

THE FARMER AND SOCIALISM

(Continued from last week.)

Now, the question arises, what are we going to do about it?

How are we going to emancipate ourselves from this degrading and intolerable slavery? It cannot be done under the present capitalist system, for the whole basis of that system is wage slavery and the robbery of the many by the few through profit, interest and rent.

"The merchant calls it profit,
And he winks the other eye;
The banker calls it interest,
And he heaves a cheerful sigh;
The landlord calls it rent,
As he tucks it in his bag;
But the honest old burglar,
He simply calls it swag."

It is the aim of Socialism to abolish the entire capitalist system and substitute therefor the system of co-operation by the whole people. Socialists recognize the fact that the great struggle of all the ages has been to make power and authority responsible to the people; in other words, it has been a struggle for democracy. We have succeeded in this to a considerable extent in the matter of politics and religion but are still in the clutches of an intolerable industrial despotism.

It is the mission of Socialism to overthrow once for all this last stronghold of slavery and oppression, and to substitute in its place a complete industrial democracy.

Industrial despotism is maintained, as all despotisms have been maintained, through the possession by one class of the political powers of the state and the use of that power by such possessing class to keep other classes in subjection for the purpose of robbing and enslaving them. It has been found, therefore, that all history has been made up of a series of class struggles between a ruling class and ruled and oppressed class. The process has gone on until there are now practically only two classes left—a small capitalist class growing rapidly smaller, and a working, or producing class, comprising the great bulk of the people. These two classes are now lined up in a desperate struggle for the mastery.

As the working class is now the only socially useful and necessary class with power to at once overthrow the capitalist class—which has become a socially useless and dangerous class—just as soon as the working class recognizes its true class interests, it is certain that the capitalist class is about to be overthrown and disappear, becoming absorbed in the working class, thus abolishing all class distinctions which have heretofore caused all the discords, despotisms, crimes and miseries that have afflicted the human race.

This is in accordance with natural laws and is therefore inevitable, and it marks the end of the "last struggle of man with man" with all its vast array of miseries, mischiefs and enormous wastes of energy.

Thomas Jefferson said that no body of men had ever been found outside the whole body of the people that when entrusted with power had not abused it. Recognizing this to be true, the Socialists propose to take the monopoly of the means of production and distribution out of the hands of private, irresponsible persons and corporations where it now is, and where it will always be under any capitalist system, and put it under the control and management of the whole people where it rightfully belongs. This will make necessary the collective ownership of the land, forests, mines, quarries, mills, factories, railways, canals, steamboats, telegraphs, telephones, water works, water powers, electric plants, plants for distributing heat and light, coal yards, warehouses, stores, elevators, and, in short, all the means whereby



WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE, AND FOUND WANTING

the people live.

To effect this it will be necessary to secure control of the political powers, and so the Socialist party has been organized to effect that purpose. This party is strictly a workingman's party, a producer's party, and its purpose is to conquer the public powers necessary to carry out the industrial program marked out above.

Many, no doubt, will think that this can better be done through one

of the existing parties, and their political prejudices will strongly incline them to stick to the party they may now belong to with the hope that it will be brought to carry out the Socialist program, more especially as one or the other of these parties will be sure to introduce into their platforms "public ownership" planks from time to time as the Socialist party grows in power, for the purpose of heading it off and holding its own voters. No one should

be deceived by this, and least of all the farmers; for both of these parties are essentially parts of the capitalist system and have no intention of disturbing it. Whatever their professions may be, their records show that they are both wholly within the control of the capitalists—one of the large capitalists, and the other of the small capitalists—and neither can any more undertake the abolition of the present capitalist system than the leopard can

change his spots. As the Rev. DeWitt Talmage said: "Monopoly has the democratic party in one pocket and the republican party in the other."

Millions of old "pops" realized this long ago, and the voters who have for the past twenty years been electing the politicians first of one party and then of the other, in the desperate hope of securing reforms that would benefit the people, ought to also realize by this time that to

elect either one in place of the other is simply "jumping out of the frying pan into the fire," or vice versa, as the case may be. Neither of the old parties have any real principle except to keep the present system of robbery and slavery in force, and to this end the utmost energies and cunning of both of them are bent. Their so-called principles are simply cunning, high-sounding war cries and sham reforms to mislead

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THE MONTANA NEWS.

