

Socialists Make Triumphant Campaign

Red Special Increases as Candidates Proceed---Labor Repudiates Gompers and Denounces Attempt to Obstruct Socialist Rallies.

THE "RED SPECIAL" AT JOHN BROWN'S TOMB.

On October 17 at 9 o'clock the "Red Special," carrying Eugene V. Debs, stopped at Harper's Ferry, where John Brown made his stand against chattel slavery.

Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president on the socialist ticket, stepped to the modest monument on the site of Brown's fort.

"It is fitting that the 'Red Special' should stop here," he said, "and that we should do honor to John Brown. He was the greatest liberator this country has known."

"Even members of the poor despised race for which he had done so much were taught to despise him and to look upon him as something vile."

"As I stand here on this spot where he stood I can see him as he stood here with a rifle in his hand, and his sons on the ground, one dead and the other dying."

The candidate of the working class seemed inspired in the presence of the mountains and river made historic by the great liberator.

The members of the national campaign party gave three cheers for John Brown and for the emancipation of the wage slaves of today.

SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN FULL OF EXCITEMENT.

Who says there is no excitement over politics this year? Nothing doing in Wall street, or in Broadway?

All night in the various headquarters, a lively sight greets the eye. A dense and fervent crowd listens to the speeches, while a typewriter ticks merrily.

Sitting on tables are pretty girls reading off long printed lists of voters to others and directing envelopes, while a young draughtsman is working on a map of the crooked district.

Outside are the flaring lights, the crowds and the push carts. A woman sells papers and candy till midnight, her sleeping baby beside her.

So congested are the people of the lower east side that the assembly districts seem very near together. Speak-rush from place to place. The Hillquit headquarters are at 319 Grand street; those of Stokes at 311 Grand street; those of Hunter at 293 East Third street.

Not that the candidates ever can be found there. Like the Irishman's flea,

they are constantly in motion, speaking several times nightly.

It is this element of picturesque that lends excitement to an otherwise tame campaign year. It is unique to see crowds of men and women cheering and going into ecstasy over principles and names where one never hears mentioned the "all powerful" Taft and Bryan.

The socialists of the Ninth congressional district swear that if they do nothing else, they will wipe out the 2,000 repeaters there, whom they claim are manipulated by Tammany.

WONDERFUL MEETINGS.

Pittsburg's reception of the "Red Special" was different from that in other cities in some phases. It was about the greatest political demonstration the city ever had experienced.

When capitalist newspapers of Pittsburg report that 20,000 persons were unable to get into the three meetings in that city we must believe them. The demonstration was of such magnitude that it forced the newspapers to publish the news.

When the "Red Special" entered the city the noise of the engines in the train shed were drowned in a mighty shout. A look forward showed the station to be completely filled. No one could get in or out. The band disembarked at once and led a parade to the Bijou theater.

SOCIALIST VICTORY PRACTICALLY ASSURED.

The reports of the socialist canvassers in the Ninth congressional district, New York, confirm the general belief that Morris Hillquit will go to congress.

The reports show that a revolution is taking place in the political beliefs of the enrolled voters. The rule of Tammany hall, with its record of graft and plunder and its indifference to the terrible condition of the unemployed, is bringing the natural result.

The revolt is not confined to the Russian and Jewish quarters of the district. In the Italian quarters there is a general desertion of Tammany hall. Many of the first voters among the Italian workers have joined the Socialist party and are working for its candidates with a willingness that is not surpassed by the veterans in the movement.

In the meantime, the workers in the campaign are working every moment they have to spare. The possibility of a socialist victory is a sufficient spur for them. But when the conditions show that the possibility can be easily transformed into reality the fact calls forth all the effort that any people ever exerted to secure a larger and freer life for themselves.

LABOR SCORNS BRYAN AND ENDORSES DEBS.

The rank and file of the American Federation of Labor continues to protest against the arbitrary action of President Gompers and the executive council in pledging the labor vote to the democratic party.

Cigarmakers' Union No. 149 of Brooklyn, at its last meeting, adopted the following resolution: "Whereas, The Executive Council of the A. P. of L. is endeavoring to secure the support of organized labor for the candidates of the democratic party, and

Whereas, The democratic party is financed and managed by capitalists

and their agents, and therefore cannot represent the workers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Cigarmakers' Union No. 149 repudiates the action of the executive council of the A. P. of L. and give our endorsement and support to the party of the working class--the Socialist party."

New York City lodge No. 405 of the International Association of Machinists, at its meeting on October 2, adopted resolutions in which the experiences of the British workingmen are told. That they succeeded politically only after they have broken away from capitalist parties.

The resolution condemns the democratic party for its part in breaking the strike of the Alabama miners and Gompers for supporting a democratic lawyer two years ago as a candidate for congress from a Maine district when a member of the Machinists' union was running for the same office on the socialist ticket.

The union finally resolves "to follow in the footsteps of our English brothers," casting aside all so-called "Friends of labor" parties and to work for the party of the working class--the Socialist party.

A BLOOD-RAW CONSPIRACY.

The officials of the Northern Pacific Railway company are charged with conspiracy, in defeating the mission of the "Red Special" through Montana. The special train that was paid for by the members of the Socialist party and those in sympathy with the cause of socialism, was side-tracked whenever the semblance of a pretext offered itself.

It is reported that in Butte, Montana, thousands of people remained up until the late hours of the night, in the hope that the delayed "Red Special" might reach the great copper camp of the northwest in time for the thousands to listen to the magic eloquence of the man, who is preaching the gospel of liberty to laboring humanity. It is boldly asserted and not denied, that a telegram was forwarded from Butte to the officials of the Northern Pacific Railway company, to find some excuse in delaying the train that carried the missionaries of the Socialist party.

It is charged that the Amalgamated Copper company is responsible for the telegram that exercised such influence over the officials of the Northern Pacific Railway company.

Had Taft of Injunction Infamy been billed to speak in Butte, Montana, and was being borne toward Montana's great mining metropolis, it is safe to presume, that no gravel, cattle or construction trains, would be permitted to impede the progress of the standard bearer of the republican party. Had the "peerless" Bryan been speeding towards the "unterrified and unwashed," the officials of the Northern Pacific Railway company and the Amalgamated Copper company, would see to it, that the train arrived on schedule time.

