

Montana Municipal State Campaign

BRUTAL OUTRAGES ON THE WORKING CLASS

Citizens' Alliance Mayors and Aldermen Selected by the Capitalists Degrade, Insult and Murder Labor—Workers Rally to the Program of Your Class

VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT

Another city campaign is upon the workers of Helena. Again will they be called upon to use that ballot for which the European working class are so ardently striving and which the American working man uses as the child does a toy with no idea of how it could be used to benefit him and his class.

The socialists have a ticket in the field. It is the only ticket manned and engineered by the working class.

The Citizens' Alliance will have their usual ticket in the field, and doubtless the Helena working class will again degrade themselves by putting a Citizens' Alliance man in an administrative position to govern them and their destinies.

They must be taught to think about what power is in their ballot and how they ought to use it. They must be taught to think what issues are up, and how as self-respecting working men they ought to vote.

CITY WATER QUESTION

Over a year ago Helena through a referendum to the people voted bonds to establish a city water plant at a special election. The proposition was carried by an overwhelming majority, and the city administration had authority to establish a city water plant and stop the tremendous graft that the present company is working on the helpless citizens.

The water company fought the case most bitterly through the Independent, and spent much money in writing against it and in putting out circulars.

The Citizens' Alliance also fought the proposition. It was the business men standing solid together to protect the enormous profits of their class.

All the wards where the workers lived voted almost unanimously for city water. The working class in Helena are dying at a heavy rate from the deadly effects of the terrible water they have to consume, and typhoid fever induced from the filth germs in its impurities.

The water furnished by the company is such a nauseous mess that those having filters have to change them sometimes twice a day in order to get the water through.

The silk-stocking wards voted solidly against the measure. The inhabitants there can afford filters and distilled water.

The Negro and the Class Struggle.

There have been many different ways suggested and tried for the solution of the negro problem, but to no avail so far. Some may have been highly elated over the Booker T. Washington and Roosevelt episode, on account of the social phase the occurrence manifested. That little occurrence only irritated the existing mental cancer and augmented the pain in some parts of the country. It is a matter of insignificance in the solution of this problem about whom we break bread and drink wine with, but it is a question of great importance about how much of this world's goods we can obtain by justice, to increase our happiness as we journey through life.

Socialism does not try to ingratiate itself with you, on things that have no real influence on your material improvement in order to solicit your votes. The socialist wants voters that are class conscious of their position in society and are desirous of improving them by justice.

From a rational point of view, it looks to me as though negroes would concentrate their support with the philosophy of society, that offers them the

CAN'T SELL BONDS

The capitalists claim that the city could not sell its bonds for a municipal water plant in Helena, that no town with a socialist administration or where the sentiment is known to be largely socialist can sell its bonds.

Butte with all its indebtedness has had socialists on the council for six years, and its bonds are greedily grabbed up by the capitalists.

Livingston has had socialists on its council for a number of years. It has the most militant socialist organization in the state and the most aggressive labor unions in the northwest. Yet, its bonds are grabbed up greedily at a large premium by the capitalists.

Red Lodge has a socialist mayor, a police magistrate and two socialists in a council of six. Yet, its bonds sell at a large premium.

Milwaukee, where the democrats and republicans fuse against the socialists, and where there are over 40 socialists in office, with organized labor solidly supporting the socialist ticket, finds its bonds are at a premium.

Helena, at one time the home of more millionaires than any other town in the world, one of the richest in the Rocky Mountain region, the home of the Citizens' Alliance of Montana, where organized labor and the socialist party are the weakest in the state, has nobody but capitalists and capitalist funkies in its town council, and yet it cannot sell its bonds.

Even the capitalists respect the administrative ability of the working class when they are in office. The working class are not weak in administration. They are only weak in using the capitalist weapon of the political machine. They do not know as yet how to handle and man their party, how to line up on a class ballot, how to quit voting and working for the party and the system which oppresses them and turn the power of a vote into a power to establish working class control of every community.

UNEMPLOYED ON CHAIN GANG

With a Citizens' Alliance administration in Helena no sort of solution for the terrible unemployed problem is even considered, except to put them on the chain gang with the brand of a criminal. About sixteen unfortunates that the capitalist system fails to provide means of making a living for are herded through the streets of Hel-

Tour of Ex-Mayor Chase.

National Organizer John C. Chase has begun his work on his lecture tour of Montana. His first date was in Billings on the 19th. A good crowd was in attendance in spite of the fact that the meeting was only advertised one day. The seating capacity of Eagles' hall was taxed to the utmost and the audience listened with close attention for two hours. Several interesting questions were asked Comrade Chase which were answered to the complete satisfaction of the audience. Billings was stirred up by the meeting and is ready to take as many speakers as can be sent to them. On the 20th Comrade Chase spoke to the students and professors in the assembly rooms of the Agricultural College at Bozeman. Fully 350 were present and listened to Comrade Chase for an hour. Comrade Chase outlined the fundamental principles of socialism and reviewed the history of the movement in this country and impressed his audience with the fact that socialism was the real issue in this country and that every voter would be obliged to take a stand on the question in the near future. The speaker was given close attention and at the close of his lecture was heartily applauded. The following report of his address in the

ena every day by men with guns. Under any sort of a decent, civilized, humane system those in authority would provide some way by which this surplus labor could be given a chance to maintain itself; as by city works, on a water system, or a sewer system or better streets, or public buildings, and the work paid for at union prices. Judge Hunt said in his famous proclamation, aimed to completely crush and disorganize the unions of Montana by paralyzing them with a blanket injunction, such as never was issued in an American court before, a slap and an insult at organized labor wielded by the capitalist power that controls government—Judge Hunt said "God gave man his hands and his back, and no man can compel another man to work if he does not want to."

This was the edict issued by the judge from the bench. Yet the police magistrate marches up his chain gang to work on the streets in front of Judge Hunt's house, to make nice, pleasant surroundings for this instrument of capitalism without pay. Slavery indeed! Made to work as a slave because there was no work for pay.

Well, the socialist system advocates a different order of things. Those who will have the intelligence to vote the socialist ticket at this coming election are trying their best to usher in a way of doing things by which the people who are born on this earth are assured care, education, and a perpetual chance to produce what they can consume.