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Entered at the Post Office for transmission through the mail at second class rates.

SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.00 PER YEAR.

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It appears that President Rosey sniffs trouble in the growing union strength of the postal clerks and will stop its future growth.

Send 15 cents in postage to the Montana News and get "Socialism Made Plain," by Allen L. Benson.

The mistake being made in the wonderful treatment of Roosevelt's hair, is in the fact that it is the inside of his head that needs treatment.

Two governors in Colorado may at least act as a lesson to the union men who have repeatedly declared for Socialism in the organization and then repudiated it in the election by voting for a candidate of the left wing of capitalism.

The little printed slip circulated at the convention of labor leaders and fakirs, charging Mitchell and Gompers with dining at a scab cafe with Professor Eliot, who said that "A scab is a hero," set things to moving.

The workers created wealth in this country last year to the amount of \$2,451. Did you get your share? It would be about \$10 per day.

A dispatch of the 7th says that Governor Toole has issued an order of quarantine, and that the same is issued to prevent the spread of scab among sheep in districts to which the proclamation aims.

Oscar Haas, of New York, walking delegate of the International Iron Workers, committed suicide because he was old and could not get a job.

The American Federation of Labor, which is in session in San Francisco, has repudiated Socialism. As long as that great organization is under the leadership of wise, conservative men of the Gompers, Mitchell stamp it will continue to be the tremendous influence for good that it has always been since its organization.

President Roosevelt declares in his message that the open shop is

here to stay, and that more open shops will be instituted in the near future. He does not say it in just this language, but the News desires to put it in such plain wording that even the mullet headed union man may not be mistaken.

A HEALTHY INCREASE.

The returns of the state of Montana are in, and while they do not show as much of an increase as first indications warranted us in believing the vote would, the gain shows a wonderful and probably a very solid advance.

The vote for president in Montana was 5,529; four years ago the vote was 708, or a gain of 4,621. This means an increase of 681 per cent in four years. On congressman, the vote four years ago was 613 while this year it was 4,025, or an increase in four years of 557 per cent.

Evidently gains that would go higher than these figures would be scarcely considered permanent gains.

For governor four years ago the vote was 505, while this year it was 3,431 or a gain of 579 per cent.

In comparing the vote on governor this year with the vote for congressman two years ago, many of the comrades might arrive at a false conclusion and imagine that the party had not made much of an advance but when given a parallel comparison, as one gubernatorial race with another, or one presidential campaign with another, and not the false comparison of a general election year with what is termed an off year, it is easy to see that the Socialists of Montana made a wonderful advance and probably as great an advance as is safe for the movement.

It would hardly be reasonable to believe that we could make so large an increase in the next four years, as this is an average of over 600 per cent gain. Granting that we should, our vote in Montana in four years from now would be about 39,000. The total vote cast in the state for all parties was about 64,000 this year or a smaller vote than four years ago. Should this condition be repeated it would give the state to the Socialists by an enormous majority.

Comrades, these figures tell us that it is time to organize the farmers and spread the propaganda for our advance depends upon education.

EXPIRING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

At this time we desire to call the attention of the readers of the Montana News to the little label on the paper, that bears their name and date of expiration of their subscription. At the right of the name are figures of the month, either the 1st or 15th, then the name of the month and then the year.

You should keep your eye on this label, that you may know when your subscription expires, and renew in time not to miss a single number. Every week this little label bearing your name tells you when the paper will stop coming, and let us say here that none are sent out on time, neither will they be sent after the expiration of the time designated; it is useless for subscribers who do not want the paper to write telling us to "discontinue sending the News at time of their expiration," because none are sent after that time. In fact the very low price for the paper makes it imperative for us to do a strictly cash business.

Let us call your attention to the fact that a number of subscriptions expire on Jan. 1, 1905, and an effort should be made by the comrades over the state to see that all of these subscribers renew at that time.

GETTING CLASS CONSCIOUS.