But Debs, the man who fought the despotism of a Pullman and was sent to jail by a federal judge, because he refused to bend the knee in obedience to the dictum of a court, was an "undesirable citizen" and must not be permitted to speak to the brawny sons and daughters of toil, who are looked upon as the special property of Standard Oil.

It is probable that the officials of the Northern Pacific Railway company and the Amalgamated are congratulating themselves over the success of the conspiracy that resulted in the failure of Debs to speak to the voters of Montana, but it is such brazen villainy on the part of corporations, that is awakening the people to the infamy of the murderous system

that holds the multitude in the fetters of bondage.

It is to be hoped that when the votes are counted in Montana on the night of the 2d of November, the corporations will have been taught the lesson that the manhood and independence of the citizenship of Butte cannot be insulted with impunity by a blood-raw conspiracy.

A FEW QUESTIONS.

It may help us to gather up the argument, if we ask and answer a few questions:

1. Should the trades unions go into politics? NO, NO. They are not organized for it, and soon would not be organized for anything else if they attempted it.

2. Should socialists join the trades unions? Yes, if there is one in their craft, by all means. No intelligent socialist will want to be a scab.

3. Should trades union men join the socialist party? When a trades unionist understands the limitations of his union, and realizes that he must have the help of the majority of the workers in order to get what he needs, NOTHING ON EARTH CAN KEEP HIM OUT OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

4. Should the Socialist party endorse the trade unions? The Socialist party must approve, and does approve, of every honest and effective means used for improving the lot of any part of the working class. But the Socialist party as such, can have nothing to say as to the tactics, methods of organization or methods of work of the trades unions; any more than the trades unions can interfere in the working of the organization of the Socialist party.

5. Should the trades unions endorse the Socialist party? Resolutions are written on paper, and may easily be destroyed or forgotten. That is not what is required. But the recognition of the power of the working class on the political field, and the knowledge of what to do with that power, constitutes--not party politics--labor politics, and is a proper subject for the discussion of working men who have their bread to get and their homes to protect. So long as the discussion even of this means "party politics," and tends to divide the union, it is wiser to "cut it out," and keep the union alive; for bread and butter is first.

The trades union on the economic side, and the Socialist party on the political side, constitute the two main wings of the working class army.

Their members are the same men; they have a common enemy; they have the same interests and the same dangers, and must fight the same battle.

Workingmen, of all crafts, organized and unorganized: United in the only movement which represents all your interests, and your interests only.

The Socialist party is the hand which must grasp the political power for the men who do the work of the world.--Winfield R. Gaylord.

TEAMSTERS' UNION OF BUTTE ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, John MacGinniss, who is a candidate for the Legislature, and is now seeking the suffrage of the laboring people and the union men of Silver Bow county; and

Whereas, when the Butte Teamsters' union and the Butte Workingmen's union were introducing their union wage scale March 1, 1908, John MacGinniss, who was Mayor of Butte, locked out all our members for twenty days, this lockout ordered by Mayor MacGinniss including all the teams, teamsters, and laborers working for all, and for twenty days the good people of Butte being compelled to walk in the mud and slush, by reason of the MacGinniss opposition to our one dollar and fifty cent scale;

Resolved, that we earnestly request all workers, union men, friends and supporters of organized labor, to remember that John MacGinniss was the arch enemy of our three dollar and fifty cent wage scale and that he actively opposed it.

In consideration of his opposition, we kindly ask you to carefully omit his name from the list of your friends on election day.

Resolved, that this resolution be recorded on the minutes of this meeting and a copy given to the press.

By order of Butte Teamsters' Union, W. J. HAYES, MACK HENDRICKS, A. D. ALLERTON.

By order of Butte Workingmen's Union, HARVEY A. SWITH, L. E. ZANER, A. M. JENNINGS.

Socialism is awakening with a roar, and the shadow of capitalism is reflecting its misery in the poverty of the masses.

BRYAN QUESTIONED ON COMER'S ACTION.

Cincinnati Socialists Call Democratic Leader to Account for Position on Labor---Fails to Answer Questions.

Cincinnati is seething over the Roosevelt-Hearst-Taft-Faraker fight, and the socialists have proposed some red hot questions for William Jennings Bryan, calling on him to answer how he, a friend of the workingman, can tolerate the actions of Governor Comer of Alabama in breaking the strike of the miners at Birmingham.

The questions were submitted to Bryan at a recent meeting, but he insisted that they were out of order and that the socialists ought to hire a hall for their own meetings. Out of courtesy to Bryan's evident embarrassment, the socialists present did not press the matter.

Seven Questions Asked.

The questions are as follows: "Mr. Bryan, please answer these questions, submitted by the campaign committee of the Socialist party of Hamilton county:

"First--Are you aware of the fact that since your nomination and your endorsement by the executive officers of the American Federation of Labor, the governor of Alabama, one of your friends and allies, has used his power to crush the labor organizations in that state, placing troops at the disposal of the mine owners, and will you, now that the matter has been thus brought to your attention, publicly repudiate and condemn Governor Comer's hostility to organized labor?"

"Second--Will you be good enough to explain, Mr. Bryan, for the benefit of trade unionists who desire to understand the political situation where in democratic Governor Comer's action in thus crushing one of the worst strikes in the history of our country makes him more a friend of labor than was Roosevelt-republican Governor Peabody of Colorado, when he used his power to crush the miners' union?"

"Third--Is it not a fact that at the present time, in the city of Vicksburg, Miss., the members of the unions concerned with the river shipping are on strike, and that the democratic administration of that city is trying to break the strike by sending honest, law-abiding strikers who refuse to 'scab' to the chain gang?"

"Fourth--Assuming that you are ignorant of these facts at present, will you not, as leader of the democratic party, make immediate inquiries upon the matter, and, if you find the facts to be as stated, will you openly and unequivocally condemn the democrats of Mississippi who are responsible for those conditions and repudiate them?"

Friend of Haskell?

"Fifth--Is it not a fact that your intimate friend, ex-Governor Haskell, national treasurer of the democratic party, was the first president of the Muskogee Citizens' alliance, an organization existing for the sole purpose of opposing trades unionism and boycotting union men, so that every cent which a union or member of a union gives to your campaign is sent to one

of the most notorious and bigoted union haters in America?"

"Sixth--Is it not a fact that Mr. Haskell, as president of the Citizens' alliance of Muskogee, sent out over his own signature a resolution calling upon members of the Business Men's alliance (another union hating association) to bind themselves to discriminate against any and all union men, 'to check the contemptible fanaticism of trade unionism,' and to boycott all union men?"

