

EUGENE V. DEBS' SPECIAL IN MONTANA

Red Special Ditched in Montana

Northern Pacific Employees Given Orders to Delay Debs' Dates---Fearful of Tremendous Socialist Sentiment in State.

The capitalist politicians in this borough of the Amalgamated Copper company have given the greatest demonstration of their fear of the socialist spirit that characterizes the working class in Montana that ever was seen in a presidential campaign in this state.

Candidate Debs was introduced by Harry Parker, manager of the train. Debs said in part: "On behalf of the 'Red Special' I return to you all the deepest thanks for your loyalty and for the magnificent reception you have accorded us."

"We are here in the interest of a national party and an international movement. This year is to mark an epoch in that it will bring the awakening of the working class. You should have seen the demonstrations that have been accorded us ever since we left Chicago. A few years ago the smallest hall was too large for a socialist meeting; now the largest is too small."

Late at Missoula. The special arrived in Missoula Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock, five hours behind schedule time. All through the afternoon hundreds waited at the depot to welcome the presidential candidate of the Socialist party.

Disturbances in Yards. By the time that Debs was ready to make his address a crowd that stretched out into the darkness far out of the faint glimmer of the tall lights of the special and beyond the compass of the voice of the socialist leader, had gathered.

"This is the first time in almost three weeks of unceasing travel that we have been more than a minute behind our schedule at any stop. It is a great disappointment to me that the 'Red Special' could not get into Missoula this afternoon on its regular time. We have been subject to most disgusting delays since leaving Wallace, where I spoke 35 minutes to a tremendous crowd.

Year Marks Epoch. "We are here in the interest of a national party and an international movement. This year is to mark an epoch in that it will bring the awakening of the working class."

"I wish to call your attention to the two old parties--the too old parties, I might well say." Here the speaker arraigned the democratic and the republican parties and their principles in language that evoked the highest enthusiasm from his audience.

"There is a new spirit in the land," continued Mr. Debs. "This spirit is not satisfied with talks on the tariff, bank deposits and railroad rate regulation. What the working people in town and country want to know is how they are to secure the full product of their efforts, eliminating profit, interest and rent."

He stated that the Socialist party was never as strong as today and said that 5,000 men and women were today spreading the propaganda throughout every state and territory in the country.

He termed the working classes "horny-headed," as well as "horny-handed," and rebuked the working men of the country for not asserting their rights.

then serfs, and now--now, you are wage-earners."

Labor's Monopoly. That the working class has one monopoly was asserted by Debs. "The silver-tongued orators of the republican and of the democratic party tell you that the beads of sweat that roll from your manly brows are more precious than pearls fit to be worn in the coronets of queens and duchesses."

Needless Delay. The Red Special left Missoula for Butte, following the North Coast Limited. At Bearmouth, 25 miles east of Missoula, it was six miles behind the Limited; at Garrison, 75 miles east of Missoula, it was one hour and 40 minutes behind.

The Auditorium in Butte was packed for the evening meeting. At 10 o'clock 5,000 persons were at the depot, at 12 3,000 were still there. Comrades Dugan, O'Malley, Maury, candidate for the supreme court, and Hazleton, candidate for governor, talked to the vast crowd so shamelessly deprived of hearing their candidate speak.

It is not hard to imagine how the special would have been rushed through had it been carrying Taft or Bryan. Orders for precedence over everything would have been flashed over the entire line.

The Flins to the number of 400 marched to the depot to welcome Debs, and the Brewery Workers were also present. Various unions had representatives on the reception committee.

Three hundred waited all night and greeted Debs at 6 a. m. Debs spoke twenty minutes. Mercilessly Exposed Scheme. He said that it was evident that there was a plot to prevent him speaking in Montana, especially in Butte; that they were afraid that he might spread the conflagration that is about to sweep over Montana.

No delays were incurred until Montana was reached. The socialists of Butte claim to have evidence that a telegram left Butte ordering that Debs be delayed so as not to speak in the great copper camp.

Other Points. Livingston socialists billed the town for a meeting at the depot at 6:30 a. m. A crowd of over 2,000 was at the depot at 6:30 a. m. waiting for the Red Special. Debs did not arrive till nearly 1 p. m., but almost the whole town was at the depot.

At both Columbus and Big Timber advertising had been done and large crowds awaited the train, but Debs had just five minutes at each point. At Billings he made an hour's speech.

Montana Trip Disappointing. The entire Montana trip was disappointing in the extreme, owing to the contemptible breach of contract by the Northern Pacific officials. Indications go to show that the division superintendent and trainmasters were probably bribed.

But judging from the experience of Germany and all Europe, such tactics will only increase the revolutionary spirit among the working class. When the people see that even their ideas and political wishes are at the mercy of those who profit by the subordination of labor they will see the necessity of legislation that will place all these necessities of progress in the hands of those who do the work.

SOCIALISTS OF CARBON NOMINATE CANDIDATES.

The socialists of Carbon county held their convention at Red Lodge last Tuesday evening, at which they nominated a full county ticket with the exception of county attorney and superintendent of schools, for which there were no aspirants.

MINUTES OF MONTANA STATE SOCIALIST CONVENTION HELD AT HELENA, AUGUST THE 25th, 1908

Aug. 25, 1908, Helena, Mont.

Minutes of the regular state convention of the Socialist party of Montana.

Convention called to order in the Workers' hall at 2:30 p. m. by the state secretary, who read the call.

Nominations for temporary chairman called for. J. W. Stoner nominated, and on motion elected by unanimous vote.

Nominations for temporary secretary called for. A. M. Jennings, L. J. Duncan and J. Powers nominated. Duncan and Powers declined.

On motion Jennings was elected by unanimous vote.

On motion the convention proceeded to elect a committee on credentials: J. C. Selby, J. F. Mable, A. D. Peugh and F. F. Chuning were nominated.

On motion the comrades nominated were elected by acclamation.

Duncan asked to be excused from acting on the credentials committee.

On motion his resignation was accepted.

On motion the convention adjourned until such time as the committee on credentials were ready to report back to the convention.

Convention called to order at 3:45 p. m. by Temporary Chairman Stoner.

Comrade Platt suggested that while waiting for credentials committee to report that some one sing a song.

A motion prevailed that no smoking should be allowed on floor of convention while in session.

Selby, of credentials committee, then reported the following delegates entitled to a seat in convention:

J. J. Comerford, Norman B. A. Faust, Estlick, Rollins; A. D. Peugh, M. L. Baker, A. Grenier, Livingston; L. M. Withrow, J. F. Gilchrist, M. W. Russell, J. Powers, Billings; A. T. Harvey, H. Schnick, J. W. Stoner, Lewistown; E. Fabert, Stark; J. C. Selby, Missoula; Phillips, H. O. Phillips, Wm. Palsgrove, Ida McDermott, Great Falls; J. F. Mable, Etta Lyons, Fridley; C. C. McHugh, H. L. Maury, A. M. Jennings, H. L. Davis, Geo. Ambrose, A. B. Clinch, J. W. Harkonen, I. Eld, B. Birling, O. Steinberg, L. A. Van Horne, C. M. Parr, Dora Spiegel, G. R. McDonald, W. H. Pierce, L. J. Duncan, Butte; J. Harmon, J. Beard, G. W. Willet, Helena; F. F. Chuning, Missoula; J. Collier, L. D. Grow, Eureka; J. Landers, C. J. Croft, R. E. Davis, H. Farrow, C. Long, Belt; H. Platt, Lake Como; H. Topel, J. M. Kruse, Bozeman.

Additions to roll by later recommendations of credentials committee: D. Lours, Phillipsburg; J. Massow, Red Lodge.

On motion the report of the credentials committee was received and placed on file, and the delegates recommended by them given a seat in the convention.

The roll was called and showed 26 delegates present at the afternoon session.