The Referendum, of Faribault, Minnesota, and the Montana News have been considered the only two "impossibilist" papers in the United States since the national convention at Chicago in May, but judging from the tone of many of the papers there are soon to be more. The Crisis of Salt Lake and the Worker

of New York appear to be "coming up."

This thing of papers being afraid to speak out, is entirely out of order in the Socialist movement, and is the reason of the poor organization of the Socialist movement in this country today. Too many of the comrades have been under the old party influence of "I don't like this fighting going on in the Socialist movement among the papers."

The comrades must learn that no paper in this country is edited by an infallible man, and are consequently subject to criticism. By criticism they shall be made better. The Socialist papers are not what they should be, and as the movement grows the papers will improve. The News would not publish one single line or leave out the same amount, because of policy, that we might retain a single subscriber or secure a new one.

IS NOT A SOCIALIST.

In the Socialist movement in Minnesota there appears to be a very strong following of the sentimental kind. In fact the editor of the News learned that while attending the national convention held in Chicago in May, by making acquaintance with some of the delegates from that state. But to cap the climax on pure sentimentalism, the following from the pen of A. Hershfield of Minneapolis, to the editor of The Referendum of Faribault in a discussion relative to class consciousness and revisionist ideas, is the limit:

It is true that I supported a democratic candidate for alderman in the third ward four years ago and not two years ago as you stated. Were the conditions the same today I would do the same thing over even if I have to quit the Socialist party. The party had no nominee for alderman; the democrat had nearly ruined himself supporting the A. R. U. strikers in 1894.

After delivering himself of the above as a class conscious Socialist, he signs his name and follows it with M. D. Initials at one end of his name should be sufficient for a militant Socialist, but barring this sentimental, capitalist humbug of following his name with letters, that signify that he knows something according to a diploma, let us look at the facts in the above utterances of this doctor.

It would not be so bad, had he supported the democrat four years ago as he says he did, but after four years of education, to assert that he would repeat the deal, is evidence of his misunderstanding of Socialism. The fact that the Socialists had no man in the field does not permit or grant the right to a class conscious Socialist to vote for any old partyite. That vote was a half vote for the left wing of the capitalist party.

The Socialist who makes such assertions as the above, that "I would do the same thing over even if I had to quit the Socialist party" should be given the opportunity by his local to quit: yes, to quit at once, by request. He is not a Socialist; he is a bourgeois and the quicker the movement is rid of this class the better. When Dr. Hershfield becomes a proletariat in fact by economic grind, and goes to work on the public roads in the National Park, like a number of men with this "M. D." after their name have done, then he may begin to learn what is meant by class conscious,

scientific, revolutionary Socialism. The local that permits a member after making such statements, to remain in its organization, should have its charter suspended.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

Those advertisers who patronize the columns of the News are deserving of the support of the Socialist trade, and we desire to urge upon the Socialist supporters of this paper the importance of patronizing those business firms that patronize our columns. The News has grown to a large state circulation, and it is the duty of those who desire to see the paper live to give their trade, under the present system, to those who are the patrons of our advertising columns.

The writer could readily see why an appeal of this kind would be of little use to the average union man or worker, but as to the class conscious Socialist we can see no reason why he should not realize the importance of this trade matter at this time and follow the above suggestion.

Let us, under the present competitive system, assist in a trade way those who assist us, even though we may have to walk a few blocks out of our way to do our trading.

How many of you Socialists will line up like men, and give your trade to those where it should go? All in line, all at once, and the force of our united effort will soon be felt in the trade channels.

ARGUS IS OUT OF ORDER.

The Argus of Lewistown in an editorial has the following to say in regard to its city:

In Lewistown there are twenty or more saloons and gambling dens where over \$100,000 a year is spent in dissipation and at games of chance.

And yet no voice is raised in protest nor the slightest effort made to check these evils, while people are preparing to leave the city because it is an unsafe place to rear a boy. Everything seems to be sacrificed for "business."

Is it not about time that Lewistown has a reputation for something else besides being a good "business point"? Is money making the chief object of life?

Well, well, Brer Vrooman, did you awake? But why do you ask such questions at this time? You were in Lewistown when the Montana News was published there and when the proof was furnished as to J. D. Waite, your republican state senator, buying his seat through "tin horn" assistance at \$5 per, and if you had been here the other evening you would have seen him at the resort where this class hold out, and especially one of the head buyers for Mr. Waite at that time—Mr. Hagenon.