"Seventh--Is it not a fact that the worst injunctions against organized labor ever issued by the courts of this country have come, many of them, from democratic judges, such as Justice Freeman's injunction against the International Cigar Makers' union, enjoining them from even approaching their employers to seek a peaceable settlement, and from publishing their grievances; Justice Bookstaver's injunction against the members of the International Typographical union in their strike against the New York Sun, enjoining them from publishing their side of the controversy, and Justice Gildersleeve's injunction against members of the same union in the Butterick case.

"What Bryan Vote Will Mean. "No candid man, whose viewpoint is that of the interest of the wealth producers, can study the personnel of your party without coming to the conclusion that every democratic vote cast at this election will be a vote of approval of infamous wrongs done to labor by that party; a vote of approval of the most criminal and cowardly silence upon great issues.

"Every vote for the democratic party is a vote for class privilege and the oppression of the laborer, quite as much so as a vote for Mr. Taft and the republican party. Every democratic vote is a shout of approval of the shameful servitude of little children in the southern mills, to whose cries you and your party are indifferent. There is no place in the democratic party for men who are looking and hoping for better and more just social conditions. All such will find their rightful place under the banners of the Socialist party."

DEPARTED SOCIALIST STATESMAN HONORED.

October 18, at Mount Pleasant seminary, a monument was unveiled to the memory of Frederick O. MacCartney, who died on May 25, 1903, while serving his fourth term as member of the Massachusetts legislature. A bust of MacCartney crowns the monument, a beautiful tribute modeled by Robert T. Paine, as a gift. James A. Carey, fellow member of MacCartney in the legislature, and candidate for governor of Massachusetts, was unable to be present on account of his campaign engagements, but the eulogy he delivered at the funeral was read.

The Prosperity league got busted in New York last Sunday being overcome by a quantity of socialism administered by Eugene Debs.

REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPERS INCITE TO ARSON

The following extract from the editorial columns of a capitalistic organ shows the lengths to which "safe and sane" republican papers of Wisconsin are going in order to retain their strangle hold on the producing class. If an editorial like this should appear in a socialist paper it would be debarred from the mails and the editor railroaded to prison.

To arms republicans! Work in every town in Wisconsin for men who are not afraid of firearms, blood of dead bodies, to preserve peace and quiet, avoid a conflict of parties, to prevent the administration of public affairs from falling into the hands of such obnoxious men as James G. Jenkins. Every republican in Wisconsin should go armed to the polls next election day. The grain stacks, houses

and barns of active democrats should be burned and their wives outraged, that they may understand that the republican party is the one that is bound to rule, and the one they should vote for or keep their vile carcasses away from the polls. If they still persist in voting for Jenkins, meet on the road, in the bush, on the hill, or anywhere and shoot everyone of those base cowards and agitators. If they are too strong in any locality and succeed in putting their opposition votes in the ballot box, break open the box and tear in shreds their discord-breathing ballots. Burn them. This is the time for effective work. Yellow fever will not catch among Morrison democrats, so we must use less noise and more effective means. The agitators must be put down, and whoever opposes us does so at his peril. Republicans, be at the polls and don't stop for a little blood. That which made the solid south will make the solid north.--Paradu Lac, Wis., Commonwealth.



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THREE YEARS OF CLASS STRUGGLE.

The present issue marks the third anniversary of the existence of the Montana News as a party-owned paper.

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ergy and sacrifice to these papers of protest that shall fill the earth. But the News has been but a rush-light in this groping darkness...

If the News has failed, and it has failed in many ways, it is not because the method of a party paper has been lacking...

No, a party paper is not at fault. The party strengthens the possibilities of the paper in every way.

THUNDER FROM THE BATTLE-FIELD.

It has been a great campaign wherever the Socialist party was organized as to be able to handle it.

In Montana where there has been practically no campaign because of party circumstances, indications are that there will still be an increase in the vote...

NATIONAL PLATFORM SOCIALIST PARTY.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Human life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only with these assured are freedom, culture and higher human development possible.

Today the machinery and the land used for industrial purposes are owned by a rapidly decreasing minority.

In proportion as the number of such machine owners increases, and other classes decrease, their power in the nation and in the world increases.

As the economic power of the ruling class grows it becomes less useful in the life of the nation.

A bitter struggle over the division of the products of labor is waged between the exploiting propertied classes on the one hand and the exploited, propertyless classes on the other.

The wage workers are therefore the most determined and irreconcilable antagonists of the ruling class.

In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and combinations, the capitalists are powerless to regulate production for social ends.

The capitalist class, in its mad race for profits, is bound to exploit the workers to the very limit of their endurance.

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braces the world and will be carried to ultimate victory by the united workers of the world.

To unite the workers of the nation and their allies and sympathizers of all other classes to this end is the mission of the Socialist Party.

The Socialist Party, in national convention assembled, again declares itself as the party of the working class, and appeals for the support of all workers of the United States and of all citizens who sympathize with the great and just cause of labor.

We are at this moment in the midst of one of those industrial breakdowns that periodically paralyze the life of the nation.

The present desperate condition of the workers has been made the opportunity for a renewed onslaught on organized labor.

The attempt to destroy the Western Federation of Miners, although defeated by the solidarity of organized labor and the socialist movement, revealed the existence of a far-reaching and unscrupulous conspiracy by the ruling class against the organizations of labor.

The working class of the United States cannot expect any remedy for its wrongs from the present ruling class or from the dominant parties.

Individual competition leads inevitably to combinations and trusts. No amount of government regulation, or of publicity, or of restrictive legislation, will arrest the natural course of modern industrial development.

Political parties are but the expression of economic class interests.

The republican, the democratic and the so-called "independence" parties, and all parties other than the Socialist party, are financed, directed and controlled by the representatives of different groups of the ruling class.

In the maintenance of class government both the democratic and republican parties have been equally guilty.

The republican party has had control over the government and has been directly and actively responsible for these wrongs.

The democratic party, while saved from direct responsibility by its political impotence, has shown itself equally subservient to the aims of the capitalist class whenever it has been in power.

As measures calculated to strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of its ultimate aim, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge ourselves and our elected officers to the following program:

- 1. The immediate government relief of the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforesting of cut-over and waste lands, by reclamation of arid tracts and the building of canals, and by extending all other useful public works.

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Poet's Corner

FREEDOM.

