. Haywood. Free speech suppressed in Denver! Administration declared war on Haywood's campaign for the governorship and says public meetings must stop. Working men! by your presence at Sixteenth and Arapahoe streets, protest against this outrage. Good speakers, tonight."

Tuesday evening there was a tremendous crowd at the corner of Sixteenth and Arapahoe and much enthusiasm was manifest. When the meeting first opened the police appeared on the scene and arrested nine. Immediately the crowd was called across the street and the meeting continued, when the police appeared again and arrested eleven more.

Perfect Order Maintained.

During the entire speechmaking, a sergeant-at-arms and several assistants kept the sidewalks cleared so that traffic could pass and the streets were open to all vehicles. The obstruction ordinance was not violated and the arrests are but the outcome of personal enmity of corporation rule and persecution. The police say the fire and police board revoked the Socialist license to meet on the street yesterday morning because of storekeepers' and rooming house occupants' complaints of their noise.

Chief Delany offered freedom to all who would promise not to meet again until the matter had been adjusted by the courts. All refused to accept their liberty on such a condition and claim they will have a crowd on Sixteenth and Arapahoe streets as long as the campaign is in force. When searched at the city hall the twenty prisoners had over \$1,000 in their pockets and the eyes of the jailer bulged out several inches as he handled more money than any representative crowd ever brought into the jail.

Those Under Arrest.

Dr. Carl Graeb, 2109 Lawrence street, chairman; Albert Allen, cook; Franklin H. Bryan, a Denver university law student; John Szako, carpenter; J. W. Hess, painter; W. H. Leonard, influential coal dealer, 857 Broadway; Hiram Scholtz, upholsterer; Albert J. Fox, millwright; Miss Luella Twining, teacher; Krank H. Rogers, carpenter; Leslie Kopp, baker; S. P. Brigham, candymaker; Edward Doty, machinist; Tom Sawyer, expressman; J. Keidseb, Hungarian artist; G. Peterson, dairyman; A. G. Cox, teamster; Charles Booth, Englishman; Franklyn Jordan, miner, newspaperman and organizer.

Hiram Scholtz was clubbed by the police, he says, and W. H. Leonard was kicked. J. H. Hess was also brutally handled according to the statements made in jail.

The fight will be carried to the highest court in the state, if necessary.—Socialist.

The cigarmakers and brewers of Providence, R. I., have endorsed the Socialist party. Eastern papers are indulging in conjectures as to the extent to which the Socialist party will be benefited by Gompers' call to political action on the part of the union men of the country.

From Washington.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 4, 1906.

Emil Herman is still among the farmers of Stevens county, and he reports that there is much interest taken in Socialism in most communities over there. Emil organized another local on Aug. 30th, making even in all in less than a month. Herman will probably go into the Coeur d'Alene district Idaho, for a few dates.

One of our candidates for congress, Comrade J. Barkley is preparing to cross the state to the Sound. Barkley has alarmed the little profit-hungry merchants in Eastern Washington, and he is liable to do the same thing over here. His voice does not sound good to the fleecers. He has a talent for stirring up the animals. If he reaches your community be sure to give him a hearing, and help him to enforce his message.

From many parts of the state come inquiries for speakers, but these calls are so widely separated that the cost of reaching the several points precludes us from making the attempt.

The profit-hunting merchants of Tacoma are threatening the religious street meetings, since Boomer made his talk, recently, on the corner of Twelfth and Pacific avenue. Boomer's talks seem dangerous to those who live in palaces and ride in costly automobiles. Boomer will fill a few more dates on this trip, and then return to his home. But there is a demand for the work that only Boomer can do, and it is possible that he may be induced to spend thirty days in the campaign as speaker.

The state executive committee of Washington hopes to have six or seven speakers in the field soon. Every Socialist in the state ought to render all the aid in his power, and there is not much doubt that most of them will do so.

D. BURGESS, State Secretary.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 31, 1906.

Comrade Emil Herman has been having much more than his share of fun. It seems as if the Dutch are always lucky. Herman so confused the republicans at two places as to cause them to resort to their unflinching argument, added eggs. But Emil won out against this last argument of the God-and-morality combination. The crowd was with Emil, and did not conceal this fact. This made the profit-hungry little merchant sick.

Emil has organized six locals and aroused general and intense interest in the cause of socialism.

Emil was routed for about twenty dates in Stevens county, but the demand for his continuance there has been so great that the secretary is trying to arrange to keep him in Stevens county for ten days longer.

Comrade Geo. E. Boomer has filled a number of dates on the Sound, and with entire satisfaction to all concerned. From Clipper comes a call for his return at an early day. A comrade writes from Clipper, saying: "Boomer made the best socialist speech here that was ever delivered in this place."

From all parts of the state come very encouraging reports, but there is a tendency on the part of some of our locals to rely too much upon the undoubted growth of socialist sentiment. The comrades in these locals seem to think that so long as there is a substantial growth of sentiment there is nothing further to be done, and they fold their hands. This is a most serious mistake. At such times we should redouble our efforts. We need to realize that, unless organized, mere numbers can have little significance. Ten millions of unorganized socialists would have little value and little force in emancipating our class. It is organization that we rely upon to give force and effect to socialist sentiment.

D. BURGESS.

Washington State Headquarters, Sept. 9, 1906.