You know that had it not been for the "tin horn" element of your town Mr. Waite could not have been elected. You know that he was given a Kangaroo trial before a court that had been in the insane asylum, and prosecuted by an attorney who was, and still is, under the thumb of the money power of that town.

Further, you were there publishing the Argus when the three drug gists were arrested for selling booze without a license; it was proven in the court that they sold the liquor and the county treasurer testified that they had no license, but to convict criminals of the same gang in their own court, country and by their own lawyers upon evidence from the Socialist bunch would never do.

Why, you were there when the News published the criminal receipts from the prostitutes, who paid tribute to the city marshal, J. C. Bebb; and now these same poor fallen women are held up for this blood money in your police court to the tune of \$5 per month; and Judge McGowan, a good church member, knows that he is a worse criminal when he enters that fine on the docket than is the poor prostitute who pays it. This is what you and your church gang voted for, so take your medicine.

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L. WEIGEL, Prop. CORNER MAIN AND 6TH

You say it is high time that the press and the church and all decent people awake to the conditions.

Why should Dixon or any other old partyite attempt to change the conditions complained of? You all voted for that system at the polls on the 8th day of last November, the clergy included, and in fact they would be in on the rooster fights and gambling if the revenue were to come to their particular church that furnishes them the easy graft to live without work, while poor children are not only failing to receive education in the midst of this awful crime, but are running at large on the street of Missoula that is lined with prostitutes; and if we mistake not, Missoula is collecting fine money from these fallen women and "tin horns" to help swell the city exchequer.

But, why all this bawl now? You people voted for this and then raise a kick because you get just what you voted for. This is the fruit of the present competitive system, for which Congressman Dixon and Clark's Miner both stand.

CONSISTENT UNION MEN. Last Monday evening the laboring men of Basin, where the Heinze influence is dominant, refused to impose a fine on union men who patronize the Chinese. It is said that the Chinese of that town are elated over their victory and are all enthusiastic Heinze men.—Miner.

About what could be expected of pure and simple union men, but the Miner should not consider it sour grapes because the Chinamen desire to worship Heinze; it would be as ridiculous to worship Clark, owner of the Miner. Both workers, whites and chinks, are fighting among themselves, in place of fighting the capitalist system which makes them what they are.

Education of the workers in principles of Socialism must never be allowed to lag, but of equal importance is the work of organization.

IT'S THE SYSTEM. A correspondent at Missoula writing to the Butte Miner, says: Thanksgiving day there were rooster fights, which were stopped for some time through the efforts of the clergy. Now, there is gambling and everything else that is vicious, which the clergy and all self-respecting citizens should endeavor to stop.

And the Butte Miner, edited by a wage slave, hired by W. A. Clark, who made many millions by gambling, goes on at a terrible rate, and attempts in its assinine democratic

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Stevensville, Mont., Dec. 7, '04.
 Mr. J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: Your circular letter of the 6th is just received.

First, as to that \$11, I have been trying to get it for you and had hoped to ere this. About the only thing I have to turn into cash is my hay. I have not sold any yet but hope to soon.

At our meeting last Saturday Comrade Etien took up a subscription to buy a share in the News. It amounted to \$10, one half of which he subscribed himself. There were only four present. I think we can find another \$10 among the sympathizers of the cause. I will try and get some subscribers.

If you could make a flying trip to this place and give them another straight Socialist speech, it would help, or open up the way for us to rustle for the News. You would find a warm welcome even among those not real Socialists. It might dawn on Socialists, as the idea of "solidarity" permeates them through thought, work and study, that we are unequipped and helpless without an organ through which we may reach the thinkshop of the people. Why has capital gobbled up all the big papers? Because they were wise.

Answering your p. s., I think you can feel safe that the "feeling" of this local as to keep the News going; it is all right. But you know the proverbial "blood out of a turnip." Yet "many mites make a muckle," and if all over the state the comrades will do as well as our local is determined to do, we shall continue to have a state organ of which we are not ashamed, and which is as essential as a cannon is to a modern army.