They never fall who die  
In a great cause; the block may soak  
their gore;  
Their heads may sodden in the sun;  
their limbs  
Be strung to city gates and castle  
walls—  
But still their spirit walks abroad.  
Though years  
Elapse, and others share as dark a  
doom,  
They but augment the deep and  
sweeping thoughts  
Which overpower all others, and con-  
duct  
The world at last to freedom.  
—BYRON.

National

FROM NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Dear Sir: I take it that when you go to the polls to cast your ballot, your intention is to vote for the best interest of yourself and your family if you can find out how to do so. It is my desire to help you to find out.

The farmers and the wage earners of the United States are both being constantly robbed of most of the value of their labor by the big capitalists who have a monopoly of the great industries.

In order to release themselves from the clutches of these robbers, the farmers and the wage workers must get together politically. Their industries are practically identical. Separately neither of them can successfully combat the enemy. Together, they are in the overwhelming majority and can get anything they want.

It is entirely to the interest of the farmers and the wage workers to get together in the Socialist party.

That idea may be new to you, but I know that you will agree with me when you investigate. So I am enclosing a pamphlet on "The Significance of the Trust," which I hope you will read carefully.

The Socialist party says that no man capable of earning his own living shall live off another man's labor. The Socialist party believes that the man who tills the soil should not be compelled to pay tribute to anybody, but should have the benefit of his own labor.

The Socialist party gets its campaign funds from the real workers. It represents them.

It does not get, and does not want, any money from the trusts. So it is not able to distribute as much literature free of charge as the trust-ridden republican and democratic parties can. But I want you further to investigate the subject of socialism, for I know that it alone can save you from the insatiable greed of the vampires who are fattening upon your labor.

I therefore invite you to send me one dime, for which I will send you a booklet giving a clear explanation of socialism and answering the regular objections that are urged against it. I do not want you to take anything on faith. You should know. The future and freedom belongs to the man who reads.

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."  
Sincerely yours,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary Socialist Party,  
150 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

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  - Butte—L. J. Duncan.
  - Bozeman—Jacob Kruse.
  - Fridley—Eva Wells.
  - Ovando—Guy Muchmore.
  - Como—Hiram Platt.
  - Hamilton—Paul Castle.
- Locals will please send in names of their state committeemen.

ON THE ROAD WITH MABIE.

Dear Comrade: I am just about to start out for the Hogan school house to hold a meeting tonight. Last night Comrade Smithurst and I went to an entertainment given by the Finnish local in the Finn's hall. The hall seats about 400 people and every seat was full and many standing. At least one-fourth of the people were women, and it is just in the influence of women that our English-speaking locals are looking. It does one good to see such a gathering as that one last night. The hall belongs to the Finnish Temperance society, which has in Red Lodge a membership of over three hundred. I was invited to speak and made a short talk.

The comrades here feel hopeful over the future of the News. If they feel the same all over the state the bond plan ought to go.

Last Thursday night I was in Laurel and could not find a single socialist or sympathizer, so I got a box and went at it alone. Talked about an hour in competition with the switch engine and then tried to sell some literature. Had a pretty good crowd, but could not sell a five-cent pamphlet. One fellow was going to whip me because I asked him to buy one. The same fellow gave me some abuse when Burgess and I were there. That place needs about a week's bombardment from half a dozen socialist agitators with a couple of pugilists. Fraternal-ly yours,  
J. F. MABIE.

INTERNATIONAL

BRUSSELS CONFERENCE.

Delegates from all the leading countries of Europe, who will represent more than 12,000,000 organized workmen affiliated with socialist and trade union bodies, gathered in the Maison du Peuple, in Brussels, Belgium, for the purpose of considering the question of international war.

The French delegates, who will be led by Jean Jaures, the foremost orator in the chamber of deputies and perhaps in all Europe, and who will represent nearly 2,000,000 members, have presented a motion to decide: "The combined action of the workmen and socialists of the countries concerned to prevent European and colonial conflicts by which the governments menace them by their agreements and disagreements and intrigues."

It is a foregone conclusion that the conference will place the seal of condemnation upon war agitation and call upon the working people to refuse to respond to the colors in case the threatened Balkan conflagration spreads to the larger countries.

The attitude of the British delegation is foreshadowed by a recent occurrence in Berlin, where the 48 British labor party members in the house of commons presented an address to the socialist members of the reichstag, signed by themselves, condemning the talk of trouble between Germany and England, showing that the Anglo-French entente was gained through the efforts of the workmen, and inviting the German workmen to assist in enforcing an Anglo-German entente.

The English delegates will speak for over 2,000,000 men, the German delegates for 3,500,000, the Austrians will represent nearly 2,000,000, and the Italians about 1,000,000, and delegates from smaller countries proportionate numbers.

Herr Bebel, the leader of the Germans, who have the best disciplined labor movement in the world, has repeatedly announced his antipathy to international wars and the enormous losses and wastefulness that accompany the same.

It is not generally known, but nevertheless a fact, that there is a strong bond of sympathy between the organized workers of western Europe and the young Turks. The latter are regarded as composing a revolutionary movement making for the democratizing of government and industry, and notes have already been exchanged between the International Socialist bureau, in Brussels, and the Young Turks' committee, at Constantinople, counseling the latter to observe moderation and use their influence in behalf of peace.

In all probability the congress will suggest as the best means to avert war the following propositions: First, that the workers of all countries thoroughly organize and hold public meetings to protest against war and the heavy expenditures entailed in preparing for international conflicts; second, that the labor and socialist representatives in all governing bodies exert their full powers and privileges as public officials to obstruct any and all war programs; third, in case war is forced by the ruling classes, that the organized workmen of the nations affected consider the advisability of calling general strikes and paralyzing transportation, mining and all sources of supplies.

If it is necessary to adopt this latter drastic measure as many of the rulers know, it would mean internal revolutions and the probable sweeping out of existence of some of the leading dynasties in Europe and the establishing of social democracies.

Comrade Bertelli, (Italian), national organizer, while addressing 1,000 people at Boston on September 2, was arrested. The English comrades immediately extended a helping hand and Comrade Bertelli held a "rousing" meeting the following evening amid the cheers of his hearers. There were no arrests.

HOW THEY WERE FREED.

When the trolley cars first appeared down south, the nigger said: "Dey's great people, dese Yanks; fust dey comes down here and frees dey nigger; den dey comes down here and frees dey mule."