A motion was offered and seconded that Stoner be made permanent chairman.

An amendment was offered that the motion be laid on the table. The amendment carried.

On motion a committee on rules of order and order of business was appointed.

The committee consisted of Gilchrist, Powers, Harmon, Ambrose and Schnick.

On motion the convention proceeded to elect a committee on platform and resolutions.

The committee consisted of Duncan, Hazlett, Baker, Selby, Withrow, Clinch and Eld.

A motion was offered that the officials of the party be given a seat and full powers in the convention.

A point of order was raised that the motion was out of order, inasmuch as the carrying out of it would conflict with the state laws regulating nominating conventions.

The point of order was sustained and the motion declared out of order.

A motion to adjourn until such time as the committee were ready to report was offered and withdrawn.

On motion it was decided to elect a committee on constitution and by-laws.

Willet, Birling, Harmon, Mable, Harkonen, Etta Lyons, Ida McDermott, Palsgrove and Comerford were nominated.

On motion it was decided to ballot on the nominees by voting for five, and that the five receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected the committee.

The vote stood: Willet 17, Birling 12, Harmon 17, Mable 27, Harkonen 12, Etta Lyons 18, Ida McDermott 18, Palsgrove 16 and Comerford 19. Harmon withdrew in favor of Willet, and the committee elected standing Willet, Mable, Etta Lyons, Ida McDermott and Comerford.

A motion that the convention proceed to elect a committee on ways and means was withdrawn, on a point of order being raised that such a committee would be unconstitutional.

Comrade Ambrose asked to have the constitution read relating to the duties and powers of state committee.

A motion that we adjourn until 9 a. m., August 26, 1908, carried.

August 26, 1908. Convention called to order by Temporary Chairman Stoner at 9 a. m.

Minutes of previous days' session read, and on motion adopted as read.

Roll call asked for and showed 32 delegates present at morning session.

The credentials committee reported favorably on the seating of D. Sours of Phillipsburg local.

On motion he was given a seat in the convention.

That the order of business be as follows:

- 1. Roll call. 2. Report of committee on rules of order and order of business. 3. Election of chairman.

The following nominations be made for the offices of:

- Governor. Lieutenant governor. Associate justice of the supreme court.

Secretary of state. State treasurer. State auditor. Attorney general. Superintendent of public instruction.

Three railroad commissioners—one for 2 years, one for 4 years and one for six years.

A motion was offered that the report of the committee be received and adopted.

An amendment was offered that under the report of the committee on the order of nominations that the nominations of three electors of president and vice president of the United States of America be inserted and precede that of the nomination of governor. The amendment carried.

An amendment was then offered and carried that the report should read, the report of all committees, instead of committee on rules of order and order of business.

An amendment was offered that the report of the committee be amended so that it would read the report of state secretary, editor of Montana News and report of state cabinet. Carried.

An amendment was offered that report referring to order of nominations be made to read, the nomination of a candidate for congress, immediately after the nominations of the three electors, and preceding that of nomination of governor. Carried.

A motion that the report of the committee as amended be adopted. Carried.

Nominations for chairman called for. Stoner and Withrow nominated. Stoner declined to serve, and on motion the secretary of the convention was instructed to cast the vote of the convention for Withrow, as chairman of the day.

Committee on platform and resolutions reported progress and asked for more time.

Committee on constitution and by-laws reported progress and asked for more time.

The committees were granted more time.

On motion the convention elected an auditing committee of three. Duncan, Stoner and Schnick were elected.

On motion the convention proceeded to elect a committee of five on Montana News.

Selby, Peugh, Baker, Powers, Phillips and Comerford, and Ida McDermott were nominated. A ballot was taken, showing Selby 28, Peugh 24, Baker 23, Powers 21, Phillips 20, Comerford 22, McDermott 27. The committee elected consisting of Selby, Peugh, Baker, Comerford and McDermott.

A motion to elect a committee on state work was voted down.

H. Platt read several resolutions which were referred to the different committees.

On motion Comrade Stokes was given the floor to address the convention.

After his comments, a rising vote of thanks was given the comrade.

On motion that we adjourn until 1:30 p. m. prevailed.

Convention called to order at 1:30 p. m., August 26, 1908, by Chairman Withrow.

On motion convention adjourned until 8 a. m., August 27, 1908.

Convention called to order August 27, 1908, at 8 a. m., by Chairman Withrow.

Gilchrist was elected chairman of the day.

Secretary Jennings absent and Powers elected secretary pro tem.

On motion the reading of the minutes and roll call were suspended.

A motion to hold an evening session at 7:30 p. m. was lost.

The committee on constitution reported that they were ready to submit their report to the convention.

A motion prevailed that they should read their proposed constitution and by-laws section by section, and that the convention should take up any objection to any part of section as read.

On motion it was decided to adjourn until 1 p. m., August 27, 1908.

August 27, 1908. Convention called to order by Chairman Gilchrist.

The minutes were read and on motion adopted as read.

The roll call showed 32 delegates present.

The credentials committee reported favorably on the seating of Comrade John Massow of Red Lodge, and on motion the comrade was given a seat in the convention.

On motion the constitution and by-laws (offered by the committee), as amended by the convention, was received and ordered sent to a referendum of the party, within thirty days.

A motion prevailed that the date of the adoption of the constitution and by-laws should be printed on those sent out.

On motion it was decided that the state secretary should request all locals to submit their constitutions to the state cabinet for their approval or rejection as to constitutionality.

On motion it was decided to proceed to receive the report of the committee on platform and resolutions.

nearly all fields of human activity, and the greatest results are accomplished by united, intelligent action. It behooves the Socialist party to adopt a principle in conformity with such modern methods of address; therefore:

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Socialist party of Montana, in convention assembled, do hereby recommend to all members of the party that we proceed at once to give our attention to organizing our forces in our various localities and establish a political machine which shall embrace the following methods:

(a) To subdivide the political districts as to give each comrade a definite line of work in a given territory; to carry on a continual campaign of literature.

(b) To find such men and women who may be interested or sympathetic with socialism; get their names, and be sure to interest them in joining the party.

(c) Keep up the interest by giving entertainments, socials, dances, etc., so as not to allow the locals to disintegrate because of continuous and successive routine business meetings which wear out the average man and woman.

(d) To advertise and arrange meetings for speakers, campaigners, etc., and thereby assure the success of the meetings, especially during campaigns.

(e) To nominate men and women for political offices and prosecute a vigorous campaign in the interest of electing socialist candidates.

(f) To appoint watchers at the polls and assure a correct counting of the vote.

(g) To report all results of interest to the state secretary, so as to keep him informed about the general membership and general condition of the party.

On motion the platform and resolutions were adopted as read.

A motion prevailed that we suspend the order of business and proceed to nominate state candidates.

Nominations for three electors were called for. H. Platt, J. F. Mable, H. Schnick and T. J. Pooney were nominated.

A motion prevailed that convention proceed to ballot and that the three receiving the highest number of votes be declared the candidates.

The ballot showed Platt 28, Mable 33, Schnick 23 and T. J. Pooney 18.

Nominations for congressman were called for. L. J. Duncan and John Hudson nominated.

A ballot taken showed Duncan 24 and Hudson 9.

Nominations for governor were called for. H. Hazleton was nominated and received the unanimous vote of the convention.

Nominations for lieutenant governor were called for. F. L. Buzzell was nominated and received the unanimous vote of the convention.

Nominations for associate justice were called for. H. L. Maury was nominated and received the unanimous vote of the convention.

Nominations for secretary of state were called for. A. T. Harvey was nominated and received the unanimous vote of the convention.

Nominations for state treasurer were called for. J. Powers was nominated and received the unanimous vote of the convention.

Nominations for state auditor were called for. P. H. Castle was nominated and received the unanimous vote of the convention.