BRUTAL POLICE FORCE

Under a Citizens' Alliance mayor an irresponsible police force has inaugurated a reign of thugism and terror. A man with out a star orders a wayfarer to hold up his hands, who, naturally seeking to escape a supposed hold-up, is shot down in cold blood. So flagrant have been the crimes of Lindsay's political brigade, that the most seathing and terrible denunciation ever issued from a Montana judge was enunciated by a Helena judge against the legalized murderers who have defied law and the protective institutions of civilization to impose their own lawless will upon a helpless community.

Yet, in the face of such brutal violation of even a decent regard for human life and safety Mayor Lindsay has the unqualified gall to issue a manifesto calling upon the working class of Helena to reelect a republican ad-

college appeared in the Anaconda Standard: "The college assembly today was addressed by John C. Chase of New York City, his topic being an argument in favor of socialism. Mr. Chase enjoys the distinction of being the first socialist mayor ever elected in the United States, being twice elected to that office in Haverhill, Mass. Mr. Chase occupied the entire hour with his interesting discussion, predicting that the future party would be the socialist party. Mr. Chase is making a tour of the west, addressing assemblies on the subject of socialism and is perhaps the best informed person in the country today on that subject."

Comrade Chase reports that the people everywhere are turning out as never before to listen to a discussion of socialism. He will be in Montana until April 5th and every local which has been assigned a date for Mr. Chase should make the biggest preparations possible for a large audience for him.

His experience as mayor of Haverhill at a time when the city was in the hands of the socialists from the union men of the Haverhill shoe factories, forms a most interesting part of American socialist history.

ministration because it has given work to the workers.

INSULT TO LABOR

Such a line of persuasion is an insult to the working class. They who do the world's work and make civilization possible must forsooth be grateful that they are given a chance to slave for other people.

But even so, let the Citizens' Alliance Mayor show how the republican party has given work to the working men of Helena. Any man in his senses who knows anything about our system of production knows that no man hires any man unless he can make profit off his labor, republican party or no republican party. And instead of Lindsay's administration giving the men work, his henchmen have shot down the unemployed in cold blood, and he has done everything in his power to organize the Citizens' Alliance to break up the unions and establish a scab town in Helena.

Yes, of course, the Helena working dupes ought to vote his graft in again. The socialists give a thunderous and indignant NO.

FOUGHT FOR SCAB

This same Citizens' Alliance Mayor in the telephone strike, ordered the policemen on top of the hacks to escort the scabs home.

Chief of Police Flannery and Sergeant Bailey threatened to arrest the striking girls for doing picket duty, under the instructions of the mayor.

One girl happened to say to another, "Don't that scab look pretty?" when Sergeant Bailey said to her, "You say that again and I'll put you in jail."

Yes, of course, the workers ought to support the Lindsay gang. They ought to lick more dirt because they haven't got enough in the past two years.

RED LODGE ELECTIONS

At Red Lodge the two old parties have fused against the socialists. The state eight-hour law is being violated by the city administration and the police are compelled to work twelve hours. The mayor and socialists in the council are making a fight on the illegal hours, but the fusion aldermen vote them down. The mayor appealed to the city attorney for legal advice, and the attorney refused to give it.

If the socialists had one more alderman in the council there would be a tie and the mayor would have the deciding vote.

Mayor Austin threatens to put the police on an eight-hour day irrespective of the council. Whereupon the fusion council threatens to reduce the wages proportionately to the hours.

The city is subject to a damage suit for a violation of the state law, and it is the old parties that are the lawbreakers.

This spring's elections should mean much to the working class.

Chase Had a Big Crowd.

From Monday's Lead Register—

John C. Chase, the socialist speaker who has been touring the Hills for the past week, spoke at Spearfish last Monday to a crowded house. A message from Spearfish today was to the effect that the city of Spearfish turned out the largest and most enthusiastic audience of any city in the Hills. Mr. Chase disposed of a large amount of literature in the valley city.

The speaker was accorded the undivided attention of his audience. A little incident not down on the bills showed how Mr. Chase's remarks were appreciated. During his speech he was hissed by a single individual and, without a word of encouragement from the speaker, the crowd turned on the "varmint" who did the hissing and ejected him from the hall, after which everything moved along as smoothly as though nothing had happened.

One party, who is not a socialist, in speaking of the incident, stated that he for one felt that the hissing of a gentleman like Chase was an outrage, and he was one who led the party to eject the specimen who did it.

The strike spirit seems to appeal to modern civilization as the method of solving difficulties. A walkout of the entire student body of Stanford University is threatened because of drastic action in suspending 12 students who participated in a parade to protest against the attitude of the student affairs committee in the matter of drinking by the students.

The "Little Socialist Magazine" is a monthly publication for children announced from Lawrence, Mass. The magazine will have from 16 to 32 pages, the exact number depending on the support given it. The subscription price is 25 cents a year.

Working Class Politics

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HELENA, MONT.
At Workers' Club
Saturday & Sunday, March 28 & 29

CHALLENGE

In his speech at the Workers' Club on March 10th Bishop Carroll spoke of socialism as being inimical to the welfare of the human race and a danger to society. Believing this, it is his duty as a teacher and a patriot to embrace every opportunity to expose the fallacies of socialism and combat it with all the means at his command.

John C. Chase, one of the National organizers of the Socialist Party, will shortly be in Montana and we invite Bishop Carroll to meet him in joint debate on the question "Is Socialism Inimical to the Welfare of Society." A meeting can be arranged in any town in the state to suit the bishop and the expense of the meeting will be paid by the socialist party.

We welcome free discussion. Will the Bishop do the same?

Japan.

The propaganda of anti-militarism is on the increase in Japan. Comrade Osugi was sentenced to four months imprisonment for translating an anti-militarist pamphlet and other journalists have been prosecuted for their activity in the matter.—Worker.

Italy.

Through the insistent efforts of the Socialist deputies in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, former Minister of Instruction Nasi has been tried by the senate and sentenced to imprisonment and fine for malfeasance in office. It took four years for the socialists, over many obstructions, to secure a trial for the offender.

Be Sure to Register.

TAFT BOOM ON BUM IN WOOLLY MONTANA

Party Whips in Hysterics—Taft, Hitchcock, Dixon and Lanstrum Find Working Man and Socialism Hard Proposition

Dr. Lanstrum has been at Washington looking after the political fences. When he returned he said, "Secretary Taft's political managers are very anxious for an instructed delegation from Montana."

Lanstrum and Senator Dixon called at the Taft headquarters and had a long conference with Frank Hitchcock, Taft's manager. Hitchcock gets groggy whenever he thinks of Montana.