A lean old mule was grazing by the roadside, and he opened his mouth and said: "They didn't free the mule; they only put him out of a job."

The coon scratched his head and said: "Boss, dat's the same way with me."—Bolton Hall, in "The Game of Life."

Women's Clubs

WORK OF WOMEN'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE IN PHILADELPHIA.

While it is often said and thought by socialists that separate organizations for women are a mistake, in Philadelphia the contrary has been proved.

Most of the women who were party members rarely came to the meetings of the locals or branches, or took an active interest in the work, while it was quite impossible to bring sympathetic women into the movement.

With the organization of the Women's Socialist League, more women have wanted to join the party, not merely to aid it financially, but to take an active part in the work. Those women who have been confined to the home or to the mill or store will, when they join the party, understand the work and feel quite at home after some experience in a socialist organization. As most men get some experience of this nature in their trades unions, it is evident they do not need a separate organization.

The meetings of the league are held twice each month. Some special features are planned for one of the evenings in connection with all regular work, and for this meeting some special effort is made to bring new women into the organization.

Several meetings were devoted to getting information from members relative to conditions of working women in stores and factories and mills. These meetings were usually interesting, and there was always a large attendance. In fact, there have never been less than sixteen or seventeen present, and often there have been twenty-five or thirty.

At present Bebel's "Women" is being studied in class, and all reports of women's work in leagues are read and discussed.

During the summer two picnics were given. At the first, which Mrs. Fraser of New York addressed, enough was realized from literature sales and collections alone to defray all expenses. Miss Potter, also of New York, spoke at the other one, and this was even a greater success than the first from the financial standpoint and also in regard to number present.

Several dollars were realized on a moonlight excursion.

In this way the treasury has been partly filled. Literature has been bought for distribution and plans for further work are in progress.

The men in the party are beginning to feel differently toward the women and want them to help in party work. Although there had never before been a woman speaker at the annual socialist picnic this year the party secured Miss Anna Maley of New York to speak.

It is hoped that organization work can be taken up shortly and perhaps Sunday school work.

The women are enthusiastic and continued success is assured.—Anna Cohen in New York Socialist.

WOMAN'S CHANCE FOR FREEDOM.

Back in the early dawn of the human race woman was enslaved by man. Long ages before the lowest man bowed his head before a master, woman was a chattel, bought and sold as any common property. Through the centuries that have passed, women have still been subject to a master class. Their position has gradually improved until today they are not bought and sold in the open market. Conditions, however, force many of them to sell themselves, and according to District Attorney Edwin W. Sims of Chicago, more than 15,000 women were imported from abroad last year and actually sold for spot cash in the white slave market in this country.

Do you wonder that women are awaking? Do you want to know more about their real condition, and HOW they can arise to political, economic and sex freedom? Do you want to see a paper that stands fearlessly and boldly for the woman's cause, a REAL woman's paper? If so, send 50 cents for one year's subscription to The Socialist Woman, Grard, Kas., U. S. A.

A NEW SOCIALIST MONTHLY.

The Progressive Journal of Education, the new socialist monthly, made its appearance Thursday, October 15. Among the articles which the first number will contain will be the following: "Teachers' Work and Teachers' Wages," by Prof. Gruenberg of New York; "Origin of the Free Public Schools," by A. M. Simons; "The Night University," by Prof. Ebersole of St. Louis; "Industrial Evolution Leads to Socialism," by Prof. Dight of the University of Minnesota; "Science and Education," by Arthur M. Lewis; "Vocational Education," by May Wood-Simons, and a poem on "War," by H. E. Hoover.

Another feature will be a department on "Internacia Linguo," the new simplified Esperanto, which will be presided over by Howison E. Hoover of Knoxville, Tenn. "Internacia Linguo" is Esperanto with the improvements made by the international committee.

The Progressive Journal of Education is published at 150 Washington street, Chicago.

SOCIALIST COUNTY TICKETS.

**Lewis and Clark County.**  
State senator—Bernard Leopold.  
Representatives—Chas. Tipton, John Taylor, Louis Arnold, John Le C. Lawrence, John Frey, Geo. Ellis, Henry Clausen.  
Commissioner—J. W. Rose.  
Sheriff—James Roberts.  
Clerk of court—D. A. Thetge.  
Clerk and recorder—Peter Halberg.  
Auditor—Lowelyn Roberts.  
Assessor—Edward H. Carlson.  
Administrator—Herman Luchmann.

**Flathead County.**  
Representatives—E. G. Bjorneby, S. R. Grow, E. A. Houser.  
Sheriff—Andrew Pedersen.  
Clerk and recorder—Knut Odegaard.  
Treasurer—Jasper Graham.  
Clerk of court—A. J. Chapman.  
Assessor—Thos. J. Odegaard.  
Surveyor—S. G. Ratekin.  
Commissioner—Frank Mitchell.  
Coroner—C. W. Stewart.  
Public administrator—E. West.

**Ravalli County.**  
Representatives—J. Worth Goodson, Stevensville, W. S. Garrison, Darby.  
County commissioner—W. R. Gifford.  
Sheriff—Wilder Bryan.  
Treasurer—A. V. Platt.  
Clerk of court—William Gorham.  
Register and recorder—Barton Fausett.  
Coroner—E. G. Wheeler.  
Assessor—Geo. W. Ward, Jr.  
Superintendent of schools—R. W. Miller.  
Public administrator—Sam Kyle.

**Fergus County.**  
Representatives—R. W. Jones, W. A. Stringley.  
Sheriff—Joseph Heaney.  
County commissioner—M. C. Pennot.  
Clerk and recorder—John A. Roads.  
Treasurer—J. W. Stoner.  
Assessor—J. W. Nelson.  
Treasurer—Bernard Neisigh.  
Superintendent of schools—Mrs. Palmer.  
Coroner—William Braid.  
Administrator—Ed Aiken.

**Carbon County.**  
State senator—John L. Maryott.  
Representative—John Peters.  
Sheriff—Ross T. Prutton.  
Clerk and recorder—Jess Beans.  
Treasurer—John Massow.  
Assessor—Thad Middlesworth.  
Commissioner—Nathan Smetherst.  
Surveyor—David Lay.  
Public administrator—John Holland.  
Coroner—B. L. Gurnery.  
Justices of the peace—Red Lodge township, M. H. Lucas and G. W. Barkdell; Rosebud township, J. H. Day.