At the session of the state executive committee, Sept. 9th, two charters were issued. Both locals were organized by that indefatigable worker, Emil Herman. Comrade J. H. Barkley, candidate for congress, is to tour the Sound country. He has the following dates: Buckley, 17th, Puyallup 18th, Tacoma 19th, Seattle 20th, Everett 21st, Snohomish 22nd, Arlington 23rd, Silvana 24th, Anacortes 25th.

Emil Herman will spend some time in pioneer work in Whitman county, and then he will probably go back into Stevens county, where he has given great satisfaction.

It is expected that John Clerk of Bellingham, J. G. Brown of Hoquiam, Alma Upton of Hoquim, W. J. Fisher of Lyle and W. J. Tamblin of Spokane, will fill dates during the campaign. If locals desiring speakers will communicate with this office, giving sufficient time, it is believed that almost any date can be filled.

Clarke county had its convention on the 8th instant, and put a ticket in the field. King county and Pierce county held conventions on the 9th of Sept.

Skagit and Yakima counties held conventions on the 15th of September. Much agitation is going on in all parts of the state, and reports are very encouraging.

From Seattle.

Just to let you know the Socialist Propaganda Club is alive and doing well, I will send the reports of the financial secretary and librarian for the three full months, June, July and August:

For June— Receipts, dues and other sources \$57.08 Literature sold 79.60 Total receipts \$138.68

For July— Receipts, dues and other sources \$92.39 Literature sold 75.60 Total receipts \$167.99

For August— Receipts, dues and other sources \$159.20 Literature sold 90.90 Total receipts \$250.10

We hold a propaganda meeting every Sunday evening in our temple and while the weather here this summer made it almost impossible for the churches and theaters to get an audience we never fell below the three hundred mark. Our temple has a seating capacity of six hundred and there are times when we need every inch of space. On August 12th in the afternoon we held a mass meeting to collect funds for our brothers in Russia and Russianized Colorado; collections \$30 which was sent to National Secretary Comrade Barnes.

On August 19th in the Seattle theater in the afternoon we had Thomas McGrady speak, we sold \$55.35 worth of literature. The literature sold and given away (including paper) amounted to fifteen hundred pieces. The selling and distributing of socialist literature is one of our stronghold, we have always on hand a stock that will invoice about five hundred dollars. We have developed our circulating library beyond the experimental stage. We have 109 volumes in it and about half of them are always out. We allow any person to secure a book from this library, the only charge is 5 cents per week for the first two weeks and 10 cents each week thereafter. In five months we have only lost two books. All funds from the library are used to enlarge it. We are going to distribute (from house to house) in the next sixty days five hundred copies of "What to Read on Socialism."

Hoping this might be of some interest to yourself and the readers of the "Montana News" your comrade in the Social Revolution

A. HUTCHISON, Organizer.

Convention of Pacific County, Wash.

At a convention of the socialists of Pacific county, Wash., held Sept. 3, 1906, the following ticket was nominated:

- For state senator—Walter Lorentz, longshoreman, South Bend. For representative—J. S. Kunkel, contractor, South Bend. For County Auditor—T. A. Howd, saw filer, South Bend. For County Clerk—P. L. Stanley, Clerk, France. For County Treasurer—Richard Miller, millman, South Bend. For County Sheriff—Jos. Mykel, blacksmith, South Bend. For County Assessor—Albert Bramstedt, painter, South Bend. For Commissioner, 3d District—William Barrows, logger South Bend. For Commissioner 2nd District—John D. McMillan, gardener, Willapa. For County Surveyor—Chas. Johnson, rancher South Bend. For County Coroner—George Minks, longshoreman, South Bend.

St. John Will Not Be Tried.

Vincent St. John, alias J. W. Vincent, Federation leader, president of Burke, Idaho, Miners' Union, will not have to stand trial for the murder of Benjamin Burnham, the smuggler-union miner, who was killed in a riot in Telluride, July 3, 1901.

St. John was to have been tried for the murder at the October term of the district court at Telluride. District Attorney Hugo Selig, after weighing the testimony, has reached the conclusion that he has not sufficient evidence to convict, and for that reason will go before the court October 8, at Grand Junction, and nolle prosequere the case against St. John.

The other indictments against St. John were quashed a couple of weeks ago. This is another blow that hits a vital spot in the Mine Owners' conspiracy to "do up" the W. F. of M. Vincent St. John had excellent success in organizing the miners of the Coeur d'Alenes, and in order to stop this it was necessary to put him out of the way. The prosecution had absolutely no evidence, but that did not prevent St. John's arrest and imprisonment.

It is said St. John will return to Idaho to continue his work.—Socialist.

The little booklets containing Chas. H. Vails "Socialism and the Negro Problem," are now ready. They are bound in handsome red covers and are especially desirable for circulation in localities where there is a colored population. The books sell at 5 cents a copy, 6 for 25 cents, 24 copies for \$1.00.

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KLEIN & BOURNE. Corner Sixth Ave and Jackson PHONE 30. The first car of Montana Wealthy Apples has arrived at our store. Don't fail to get a box of these fine cooking and eating apples. 4 Tier Wealthy per box \$1 50. The New York state committee reports the employment of ten speakers in the present campaign, whereas not more than three had been regularly employed in any previous campaign. 200,000 leaflets have been sent out. The national office has granted charters to Local Franklinville, Md., 6 members; and Local Manhattan, Nev., 18 members.