Earnestly hoping and trusting that the News will be kept on the ramparts, hurling the hot shots of truth into the intrenchments of greed, ignorance and prejudice, I am,
 Yours fraternally,
 H. E. WOODRUFF.

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 11, '04.
 To the members of the Socialist Party of Montana.

Comrades: From all parts of the state comes demands for speakers and organizers. To meet these demands we must have an organizing fund. There is at present in the state treasury but \$27.74.

When the present secretary took the office there was a total indebtedness of \$135.50 which has been reduced to \$115.50. Of this amount \$85 is owing to ex-Secretary Pierce

and \$30.50 to the American Labor Union for literature.

Our present secretary, has not up to the present time, drawn any wages and has devoted his whole time to the work. We Socialists prate about a man receiving the full product of his labor and then let our state secretary devote his whole time to our work for the promise to pay.

These bills should be paid before we incur any more debts. We should also have an organizing fund of \$100 on hand to guarantee an organizer's salary to go into unorganized districts.

WE MUST HAVE MONEY TO CARRY ON THIS WORK.

We therefore call upon all members to contribute at least 25 cents (surely many can give \$1.00) to pay off this debt and put the organization in Montana in a position to carry on an aggressive campaign.

J. F. MABIE.
 G. WOOD.
 C. E. WIESE.
 JOHN CAMPBELL.
 Members of Local Quorum.

Butte, December 11, '04.
 Mr. Walsh, Editor of the News, Helena, Montana.

Dear Comrade: I got your letter last night, and today I got two subscribers promised for the 15th, payday. In your letter you spoke of sub cards. I wish I had some; send me 10 on trust, and I believe that in about a week I can have them sold and the money returned to you.

Fraternally,
 ADOLF HOLST.

316, East Broadway.
 (This is the energy that makes the Socialist cause forge ahead; the cards have gone forward on first mail; let us all get in and push, for only by sacrifice can Socialism be accomplished.—Editor.)

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 11, '04
 To the Locals of the Socialist Party of Montana.

Comrades: We the members of the Local Quorum have audited the books of the State Secretary and State Treasurer from September 20 to date and find them absolutely correct.

Fraternally submitted,
 J. F. MABIE.
 C. E. WIESE.
 G. W. WOOD.

Rimini, Mont., Dec. 7, 1904.

I see by the daily press that the convicts and prisoners throughout the country were served with turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. It would take a long string of figures to represent the number of poor devils who are struggling to keep out of prison, who had no turkey and very

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Monarch, Mont., Dec. 7, 1904.
 Mr. J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: Your red letter of Dec. 6 is before me. I have already gone after a few of the comrades here rough shod, and we are to make a double quick forward movement for new subs, and will remit in a few days. Yours fraternally,
 J. M. RECTOR.

Stockett, Mont., Dec. 6, 1904.
 Montana News, Helena, Mont.

Comrades: Please find \$2, same to pay for two subs to your wide awake little paper; R. E. Stone and Lewis Mundt, both of Stockett. Both cards were sent in some time ago.

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little of anything else for dinner on Thanksgiving; but who will have to pay for that consumed by these victims of the present prosperous conditions of the country who are behind prison bars; and also for that consumed by the parasites who drove them there, and who infest and fatten on the backs of the fools who support them and haven't sense enough to shake them off. It would appear the jail birds are getting a little the best of it. Say, let's all go to jail.

heart is a feeling similar to words uttered by revered Patrick Henry, "give me liberty or give me death." With a fond hope that the News may be continued to scatter the seed of Socialism and the final emancipation of the American exploited wage slaves, I am yours to the end,
 S. E. TUCK.

(Comrade Tuck appears to misunderstand our "red" letter, although we plainly stated that we were not asking for "voluntary contributions" but that we wanted the comrades of the state to financially assist us by selling subscriptions to the News. We do not want your money, Comrade Tuck, but we want you to get out among your neighbors and sell subscriptions to the News. Sell as many as possible. The News must be put in the hands of the farmers. In order to do this we must have the united support of all the comrades in soliciting subscriptions.—Editor.)

JOHN BRACK.

Canyon Creek, Dec. 12, '04.