**Park County.**  
Senator—Charles C. Simpson.  
Representatives—Clarence Bishop, A. Grenier.  
Commissioner—R. V. Stumbo.  
Clerk of court—W. L. Pennicott.  
Sheriff—William Smith.  
Treasurer—John Roach.  
Clerk and recorder—W. F. Riley.  
Assessor—M. L. Baker.  
Public administrator—John Lam-bert.  
Coroner—Henry Wroge.  
Superintendent of schools—Eva M. Wells.  
Justice of the peace—Emil Feyder.  
Constable—Wm. Stuckey.

**Missoula County.**  
Representatives—R. A. Fuller, J. W. Keely, F. Fabert and George N. Cabbage.  
Sheriff—J. R. English.  
County attorney—T. D. Caulfield.  
County clerk—F. F. Chuning.  
Clerk of district court—Matt East.  
County treasurer—James Lyons.  
County assessor—A. P. Isaacson.  
Commissioner—F. F. Prepell.  
Superintendent of schools—Mrs. Kate Fitzpatrick.  
Coroner—R. P. Mercer.  
Public administrator—J. N. Woods.  
Justices of the peace—Hell Gate township, Walter Pyle and F. A. Dambrowsky; Frenchtown, Harry Studimier.  
Constables—Missoula township, Andrew Palmer and Archie Pyle.

**Cascade County.**  
Representatives—E. W. Peck, H. P. Jorgensen, M. J. Morris, Oscar English, Jacob Sujanen.  
Sheriff—O. H. Winterrood.  
District judge—J. M. Rector.  
County attorney—John C. Tierney.  
Clerk of court—Joe Daley.  
Clerk and recorder—H. P. Nevills.  
Assessor—H. O. Phillip.  
Treasurer—Frank P. Servoss.  
County commissioner—Oscar Anderson.  
Auditor—Wm. Palsgrove.  
Coroner—Wm. Anderson.  
Superintendent of schools—Ida McDermott.  
Public administrator—James Brady.  
Constables—Great Falls, Edwin Gilles, Sam Betten; Belt, W. S. Baker.  
Justices of the peace—Great Falls, Joe Hagarty, John Lancaster; Stockett, Mike Gessler; Monarch, L. J. Frey; Belt, Alfred Wildampe.

**Silver Bow County.**  
Judges of the district court—Con C. McHugh, A. B. Clinch, Jacob Jacobson.  
Members of the legislature—Patrick King, Jacob Eldred, Fred W. Uter, John Peura, Michael McCormack, Francis E. O'Hara, William Fritchey, Lewis A. Van Horne, Paul B. Cooney, Fred Simila.  
County commissioner—William H. Pierce.  
Sheriff—Harvey A. Smith.  
County attorney—Malcolm G. O'Malley.  
County treasurer—James J. Fagan.  
Clerk of court—J. R. Robinson.  
Clerk and recorder—John F. O'Brien.  
County auditor—Frank Curran.  
County assessor—Arthur E. Cox.  
Coroner—Henry Schmitt.  
Public administrator—Oscar Sten-be.  
Superintendent of schools—Edith G. Clinch.  
County surveyor—Fred W. Sherman.  
Justices of the peace—George H. Ambrose, Hugh McManus.  
Constables—Henry Sampson Davis, Charles Karl Johnson.

**Teton County.**  
Representative—Dan Lindseth.  
Sheriff—A. Schebsted.  
County commissioner—O. Wagnlid.  
Assessor—Martin Larson.  
Superintendent of schools—Mary J. Buzzell.

**Yellowstone County.**  
Representative—Geo. G. McDowell.  
Sheriff—T. M. McGinley.  
Treasurer—L. M. Withrow.  
Assessor—Frank Light.  
County clerk—Lloyd Farris.  
County commissioner—Ross Edwards.  
Coroner—Miles W. Russell.  
Administrator—Oliver L. Bessett.

Callatin County.

Senator—Jacob M. Kruse.  
Representatives—Frank W. Redfield, John J. Peacock, Henry Topel.  
Commissioner—George T. Carr.  
Clerk of court—Chas. G. Monroe.  
Sheriff—William H. Hoff.  
Treasurer—Sebastian Ruhamer.  
Clerk and recorder—Bernard Werner.  
County attorney—Thomas McCusker.  
Assessor—Edgar A. Fox.  
Superintendent of schools—Ferdinand R. Cornelius.  
Administrator—Edward T. Bowles.  
Coroner—Andrew Sorenson.

**Choteau County.**  
Representatives—J. E. Bush and Henry Hagen.  
Commissioner—John Thompson.  
Clerk of district court—W. E. Ryan.  
County clerk—F. A. Nystrom.  
Sheriff—Axel Swanson.  
Superintendent of schools—D. D. Ferberch.  
Coroner—D. E. Goss.  
Administrator—S. M. Donohue.  
Justice of the peace—Joe Malloney.  
Constable—J. C. Murphy.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY PLATFORM AND TICKET.

Dear Comrade: The socialists of Yellowstone county held their convention in the court house on October 8 at 8 o'clock p. m. There were eighteen delegates and several visitors present. L. M. Withrow was elected chairman and T. M. McGinley secretary. The following resolutions and platform were adopted:

- Whereas, Yellowstone county is a comparatively new county, and
- Whereas, the citizens of Yellowstone have come here largely for the purpose of making a living, and
- Whereas, the latest comers are being forced to the least desirable locations and methods for getting a living, and
- Whereas, the latest comers are largely of a class that is least able to get a living under any circumstances, and
- Whereas, no strong, harmonious community can possibly develop under such circumstances; be it
- Resolved, By the socialists of Yellowstone county in convention assembled, that we advocate and stand pledged to work for such changes in our city and county governments as shall in a measure at least, reverse these conditions by applying to the city and county interests, the simple common sense of the family, of giving to these last comers and least, the position of advantage in the local struggle for a living and forcing the stronger individuals to take up the struggle under the harder circumstances; thus eliminating the lower class from the county population, which is today the bane of our prosperity and our morality.
- Skirving, Russel and McDowell, committee.

Platform.