"On account of the fight which is being put up against Taft because of his hostility to labor unions, and because of the great political influence of organized labor in this section of the country, Mr. Hitchcock is much concerned about the outcome in Montana."

So says Lanstrum. So the Masters of the Bread are getting leery over how the breadmakers will kiss the hand that lashes them, at this election.

And there is cause for their anxiety. Montana is the worst injunction bound state in the republic. Every union within its borders is covered by a perpetual injunction, and some of them by four or five issued from the federal court, under the hand of Roosevelt's appointee, Judge Hunt. That is the sort of "square deal" that the workers are getting in Montana, and the working men voters are feeling very good about it.

Five union men, the finest and most heroic in the state, have been serving sentences in jail under the injunction despotism. The treasuries of the unions have been attacked by a \$75,000 suit. Montana is the first place in America where the capitalists through their

administrative institutions, the courts, have dared to repeat the infamous Taft. Vale decision of Britain, and no wonder they fear that the Montana working men will retaliate, as their British brethren did, with a class vote that landed over fifty labor and socialist members in the English parliament.

No wonder Taft is afraid the republican string will not go on easily over the Montana working man's nose this fall. He sees visions in which the slave is not presented on his knees, kissing the lash that flogs him. Now for all that the Montana working man has been scourged by the Roosevelt-Taft federal government that some union-lasher government has to have the votes of the men it insults and outrages in order to brace itself again in its union-lasher berth.

So Dr. Lanstrum, the peanut merchant for the republican party in Helena, and Senator Dixon, whom Montana working men shouldered into office, hobnob about Washington to see what kind of a net they can spread, what sort of cheese they can bait the trap with to make the horny-handed voter forget the smell of the injunction, the jail and the union smashing policy of the corporation administration. But there is even worse than that in Montana. The gaunt specter of socialism is standing at the crossroads and pointing with its bony finger to the grave of class rule hidden in the coffin of the republican party.

Yes, Taft, Hitchcock, Dixon and Lanstrum will have to do some rustling in Montana.

The working man is thinking and he is thinking with a scowl on his brow.

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WORKING WOMEN AS VOTERS.

Is a woman a person? Should she have a vote? Should she participate in the social organization to which she is forced to conform?

Idaho and Wyoming men have gathered here lately, union men and socialists, every one of them. They have discussed how to interest women in socialism. They say, "That is a problem we men have got to solve, as it is one of our greatest obstacles to meet the opposition of the women of the working class."

We now are endeavoring to raise funds to carry this suit to the Supreme court of our state and to have it determined before the June primaries are held. As our movement is weak in this state, we thought we might justly ask socialists from other states to assist us in the matter.

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Remittances should be made to me by postoffice order at Deadwood, S. D. Very truly yours, FREEMAN KNOWLES, National Committeeman for S. D.

We print the above letter for a double purpose. One is to give publicity to the outrageous methods resorted to by the capitalist class to keep a party of protest from getting any expression at the polls. The other is to show the duty devolving upon the working class of South Dakota to rally to some effective activity to protect its ballot and its opportunity to establish free institutions.

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Scottish guards, sent a message to the lady recruiting officer asking her if could get him recruits as he was hard up for men. This is not the first time that the British government had to get women to rustle soldiers.

Women have been powerful factors in government when they were desired to help the existing powers. Their place and need is to be just as powerful in the interest of themselves and their class.

CONSTRUCTIVE LOCAL WORK.

Deadwood, S. D., March 17, 1908. To the State Secretary:—

Dear Comrade:—I want to show you what the South Dakota socialists are up against. The corrupt republican legislature of this state at its last session enacted a so-called Primary Law that will compel the party to raise \$500 to put a state ticket in the field, and \$5,000 to put county tickets in the various counties of the state.

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appointed that acts as a sub committee. The plan is to have a first-class speaker once a week, routing through towns that are willing to take a speaker that often.

All costs have been carefully estimated. The purpose is to secure the co-operation of the state organizations in the four north-west states, and have arrangements completed so that the first speaker can leave Chicago immediately after the National convention adjourns.

Montana will cheerfully co-operate in the effort, and is pleased to see such a laudable attempt at any sort of practical constructive work for the socialist party. It is about time for us in the west to leave the domain of meaningless abstractions which are too often distractions, and go about doing something calculated to change existing conditions.

Why We Do It.

Numbers of inquiries are received in regard to articles that have been sent in to the News that have not been published. We would say in explanation that most of the manuscript that is sent in to this office is in such a shape in regard to grammar, punctuation, spelling, arrangement of sentences that it is impossible for the printer to work with it.

From Washington State Headquarters.

Sixty-two comrades have been nominated by the locals and M. A. L. for delegates to the National convention to be held in Chicago beginning May 10th. Of this number only 18 received the nomination from other than their own local.

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Meeting of State Executive committee, Tacoma, Wash. March 15th, 1908, convened at the usual time and place with John Downie in chair, and T. F. Burns and E. C. Johnson present.

Eleven charters were granted to locals to be known as Locals Clayton, Bleu Slido, Newport, Kallishell, Moteline, Wilkeson No. 2, Chater Oak, Cen-

BUTTE SOCIALIST TICKET

- 1st Ward JOHN J. FARLE/ 3rd Ward JACOB JACOBSON 4th Ward FRANK CARRON 5th Ward JACOB HARKONEN • 6th Ward FRANK O'HARE 7th Ward JAMES J. FAGAN 8th Ward JOHN O'BRIEN

LIVINGSTON SOCIALIST TICKET

- 1st Ward Adam Akin 3rd Ward Charles C Simpson

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Local Buckley was reinstated with six old and nineteen new members; secretary instructed to issue a duplicate charter to Local Buckley.

Communication from the National secretary was read asking the following questions relating to the raising of campaign funds: a. Do you advise the issuance of subscription lists? b. Stub receipts? c. Or perpetual campaign coupons? On motion question was answered in the affirmative.

Reports from Alf Wagenknecht and Emil Hoerman covering work in February were accepted and ordered filed. Committeeman Burns submitted a letter from Alexander Horr inviting the party to select someone to debate with Emma Goldman in various towns in this state.

The communication from Local Everett, laid over at a former meeting and relating to the place of holding the next state convention, was considered. A motion as follows prevailed:

Committee elected as follows: State Secretary, Alf Wagenknecht, John Downie, Arthur B. Callahan and Comrade Peralla of the Finnish local in Seattle.