Nominations for attorney general were called for. C. M. Parr was nominated and received the unanimous vote of the convention.

Nominations for superintendent of public instruction were called for. Ida McDermott, H. L. Maury and Etta Lyons were nominated. Mrs. Hazlett and Mrs. McDermott declining. A ballot showed Hazlett 11, McDermott 9, and Lyons 13.

Nominations for state cabinet members were called for. J. P. Gilchrist, J. A. Rhodes, J. Billings, J. W. Stoner, H. Topel, Corrigan, E. Fabert and A. D. Peugh were nominated.

On motion it was decided that the ones polling the highest vote should be declared the candidates for the six-year term, the next highest the four-year term and the next highest the two-year term. The vote stood:

Gilchrist 16, Rhodes 6, Billings 15, Stoner 9, Topel 5, Corrigan 9, Fabert 11, Peugh 3.

On motion the state cabinet was given power to fill all vacancies that might in any way occur, except by death of candidate.

On motion the state secretary was instructed to notify every local to elect a state committee-man within thirty days.

On motion the convention referred back to reports of committees, and called for the report of the committee on the Montana News. The chairman of the committee reported that the committee had nothing to report.

On motion the report of the state secretary was called for. The report was submitted to the convention by the secretary himself. The financial report was received and presented and ordered turned over to the auditing committee.

The state secretary then read a lengthy report of the needs of the party, and the improvement already made. The report was received and ordered turned over to the state committee.

The report of the editor-manager of the Montana News was called for. The editor submitted a lengthy review of the past and present conditions of the paper, and the future possibilities of it. The report was received and turned over to the state committee.

The editor-manager of the Montana News tendered her resignation to the convention to take effect immediately.

On motion it was decided to go into executive session for one hour and allow each delegate three minutes to speak on the Montana News.

A motion to receive and accept the resignation was lost.

The state secretary tendered his resignation as secretary and business manager of the News, same to take effect immediately.

On motion the resignation was received and accepted.

Resolved, That since this is the age of organization and so operation in

CHALLENGE TO REPUBLICANS

O. M. Lanstrum, Helena, Montana.

Chairman of the State Committee of the Republican Party of Montana.

Dear Sir: The national platform of your party this year, for the first time, has mentioned socialism, or at any rate, something it calls socialism, and thereby confesses a new Richmond in the field. The same platform commits the republican party to the same principles and practices which for the past quarter of a century it has consistently maintained, and which it claims have given the people of the United States great industrial, commercial and financial prosperity.

Professing abhorrence of class-legislation, class-consciousness and class-antagonisms, the republican party in its platform advocates and defends measures which in the past have been and which now are essentially in the interests of the great capitalistic enterprises and opposed to the interests of the working class.

Especially has it declared in favor of the existing laws and practices respecting injunction processes, which processes are especially obnoxious to organized labor.

Opposed to these republican principles and measures stands the socialist party, which claims to represent the working class and which advocates principles and measures favorable to organized labor and the working class generally.

In view of these facts, in view of the direct issues between the republican and the socialist parties in this campaign, and especially in view of the direct recognition by the republican platform that socialism has become a political issue, I hereby, on behalf of the Socialist party in Montana, challenge the candidates and speakers of your party to meet in joint debate in the principal cities of this state, the candidates and speakers of the Socialist party. Especially do we court such debate between your candidate for congress and our candidate, between your candidate for associate justice of the supreme court and ours, between your respective candidates for the legislature and the opposing candidates on our ticket.

Furthermore, I pledge myself to send a socialist speaker to any part of Montana to debate the issues of this campaign and the respective principles of socialism and of republicanism, with one of your speakers, upon due notice from you not less than forty-eight hours prior to the time of said proposed debate.

Here is your chance to demonstrate the superior efficacy of republican principles and methods, and to stem the rising tide of socialist sentiment in this state, and to expose the fallacies, so-called, of socialism. We welcome such debates. Do your speakers dare to meet ours? Yours respectfully, JAMES D. GRAHAM, State Secretary Socialist Party of Montana.

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Four-Year Term—JESSE F. GILCHRIST, Billings.

Two-Year Term—JOE BILLINGS, Flathead County.

SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN BOOK

The national socialist organization has furnished one of the most powerful documents ever put out by the Socialist party in any country, in its "Socialist Campaign Book." The book was compiled by Joseph Medill Patterson of Chicago, under the direction of the national executive committee. It is arranged in seventeen sections, dealing with the most important present issues that the party has to meet. A close study of this campaign book will enable any intelligent person to successfully meet any opponent on the socialist position. Eugene V. Debs opens the brochure with a stirring exposition of what a million socialist votes will mean to us here in America. The tactics of Gompers and Hearst are thoroughly aired by Max Hayes and Victor Berger. The injunction arm raised to crush organized labor, and through it the standard of all labor in America is shown in its hideous brutality on the shoulders of Bill Taft. The absurdities of the old stock objections to socialism are potently dissected.

The inside story of how the capitalists drew forth the panic of 1907, the worst in American history, with the horrible misery and suffering it has caused to the entire working class, including the six million unemployed that it has beggared, is given at great length, with a full catalogue of the capitalists of America in this giant conspiracy to enslave and degrade the

producers, and rear their palaces of luxury on the sepulchre of misery to which they have doomed those who do their work.

H. G. Wells, the famous English novelist, contributes his master's ability to the American campaign book. The platform and the program are all given, and A. M. Simons has explained all the points of the latter with a master's hand.

This book should be spread over the country by the millions. It is an intelligent and scientific discussion of economics and politics from the standpoint of actual existing conditions that no capitalist political sophistry can meet or disprove. The table of contents follows:

- "What a Million Votes for the Socialist Party Will Mean." "Mr. Gompers' Mistake." "Injunction Bill Taft." "Hearst's Fly Paper Platform." "The Misery of Boots." "Socialism Means Revolution." "The Open Shop." "Socialism Does Not Stand for Dividing Up." "Suppose You Are the Average Farmer." "Socialism Will Not Destroy Incentive." "Socialism Does Not Stand for Free Love." "Private Property." "Impracticability." "The Inside Story of the Panic of October, 1907." "The Masters of America." "List of Same." "The Modern Movement." "The Question of Prostitution." "Child Slavery." "Poverty and Death." "The Democratic Injunction Plank." "Jarring the Gentlemen of England." "Socialism in Germany." "Infant Damnation." "The Disposed." "The Law and the Laborer." "A Sample Labor Injunction." "The Supreme Court and the Baker's Ten-Hour Law." "Labor Protest to Congress." "Socialist Party Platform, 1908." "The Socialist Program." "Strength and Growth of Socialism."

How about those injunctions?

The gold standard democrats of four years ago, Alton B. Parker and David B. Hill, are entertaining Bryan at their homes this fall. Oh, yes, Bryan is the "friend of the people" and should get the labor vote.

Another new Kerr book is the fable of "The Wolves," by Robert Alexander Wason. It is a "fable with a purpose," relating how the wolves developed from capitalism into socialism. The book is profusely illustrated in a most attractive way and will be a swift seller. 10 each.

"Let the people rule" is the slogan of the senile democratic party this fall. If they would kindly inform us how the people are to rule with no control over nominations of candidates, and no power over the acts of these people when elected, and with the legislative bodies, we might get up the campaign funds and running the millionaires of the country putting some idea of what the "democracy" means by the "people."

The injunction is conspicuous by its absence in the Montana republican platform. No wonder that the republican party in Montana is afraid to air its attitude on the injunction. The Montana injunction record of the republican party is not one calculated to win the votes of Montana's working class population. The Roosevelt appointee Federal Judge Hunt, has not pursued a policy calculated to make organized labor in love with the republican party. Silence on the injunction was certainly discreet on the part of the republican convention.