WHERE DAISY SLEEPS.

To mother: Sweetest to us of all the earth. We called her "Daisy." Eugene V. Debs.

The grass grows green Where Daisy sleeps; The mulberry tree its vigil keeps Where Daisy sleeps.

The wind blows soft Where Daisy sleeps; The modest, blue-eyed violet peeps Where Daisy sleeps.

The birds sing sweet Where Daisy sleeps; The mournful willow bends and weeps Where Daisy sleeps.

The sun shines bright Where Daisy sleeps; Each changing season sows and reaps Where Daisy sleeps.

The flowers bloom fair Where Daisy sleeps; The evening shadow softly creeps Where Daisy sleeps;

Our hearts beat true Where Daisy sleeps; And love its watch for ever keeps Where Daisy sleeps.

IN THE FIELD.

Dates of National Organizer Gobel:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date. Locations include Wallace, Idaho (Sept. 22), Burko, Idaho (Sept. 23), Gem, Idaho (Sept. 24), Murray, Idaho (Sept. 25), Wallace, Idaho (Sept. 26), Osborn, Idaho (Sept. 27), Wardner, Idaho (Sept. 28), Silver King, Idaho (Sept. 29), Kingston, Idaho (Sept. 30), Cataldo, Idaho (Oct. 1), Lane, Idaho (Oct. 2), Harrison, Idaho (Oct. 3), Near Carlin Bay (Oct. 4 and 5), Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Oct. 6), Spokane, Wash. (Oct. 7), Bathrum (Oct. 8), Athol (Oct. 9), Bagle (Oct. 10), Sand Point (Oct. 11), McArthur (Oct. 12), Bonner's Ferry (Oct. 13), Kootenai (Oct. 14), Spokane (Oct. 15), Cora (Oct. 16), Moscow (Oct. 17), Avon (Oct. 18).

Isaac Cowan in Missoula county till Oct. 3.

Ida Crouch-Hazlett.

Great Falls (Sept. 28), Truly (Sept. 29), Meisenbach district (Sept. 30).

T. E. Latimer.

From now on five dates in Sanders county, and then Idaho and Washington.

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Mrs. Hazlett spoke at Bozeman during the fair, Sept. 20-21. Large crowds attended the meetings. There was some attempt at interruption from would-be wisecracks the first night, but the sympathy of the crowd was so forcibly demonstrated against them that the next night all was peaceable.

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National News

Dr. Titus was fined \$10 for speaking on the streets of Seattle. The case has been appealed and will be fought to a finish.

An order has been placed for a reprint of "Workingmen Next" by Benjamin Feigenbaum. This is a 48 page Jewish pamphlet, and also contains a translation of the national platform. Single copies 5 cents; 50 for \$2; 100 for \$3.50, post paid. Orders may be filed at once.

Comrade W. H. Peterson of Oakland, Cal., who was afflicted with blindness, recently committed suicide. The suicide was really a murder as it was caused by the exclusion of our comrade from the Home for Adult Blind at Oakland, a "charitable" institution, which was the only place in which he could make his living. Comrade Peterson was kicked out because he was a socialist.

A great hue and cry has recently been made about the capture of Birmingham, Utah, by the socialist party. A vacancy occurring in the town board recently the "socialist" members of the board put in the place a man who is not a socialist and who has never even hinted at joining the socialist party. "The Crisis" of Salt Lake approves the move, because the man selected is a member of the I. W. W.

New York socialists inaugurated a new move in propaganda the other night when John C. Chase addressed nearly 100 printers on the West side, who work nights. The meeting opened at 3 a. m. and closed two hours later. Great interest was displayed by the printers present. Refreshments were served. The meeting was so successful that more of the kind will be held in the near future in other parts of the city.

Unofficial reports give the socialist party 1,500 votes in the state election held in Arkansas on Tuesday. In 1904 we had 1,816. It is likely that final and complete reports will change this apparent loss into a small gain. Our party is not yet well organized in Arkansas, as well in several other states of the south, and it is easy for the old party officials to ignore the socialist ballots cast in many districts—"The Worker," New York City.

For the purposes of the national press committee, each local of the party has been directly requested to file with the national office information as to papers in their localities that will accept and use copy of matter supplied to them. This service will include news and propaganda stuff, such as would be most apt to receive space in non-socialist papers, yet which would be of value to the Socialist cause. National and state organizers have also been requested to forward news items.

Reports of the socialist vote in the Maine and Vermont state elections just held, have not been received, and will probably have to come in by freight. Gompers' fight on Littlefield in Maine, however, failed, Littlefield being elected by 1,300 plurality. It is only fair to add that this is a reduction from 4,000 in the last election. We fail to see, even at that, where labor has gained anything in return for the tremendous expenditure of money and energy. Better support the socialists next time, Sammy.—Socialist.

The Philadelphia police are fighting the socialist speakers viciously. While holding a meeting in the Mansjank district five speakers were arrested and locked up over Sunday. Although they were dismissed when the case came to trial, the magistrate treated the matter as a joke till he was informed that Comrade Cohen would be allowed to remain in jail on a test case on habeas corpus proceedings. The affair raised a tremendous disturbance, and thousands of people followed the comrades to the jail. They say they will now organize a large branch local in that section of the city.