Secretary submitted verbal report about work accomplished during February. Executive committee commended the work done by Comrade Jensen selling literature and taking subscriptions for socialist papers and for valuable reports sent to the state office, which partly proved to be the basis for successful work done later in the coal mining region.

A. B. Callahan, secretary of Local Seattle, on behalf of that local, asked for a reconsideration of a former action relating to a plan of Local Seattle to create a speakers' circuit.

Secretary was instructed to place the nominees as delegates to the National convention in such manner that the one who has received the highest number of nominations be placed first on ballot and others in rotation.

Adjourned to meet March 29th, '08, at 11 A. M. Fraternaly submitted, Riehard Krueger, State Secretary.

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The Negro and Class Struggle (Continued from page one.)

greatest opportunity to procure the necessary commodities that we are dependent upon for a livelihood, and the most ready access to culture and refinement. The only way to come to a decision, about what ideas you should associate yourself with, is to examine the ideas you subscribe to, and the ideas that are propagated by others that are in your class.

I am quite cognizant of the fact that a great many will say "Socialism will not ameliorate our condition. It is all on account of the pigment under the epidermis that gives me my specific color." To man or woman that makes such remarks, I have this to say, that they have sealed their fate.

If I thought there could be no solution to this problem without the change of color, I would say, what a strange and cruel creator it was that created me such, but I don't think so, I do think a rational system of society based on humanity will be the means of its solution.

Just think of the creator making you of a peculiar color, isolating you in Africa in your native country; where nature is prolific in producing the necessities of life, no particular need of cultivating your wits or becoming intelligent to enable you to protect yourself against want.

Now let us go to work towards settling this problem along some rational lines. Settle the question here and commence now, don't go to Africa or

any other place for its solution. Any one that has philosophized a little, will tell you it is the height of folly to go any place on the globe for the solution of a question that is universal.

The practical god of capitalism is a god of gold. If your god is an animal, how can it properly feel for an animated being? There are many that are desirous of having some regards for our feeling, but their practical god prevents them from doing so.

Our present system of society impedes us in the industrial world. If the negro has to meet extraordinary impediments in the industrial world, his opportunities for making a living must be extremely difficult.

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INDUSTRIAL HEROES.
J. F. Mable.

There's many a valiant deed been done
I Freedom's valiant fight,
There's many a lady's hand been won
By lance and vizored knight,
Dipped in the blood of his fellow man,
Wielded in fear or age,
There's many a "hero" writ his name
With a sword on his 'ry's page.
There's many a minstrel won renown
With harp and song of strife,
But few have sung of the noble deeds
Of the heroes of common life;
Yet the bravest deeds that were ever done

In this world since time began,
Are the deeds that were done, not to destroy,
But to aid our fellow man.

'Tis not enough to be boldly brave
'Neath the focus of thousands of eyes,
'Tis easy enough to plunge on in the fight
When the world's applause is the prize;
But different far is the mettle required
To silently fill your place,
And silent go down to an unknown grave

For the good of the human race.
'Tis easy to fight in the limelight
While the world looks on and cheers,
And martial music urges on
And frenzy curbs our fears;
But in this fierce industrial strife
Are men and women too
Who every day risk limb and life
To work for me and you.

Brave men are found on land and sea,
In stakehole, mill and mine,
The man who holds the throttle
And the man who drives the pine;
Sky-scrapers have their heroes too,
And firemen show by far
More courage true than e'er was shown
In brutal, cruel war.
A soldier gets a royal cross
For one brave deed well done,
Oft, times his whole long life records
Just one good battle won.
But here's a man who every day
For home, and child and wife,
Steps lightly to his daily task
And lightly risks his life.

When disaster comes to the storm-tossed ship
In her battle with the wave,
And all on board come face to face
With a lonely ocean grave,
The captain sees the life boats filled,
Bids them all a lucky trip—
With a last farewell to world and wife
He goes down with his ship.
He has no thought of medals won,
He has no thought of fame,
A consciousness of duty done
Repays him for the game;
The prize he covets is not gold
And naught cares he for place,
But a love of humanity urges him on
To perfect the human race.

A warrior's name has oft' been won
SIX
On battle grounds of old,
By men who shed each other's blood
In brutal strife for gold;
But the age long march through the jungle dark
And the blood thirst of the beast
Is passing away with the coming day
And the lights breaks in the East.
When warriors rest and cannons rust
And brutal strife shall cease,
The minstrel still can tune his harp
To braver deeds of peace.
For the bravest deeds that were ever done,
In this world since time began
Are the deeds that were done, not to destroy,
But to aid our fellow man.

John C. Chase
Socialist Ex-Mayor
of Haverhill, Mass.

WILL SPEAK
—AT—
LIVINGSTON
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APRIL 2nd

RED LODGE
FRIDAY
APRIL 3rd

Register or You Can't Vote.

Women's Clubs

All communications for this department should be addressed to Jessie M. Myer, Editor.

I visited the university library a few days ago, in search of data on the child labor problem. When I made my wants known to the librarian, she said, "Oh, Mrs. Myer, it's no use to look. There is nothing of the kind here. Our professors are not interested in that subject."

The same day I went to the Carnegie library and found several treatises and reports on child labor. The librarian insisted on my bringing home the whole arm load of books. I said "May be I'd better not take them all away, at one time."

She assured me it was all right, saying "Nobody ever calls for them."

In the Willamette valley it is customary for a large per cent of the people to turn out hop-picking in the fall. Hundreds of school children pick hops to earn money to buy their year's supply of clothes and books. Mrs. S. picked hops to buy an ostrich plume. Day after day for more than two weeks, she toiled away in rain and sun. She got her plume. I saw it waving banner-like on Main street yesterday.

In a conversation with an instructor in English in the State university, recently, I mentioned Clarence S. Darrow. Thinking my listener might enjoy any first hand information about a man who had figured so conspicuously before the world, I straightway began to discuss him.

The instructor looked at me puzzled. Pretty soon she interrupted me, saying, "Who is Darrow? I don't think I ever heard of him before."

Mrs. K. of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society has been looking for a home for a little child soon to be born to a girl in Portland. She said, "I can vouch for its parentage. The girl is of well-to-do family. But being somewhat embarrassed financially, she took a position as clerk in a mercantile establishment. It is the proprietor of this establishment who seduced her. He is one of the ablest business men in Portland."