The Kerr Publishing company has added two little booklets to its Pocket Library of Socialism, "Shoes, Pigs and Problems," by the brilliant author of "Thoughts of a Fool," and the other, "Useful Work Versus Unemployment," by William Morris, the great English artist-poet manufacturer, who devoted his life so ardently to the socialist movement. Both are excellent contributions to American socialist propaganda. Morris' book deals with the necessity of making life beautiful and pleasant and shows the impossibility of accomplishing this desirable result under capitalism. The books are 5 cents; six for 25 cents.

Fred L. Swartz has made an excellent compilation in a book he calls "Quotations From United States History, With Comments and Other Important Information of the Modern Working Class in the United States." It is a most compact and thorough exposition from the ablest authorities of various phases of interest to the working class in American history, such as "economic factors," "imprisonment for debt," "chattel slavery," "working class legislation," and other fruitful topics that shed light on working class history. There is also a catalogue of strikes and a list of inventions. The book sells for 10 cents; twelve for \$1. Every socialist should have one. Address Fred L. Schwartz, 860 Concord St., North Side, Pittsburg, Pa.

BURGESS CHALLENGES MONDELL

Labor day was observed at Sheridan and everywhere from start to finish. Socialists and socialism was much in evidence. The different labor organizations marched to the depot to meet the coal miners from Dietz and Monarch and here the fun began. The socialists had a fine collection of banners with appropriate epigrams, calling the attention of the wageworkers to their condition and the methods whereby the owner of the job got four-fifths of the wealth the workers produced; also a banner telling the hosts of labor to watch for the "Red Special," giving the date when Debs would arrive in Sheridan. As we took our places in the parade a howl went up from a few would-be directors of the union, that this was bringing politics into the unions. Even personal violence was threatened and some of the comrades were induced for the sake of harmony to lay aside their banners. However, a number retained their and marched with them to Kendrick park and the great crowd there had ample time to read a few plain truths.

Congressman Mondell told the workmen and women what the republican party had done and would do for them. After the G. O. P. song had ended Comrade Burgess was introduced and refuted the statements made by Mondell in vigorous style.

Several times during his speech he turned toward Mondell and challenged any politician, banker, lawyer or preacher to successfully deny the statements he made.

During Burgess' speech the sports were announced, but in spite of this the audience crowded around, giving him splendid attention throughout his entire talk. This was bitter medicine for old party men and Mondell showed that he was hit by referring to the "old man out at the park" in a speech made at republican headquarters a few nights afterwards.

Mondell, like all of that breed, is careful not to give the "old man" a chance to debate with him. Burgess spoke Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights on the street to interested crowds, and we believe good results will follow his work here. The comrades are talking of having him here for a week in the near future, if it can be so arranged.

Sheridan, Wyo., Sept. 14.

Inscriptions on the Banners Carried on Labor Day at Sheridan, Wyo.

State Mine Inspector Young says that the operators were responsible for the mine explosion at Hanna.

This was months ago, yet no steps have been taken to punish the men responsible for the death of scores of miners.

That is why workers want an employers liability law. The workers want the law, but the owners of the mines and factories don't. Neither does congress. Because the congressman is a business agent for the employing class. See!

United States census reports tell us that every worker produces each year \$2,500 of wealth.

The United States commissioner of labor tells us that the worker receives per year on an average \$425.

The man that works the worker gets \$2,075.

This is how millionaires and trusts are made.

The wage worker can't buy back the \$2,500 of wealth he produces with the \$425 he gets.

Therefore the man with the graft on the worker wants a foreign market.

If the grafter can't sell his surplus we have a panic industrial depression. Then the worker hunts a job. Collective ownership and management the remedy. Apply the remedy through the ballot box. —WM. BROWN.

Another effort will be made to consolidate the independent labor party and the social democratic party in Great Britain. Both parties are connected with the international socialist movement and disagree on tactics, although their local organizations work together in sections.

NOTICE

To the Members of State Committee: Greeting:—The State Committee will meet in Helena, Monday, Sept. 28, 1908, at 2:30 p. m., as per circular of Sept. 15, 1908, signed by George Ambrose, Chairman, and myself.

Pay no attention to any other circulars you may receive calling committee meeting in Helena, Sept. 30, and signed by party or parties who have no authority to issue a call, as they are unofficial.

Fraternally,

JAMES D. GRAHAM, State Secretary.

NOTICE TO LOCALS.

We urge that the Locals take due notice of the above call, and send a committee member to the State Committee meeting on Sept. 28. Up to the last meeting of Local Helena, on the 18th, no notification had been received by that Local of a State Committee meeting. Therefore, let other Locals might also have been missed, it is important that instant action be taken.

IDAHO

Comrade Harry McKee of California will be in Idaho from the 17th to October 28th. We have assigned him pioneer work in Lehi and Custer counties for a part of the time. He will come on the "Red Special" to Idaho, and spend up to the 26th in the northern part of the state.

Further dates of speakers will reach you soon.

THOS. J. COONROD, State Secretary.

The socialist county convention for Kootenai county was held as per call at Harrison, Saturday, August 29. The steamer Lyondale had been engaged to carry the reds from Coeur d'Alene to Harrison. She left Coeur d'Alene about 9:15 and arrived at Harrison at 12:15 with about 65 on board. At 1:30 the county chairman called the convention to order at the opera house. John G. Koch and F. L. Runyon were elected temporary chairman and secretary, respectively, and after preliminary matters and the appointment of a committee on credentials the convention took a recess.

As soon as the credentials committee was ready to report the convention reconvened. The committee on credentials reported 85 entitled to a seat and voice in the convention. The temporary organization was made permanent.

The national platform was endorsed and made the county platform and no other resolutions were adopted.

The following ticket was then nominated, to-wit:

State senator—John G. Koch, Rathdrum.

Representatives—A. C. Smith, Medimont; Wm. L. Sommers, Harrison; W. R. Waldo, Carlin Bay.

Sheriff—Louis Sterigre, Bellgrove.

Assessor—E. C. Hubbard, Lyondale.

Probate Judge—S. A. Stwoe, Coeur d'Alene.

Treasurer—A. V. Fuller, Harrison.

County attorney—Wm. Laird, Hill.

County superintendent—Vacant, to be filled by committee.

Coroner—A. A. Streater, Athol.

Commissioners—First district, J. W. Zarnes, Bellgrove; second district, Gus Nelson, Coeur d'Alene; third district, Frank La Favre, Rathdrum.

Surveyor—John D. Guerring, Harrison.

The committee was empowered to fill all vacancies, and steps were taken to more completely organize every precinct and locality in the county. John G. Koch of Rathdrum was re-elected county chairman and F. L. Runyon of Rathdrum was re-elected county secretary.

There were 85 in attendance, in 1906 there were 63, in 1904 31.

The convention was fraternal and harmonious, not one unpleasant word being spoken to mar its proceedings, and from reports it is predicted that the socialist vote this fall will be substantially increased over all previous elections.

H. A. Barton of Coeur d'Alene, nominee for congress, spoke in the evening at the opera house. The house was well filled with an orderly and attentive audience, who listened for about two hours.

After the speaking the boat departed for Coeur d'Alene and lake points, arriving at Coeur d'Alene after midnight. JOHN KOCH.

UTERMANN'S IDAHO DATES.

- CouncilSept. 29 MidvaleSept. 21 WeiserSept. 22 PayetteSept. 23 CaldwellSept. 24 EmmettSept. 25 Silver CitySept. 26 De LamarSept. 27

T. J. Lewis in Idaho.

- HarrisonSept. 26 Coeur d'AleneSept. 27 RathdrumSept. 28 Spirit LakeSept. 29 LacledeSept. 30 Bonners FerryOct. 1 OpenOct. 2 LewistonOct. 2 OrofinoOct. 4 Nez PerceOct. 5

STATE SECRETARY'S WEEKLY REPORT.