Comrade J. B. Osborne, candidate for governor of Georgia, who was sentenced to 30 days in the stockade in Atlanta on August 24th, for speaking on the streets was released by the order of the mayor on Sept. 8th. The court house had been secured for a protest mass meeting to be held Sept. 7th, but the janitor refused to open the doors, and the chief clerk, Henry M. Wood, explained the next day that he had forgotten to give orders to have the doors opened. Immediately upon the release of Comrade Osborne, a request for a permit to speak on the streets was presented to Mayor Jas. G. Woodward, which he immediately tore up, and explains his action as follows in a local paper: "Certainly I tore up the petition, just as I would have torn up any other similar document, when I had looked it over and made up my mind. I do not intend to let the socialists run over me."

International

Comrade William Mailly, representing the national organization, attended a convention of the Polish Socialist alliance, held in New York, Sept. 2-5, and reports in part as follows:

"At the morning session of the 1st day, William Mailly, representing the national executive committee of the socialist party, addressed the convention and conveyed to it the greetings of the organization.

"In the course of his remarks Comrade Mailly dwelt upon the necessity of the Polish comrades becoming more closely affiliated with the socialist party and urging that action be taken which would encourage the Polish socialists to join the party individually, so that the party could become a greater factor in national politics and exercise an influence on behalf of the working class struggle abroad as well as at home. Socialists of every nationality should support the socialist party in each country so as to strengthen the whole international movement.

The report of the delegates showed that the Polish Socialist Alliance is making gratifying progress throughout the country, with the local treasuries in good condition, notwithstanding the great demands made upon them to support the revolution in Poland and Russia. In all \$15,086 had been collected for the revolution and of this \$14,480 had been forwarded to the central committee, leaving a balance of \$906.28.

At the third day's proceedings a resolution was adopted amid much enthusiasm, recognizing the socialist party as the party of the American proletariat; acknowledging that the class struggle exists here as in all other countries and that is even more apparent here than elsewhere. Class conscious working men should recognize it as their duty to gather under the banner of the socialist party and become members of the international socialist movement. All Polish working men should declare their affiliation with the socialist movement and the convention bound itself to strive among its constituents to the end that every assistance be given the socialist party. The Polish socialists who could speak English should join English branches and others should consider it their duty to start Polish branches wherever possible.

After a long discussion, the convention adopted a resolution recognizing the Russian Socialist Democratic party as the representative of the politically organized Russian proletariat, but expressing the hope that the Russian working men would soon see the necessity of a united socialist party.

Resolutions of thanks to Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone for their brave stand against the capitalist class were adopted and a telegram of greeting ordered sent the imprisoned comrades.

One of the most important matters acted upon was that of the official organ, "Robotnik." The consensus of opinion was that the paper should give more attention to the socialist party as the agitation literature of the alliance was purposeless, if it did not deal with American conditions as well as those in Poland. It was decided to remove the place of publication of "Robotnik," from Chicago to New York.

A translation of "The Jungle" was ordered published in "Robotnik," Comrade Sinclair having given permission this to be done.

With a great flourish of trumpets the announcement is made that King Edward's government is about to realize the dream of the Irish patriots and grant home rule to Ireland. Let us see what is behind this unparalleled magnanimity. The Liberal government is being pushed to the wall by the Labor party in parliament. It fears it is going to meet defeat at the hands of the Labor members thus forcing a new election. To counteract this it must do something startling to get the support of the Irish members in parliament. The promise of home rule for Ireland is the sop to save the country from being captured by the working class. If Ireland gets home rule, she will owe it to the Labor party in parliament.

The peasants in the rural districts of Russia are offering armed resistance to the tax collectors. The social democrats have been notified that they will not be allowed to hold a convention. They have announced one to be held in St. Petersburg in the near future. In an attempt to liberate some prisoners in Martin jail the guards turned their guns on the prisoners and killed them all.

Tom Mann, formerly a leading socialist of England, is now active in the socialist movement in Australia.

The Oklahoma socialist party has now issued a bulletin following the example of a number of the states this fall. These bulletins are but the forerunners of the party papers that are to be.

Women's Clubs

JAPHETH IN SEARCH OF HIS MOTHER.

By Dr. L. E. Holmes. Sec. II.

The Doctor Tells His Wife a Professional Secret.

"Jane, I met Henry Johnston today, at my office, and I met some one else at the Holden House. This some one else is a professional secret, mind you, and, taken together with the first is a surprise and a shock. I'll have to tell you, for its so great that I'm bursting with it and must tell some one and can't tell anyone but you, for this is the kind of secret that a doctor sometimes tells his wife."

"Well, just tell the secret, if you're going to, for mercy's sake; for I'm getting nervous with this long drawn out mystery that's bursting you and can't get through, tra la, la."

"Johnston called at my office, and while I was holding his hands and asking all manner of questions—no, he isn't married, but is about to be,—a knock came to the door and disturbed this first joyful meeting with my old friend of the pine tree state. A lad came in and handed me a note asking me to call, as soon as convenient, at the Holden House to see a Mrs. Smith."

"Johnston soon left, but said he would be in town a few days and would call on you. You know his sister Mary. She has been out here a number of years teaching."