Dear Comrade: I deeply regret this painful task of stating my inability to help you with the continuance and enlargement of the News. Should we, the News and myself, be able to tide the nearing rapids you will hear from me in more hopeful tones. My only source of subsistence is that of an 18-year old son who has worked all summer and sent the whole proceeds to me and two little ones I am trying to keep together. Though I can't help you financially, at this time, down in my

Rimini, Mont., Dec. 10, '04.
 To the Montana News:

I notice in the Montana News dated December 7, that a circular letter has been sent to the secretaries of the Socialist locals throughout the country by D. M. Parry or some of his satellites, requesting them to subscribe for his paper and also try and induce the members to do likewise. He wants to shoot democratic dope and republican rot into the Socialists and make them pay for it by supporting his gimlet of a sheet. He is going to show up the other side of Socialism, so he says; as if the people of all ages for the last six or seven thousand years had not seen enough of the other side. This side of Socialism is what I want; and my advice to all Socialists is to support your own papers, and let Parry and his political prostitute of a pamphlet get their support from the parasites in whose interests it is published. Of course it will be very interesting to a Socialist to read something that some hairbrained blatherskite of a capitalistic satellite will write on Socialism, who knows no more about it than a grasshopper knows about ping pong. No parasite Parry prosperity for me. Let all who have 50 cents to spare invest it in Socialist literature and scatter it to the four winds of the heavens, that all who run may read the handwriting on the wall. 'Rah for Debs!
 JOHN BRACK.

It appears to be about six of one and half dozen of the other, so far as both parties are concerned in the Colorado election frauds. The Miners' Magazine will have some more trouble explaining its position in supporting this kind of business against Socialism, for the principles of which its organization has repeatedly declared. So far the noted magazine has made a futile attempt in explaining its false position.

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Local Quorum Holds Session

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 11, '04.

Report of meeting of Local Quorum of the Socialist party of Montana.

Meeting opened with Comrade J. F. Mabie as chairman.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Report of Comrade Walsh's last campaign tour was read. Report showed that from Oct. 18 to Nov. 7 Walsh had made 21 speeches in 18 towns, collected \$141.70 and sold \$2.25 worth of literature and buttons. Expenses: hotel and railroad fare \$100.90; printing \$42; express, telegraph and telephone \$8.75; hall rent at Basin \$5. Expenses over receipts, \$12.70.

Motion made and carried that bill of \$5 for hall rent at Basin be allowed.

Motion made and carried that an order for \$7.70 be drawn on treasury to reimburse Comrade Walsh for deficit of tour.

Report of Comrade M. J. Kennedy's tour from Oct. 7 to Nov. 1, was read, showing that Comrade Kennedy made 23 speeches in 26 days, collected \$133.90 sold \$14.65 worth of literature. Expenses: railroad fare, hotel bills and wages at \$3 per day, \$162.70, leaving a deficit of \$14.15.

Moved and seconded that Comrade Kennedy's report be approved.

Communication from Comrade Holst, Secretary of Local Butte, read, stating that state office owed Local Butte 150 stamps, same having been owing since ex-secretary Cooney had resigned.

Moved and seconded that stamps be allowed Local Butte. Carried.

Referendum of Local Lewistown relative to assisting Montana News was discussed. The quorum decided that they had no jurisdiction in the matter, but referred subject to locals, asking for suggestions so

that quorum can draft resolution to be submitted to locals for approval or rejection. Quorum instructed state secretary to leave referendum of Local Lewistown open until Jan. 10, 1905 for amendments.

A communication from Walter Thomas Mills was read asking for names and addresses of local secretaries. The question as to whether state secretary should furnish names and addresses of secretaries of locals to anyone applying for them was discussed.

Motion made and carried that secretary use his discretion in the matter and to be careful to protect the party and the members from being victimized.

The wages of state secretary was then considered. It was decided to allow secretary the same wage as the previous secretary from Sep. 18 to Jan. 1.

The matter of putting an organizer in the field then came up for discussion. Several letters from various parts of the state were read asking for speakers and organizers; also a letter from P. McMahon of Butte, stating that there is a possibility of Father McGrady coming to Montana in February. Also that an organization in Butte is in favor of Mills, McGrady or J. Stitt Wilson coming to Montana for a month's lecture tour. Comrade McMahon's proposition was laid over until more definite information is received on the subject.