A charter was granted to Culbertson, which starts up with a good membership and promises to make things hum in Valley county.

The socialists of Fromberg, Carbon county, have applied for a charter. Comrade Burgess did the organizing. Mabie is making a school house campaign in Carbon county and makes good reports from that section of the state.

Anaconda is going to be invaded for the first time in two years. Comrade Duggan is going to hold down the soap box. He will spend four days in the copper city and endeavor to lay a foundation for an organization.

Forty-three dates were filled by our speakers in the state for the week ending September 29. That is an average of six propaganda meetings each night. Requests are coming in each day

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MINUTES OF STATE CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 1.)

Powers and Mabie were both nominated as secretary pro tem, but declined to serve.

A motion to elect J. D. Graham secretary pro tem for thirty days, until such time as a referendum could be sent out carried.

On motion Section 1 of Article IV of the constitution was taken off the table.

A motion prevailed that we strike out Section 1 of Article IV, and insert the following:

Nominations for the office of state secretary shall be made in open convention. Such nominations to be sent to a referendum of the party membership. The present incumbent of said office shall hold office until his successor is duly elected by said referendum.

Nominations for state secretary were called for. Powers, Graham, Stoner, Jennings, Mabie and Selby were nominated. Powers, Mabie and Selby were allowed to decline.

On motion the nominations of Graham, Stoner and Jennings were ordered sent to a referendum.

On motion Stoner was elected temporary manager of the Montana News, until such time as it could go to a referendum.

A motion prevailed that we adjourn until 8 a. m., August 28, 1908.

A. M. JENNINGS, Secretary Convention.

August 28, 1908. Socialist convention called to order at 8 a. m., August 28, 1908.

Jessie Gilchrist of Billings elected chairman, John Powers secretary. Reading of the minutes and roll call.

Moved and seconded that the committee on the Montana News be discharged without reading report.

Moved and seconded that the amended report of Comrade Peugh be accepted. Carried.

Resolution on bonds read by Comrade Withrow for Montana News. Moved and seconded that it be adopted by referendum of the party. Withdrawn.

Moved and seconded that bonds be for \$5,000 instead of \$3,000. Moved and seconded that it be laid on the table.

Moved and seconded that stamps be issued for sick or unemployed. Carried.

Resolution read by Comrade Withrow to stock the Montana News laid on the table.

Bond taken up for \$10,000. Moved and seconded that this plan be adopted and placed on referendum. Carried.

Moved and seconded that finance of Montana News be published every month by state secretary. Withdrawn.

Moved and seconded to submit bond in ten days. Carried.

Moved and seconded that state cabinet fill all vacancies that may occur on state ticket.

Moved and seconded that state secretary publish in Montana News local officers of the state as standing ad. Withdrawn.

Moved and seconded that the manager of the Montana News hand to the state secretary a printed report of the financial standing of the Montana News and the state secretary send the report to the secretaries of the various locals of the state. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the state secretary publish official directory of locals every three months. Carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried. JOHN POWERS, Secretary.

Cigarmakers of New Haven, Conn., have fallen into line with their fellow-workers in New York and Chicago by repudiating the Gompers bargain with the democratic party.

Poet's Corner

THE INDIANA BOY
There's a man for whom
You all should vote,

A man who loves the working class
With all his heart and soul,

This man has stood the fire
Of the million-dollar guns,

For liberty and justice
This man has ever stood,

Then rally round the polls boys,
And cast and honest vote,

FIELD WORK.

D. Burgess.

BozemanSept. 24-25
HelenaSept. 26
Cascade countySept. 27 and on

John Collins.

DellOct. 2
ButteOct. 3
AldridgeOct. 4
Carbon countyOct. 6-10

James Duggan.

AnacondaSept. 23 to Oct. 2
ClancyOct. 3
BasinOct. 4

J. F. Mable.

Red LodgeSept. 21
Hogan school houseSept. 22
Luther school houseSept. 23
WashoeSept. 24
Bear CreekSept. 25
BelfrySept. 26
ChanceSept. 27
GoldenSept. 28
BridgerSept. 29
FrombergSept. 30
Sage Creek, Spencer county, Silicia toOct. 6

Harry McKee.

ButteSept. 26

MISSOULA COUNTY CONVENTION

It was almost 12 o'clock before the convention of the Socialist party of Missoula county adjourned.

For sheriff, J. R. English; county attorney, T. D. Caulfield; county clerk, F. F. Chuning; clerk of the district court, Matt East; county treasurer, James Lyons; county assessor, A. P. Isaacson; commissioner, F. F. Preppel; superintendent of schools, Mrs. Kate Fitzpatrick; coroner, R. P. Mercer; public administrator, J. N. Woods; representatives, R. A. Fuller, J. W. Reely, F. Fabert and George N. Cubbag.

For Justices of the peace in Hell Gate township, Walter Pyle and F. A. Dambrosky were named; Archie Pyle and Andrew Palmer are the candidates for constables in this township.

The county central committee was named as follows: J. N. Woods, Archie Pyle and J. R. English.

SOCIALIST PARTY IN TURKEY

As a result of the comparative liberty of thought and action conceded by the new Turkish constitution many newspapers of all shades of political belief are appearing all over the empire.

The most recent of these is the socialist weekly, Erghat (The Worker), published in Smyrna. It is the first socialist paper ever printed in the Turkish language, and it is meeting with a very favorable reception among the working class.

National

Socialist platforms, per 1,000, postage prepaid, \$1.50.

Debs campaign button (celluloid), 10 for 25 cents; 25 for 50 cents; 50 for \$1.

You want Panic Leaflets. They were off the press August 31. 250,000 already gone. Price per 1,000, \$1.

Debs souvenir post card, 1/4 size photo, excellent likeness; new photographic process. Price, two for 5 cents; per 100, \$1.50.

State Secretary Ringler of Pennsylvania reports: "Frank H. Means has been expelled from Branch Beaver Falls for misuse of party funds."

Straw vote taken by Comrade Dan A. White at a meeting in Buckley, Idaho, September 3, showed 64 votes for Debs where four years ago there were only 16 votes in the whole town.

National Organized Comrade Sumner W. Rose writes from Florida: "Heat of the Red Special felt way down here. Its a trump card—you'll get the money for the whole thing, I know. In the south, it seems, this will be the last campaign the democratic party will hold second place."

The receipts of the national office for dues stamps for the month of August amounted to \$2,390.15. This breaks all previous records and shows that payments were made by 1,594 members in excess of the number recorded in any previous month.

Socialist Campaign Book, compiled by Jos M. Patterson. This document has been admitted by those capable of judging, to better serve the purpose intended—that is, as a campaign manual—than are the publications of either the democratic or republican parties. Price, per copy, 25 cents; per dozen, \$1.50; per 100, \$10.

Allen L. Benson has written a 40-page booklet that will take votes away from Taft and Bryan and positively make votes for socialism. Title, "What Help Can Any Workingman Expect From Taft or Bryan." A million copies should be circulated. The price is made low for that purpose. Single copy 10 cents, 100 copies \$3.

A farmer's leaflet will be issued by the national office in October. Part of the November first contracts for leaflets will be filled with the same. All locals and others who have filed contracts for leaflets and who want all or part of their November 1st order filled with this leaflet especially designed to reach the farmer, will please notify the national office. All comrades living in farming communities or where they can distribute leaflets to the farmers' wagons are urged to send for a bunch of these leaflets. They are \$1 a 1,000. Larger and smaller quantities in proportion.

Charters were granted since last reported to locals in unorganized states as follows: Good Luck, Miss., 9 members; Kearney, Neb., 9 members; Calderon, Neb., 8 members; Hattiesburg, Miss., 7 members; Lawrence, Miss., 9 members; Melrose, N. H., 7 members; Moss Point, Miss., 9 members; Starr, Neb., 6 members; Nome, Alaska, 24 members.