An Open Letter.

Dear Madam:—You walk the streets of our city arrayed like Sheba's queen, in silks and jewelry. What have you done for the world, pray, that it thus adorns you with these articles of so great price? Surely you do not wear these things, produced by human toil, without making, or having made, adequate returns for them to society. But what is that you have done? I have watched you as I went my daily rounds, and I have wondered what is the service by which you have rendered yourself so seemingly superior to all the other women you meet. I have even inquired of some of the oldest citizens, why it is that the world has arrayed you in this manner, and they could not tell me. And so I come direct to you and ask what was the service that you have performed or do perform for a world of men and women? Are you (banish the thought) only a parasite on society, or do you actually make adequate returns for all those fine things you so proudly wear? Surely society has a right to demand of you that you either justify your finery, or **disrobe**.

ROLLA MYER.

I think it can safely be said that in this country, the richest and greatest country in the world's history, poverty is responsible for at least 80,000 infant deaths every year. * In normal times there are not less than 10,000,000 persons in the United States in poverty. * * * There are not less than 3,300,000 children under 14 years of age in poverty, (underfed, poorly clad, badly housed, etc.) and a considerable greater number in periods of depression. * * * Poverty, the poverty of civilized man, which is every where co-existent with unbounded wealth and luxury, is always ugly, repellent, and terrible either to see or to experience; but when it assails the cradle it assumes its most hideous form. Underfed, or badly fed, neglected, badly housed, and improperly clad, the child of poverty is terribly handicapped at the very start. It has not an even chance to begin life with * * * To the child as to the adult the principal evils of poverty are material ones,—lack of nourishing food, of suitable clothing and healthy home surroundings. * * * They suffer terribly from neglect when, as often happens, their mothers are forced to abandon the important functions of motherhood to become wage earners. The cry of a child for food which its mother is powerless to give it, is the most awful cry the ages have known. * * * yet that cry goes up incessantly: in the world's richest cities the child's hunger-cry rises above the din of the mart.—John Spargo.

International

Germany.

It is expected that the elections to the Prussian Landtag (legislature) will be held in June so as to suit the convenience of the Agrarians and to embarrass the socialists in their agitation against the unequal system of voting in Prussia. The socialists will now work the harder to make the best use of the short time allowed them.

Holland.

At the beginning of last year the General Federation of Labor Unions of Holland, comprising 18 trade federations with a total membership of 26,227. On Oct. 1, the number of federations had increased to 24 and the membership to 30,298. Since that time four more trade federations, with 1,300 members, have affiliated. The trade federations are what we in the United States would call national unions. The total number of Dutch working men now organized in unions and affiliated with the General Federation now exceeds 32,000—an increase of over 22 per cent in the last year. More than a fourth of these are diamond workers. Municipal employees come next with about an eighth of the whole number.

Russia.

The Bund or General Union of Jewish working men of the Russian Empire will soon hold its eighth general congress.

The number of Social-Democratic local organizations increased from 99 in 1904, to 177 in 1905 and to 937 in 1906; the figures for 1907 are not yet available. During the same period, the number of members grew from 16,610 to 85,027 of whom in 1906, 18,936 were women.

The specialists who examined Nicholas Tschaikovsky at the Fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, report that the prisoner is in danger of a complete breakdown if his confinement continues. He is suffering from neurasthenia, his heart is weak, he is subject to insomnia, and one lung has been affected as a result of his influenza.

France.

In a manifesto to the party membership unanimously voted by the National Council of the French Socialist Party at its last session, the following are indicated as the demands which the party should put forward as the basis for its activity in the impending municipal elections:

Proportional representation and municipal autonomy;
Extension of the right to organize to all persons of the municipalities;
The insertion in the orders or contracts for all public works of clauses regulating the conditions of labor as to hours of work, wages, hygiene, and suppression of extortion.
Municipal action for social insurance in favor of children, mothers, aged persons, the sick and disabled, and the unemployed.

Free text books and school supplies; free meals for school children; establishment of trade schools and public libraries.
Abolition of the octrio (a tax upon foodstuffs brought into the city.)

Return to the municipalities or to societies of the municipality of monopolies heretofore conceded to corporations, and extension of municipal ownership.

The National Council urges that the comrades should see to it that a full ticket is put in the field independently by the socialist party, since all the other parties are either frankly opposed to the demands of the working class or, in the case of the Radicals, have abandoned these demands when entrusted with power.

Great Britain.

The growth of Socialism among the British trade unions is shown by a recent issue of the "Railway Clerk", in which are announced lectures and discussions on Socialism arranged by branches of the Railway Clerks' organization, which has hitherto been backward in assimilating Socialist ideas.

London "Justice" notes that "the growing interest displayed by all sections of the community in the attitude of Socialists to the questions of the day can be judged by the number of invitations being received to send speakers to state the socialist position to all sorts of meetings and places."

The eight-hour bill for coal miners introduced by the Liberal ministry in parliament, provides only for an average, and not an actual, eight hours below ground for each man. Overtime to the extent of one hour is to be permitted on 60 days of the year, and the government will have the power to suspend the measure in case of great emergency.

The Young Socialist League is now an organization of young Socialists formed under the auspices of the Social Democratic Federation. Membership is reserved to boys and girls from 13 or 14 to 18 years of age.

National News

The Commonwealth is the name of a new Socialist paper that has sprouted in Denver.

Prof. George E. Miller, head of the department of physics in the Lafayette college, Easton, Pa., has been nominated for congress by the socialist party.

Slovacs who wish to subscribe for a weekly Socialist paper should send their names and addresses to Rovnost Ludu, 638 Loomis street, Chicago. Paper costs \$1.25 a year.

The Russian-American Workingman is the name of a new Socialist paper printed in the Russian language. Address D. Rubinow, 52 Camp street, Newark, N. J.

Franklin H. Wentworth debated on the subject, "Socialism versus Individualism," at New Rochelle, N. Y., with Martin W. Littleton, attorney in the Thaw case. Many hundreds were unable to get into the theater.

Socialists at Los Angeles are winning their free speech fight. They demanded jury trials and the cases will be heard in a few days. About 40 have been arrested for daring to speak on the streets.