"Of course I do. Didn't we go to school together? She doesn't know even that we are here. I'm going to write to her right away, the dear girl! But what's she got to do with this wonderful professional secret, I'd like to know—"

"Well, wait."

"How provoking!"

"I went right over to the hotel and inquired of the clerk for Mrs. Smith. He said: 'The young lady's in the parlour, go right up.' Young lady, I mused as I went up. Entering the parlour I saw a very lovely young woman—"

"Of course, very lovely! Most of them are—"

"Except as to her figure and that was interesting to a doctor—to whom I bowed and said: 'Mrs. Smith, I presume? I am Doctor White.' She replied—and the sound of her voice was like the charm of soft music—"

"I suppose so."

"O, I thank you, doctor, for coming. I want to see you very much. Will you sit down?"

"I think you'd better stayed in your office."

"I sat down and she said, 'I must tell you, doctor, that my name is not Smith.' Now listen, Jane."

"Well, ain't I listening with mouth and ears wide open? I was only hushing up the baby that I might hear this very interesting story; secret I should think it ought to be."

"You see, doubtless, that I may soon need medical assistance," she said, "and I want to ask you that favor. I am not married."

"The hussy!"

"Be patient, Jane. She said, 'My real name is Mary Johnston.'"

"O, doctor, you're making that all up. It isn't possible! Poor, poor, little Mary! Boo, hoo, hoo!"

"Now, Jane, keep your tears for something later that may happen. She did not know me or suspect that I knew her and had just left her brother. She was as cool as if nothing unusual had happened. But I could hardly hold myself together. I replied, as calmly as I could, that I would be pleased to offer her any assistance in my power."

"Of course you will, Andrew. I wish the poor girl could come right here."

"Well, of course she can't. She told me that she was teaching in the village B., and was in her school room yesterday when the stage coach for Denver passed; that she left the scholars in their benches to go home when they pleased, and took the coach; then and there, for she dared not wait another day."

"They have lost me," she said, "and I want everybody who knows me to lose me for a time."

"Except me," I said. "Oh, of course! You don't know me," she said, "but I hope, when you know all, you will not be ashamed to say you do." I wanted to leave for I thought I couldn't stand it any longer. I thought of her poor brother who worshipped her, and had just left me. She said she wanted me to take care of her when she should be sick, and if I could, a place for her out of the city, or hidden away in it, and some one to adopt the little one when born.

"She told me that she had a brother in the state, but would not have him know anything of it for the world. Then she told how she had left her home in the East and came out here to her brother to teach; that she had taught several years; that about a year ago she met a young man, or something that resembled one—with what bitterness she said that!—that he

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LOCAL HELENA, of the Socialist Party Meets every Wednesday evening at the Workers Club. AUGUST JOHNSON, Secretary

LOCAL LIVINGSTON, of the Socialist Party Meets every Monday Night at Socialist Hall No. B. St. M. BEACH, Sec.

Stapleton comes home I'll talk with him, and let you know later. That night, about nine o'clock, a horseman rode up to my house from Stapleton's ranch with a note which read: "Bring Her Down." And I didn't lose any time in doing it. About twelve o'clock that night I took the little lady—for she was a lady—into an upper room in Stapleton's house and hid her away from the world. (To be Continued.)

State Department

Comrade Bjorneby of Kalispell sends in \$6 for due stamps.

Local Helena has elected Comrade Hans Prevost as state committeeman.

Local Butte sends in \$6.60 on the old Montana News debt.

Belt local No. 2, Finnish branch, sends in \$3.60 for due stamps for June, July and August.

The socialists of Silver Bow county held their convention on the 10th and nominated a full ticket.

Local Butte sends in \$6 on the old debt. This brings the Butte debt down to \$20.65.

Comrade Horne writes that he is quite proud of the platform since he has seen it in print.

Comrade Lloyd Leitch, who has been the secretary of Local Havre, has been in town a few days. He is a machinist and you don't have to tell him where the interest of the working class lies.

Comrade Conway came in from the hills a few days ago and left \$8.55 for the cause of liberty; \$2 wage fund; \$2.55 dues till the end of the year 1907; sub cards \$2; press fund \$2.

Another bunch of subs from South Butte from a brakeman that runs into that burg. The boys in the yards are all right. What about those on the hill?

Comrade George Wesleder sends in an order for seven subs, and \$4 for the press fund from "Friends." He says, "We are doing good work here in Great Falls, and we are going to keep it up."

We have a good encouraging letter from Comrade Ambrose, the Butte member of the State Cabinet. He encloses \$20 as Maury's contribution to the campaign. They want Ben Wilson there for a month, and say they will raise \$100 for him.

Comrade Paul Castle sends word from Central Park that he has succeeded in stirring things up there a little, and that a local can soon be organized. He says, "Please send the necessary equipment for preliminary work to W. D. Manchester, Whitehall. He is in line, and will do things O. K. I am quite sure."

Comrade Rutherford of East Helena, came in and left his monthly \$2 last week. He says he don't miss it, and he wants to help, and he thinks every working man that is employed in Montana could do the same. He says if the dues were made a dollar a month instead of 25 cents, the socialist party would do something.