Owing to the fact that there is very little money in the treasury, and an old debt of \$115.50 standing against the state office, it was decided not to put an organizer in the field until there is \$100 in the organizing fund, and that the state secretary issue an appeal for donations to a special organizing fund, and as soon as \$100 is collected an organizer will be engaged.

Motion made and carried that whenever an opportunity presents itself to organize a local the state secretary shall proceed to that point and organize, providing same is within reasonable distance of headquarters.

The advisability of having a lecture van in Montana next summer and fall was taken under consideration. The secretary was instructed to ascertain cost of securing and equipping a van suitable for lecture purposes.

State constitutions and leaflets were ordered printed as soon as money in treasury warranted.

Secretary was instructed to call on locals for any proposed amendments to state constitution before having constitution printed.

Motion made and carried that, owing to Comrade Beard leaving town, Comrade Campbell be elected permanent chairman of quorum, sign all warrants, charters, etc.

The following bills were allowed: State office supplies, stamps, etc. \$4 67

J. F. Mabie, R. R. fare during campaign 1 05

Letter heads 3 00

Expenses, quorum G. W. Wood 3 65

C. E. Wiese 2 50

Committee audited the books of state secretary and state treasurer and found them correct. They then adjourned.

JAS. D. GRAHAM,
State Secretary.

Official Socialist Vote In State of Montana

The official returns of the vote in the state of Montana give the following for the Socialist nominees:

Presidential electors, Holden 5,676; Mabie 5,475; Hoar 5,436. Congressman 4,025; Governor 3,431; Lieutenant Governor 3,865; Secretary of State 3,932; Chief Justice 3,805; Treasurer 3,871; Clerk of the Court 3,953; Attorney General 3,843; Auditor 3,840; State Superintendent 3,837. On the constitution amendment relative to child labor which prevents the employment of children under 16 years of age in underground mines the vote was: For 28,631; against 3,742. On the amendment making a day's labor 8 hours on public works and in mills, smelters and underground mines as follows: For 29,237; against 2,394.

Farmer and Socialism.

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the people, and their sole struggle is to secure the offices for the politicians of their respective parties with the accompanying power such offices give of plundering the people.

They are both wholly out of date, wholly degenerate, and wholly incapable of giving any relief to the people from their present troubles, even if they were so inclined. The vast developments in industry have rendered a complete new deal imperative, and so the success of the Socialist party has become an inexorable necessity, and therefore a foregone conclusion.

In a brief article like this it is impossible to give more than a mere outline of Socialist principles and purposes, and the great benefits to all that are sure to result through Socialism. All that I expect to do is to induce the reader to make a careful study of the subject. I am not asking anyone to take my statements for granted, but, on the contrary, I especially desire that each one will examine Socialism for himself and make his own conclusions on the facts he finds.

I assert that robbery and slavery have been, and are now, the fundamental bases of all civilizations the world has ever had; that this fact at once explains all the mischiefs, crimes and horrors of all sorts that have afflicted mankind; that as long as society permits such monumental crimes to permeate and remain embedded in its institutions, it is absurdly childish and ridiculous to expect anything else but a continuation of all the horrors and crimes of the past, continually intensified and rendered more intolerable and destructive by the development of our industrial growth; that no real attempt has ever heretofore been made

to discover or destroy this upas root of robbery from which has sprung all the miseries that have afflicted humanity; that Socialism will utterly destroy it and afford the first chance mankind has ever had to enjoy its "inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

I insist that this upas root of wrong and outrage is concealed under the specious terms, interest, rent and profit; that these terms are merely other names for robbery of the laborers of a portion of their products; that capital, of itself, is utterly barren, and that the so-called "earnings of capital" mean nothing more than the power the present industrial system gives it to compel the laboring man to yield up a portion of his earnings to the capitalist; that this power of capital is given it through the usurped ownership which the capitalist has secured of the means of production and distribution; that this ownership has resulted in the enslavement of the producing classes and comes under the head of "wage slavery."