Another free speech fight has begun in Philadelphia, where the corrupt politicians in control issued orders last Saturday to suppress three meetings held by the socialists, the Bund and the Socialist party. The latter meeting was addressed by Morris Hillquit, of New York, and was permitted to continue after 25 policemen invaded the hall to overawe the people and possibly incite trouble. They received an unmerciful flaying but did not interfere. The Zionists, who are not a recognized Socialist organization, were to have been addressed by Dr. Charles Worstman, formerly a professor in Heidelberg, on the subject of Hebrew immigration to the Holy Land, but when the pig-headed politicians forbade the meeting it was abandoned and a decision was reached to proceed against the petty czars in the courts. The Bund was to have been addressed by Dr. Carl Zarnetkin on the subject of Russian outrages, but when the meeting was stopped, it was also decided to carry the fight into the courts. Thus the Philadelphia grafters, who recently ordered that an unemployed procession be broken up and the leaders clubbed, are once more in the lime-light. In fact about the only news that comes from Philadelphia are stories of robbery and oppression.

Women Entertain.

The Women's Socialist Club of Oakland gave an entertainment and dance at Forester's Hall last Friday evening. A "Broom Drill" and a One-Act Farce entitled "A Duel to the Death," were given under the direction of Mrs. Alice Gurney, a teacher of elocution and physical culture. Both events were well received by the large audience. The floor was then cleared and dancing began with refreshments served in the ante-room.

The affair was a decided success, financially as well as otherwise, and the ladies intend to continue their entertainments at short intervals, the proceeds to go into a fund for the purchase or building of a club house and headquarters.

The Milwaukee campaign is growing more and more exciting. The prospects for a Social-Democratic success continue to be bright. Even some of the capitalists, probably reading "the handwriting on the wall," have admitted our speakers to their factories. Ald. Seidel, our candidate for mayor, has spoken inside several factories at the noon hour. Yesterday Comrade Collins addressed the men inside of our largest manufacturing plants. At the close of his speech the men applauded continuously for five minutes, while the proprietor stood by and looked on. Which goes to show that the other side is losing heart and the working men are gaining courage.

One of the most amusing campaign documents seen, is an article entitled "What Has Made Socialists?" by the republican assistant district attorney of Milwaukee. The writer has hit on at least one truth, that "the average Social-Democrat is a thinker and independent. You cannot defeat their growth and prosperity by ridicule and denunciation." The assistant district attorney solemnly explains that one cause for the alarming growth of the Social-Democratic party in Milwaukee was the corrupt Rose-Democratic administration, and the other cause "the acceptance of the socialist tenets and principles advocated by a group of men of unusual ability and executive capacity, such propagandists as Berger, Seidel, Heath, Thompson and others." He then proceeds to argue that the election of the republican candidate "would deprive socialists of their com-

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plaints" and bring things back to the old conservative groove. All which, while very laughable, is also instructive, since it shows that the enemy is badly frightened that the best argument for any old party candidate is, that he might "beat the Social-Democrats."

IDAHO NOTES.
THOMAS J. COONROD,
State Secretary, Emmett, Idaho.

Two comrades of Center send donations of 50c each with good wishes.

Local Wallace accepted nine new members in February.

Local Bonners Ferry orders more application cards.

Another member-at-large this week, from Thunder, Boise county.

A comrade at Kellogg asks for local organizations blanks and instructions.

Five comrades of Palouse precinct, Latah county, apply for charter.

Application for charter from six comrades to be known as Harris Ridge Local received this week.

At the close of the season of hibernation several locals are again taking on activity and among those, Idaho Falls must be numbered.

Seven comrades of Port Hill send donations of \$3.00 and we are insisting that they organize and get in shape to help put up a county ticket.

"I have made up my mind to join the socialist party and want an application card," writes Comrade Mrs. Olive Lewellyn of Ferdinand.

The State Secretary-Treasurer is pleased to state that he is home from Boise and that Federal jury duty did not hold him long from state headquarters.

Coming west in 1879, and thinking to better my condition, served the republican party several years, but all the difference I can see between them now: one says "If", the other "But."

E. F. Peckham of Fraser sends in application for charter and first month dues for six members, also donation of \$1.80.

C. F. Monroe of Orofino writes that he has started a move for a local there of "Undesirables" and expects to organize, jantagonize, tantalize, or do any old thing to help on with the good work.

Dates for John M. Work During March
Emmett, Tuesday 24; Bramwell, Wednesday 25; Star, Thursday 26; Middleton, Friday 27; Caldwell, Saturday 28; Notice, Sunday 29; Parma, Monday 30; Payette, Tuesday 31.

State Headquarters Socialist Party.
Emmett, Ida., March 10, 1908.
Comrades:—All members in good standing are entitled to vote for any three members of the party of the state to be delegates to the National convention to be held in Chicago beginning May 10th, 1908.

Vote closes in locals April 5th and secretaries must send in report of vote in time to reach state office by April 10th to be counted.

Those receiving nomination are as follows:
1. Quincy Baldwin by Local Boise.
2. D. C. Coates by Local Wallace.
3. John Chenoweth by Local Middleton.
4. A. W. Judd by Member-at-large.
5. D. J. O'Mahoney by Glenns Ferry.
6. E. L. Rigg by Local Rupert and Fairview.
7. Lewis Sell by Local Riggins.
8. E. Untermann by Local Florence, Kooskia and Tahoe.

Fraternally submitted,
THOS. J. COONROD,
State Secretary.

Canada.

The Granby corporation at Grand Forks is active against the socialists and through a local paper is conducting a fight against John McInnis, Socialist representative in the provincial parliament for Grand Forks. It is expected that all the old parties will combine to defeat McInnis in the next election, but the socialists predict his re-election by a good majority. The corporation is a foreign one and its officers have no votes, yet they are trying to dictate the politics of the Grand Forks' workers.

Socialism will forever put an end to the "out of work" and "hunger" problems.

Register or NO Vote.

State Department Election Notice

The city campaign should be on for every city in Montana where the socialist party is organized. If you are a socialist that is what you are organized for, to fight the political battles of the working class.

Scatter leaflets among the voters showing what a city administration should be. Hold meetings and show up the evils of the present city government. Hold your convention and nominate good men for the offices. No use to nominate men that couldn't do anything if they were elected.

It is a bid to discourage the voter not to attract him. Because a man is a socialist, is no sign he has ability to direct a system of government that is to supplant the capitalist system in efficiency.