On to Washington! is now the war cry of the Milwaukee socialists. There is a splendid opportunity of electing two socialist congressmen from the Fourth and Fifth congressional districts. The Fourth district comprising the southern part of Milwaukee county. The Fifth district comprises the northern part of Milwaukee county and Waukesha county. In the Fourth district the social-democrats became second party in 1906, with our candidate for congress only 3,422 votes behind the republican candidate. In the Fifth district we became second party in 1904, with 6,605 votes behind the republican candidate. In 1906 this was cut down to 5,078. But this year the republican party is split into two bitter factions, eager to knife each other. Thus our chances to put two socialists on the floor of congress are exceedingly bright. The two social-democratic candidates in these districts are Alderman Melms and ex-Alderman Welch. Both are well qualified to make socialist agitation in congress. Now watch Milwaukee.

SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN BOOK IS ISSUED.

The Socialist party's campaign book, edited by Joseph Medill Patterson of Chicago, and supervised by the executive committee of the party has just appeared. It is an edition which may easily be carried in a pocket.

Patterson's chief contribution to the book is an unsigned attack on W. H. Taft's record as an "injunction" judge. Other articles in the symposium are by Eugene V. Debs, Clarence Darrow, H. G. Wells, the English novelist, and Robert Hunter.

International

SOCIALISM IN SPAIN

The Spanish socialists have this week been holding their annual congress. Their numbers have diminished, but according to the reports made at the congress, their influence has increased.

For three years the country has been passing through an industrial crisis, and this has affected the finance of the movement in Spain. Proposals have been made to join forces in the coming election with the republicans, and this was the point most fiercely debated at the congress.

SOCIALISTS IN CHILE

Alarmed at the rapid progress being made by the socialist movement here, the authorities are making desperate efforts to surprise it by trumping up terrorist charges against several active socialist leaders.

One of the most prominent agitators, Nicolas Aguirre Breton, a Spaniard, belonging to the Mechanics' union, was recently arrested upon a charge of having in his possession keys to an abandoned house in which dynamite bombs were found by the secret police who were trying to work up a case against Breton. At the same time the police arrested another Spaniard and a Frenchman. These three were accused of plotting to blow up the president and congress of the republic and the great cathedral of this city.

The object of selecting foreigners as the victims of this attempt to railroad innocent men to prison was the hope that the native element would not take up the affair, and thus a precedent could be established which might be used in future cases. Fortunately, however, the native workers were not influenced by national prejudice, and such an outcry was raised by the socialist and labor organizations that the police did not dare carry out their murderous plan, and after several days' imprisonment the accused men were set at liberty.

In releasing them the judge took occasion to inform the prisoners that terrorism, anarchy and socialism were all the same, which called forth a spirited rejoinder from Breton. The result of the affair is exactly contrary to that expected by the authorities, and the people are now demanding the punishment of the secret police. In the meantime the socialists are more active than ever.

The German social-democracy has in 307 cities 1,360, and in 1,558 rural towns 4,571 representatives in the communal administrations. This is 5,931 representatives altogether, against 4,996 the previous year. In the same time the socialist press was increased by seven daily papers. At the present time 71 daily papers are printed in 53 printing shops. The monthly papers show an increase of 10. Several papers were forced by the growth of their subscriptions to enlarge their printing shops. The Dredener Volkszeitung and the Hamburger Echo contain special pages for the youth. The Communale Presse appears with 16 pages now instead of 12. The Vorwarts turned a surplus of 130,000 mark (\$32,000) over to the party treasurer and had a gain of 8,315 subscribers. The subscriptions of the Neue Zeit increased from 7,700 to 9,000; Gleichheit from 67,000 to 84,000; Der Wahre Jacob from 230,000 to 235,000. Those three papers turned over to the party treasurer a surplus of 50,000 mark.

Among the books and leaflets which were ordered by the Vorwarts Publishing company are: May-Paper 400,000, Social-Democracy and Labor Insurance 317,000, Principles and Demands of the Social-Democracy 91,000, Sodom and Gomorrah 70,000, Down With the Socialists 65,000, The Socialists in the Communal Administrations 55,000, The High Treason Trial Against Liebknecht 50,000, Minutes of the Party Convention 45,000, Women Suffrage by Clara Zetkin 15,000, Evolution of Socialism by Engels 11,000, Workingman's Hygienic Library 92,000, etc. The sale in the book department of the party amounted to 563,000 mark. The total party receipts were over 800,000 mark. Among the expenses are 200,000 mark for general agitation; for the party school was spent more than 58,000 mark; for the support of the party press over 124,000 mark. For the year past socialists were condemned to 18 years, eight months and four days' imprisonment, one and a half years' fortress (Liebknecht) and 33,446 marks fine, besides many smaller cases of imprisonment and fines for picketing during strikes, etc.

In spite of the severe economic crisis the membership of the party increased from 530,466 to 587,336. Only twelve election districts out of 397 are not organized. HANS PREVOST, Butte, Mont.

The session of the Socialist convention held recently in Nuremberg was one of the most exciting that the party has held in years. Herr Bebel, the socialist leader, delivered a forcible speech.

Women's Clubs

LETTERS TO MY SISTER IN JAPAN

I am indeed glad to learn that you are getting interested in reading more of scientific books than the books of pure literary nature. I can imagine how hard it is for the young people to get rid of passionate poems, exciting romances and love stories. Especially for us Japanese whose temperament is inclined to be rather literary and poetical.

When I was a boy of about 18, and just learned scarcely enough to read books in the English language, I caught the spell of reading the strong, passionate poetry and literature. How often have I repeated Goethe's "The Sorrows of Werter!" How many times have I passed sleepless nights with Heinrich Heine's poems! How deeply have I plunged myself into Byron's "Manfred!" And I remember even to this day that I repeated Tolstol's "Anna Karenina" for three times successively.

Although I do not agree with you in giving up literature entirely, I can realize how you feel disgusted with the women of pure sentimental nature, and especially the worshippers of the so-called school of "naturalism" in Japan, which is often misrepresented and confused with pure animalism.

To my mind, the women of today need more of scientific training—and men too—for the sake of a fuller development of the mind. The women of the past had read too much of sentimental literature and they lived too long on that softest kind of diet. They may be able to talk about Tennyson, Keats, Browning, and many other poets and authors, but how many women today are able to argue about Darwin, Huxley, Spencer, Welsman, Haeckel, Wallace, Lester Ward and even John Stuart Mill! Not only are they unable to discuss about them but they are often ignorant of the first lesson of the modern evolutionary theories. They—most men included—do not know how the human race came into existence and of its evolution. They still stick to the old and absurd religious cosmology, and they do not seem to try to investigate these important questions intelligently.

This, of course, is due a great deal to the condition of the school education today. The public school education gives too much of classical and superficial training, instead of solid knowledge of human evolution. Our school text books never give us the simplest lesson of how the race developed from its very origin. I think an easy text book on the history of man will do more good to the boys and girls of today than the thousands of Longfellow, Holmes, and Whittiers.

I suppose you have received a copy of Lester Ward's "Pure Sociology" by this time which I mailed you some six weeks ago. I want you to read it carefully all through, and especially chapter XIV, which is an excellent treatise on the woman question. There is no better living scholar and exponent of the subject than Lester Frank Ward. For he is the man who has expounded and introduced systematically the Gynaecentric theory to the scientific world today.

The Gynaecentric theory—the theory of female superiority—is rather too new to the average mind and we find most of the prominent scientists opposed to it. But as you read his book and carefully reflect upon the subject you will find that there is an undeniable truth about it.