- We, the Socialist party of Yellowstone county, in convention assembled in the city of Billings, state of Montana, endorse the state and national platforms of the Socialist party.
- The following matters also seem to us to be essential to the progress and welfare of the community:
  1. The appointing of a national board of industry that shall plan for and aid in the further development and centralization of the industries of the nation.
  - And that shall plan for and aid in the extension of the ownership of these industries by the whole people in the speediest and most practical manner.
  2. The abolition of all convict labor in city, county and state.
  3. We are unalterably opposed to the flagrant abuse of the vagrancy laws as applied to the unemployed by our police court. City courts should use probation before administering the jail sentence in all vagrancy cases.
  4. We reaffirm our sympathy with organized labor in its struggle with organized capital and urge upon labor the necessity of owning the tools of production and distribution that the struggle may forever be ended.
  - The farmers' interests are identical with those of organized labor in regard to the ownership of capital. Better to own than to be owned as at present. To control a thing, own it. That is the most efficient way known to modern business.
  5. We favor the creating of the office of defending attorney, whose services shall be at the disposal of all defendants, civil and criminal. Also attend to the collection of wages without cost to the client.
  6. Education to efficiently serve the interests of the community must have sound bodies to work upon.
  - Hence in the schools, we advocate fewer books, more fresh air and exercise, well equipped playgrounds for every school house; text books furnished by the district. For the teachers twelve months pay instead of nine as at present.
  - We invite all who have a common interest with us in these matters to stand with us at the polls in support of them.
  - The Woman's Socialist league at Chicago is doing stalwart work for the woman vote. The members are holding nightly meetings for woman suffrage on the streets of Chicago, and are giving special prominence to this line of Socialist party work.



# State Department

**NOTICE!**  
**To the Members of the Socialist Party.**  
 Address all communications concerning the Montana News to Montana News, Box 908, Helena, Mont.  
 To subscribers:—Notice the date on address label of your paper and renew before expiration, as all subscriptions will be cancelled on date of expiration.

**BOOST!**  
 Comrades: Locals Great Falls, Butte, Helena, Livingston, Friday, Havre and Missoula are determined that the Montana News must live. Dances, card parties and socials are to be given by these locals to help raise that \$1,200 to life the News out of its most urgent debts.

Comrades, if the Montana News must live, let all its readers become "Busy Boosters" for its success.  
 Lincoln said "A house divided against itself cannot stand. This nation cannot live, half slave and half free."

I say "Socialists divided among themselves cannot succeed. The Montana News cannot live when half of its owners are knockers, the other half boosters."

Monday, November 2, I shall actively take charge as manager of this paper. I shall also enroll as one of the "Busy Boosters" to help inspire co-operation and confidence among the readers of the Montana News.

Now all together and victory is ours.  
 Fraternally yours,  
**A. W. HARRACK.**

John Gollightly of Belt renews his sub with a dollar.

Ten dollars from G. Baker for News, platforms and other literature.

John Schonborn, who is running a drug store at Los Cruces, New Mexico, renews his sub.

Butte Workingmen's union has renewed its bundle of 50 copies for six months.

A subscriber writes from Lady Creek, Oregon, that he is twenty miles from the postoffice and only gets his mail twice a week, but that he would pay twice the price rather than lose the paper.

Comrade G. A. Brinkman of Kallispell sends in two subs. He says, "I will try to get a few more subscribers for your paper. It is surely the workingman's friend and should be patronized by the workers of Montana."

Comrade Fred Southworth, organizer of Local Dean, writes: "Comrade John Collins was here on Sunday evening. He spoke in our school house and gave us a good lecture; something very plain, but it meant a good deal. He is a good speaker and will not be fooled with. Five dollars and 25 cents was collected from a crowd of about twenty."

Comrade Joe Hougardy, financial secretary of Local Great Falls, sent \$5 to the editor from the local, which promptly went into a sum to meet the October rent—which, by the way, is not paid yet. He writes: "This is not very much, but we expect to do better in the near future. If we only could get the Montana News on its feet I believe we will be better fixed to help our workers. It keeps us digging up every week for the News and it very nearly keeps us broke; but we are going to make another grand stand play for the News between now and the first of next month. We are going to give a basket social in a week or so, for the benefit of the News. If we only have the luck to make it a success that will be a great help. If all of the locals in the state work together I believe the News will be on a paying basis in a short time."

At Missoula Tuesday night Comrade Paul H. Castle spoke on the street to a crowd of about three hundred. His subject was, "The Relation of Socialism to Religion." It was a very successful street meeting. Literature sales were good; collection \$7.40. He has consented to give us another date, if possible, before election. Fraternally yours,  
**FRED CHUNING,**  
 Sec. Missoula Local.

Word comes from Stevensville of the desecration of the flag by pinning Taft's and Sherman's pictures on it and suspending it across the main street of the town. No patriot should allow the vultures of plutocracy to desecrate the national emblem. Comrade Burgess had a good meeting at Stevensville. A drunken man who showed a disposition to disturb the meeting was promptly taken in hand by the marshal.

Mable is at the bat again for the Montana News. He says it is concerted action we want. He has found a comrade 65 years old who says he will be one of twenty to give \$5 a month for six months. This will not only meet the notes on the linotype, but will help some beside. So Mable is going to work systematically to find the other nineteen, but he is preparing pledges to be entered on the books, and collected the same as if they were notes. We have had pledges before—many of them—but no way to guarantee their payment. This will solve the problem. Most of the pledges to the linotype and those that were made to a wage fund at the convention remain unpaid.

Comrade Eastlick writes from Rollins that Burgess made them a fine speech there in the large new school house, which was well filled. He made his usual good impression for socialism. The next night he was followed by a ranting preacher who made a fool of himself through his raving against socialism, showing, as usual, his utter ignorance of the subject. He held up the awful threat that Debs had counseled the working class to arm themselves. He probably never heard that in Switzerland, where every man is armed, strikes are settled by arbitration and without bloodshed. And it is dollars to doughnuts that this same "divine" (awfully so) enthuses over "patriotism" and the myriad national murders that follow in its train. Murder for glory is all right; but the self-protection of the working man against capitalist thugs is all wrong.