James Jensen of Harlowtown writes: "Beg to announce that I took up a member at large, Frank Bomers, willing to pay his dues as a member at large. If you will assist me I will start a local at Harlowtown. Bring me a speaker when occasion allows it. Answer when you think you will send a speaker along the Jawbone."

The material for the convention at Dietz, Wyo., on the 15th was received too late for publication. This has been the case with several convention notices. The last typesetting is done on the News on Tuesday night. The first is set Saturday night, so it can easily be seen that the matter must be in early in order to get into the current week proper.

The socialists of Dietz, Wyo., are not idle. James Morgan writes: "I mailed one of your sub blanks to a friend in Bear Creek. I hope he will be able to send in a list. I turned one of your sub blanks over to Comrade Gouthro, and you may expect a few from here soon. I am going to take charge of gathering contributions to the press fund. Am also mailing a sub blank to a cousin of mine in Roslyn, Wash. I believe he may be able to send in a few subs also."

A few more workers like this would send the News list up whirling.

Comrade Peugh sends an order from the Livingston local as follows: 1,000 machinists' pamphlets, 1,000 platforms, 100 "What the Republican and Democratic Parties Have Done for the Working Man." Total amount \$5.35, deposited in bank to the order of the state secretary.

Comrade Goebel ran over from Butte to have a chat with the News force. Goebel is one of the most brilliant and satisfactory speakers in the American movement. He is thoroughly experienced, a well educated man, an excellent teacher of the movement, and a practical and energetic worker. We hope he may be able to be in Montana again sometime when he can have time to do effective work. The weather was against him this time. He had the best meeting at Livingston.

Comrade Chas. Johnson writes encouraging news from Gilt Edge. "Enclosed you will find P. Order for eight dollars (\$8.00), six dollars for due stamps and two dollars for bundle of News. Mail News to Socialist club, Gilt Edge. We reorganized when Comrade Latimer was here. Urban Jones was elected organizer and Charles Johnson financial secretary. We meet tomorrow, Saturday, which I think, will be our regular meeting night. Please change my News from Maiden to Gilt Edge. If you have any books on hand please send us a list."

Comrade Cowan reports at one point, where out of a collection of \$3.65 the comrades took out \$2 to pay their hall rent. This is really too bad in an organized district where a comrade is working as hard as Comrade Cowan is, and under such financial difficulties. There is no socialist district in Montana but what the comrades can afford to pay \$2 hall rent without taking it out of the earnings of the man that does the work. We hope that a class conscience may be developed in the socialist movement along with a class consciousness.

The material relating to state work, convention business and so forth, is already getting to be so great that we simply cannot handle it in a paper the size of the Montana News. Much valuable matter sent in to us, and relating to the political situation must be left out on account of space. So if you expect to see things in the News that are not there you will know the reason why. Again the editor is doing double duty by being in the field a part of the week. These things militate more or less against satisfactory results. But there seems to be no way to help it. There is a mountain of work and few to do it.

Comrade A. J. Macdonald writes from Bismark, N. D.: "We had a splendid meeting here with Comrade Goebel. We got the opera house and had about 200 in the audience. I am confident the hall would have been filled if he had had two nights. The collections were about \$10, which is very good I think, it being the first socialist speech ever delivered here. We have organized a local with eight members, Comrade Spimb being elected secretary. I am well pleased with Comrade Goebel's address, and so was every one else that I have heard express an opinion. One man followed him from Jamestown to hear him here. Enclose check for \$1.50 for which send me one of Woodbey's books, "What to Do, and How to Do It," "Imprudent Marriages," and also one copy of socialist songs with music, as I will try and get up a socialist glee club."

Latimer's Report.

Have just returned from a week's work among the farmers of Fergus county. Hope to finish here next Wednesday night, Sept. 19th. That will make 17 days in the county. The comrades here will roll up a good vote in November, and will hold their own in many farming precincts where the people are hard to reach owing to the country being thinly settled. In spite of rain and snow my meetings were well attended, and great interest manifested.

I hope the party will soon get on its feet, and raise funds that you may have enough help to carry on the work of the office so that you and Comrade Hazlett won't have to work day and night to keep the party machinery going.

Comrade Hudson, our candidate for congress, is planning to do some effective campaigning. The rains have put him back with his haying so that he is delayed in getting away. He is making arrangements to go into Cook City and round up the old timers there. The state organization has been hoping to be able to get into Cook City somehow. He sends for sub-blanks and charter blanks, so he means business. He says he will have to go into Cook City with a pack and saddle horse. He expects to go up to Butte and Great Falls and other towns on the route, and says he will try and meet the candidates of the other parties in joint debate. He winds up his letter by saying, "I would rather run on a socialist ticket and be defeated than run on a capitalist ticket and be elected."

Comrade Hudson has been having some more experiences. He writes: "I have written the Nye boys, also the crowd at Reed, and told them I would go over and give them a lecture and organize them any time when they organized a meeting. So I guess they will be ready for me in a few days. I have also written a comrade at Cook City that I would be up there to give them a hot one. So you had better send me some application blanks for charters. We will soon be doing things at this end of the line. Comrade Collins had a hot time in one of the towns where he spoke recently. Some preachers and their wives drove up in a wagon close to where he was speaking. They had a piano in their wagon and began to play and sing. He tried to drown them and nearly ruined his voice. The comrades there ought to have turned the whole outfit bottom side up.