If the altruistic nature of man is a higher type of human civilization, and the socialist movement is nothing but the incarnation of this spirit as it can be proven by the study of human evolution, woman must be superior to man, as she has developed the nature through motherhood in spite of all her disadvantages. Socialism seems not to be anything else but feminism, simple and pure. And we men look as if we were nature's "after thought," or an appendix. As I read Lester Ward I often feel that I wish I was a woman!

What a great contrast between the lesson we draw from the books of this kind and the lesson we get from Confucius and the Christian Bible! Lester Ward repeatedly affirms in his "Pure Sociology" as well as "Applied Sociology" that all our differences of views of things come from our "world view." It is mighty true, I believe. Suppose you believe the cosmology of the Christian Bible what sort of conclusion will you get of the subject of woman. According to the Bible, woman was made out of the rib of man. This world view leads you to believe that woman is inferior to man, and therefore she is subject to man. The change of the old and absurd world view is only possible through the aid of candid and tireless scientific investigation of life, and the universe.

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Lester Ward. Excepting Bebel and Engels, they are all non-socialists. They are men of pure science. The more you study science the more you feel strengthened by the real knowledge of man and the universe. Nevertheless, you should not discard your literary taste entirely. For instance, reading of Suderman, Turgenev, Shaw, Pinero, Maeterlink, Tolstol, and Gorky will be more or less refreshing and inspiring to your mind. It is not waste of time to read this sort of literature once in a while. Although you may not find as much of feminism in Shaw or Tolstol as you may in Lester Ward. In spite of the fact that Bernard Shaw and his wife have joined the suffrage parade in Hyde park, London, recently, he is a very poor interpreter of woman. Tolstol is utterly ugly about woman. The mother of Nikita and the mistress of his in his "The Power of Darkness" are the types of women that Tolstol creates, and the way he describes women in that famous "Kreutzer Sonata" is simply dreadful. Tolstol never understood woman.

Ibsen's women are grand. He will show you "the whole world through a humble woman," as Alla Nazimova cleverly said of Ibsen. Ibsen suggests many problems of woman today. You told me in your last letter that you read Suderman's "Magda." Is it not really a strong play for woman kind? Magda is a rebel against her conventional environment and she stands fearlessly against the conventions. I would like to see the women of Japan come to that self realization. I know they are coming to that direction already. You may imagine how glad I was when I read about the four socialist women in Tokio who recently insisted upon parading in the street of Tokio, lifting up the red flag of revolution, and are now suffering in the jail for the cause. The spirit of Magda is the real virtue of the coming woman. How ardently the world today longs for such a character!

Even Pinero seems to understand woman, and Maeterlink and our Gorky. Don't forget to read Pinero's "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith," Maeterlink's "Monna Vanna," Suderman's "The Joy of Living," and Gorky's "Mother." If you read these along with the other scientific literature, as I suggested to you, you will see the great significance and importance of the woman's movement which is raging all over the world today. Woman has been miserably oppressed and subjugated by man through their ignorance and superstition, just as the worker has been oppressed and exploited by the capitalist. I wonder who will dare to say there is a class-conscious worker's movement without admitting there is a sex-conscious woman movement—Sayonara!—Kilehi Kaneko in The Socialist Woman.

TO THE TRADE UNIONISTS

Relating to the question of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, which was addressed to Comrade Debs and is as follows: "Where does your party get the money?" A reply is being mailed from the national headquarters of the Socialist party to local secretaries of all trades and labor unions. You should see to it that the same is read at the next meeting of your union. If for any reason your secretary has failed to receive a copy, address the national office of the Socialist party, 180 Washington street, Chicago, enclosing a two-cent stamp and you will receive by return mail a copy of this reply, together with a leaflet containing the list of all persons who remitted money for the Red Special train up to and including August 31. This is not the time to stand on ceremony. The question has been launched into your union by President Gompers, and the reply is addressed "To the Trade Unionists and Trade Unions." It should be read in open meeting.

In 1906 Finland gave women full national suffrage, and made them eligible to all offices, from members of Parliament down.

REFORM SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

That Are Contrary to Law and Not Imbued With Justice.

The following specified abuses in the state reform school at Miles City was furnished the News by an individual who is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the institution. Needless to say it is a disgrace to Montana and a corruption of every young person sent to its awful influences. The superintendent is a Methodist preacher. Nothing could better illustrate the absolute failure of capitalist government to provide for the need of human society:

- 1. Inmates are being punished for things that are taught them while there.
2. Information is being held from inmates to the inmates own detriment, and when the inmates escape for such enlightenment they are severely punished for such escapes.
3. Tobacco is being left on the inmates' play grounds by officials, who lay it to outsiders.
4. Sewer system is in a very stagnant condition and the foul smell arising from it is something awful. The smell in the school rooms and work rooms is almost unbearable at times.
5. Inmates are being refused treatment that are actually in need of medical aid.
One boy is being plunged into a tub of cold water for fits and his screams can be heard over all the grounds. Another was treated for eczema by an application of hot butter poured into the ear; another has sexual troubles, while another has a thistelo in the anus.

- 6. Inmates are being held long, long after they have won their honors.
7. Leg weights have been introduced in order to hold boys from running away, which could easily be overcome by a proper mode of discipline.
8. Sodomy is all prevalent and far beyond the power of the executive to cope with.
9. Officers are seen visiting the girls' department between 9 and 10 o'clock at night.
10. The inmates' dining room is made the pay office of inmates' wages, which wages occur outside. Some boys will gamble away everything they have to eat and the company officers will see that each wager is paid, which leaves some boys with nothing to eat, and then because discontent is raised they are flayed.
11. The cellar under the boys' building is half filled up with mud and trash, which becomes the seat of unhealthiness for all concerned, officers as well as inmates.

12. There is not a whole school book in the institution and none but is out of date for years past. Owing to no two of the school books being alike, the boys' lessons have to be written on the blackboard for study, and while the boys are at the board there are only three erasers (two others that are no good) to be used in a class of from six to twenty pupils.

13. Officers of this institute are not permitted to speak on the outside of any happenings that have taken place within reformatory buildings or on the grounds.

All conduct within or around this institution must be kept silent by order of the executive.

The total number of stops made by the six-day Socialist party encampment at Grand Saline, Tex., which closed last week. Many of the leading speakers in the country were imported to deliver addresses and the old politicians stand aghast at the sentiment that is spreading through the southwest like wildfire.

State Department

NOTICE:

To the Members of the Socialist Party.

Address all communications concerning the Montana News to Montana News, Box 908, Helena, Mont.

Address all communications to the State Secretary to Jas. D. Graham, Box 703, Helena, Mont.

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J. W. STONER.

Manager Montana News.

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Clancy socialists say everybody out there is going to vote for Debs.

Comrade Knapp of Big Timber comes to life again with \$3 for the News.

John Peura of Butte send \$3.65, six subs and order for campaign envelopes.

Sub cards are coming in with pleasing regularity from all parts of the state.

Comrade Prevost of Butte rallies to the support of the News by sending in \$5.

Jennings of Butte writes that Dugan is having a great effect in his street meetings there.

Are you doing your duty by the News subs? It is socialists that must circulate socialist reading.

Comrade Bockstedt gets in from the country now and then to pay up his dues and get in touch with the party.

Comrade Brack was in from Clancy, paid up his subscription, left some job work and handed over \$5 to the News.

Remember that the Debs and Hanford envelopes are 65 cents a hundred as a standing ad for socialism flying through the mails.

Comrade Patterson of Dell writes an urgent letter requesting a speaker this fall, with ample time to make excellent preparations. Comrade Collins will be sent them October 2.

Please do not forget your linotype subscriptions. If you send them in early it lifts a good deal of the worry from the management for the first of the month.

A letter from Butte states that Debs got into that camp the next morning after he was billed to speak there at night. At 10 o'clock the crowd at the depot was estimated at 5,000; at 12:30 3,000. There is a good deal of ill-feeling over the matter, and many are blaming the management of the Northern Pacific for delaying the train purposely, the big socialist sentiment in Montana not being pleasing to the copper capitalists.