Reports from the locals relative to Comrade Harrack's requirement that the old debt be paid if he takes charge are coming in very encouragingly. The only way to pay a debt is to pay it. No socialist can shirk his duty on any one else. In all the larger locals there are probably from ten to a dozen men that can pay ten dollars and suffer no inconvenience. Take your paper and go after them. It is their duty to meet their part of these obligations. The Montana News for the first time in its history has the opportunity to go on a thorough business basis. Think what it will mean to the socialist movement of the entire northwest if the News goes down. The capitalists are strong and own the earth because they control public opinion. The press is their most powerful means of doing so. Not till the working class disseminate their ideas broadcast through the press will they make any headway against the exploitation of capitalism. No man of ability can be expected to come in here and pick up a nagging lot of old debts. And Comrade Harrack is quite right in insisting that they should be paid. It is only good business judgment that he is showing—that same good business judgment that has made him a success in other lines, and

which you wish him to show in connection with your paper. It is **POOR BUSINESS JUDGMENT** to let a small debt ruin a great and noble enterprise. **REMEMBER** Comrade Harrack says, "You may tell them that I will guarantee that they will not have to be importuned for money if they will just give me a fair start and handle their old debt. I don't want to have a bill stuck under my nose every time I stir." Comrade Harrack is a man eminently successful in his own business—a rustler—a thorough student of the socialist movement. It takes a man like that to be successful in the socialist work.

Now get your paper and start out among the socialists in your town and get that \$100 and send it in.  
 Montana is going to do more work after election than before.

Here is something encouraging from Zortman:

Dear Comrade: Enclosed please find five dollars for which send me sub cards. We must keep the News running somehow. The future of the world depends on the socialists, and the newspapers furnish the best way to educate. Yours for the cause,  
**J. E. BUSH.**

Owing to the constant inquiries that are pouring into the News office regarding the actual status of the party organization we consider it our duty that the party be informed regarding its own business matters. In the first place no communications whatever have come to the party organ from the state committee. California, Oregon, Idaho all publish their state committee proceedings in full, with complete financial report. But Montana has never learned to do its business this way. George McDowell of Billings, the new secretary elected by the state committee, has refused to assume the duties of the office under the circumstances. He has never come to Helena. James Graham is still holding the office. We carry the name of George McDowell as secretary because he was officially and legally elected according to the constitution by the state committee, and there has been no official action or notification to the contrary. The state committee is the administering body of the Socialist party. It is its duty to initiate and construct the business affairs of the party. The executive committee is merely a sub-committee chosen to execute the will of the party. According to party regulations the Socialist party has no permanent chairman in any capacity. It is now the duty of the state committee to provide the party with a secretary. Any committee-man may initiate action by which the party is provided with its proper officers. No one or two individuals have any exclusive right to initiate such action. All the business of the Socialist party should be done in the open. This is the way the national organization does its work and every other state organization and there is no reason why Montana should be an exception to the universal democratic methods of the Socialist party.

**NOTICE TO CARBON COUNTY SOCIALISTS.**

Judge M. H. Lucas, twice elected as justice of the peace, Red Lodge township, has gone over to the enemy.

During the past few weeks the judge has announced to a number of the citizens of this city his intention to support certain candidates on the democratic county ticket as well as to cast his vote for Bryan for the presidency.

At the regular business meeting of Local Red Lodge, October 19, charges of this character were preferred against Judge Lucas. Not having the moral courage to face a trial committee, the judge resigned his membership in the party organization. At the same time he took occasion to remark that he would "not be dictated to by a two-by-four set," and that he would exercise the fullest liberty in the selection of his choice of candidates; whether or not he retained his membership in the party organization and abided by the will of the majority he would still be "as good a socialist as anybody."

To him the fundamental tactic of no fusion and no compromise was tyrannical. He would have his liberty. Compared to his own gigantic proportions the party was a pigmy.

This is the same Judge Lucas of Red Lodge, who, when asked why a well-known trade-unionist on the socialist ticket had not received a larger vote, declared to a comrade here months ago that it would never do to let the "foreign element get control in this town." For this man the boys in the mines have jeopardized their means of making a livelihood in supporting him by vote and voice.

Since his withdrawal from the Socialist party the judge stated to a Picket reporter that he would get in the band wagon with "Injunction Bill." There is evidently a bold search here for a soft spot to fall. Probably the judge has not been properly approached.

But the workers will remember him to shun him. And the Socialist

party of Carbon county, as elsewhere, will go right on weeding out the unworthy and will bestow its honors and its love upon those of its members who are class-conscious, not only in theory, but in devotion.  
**JOHN PETERS,**  
 Financial Secretary.

**RED LODGE TROUBLE.**

The following statements are taken from the Red Lodge Picket. A letter from Comrade Peters is given elsewhere:

To the Editor of the Daily Picket:—

As I promised I would make a statement to the public as to the reasons for my withdrawal from the Socialist party, I will say that I had promised A. C. Spencer, candidate for county attorney, and Miss Griffith, candidate for superintendent, that I would vote for them as the socialists had no candidate up for either of these offices, and I had spoken favorably of Mr. Bryan. The Socialist club took me to task and was in the act of throwing me out on account of voting for anybody other than a socialist, so being an American born and being under the American constitution and the stars and stripes, I therefore handed in my resignation to the Socialist party, and my resignation was accepted.

I have no regrets as to my position in this matter and will hold no grudge against the Socialist party, but will say unless they change their tactics of trying to compel men to vote the socialist ticket regardless of will or thought, they will never prosper as a party. I am yours, **M. H. LUCAS,**  
 Justice of the Peace.

**NOTICE TO SOCIALISTS.**

Notice is hereby given that Judge M. H. Lucas, nominated by the Socialist party of Carbon county, for reelection to the office of justice of the peace, Red Lodge township, has severed his connection with the working class party in order to support certain candidates on the capitalist tickets. Class-conscious socialists will not support him. By order of Local Red Lodge. **SOCIALIST PARTY.**

Livingston, Mont., Oct. 13.

Dear Comrade: Enclosed find money order for \$6 for 40 due stamps. Please rush these as we need them. At the meeting of our local last night we decided to make arrangements for a dance in the near future to help the cause along. This idea of giving a dance was suggested by the Women's Progressive League. The women certainly can do a great deal of good in this struggle of the workers for economic freedom. They should be organized in every town, and would benefit the cause. We are taking in a few members at every meeting. Lately our meetings have been well attended and to see the old faces again attending puts new life and hope into comrades that are on the firing line. What we need is something to make the meetings interesting, not only on election time, but all through the year, so that we could always have good attendance at the local meetings. We are going to send a copy of the Farmers' Special, which is gotten out by the Chicago Daily Socialist, together with a copy of the platform and ticket to every farmer in the county. Comrade Stumbo says that he knows of lots of farmers who are socialists, but do not realize it, and he thinks if the right literature was given to them it would be the means of making socialists of a good many of them. They are discontented with conditions but do not know a remedy. What we want to do is to show them our remedy. Yours for socialism,  
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