Here is the way they are working in Cascade county. Comrade Rector writes: "Here is a bunch of subs. Will try and get more, and I know I can. Am urging all the comrades here to round up all the subs they can, and to do it quick. The revolutionary spirit has taken hold of a few here, and here's something doing. Mrs. Plassman is doing a grand work among the women. She had a large family of girls, all school teachers. She tells me they are all socialists except one, who lives at Assiniboine. The reason she has not been converted is because our wireless is not working with Assiniboine. We think some of trying mental telepathy on this subject. Now I am glad you are busy with large job orders. I would like to be there and help you out a bit by pushing that job press. Tell Comrade Hazlett Mrs. Plassman is going to Missoula in a few weeks and will call and see her in Helena."

Local Livingston has engaged Miles Hall for Thanksgiving evening for a grand socialist ball. Rooney is the Peugh writes that from the talk he says, "We are going to find plenty to do from now on till after election. We sold a man here a copy of "The World's Revolution," and he told me it was one of the greatest books he ever read, and that every word of it was true. I believe by November he will vote the whole socialist ticket. He has got to the point where he talks of socialism and the rottenness of the old parties all the time, and won't talk of anything else. I expect to resign as chairman of the grievance committee next Wednesday night, for it will be impossible for me during the campaign to work for their best interests completely in that position, and at the same time do my full duty for the socialist party, as the socialist party with me must receive first consideration."

MISSOULA COUNTY CONVENTION.

All socialists of Missoula County are hereby called to unite in a convention Saturday, Sept. 29, at Socialist headquarters, 734 West Cedar Street, Missoula, Montana, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, and attending to such other business as may properly come before the convention.

ERNEST FIRCHAU, Sec.

The "Journal of the Switchmen's Union", published in Buffalo, is presenting some fine socialist articles.

Cowan's Report.

Sept. 13, Stevensville. Had fairly good hall meeting here. As weather is cold and lamp had to shut down on street meetings for the present. I found some good live comrades, and a live local, with some women members; which speaks well for such comrades as are pushing the work along with great odds against them at present. They are claiming a largely increased vote for election day. They had closed the deal on a hall, to be used as a skating ring, and for other amusements, as well as socialist meetings and entertainments; but when the owner knew for what purpose it was to be used he refused to sign up. So now the comrades are going to build a hall of their own—more power to them. Cash received \$3.

Sept 14th, Hamilton. Arrived on time. Hunted up Comrade George Ward. The meetings were billed for the opera house, but when the time came could find no one to open up, so held a small meeting in the dining room of the Cottage hotel, owned by Comrade A. W. Newell. Can't bluff real socialists out of their rights. They are bound to show up somewhere.

Sept 15th. Committee met. Had interview with manager of opera house who apologized so they rented it tonight, and Tuesday the 18th, that being the date of the socialist county convention. We held a short meeting on the street at 2 p. m. Had about 100 attentive listeners. Advertised the other two meetings, and challenged any and all to a joint debate either tonight or Tuesday night. The meeting tonight was small, but good listeners. The novelty of hearing some talk has worn off, but those who come are of the kind who will be in the movement soon. We were up against a dance which took a lot of the younger element. Cash \$2.50, buttons 30cents.

Comrade Dr. O. B. Jones of Hamilton came along with Anna Jackson to the Cottage Hotel and gave me a drive through Marcus Daly's home ranch of 8,000 acres. Anna Jackson is a blooded mare that used to make 2:30 time a few years ago. We saw stables superior to any farmer's residence; horses, cows, sheep and deer looked after in the most up-to-date style, while hundreds in this valley of prosperity look as though they needed more of this world's goods. But while they vote for a system that allows one man to own so much, and everything to be controlled by the A. C. M. Co., Anaconda Copper Mining Company, they will remain in slavery and gradually become worse.

Sept. 16. Comrade Hiram Platt of Hamilton this morning came over, and we drove up the valley to Sleeping Child school house for a 9 o'clock morning meeting, but the parties he had entrusted the distribution of hand bills to had played him false and the people had no notice, so we drummed up four farmers and I talked to them for half an hour with the woodpile for seats, and left them discussing socialism. It is impossible to deprive a socialist of an audience when he starts out for one. We proceeded to Comrade Platt's home where we found Mrs. Platt and daughter had a fine lunch prepared. After lunch we proceeded up the valley to Darby, where a hall had been secured for a 4 p. m. meeting of lumber jacks and a few others. Held their close attention for over an hour. Cash \$6.50. Returned to Comrade Platt's and remained under their hospitable roof for the night.

Sept. 17. After consulting with the comrades about a meet at Grantsdale it was decided to annul the appoint-

ment. So came down the valley to Hamilton and held a fairly well attended street meeting at 8 p. m., considering we had not advertised it.