Mrs. Dounhour of Ovando sends in \$7.70; \$5 contributions to the press fund, three subs and the rest in dues. She asks for a speaker in that part of the state.

County and state candidates can now get their campaign cards from the News job department. Send in your orders early, as we are rushed and must have time.

All state committeemen are requested to send their names to the News for publication, so the party membership may know the persons who have their business in charge.

Mable has been scouring Carbon county. He was at Dean on the 15th and then at Fishtail and held a street meeting on the 18th. He expects to hold two meetings in school houses near Red Lodge. He says the work outlined in that county will take him into October.

Mable writes from Columbus that the "Red Special" stopped about five minutes there. Debs came out and spoke a few words and the train moved off. He says he walked twenty miles into town and had time to get a cup of tea and get on the soap box.

Eva W. Collier of Townsend writes for the papers containing an account of the state convention. She says she wishes that county was organized, but she cannot help as she is a helpless cripple. There surely ought to be some strong, well men in this county with the courage of this woman.

Has your local elected its state committeeman? Remember, all the urgent business of the party was left to the state committee by the convention. The state committee is composed of a committeeman from each local. Each local must elect its committeeman. If the News has the names it can publish them for the information of the membership.

We are told the state committee meets the 28th. We have predicted that the party could not afford to pay the expenses of another representative to Helena from each local so soon after the convention. But as this is the only method by which we can effect party organization now, we hope that every local will get its man or woman here on the 28th.

All monies intended to aid the News should be sent to the News directly. Just sit down and think who pays for getting this paper out. Hardly any state can run a socialist paper because it feels that the party cannot afford it. It is considered a herculean task that Montana has been doing this. If the socialists of your local are not doing their part, where does the money come from?

Dear Comrade: The socialists of this city and county want some good speakers, and as the national headquarters failed to route us the same after making application for same, they inform us we can get them from any source we can and not to depend on the national committee for any. Have you any in the field we can get at occasionally? Any information will be thankfully received. Socially yours, A. L. KILBURY, Secretary Local Williston.

Local Helena has pledged \$100 to the support of the News provided the rest of the state will do as well. The local is arranging for a progressive card party in the near future. Next Friday evening it will give a Dutch lunch at its regular meeting. All members should be in attendance. This is also the evening of the county convention and every member of the party in the county should be present to make arrangements for a vigorous campaign, especially along legislative lines.

Comrade John Horne of Billings, member of the state cabinet, writes: "I think the time has arrived towards some one must do something towards putting the party in a position where the public will respect it and the party members be proud of it. I should have written before, but I have waited to hear the report of the delegates to the state convention, but they did not report anything that would even suggest the idea that anything had been done. They only told us to wait a little longer and we would know all about the organization or its membership. All that we know is that the convention held in Helena two years ago gave the state secretary full control of the party funds and made a constitution that had a state committee and state cabinet in it, which every one present at that convention knew was only on paper, and never expected that it would operate in any way whatever, for I pointed it out myself. It is no use to speak about what work the convention did, for according to the new constitution printed in this week's Montana News, that alone would brand it as the biggest bunch of imbeciles that ever met in the name of labor."

Lewis spoke at Missoula to a large crowd and we have urged and got his consent to stay over two more nights, three in all. Sunday night a couple of policemen informed the speaker that no street speaker would be allowed on Sunday night. He had spoken about half an hour. We were not prepared to make a fight over it then, but I think we will have to try them out on that proposition.

Our hall being only a half block away, we got a good share of the crowd there. It has started a discussion all over town. Collection in the hall was \$9.20 and literature about \$5.

Lewis is a good one all right. I am in receipt of a letter from Parker, on board the "Red Special," who informs me that Missoula's pledge was \$25. Do you know anything about that? None of us were notified or knew anything about it. We sent in \$45 on the special fund. Fraternally,

FRED CHUNING

If you want reports of your local work published in the News you must sit down and write out the happenings. Every local should appoint a committee on Montana News that would both boom the paper locally and report to it.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY.

A mass convention of the Socialists of Lewis and Clark county will be held at the Workers' Educational Club, Helena, Mont., on the evening of September 25, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices to be voted on November 3, 1908.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE OF SOCIALIST COUNTY CONVENTION.

The socialist of Cascade county will meet in mass convention at Great Falls in Union hall, on Saturday, the 26th of September, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various offices to be voted for at the election to be held November 3, 1908, and for such other business as may come before the convention.

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KIRKPATRICK IN HELENA.

George Kirkpatrick, the well known national organizer and lecturer, gave a lecture in the Auditorium at Helena that was pronounced by the local comrades the "best ever." Kirk has his fingers on the western pulse. He is a master hand at diagnosing the psychology of his audience. The lecture was a plain practical demonstration of how to have and to hold socialism that a wayfaring man though a fool might easily see. Kirkpatrick has studied elocution and knows how to amuse and entertain his audience. He has the reputation of being able to thaw out the most frigid set of critics ever gathered to pronounce upon a socialist expositor, and he certainly bore out his reputation in Helena. His stories were illuminating, his explanations clear as crystal. Everybody sighed in a satisfied, happy way and said, "That's what we've been looking for."

Mr. Kirkpatrick is a teacher and a continuous and deep student. He has made a specialty of courses of a series of lectures which he delivers in cities in the winter time. He is to be the instructor in elocution at the Rand school in New York next winter.

Kirkpatrick's meeting in Helena was the red letter day of the campaign. The crowd was good, the collection was good, Local Helena had its work all up in good shape, and all in wishing the orator zodiac speed said, "Come again."

MANAGER'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 19, 1908.

Am't cash received...	\$102.15
Am't cash expended.	\$ 95.85
Bills due News.....	157.45
Bal. in favor of News	163.75
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Total business done	\$259.60, \$259.60

Keep your eye on the manager's weekly reports as it is the financial thermometer.

J. W. S.

TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF MONTANA, IDAHO, WYOMING, NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

Greeting:—We are on the eve of a Presidential campaign. The Montana News will be a great factor in this fight. The state Convention of the Socialist Party of Montana at its last session, as a means of sustaining this paper, voted to submit to a referendum the question of issuing bonds to raise \$10,000 for this purpose. This referendum will not be returned until October 10, 1908.

We do not know whether or no the bonding proposition will carry.

In the event it does not carry is the Montana News to be abandoned? We think not. The responses received daily from faithful comrades who realize the importance of a paper in the Socialist movement, and especially in this northwestern territory, say most emphatically, "No!"

But we must bear this in mind—that in the event the bonding proposition does not carry the Montana News will continue to disseminate the Socialist doctrines in this territory. All locals will receive statements of the financial status of the paper and a careful perusal of this will satisfy any one that with united effort on the part of the comrades there should be no such word as "fail."

But, however, until the final outcome of the bonding proposition is determined some provision must be made by which the News can be pulled out of the rut into which it has fallen. A great many comrades have signified their intention to help us out of our present difficulties, but are holding back until a united effort is made.

We want to show them that a united effort is being made, and that bonds or no bonds the Montana News is a permanent affair. Bonds or no bonds, what we need now is some tangible assistance financially. Local Helena has signified its intention to do its part, bonds or no bonds.

The permanency of the Montana News is an assured fact. Let all locals take up the matter immediately and do what they can in proportion to size and financial ability.

The linotype note will be due again shortly after the first of the month. Donations for this purpose have been coming in slow this month, presumably on account of the unsettled state of affairs. The affairs of the News are no longer in an unsettled state. The State Committee will meet in Helena next week and arrange for the campaign and for the immediate needs of the party.

Therefore, let it be understood that the Montana News will continue to run—bonds or no bonds.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. STONER,

Business Manager Montana News.

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