The socialists should do their best every time they make a move. In this way we gain the confidence of the working class. Send your tickets into headquarters as soon as they are nominated. Send us write-ups of your candidates. Give us any information about the capitalist candidates that you think the public ought to know for the welfare of your community.

It is not sufficient for the socialist party to be good. It must be good for something.

Send to the News for cards for your candidates.

Plaster the town with notices.

Make a campaign that will let the voters know you are in town.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Andy Berg of Springfield sends in his renewal.

Two subs in from Comrade Sullivan, organizer of Local Empire, Nevada.

Belt sends in for forty due stamps and fifty application cards.

Comrade Wells of Fridley sends in \$2.10 for convention stamps.

Comrades Rowden, the secretary of Local Lewistown, sends in \$6.00 for due stamps.

\$12.60 from the Finnish local of Stockett in payment of the convention assessment.

Montana has seven delegates at the convention—one less than Washington. No fight between the socialists and organized labor in Montana.

Monday night Rev. Lewis J. Duncan spoke at Livingston on "Social Service and Social Justice." The hall was crowded and the audience was very appreciative. Comrade Duncan, who is a member of Local Butte, gave a fine address.

Comrade Stoner of Lewistown asks for the address of May Beals' "Red Flag," and says that Comrade Mable has been sojourning in his city for a few days past, and he thinks he will be pleased with conditions there.

Sparks, Nev., subscribers complain that they do not get their papers. Graham is opening up communications with the postmaster as the bundles leave here every week. Let us know promptly at every point if the Montana News is not received.

Comrade Shoff of Dillon writes: "As I had the misfortune to get my leg broken yesterday I probably will not be able to do anything for a month, but lie here and read and write. Will try to stir up something." So a good socialist turns even his misfortunes to account in battering the heathendom of existing conditions.

Has your local paid its convention assessment? Thirty-five cents for two months, 70 cents. It is the way in which the American revolutionists provide the means for the greatest gathering of socialists ever held in this country. You can judge the fervor of revolution by the way in which a socialist planks down his responsibility.

We wish to call the attention of the members of the party to the articles that are being written for the benefit of his race by Comrade J. T. Dowell. Comrade Dowell is an active member of Local Great Falls and realizes how important it is that the colored people should be interested in the only possible means for their real emancipation. In communities where there are a number of colored people the socialists should make a special effort to interest them, hold meetings for them if possible, give them specially selected literature, and do vigorous propaganda work before election.

Comrade Fawcett of Local Stevensville sends \$7.05 for stamps, assessments and pledges.

Comrade Donald Fraser was in from Rexford, Flathead county, this week, and left a dollar for the good cause.

How many of you "Home Owning" working men are going to send in from \$1.00 to \$5.00 to the Citizens' Industrial Association to prevent the "Wild Eyed Labor Socialist" from taking your home and "dividing it up" with the bobos?

Now, don't rush the secretary too much.

Montana socialists have felt the stirring preparatory to the campaigns that are upon us. Rev. Lewis J. Duncan of the Unitarian church of Butte speaks in the Trades and Labor hall at Livingston, March 23, on "Social Service and Justice." He says he is willing to speak for the party this spring and summer any day or night in the week, except Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays after April 1st.

Two applications from members-at-large from Circle in eastern Montana, W. B. Davis and E. S. Ervine. Comrade Ervine sends \$1.80 to pay for a year's membership. Comrade Davis also sends his dues and says: "I will try and organize a local in this precinct in the spring. If you will send me a few more application cards I will see if I can get some of my friends in other precincts to join."

If all the voting socialists in a state could become dues paying members, think what the organization could accomplish.

The following report comes from the comrades of Gallatin county:

"Report of meeting appointed by Salesville socialists:

The meeting was pulled off at 8 o'clock sharp on March 4th, 1908, and at the appointed hour Comrade F. R. Cornelius of Bozeman was introduced to the audience as the speaker of the evening. The subject of the speaker's discourse was, "Results of Co-operation under applied Socialism." The speech lasted one hour exactly. The audience showed its appreciation of the discourse by rounds of hearty applause when the lecturer had finished.

One thing contributed largely to the success of the meeting and that was the thorough way in which the meeting was advertised, by giving a special and urgent invitation to the ladies to attend; ladies composed nearly half the audience.

Comrade Cornelius so strongly recommended immediate organization, that on the following day, March 5th, the comrades met at W. H. Huff's residence near Salesville with the following named officers elected: Recording Secretary, Ernest Branch; Financial Secretary, W. H. Huff; Literature Agent, G. Pinkerton.

There are eight or ten more names to be added to the socialist party list at this place in the near future. Hoping to be more zealous in future, Local Salesville remain, yours for the revolution,
W. H. HUFF."

The following letter from Local Fridley explains itself:

"A snow storm coming yesterday at four o'clock put a damper on our high expectations. As the party was launched in net proceeds, but though it falls short of what we aimed at, we still feel that 'twas not complete failure.

We had made manifest the fact that we were socialists by displaying the name of local, the usual welcome, and the socialist emblem with the word 'Brotherhood', above. These silent reminders are a sort of heaven.

There were fifty members sold and after deducting little more than the usual expenses, we gave to Comrade Mable, who was with us, \$48.00, as our mite.

Thanking all those who helped, and those who responded to the call, and hoping much from the uplift of united action."

The following letter from the state secretary of Utah shows a healthy push of activity that argues well for the spread of socialist ideas:

Ogden, Utah, March 18. J. D. Graham, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade:— We are much pleased with the space you allowed for Utah notes and feel confident it will benefit our organizations in Utah.

Comrade John M. Work will conclude his labors in Utah the 20th inst. Up to date he has successfully organized 28 locals with a total membership of 338, with the addition of ten members at large. Comrade Work will reach Idaho on the 21st and he takes with him the hearty wishes of many friends in Utah, may he live long to continue the good "Work" he has chosen for the uplifting of humanity and the evolution of the earth from hell to heaven.

Comrade W. Thurston Brown is now scheduled to lecture in Springville, March 25th; American Fork, March 26th, Alpine, March 27th, and Ogden, March 31st.

The socialists are up and doing. Still achieving, still pursuing. Wavering not at any fate. We learn to labor and to wait.

Fraternally,
JOS. MACLACHLAN,
State Secretary.

We have the following letter from Comrade A. H. Floaten, state secretary of Colorado. Comrade Floaten, it will be remembered, was run down while riding his wheel and his skull fractured. All socialists will be glad to learn that he is recovering.