Sept. 18. The Ravalli county convention was held at Hamilton today; all four locals in the county being represented. After the county committee had transacted some important business Comrade George Ward of Hamilton called the convention to order, and was elected permanent chairman. Comrade Platt of Como local was elected secretary. The work of the county committee was ratified, they having filled vacancies on the county ticket, which gives the voters of the county an opportunity to vote nearly a straight ticket this coming election, as we have a candidate for every office except the county attorney. The convention endorsed the socialist movement of the world, the party platform of America and the state of Montana, and also passed ringing resolutions condemning the treating of our comrades of the Western Federation of Miners, and demanded of all workers that they stand together at the ballot box, cast a straight socialist vote, and wipe the system out. A new county committee was elected for two years, books audited and found correct. They adjourned to battle for home, justice and equal rights and opportunities for all. At eight p. m. a fair-sized audience assembled in the opera house, nearly one-half being women, to listen to the discussion of the Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone kidnapping and imprisonment. After close attention for an hour and a half we could hear expressions as follows: "I have a gun," "I will be one to seat him as governor of Colorado," "It is time we voted the old parties out," "I have cast my last republican or democratic vote," as the case might be. So the heaven is at work. Cash \$4.85.

Sept. 19, Victor. Found that meetings had not been advertised as Comrade Ward had not been away from home, and no one knew about it till he returned yesterday. So I had to turn to and write out bills and nail them up. Our meeting at night was fairly well attended considering the short notice and chilly weather. Cash \$1.25, books 20 cents.

Sept. 20. Had a splendid hall meeting tonight. Gave them Moyer and Haywood's history and told of the crimes committed against these comrades. Many interesting questions were asked and answered. The socialists will elect some officials in this valley unless things are very deceiving. Cash 40 cents. Total collecting \$3.65. Comrades used \$2 for hall rent.

Sept. 21, Missoula. Found meeting well advertised. Attended school teachers' institute; heard two short talks of little importance; distributed a few papers and Weeks' leaflets; then visited the Northern Pacific shops and tried to round up the boys for our night meeting; had fair attendance. Gave them "The Man and the Machine," or "The Man Under the Machine." A little fellow came up at the start and remained all through, pretty well loaded with bug juice. I utilized him to draw the crowd, and to hold them most effectively. Before the finish he put a dollar on the platform for the collection; my foot was on it; he never saw it any more, and he seemed well pleased. In fact, I found out later he was a socialist from Minnesota. I had him sing the song composed by Comrade Nash of Minnesota, "You Strike Like Men and Vote Like Asses." Missoula has built a folding platform, secured a torch and is up to date in street meetings. I was the first speaker on the platform, so it has

been christened "Ike." Cash \$4, books 40 cents.

Sept. 22. Visited the Northern Pacific shops again; stirred them up; had a splendid meeting on the street. Gave them Moyer and Haywood talk. Comrade Latimer came along, so we decided to have another meeting tomorrow night, Sunday. Cash \$3.95, books 90 cents.

Eminent Domain.

If it is legal for a corporate body of men to have private property condemned under a law called eminent domain, and taken for the private use under the assigned reason that the said private property was taken for public good, then under the same head, why could not the whole people (the government) do likewise? Why could not the railroads, the telegraph and telephone lines be condemned and taken for the public good under the law of eminent domain? The people have given up democratic rights to carry on all public functions, to private individuals for them to draw dividends on. This private property is being used as a machine to rob the public, that a possessing class may profit therefrom under the plea of the public good. It is only necessary to think of the number of acres of land that have been given to the railroad barons.

Below is a list of the land that has been given to different lines:

Union Pacific R. R.	42,000,000 acres
Kansas Pacific R. R.	6,000,000 acres
Denver Pacific R. R.	1,000,000 acres
Central Pacific R. R.	10,000,000 acres
Oregon Central R. R.	1,200,000 acres
Southern Pac. R. R.	35,000,000 acres
Northern Pac. R. R.	47,000,000 acres
Cairo & Fulton R. R.	3,000,000 acres
Wis. Central R. R.	1,800,000 acres
St. Paul & Pac. R. R.	4,723,000 acres
Atlantic & Pac. R. R.	4,200,000 acres
Oregon & Cal. R. R.	3,500,000 acres
Pensacola & Georgia R.	1,568,229 acres
Mobile & Ohio River	1,004,640 acres
St. Paul & Sioux City	1,100,000 acres
Iowa Falls & Sioux City	1,226,168 acres
St. Joe & Denver City	1,700,000 acres
Miss. Kansas & Texas	1,520,000 acres
Pac. & Southwestern	1,161,235 acres
Burlington & Miss. River	2,141,600 acres
Chic. Rock Isl. Pac.	1,261,181 acres
Jackson, Louisville & Baginaw	1,052,169 acres
.....	1,298,739 acres
Cedar Rapids & Missouri
Missouri River, Fort Scott
& Gulf	2,350,000 acres
New Orleans, B. R. & B.
.....	3,800,000 acres
Ils. Central & Mobile & Chicago	2,596,058 acres
Atech. Topeka & S. F.	3,000,000 acres
Estimated value, \$209,344,233 acres, and \$1,174,000,000 was given outside of what was taken by the law of eminent domain. It is certainly a gigantic farce to think of a people that will call themselves free, permitting such colossal robbery. Enough land has been given to private individuals to make in size the thirteen original states. The question is how long will the producing class allow such a state of affairs to last, when they have it in their power to change it!	

M. L. BAKER.

No higher tribute could be paid to the Western Federation of Miners (Mining Department of the I. W. W.) being a labor organization in the best sense of the word, than the persecution of its officials and the organization itself, is being subjected to by the mine owning capitalists of Colorado.—Socialist Review.

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