Denver, Col., March 18. Dear Comrade:—Please change my address on Montana News to 420 South Corona street, as we will move there by the 23d or 24th.

I am improving from that blow of Oct. 30, which broke my skull, very slowly. My brain and nerves in my body are slow to gain, but the surgeons tell me that very few could live at all with such a blow as I got. I was in the hospital for over two weeks, before I even knew I had been hurt. I was on my way home, only two blocks away, and I did not see the man that caused it nor did I feel the blow. It made me unconscious and I never felt any pain nor never knew I was in the hands of surgeons.

Four years ago, the 15th of this month, my head was cracked open with a gun by a thug that was serving the mine managers and citizens' alliance, but I knew everything that happened and have the names of 60 members, of that mob that deported 60 of us from Telluride. But of this last I saw nothing and know no reason.

Yours,
A. H. FLOATEN."

Bozeman, Mont, March 11, 1908. Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett:

Dear Comrade:—Find enclosed a report of a socialist meeting held at Salesville, Mont., March 4th, also P. O. money order for \$1.50 for National dues. I have forwarded to Comrade Graham the filled-in blank of the organization at Salesville with \$1.50 for the first month's dues for the 6 comrades who compose the local. The comrades were hastily rounded up the next day after my speech in order that they might organize. There was only 50c among the bunch for National dues. So you see my P. O. money order enclosed to you contained \$1.00 of my own money for that purpose. The comrades at Salesville requested me to write a short notice of the meeting for publication, which I have done. I did not charge the comrades anything for the speech. What work I did at Salesville, I did for pure love of the cause, Yours for the revolution,
F. R. CORNELIUS.

We print the following letter as an example of the many requests the state office is receiving for membership at large:

Mr. James D. Graham: Dear Sir:—Kindly send me information how a man, living away out in the country, may go in the socialist party and any other matter enlightening on that subject, if possible.

I may say that I was made a socialist more than fifteen years ago in Germany, not by socialist writings but by agitational literature. Any think-

ing man [who has followed Colliers Weekly" during the Haywood trial, "Everybody's" during Lawson's writing and soforth, can not help seeing the double-facedness of journals, professing to be friends of the people. Capitalism itself is twisting the rope on which it will be hung; it only needs time, which latter may be shortened through activity by socialists.

If you really believe that the struggle will be bloodless, I can not agree with you so far as this country is concerned. Socialists should learn to shoot straight, as well as to vote right, to defend their vote when it is once strong enough to swamp capitalism under.

Yours truly,
JOSEF BRUNNER.

P. S.—If the party sends out campaign matter, please don't forget this part of the woods. The soil is in excellent condition to receive the seed of socialism and I know the places where it will sprout quickly into a desirable kind of voters.
BRUNNER.

In giving the above in toto, we think it is advisable to comment on certain suggestions contained therein. There has been a good deal of talk within the socialist party about blood, and shooting, and dynamite and veiled threats and all that. Such talk is not only very unwise, throwing out ideas in regard to the socialist movement that do not belong to it, but shows an impotency that is foolish. The force proposition has nothing to do with solving the modern problem. It is a matter of sagacity, plan, working to purpose. Engels said that the day of the barricade in the streets was over. When the working man once knows thoroughly well what he wants, when he is doing the necessary constructive work to lay a foundation to accomplish something, and then votes for it—all this if he encounters obstacles, then is the time to talk of force, with the majority behind the force. A man that can't vote straight, can't shoot straight.

Field Work in Montana. Montana has commenced a vigorous campaign for 1908.

John C. Chase entered the state March 19, speaking at Billings, Bozeman, and Helena. His further dates are:

Stockett	.....	March 24
Great Falls	.....	March 25
Belt	.....	March 26
Great Falls	.....	March 27
Helena	.....	March 28
Helena	.....	March 29
Butte	.....	March 30, 31, Ap. 1
Livingston	.....	April 2
Red Lodge	.....	April 3
Miles City	.....	April 5

In the early part of April F. L. Buzzell will work in Flathead county, speaking at Eureka, Rexford, Libby and other points.

George Boomer of Washington, will enter the state the first week of May, and will speak at Missoula, Butte, Livingston, Billings, Miles City, and Glendive.

Comrade Boomer is well posted on socialism and a speaker that no local need fear to take.

After the National convention D. Burgess of Washington will make an extended tour of the state. He is excellent for work in new territory, does shrink from any sort of hard work, and is so pleasant and affable to meet, a fault not common to socialists, that he is a great help to the movement everywhere he goes.

No word has been heard from Henry Laurens Call so we are not able to give anything definite about him.

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Local Helena is doing its utmost to instruct the public on socialism and arouse interest in its spring campaign. Last Wednesday evening 14 were present at the meeting place in the Montana News office. A Dutch lunch was served to the members and a pleasant social time was enjoyed along with the work. The call was made for the city convention.

An enterprise was inaugurated to conduct regular Sunday night meetings at the Workers' Club. Mrs. Hazlett has arranged a course of six lectures to carry out this plan as follows: March 22, "Lessons of the Federation Trials"; March 29, "Modern Education," (What it is and what it should be); April 5, "The Modern City," (Soldiers of the Common Good) April 12, "Socialism's Reply to Bishop

LOCAL GREAT FALLS, of the Socialist Party.

Meets every Sunday at Union Hall at 8 p. m. Wm. PALSGROVE, Sec'y. 815 7th Avenue

LOCAL HELENA, of the Socialist Party

Meets every Wednesday evening at 15 North Park Ave. AUGUST JOHNSON, Secretary

LOCAL LIVINGSTON, of the Socialist Party

Meets every second and fourth Monday evening in Trades & Labor Hall, opp. Opera House. All transient comrades invited to attend.

Carroll"; April 19, "Injunction Despotism," (Sic Semper Tyrannis); April 26, "Woman and Her Environment," (Modern Movements for Sex Emancipation). Comrade Chase missed his train for Lewistown Saturday, so he had to come to Helena, and at the Sunday night meeting spoke for half an hour, dividing the time with Mrs. Hazlett. An excellent crowd was in attendance, the parlors being full. A collection was taken of \$6.95, books sold \$2.70, one sub sold.

Next Sunday, it was decided, to set aside Mrs. Hazlett's lecture, and give the evening to Comrade Chase, who will also speak at the Workers' Club on Saturday evening.

This gives a good series of meetings preceding the election.

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