I also assert that the farmer is the most helpless of wage slaves; that while his wages are not paid him in the same manner as those of the day laborer, yet they come as truly under the head of wages as though they were; that the farmer is so helpless that he cannot even "strike" as the common laborer does, and so his only possible recourse is to use his intelligence and strike at the ballot box. His interests are therefore identical with those of the wage laborer, and the only way out of the trouble for either of them is for both to become Socialists and do their utmost to promote the success of the Socialist party. Neither the farmer nor the wage worker can alone make it successful, for neither of them has a majority of the votes, but together they form a big majority and can accomplish anything they may wish.

In my judgment no one is going to be more benefited by Socialism than the farmer. Let us enumerate some of the advantages that will accrue to him through Socialism.

First. He will at once be emancipated from his present thralldom to the railroads, middlemen and combines.

Second. The farming business will be organized on a scientific basis, and being done on an immense scale, it will permit the use of every conceivable machine in carrying it on. In this way almost every operation in the whole range of farm work will be done by some machine and farming, instead of being the grinding drudgery it now is, will become a light and delightful employment.

Third. The farmer will be enabled to live in towns and cities and thus escape the isolation and loneliness now inseparable from a farmer's life. He will have all the advantages of the best schools for his children, churches, theatres, libraries, lectures, etc., for himself, together with all the other innumerable advantages, comforts and pleasures that city life affords.

Fourth. He will be fairly wafted as it were, to and from his work by electric cars, automobiles and other modern appliances for moving about.

Fifth. The three or four hours a day that it will be necessary for him to labor in order to secure all these vast advantages and improvements in his mode of life, will give him plenty of leisure for reading and otherwise improving his mind and enjoying life to its fullest extent. Thus in place of being a drudge and a slave he will become a really independent citizen, who calls no man master, as God Almighty intended he should be, and have a chance to grow into the stature of a real freeman.

Sixth. His life will be absolutely free from care, both on his own account and that of his children; for he will not only be guaranteed the full enjoyment of his own physical existence, but he will know for a certainty that, come what will, his children will be provided for and guaranteed by society every blessing that the earth affords.

Now, my brother farmers, what do you think of this proposition? Is it not a condition of things worth inquiring into and striving to

attain? Do not pooh, pooh, it and deny it as being an impossible dream, for it is absolutely true and can be demonstrated to be easily possible with even our present means of producing wealth. The trusts and combines are organized for the express purpose of restricting production in order to preserve profits, and they do it to such an extent that it has been estimated by competent statisticians that if artificial restrictions were removed, we could, with even our present machinery, produce from five to ten times the wealth we are now doing. As long as things are produced only for profits as they now are, nothing of the sort can be realized, but the moment they are produced for use alone, the amount of wealth produced will be practically without limit.

That is, the moment we become rational beings and leave off our insane struggling with each other, and instead devote our united efforts in a struggle with nature for her treasures, we shall reap wealth beyond the wildest imagination to conceive of, of which all will receive their full share. All we have to do is to lay aside our foolish superstitions and prejudices for awhile and use our reason to understand the facts, and we shall realize all I have pictured and much more.

Farmers of America, will you not do this? The reason why the Socialist is doing his utmost to get you to inquire into what he says, is the fact that he has made this tremendous discovery of the truth, and knows full well that if you once examine into it you will also realize it. He is not a dreamer as interested enemies of Socialism would have you believe.

On the contrary he is the most wide-awake and alert person in the world today. He is a delver into the facts of history and evolution, and knows exactly what he is talking about. He is wise; hear him, and above all read his literature. Take particular notice of this fact: Nothing can rescue the American farmer from his present deplorable plight, and prevent his sinking into a still more degrading and intolerable slavery than he is now enduring, but Socialism.

WILLIAM C. GREEN.

At the meeting of the Citizens Industrial association, an organization perfected for the purpose of still crushing the working class, the president of the same, D. M. Parry, had the following to say on the large Socialist vote:

"It may be considered unfortunate by some that the result of compelling the unions to abide by the laws is to drive a portion of their members into the Socialist party, but certainly it is no argument to say that the unions should be permitted to follow their own sweet will in order that their members may not become Socialists. The growth of the Socialist party simply adds force to the necessity that confronts the employers to take an active hand in shaping public sentiment to the end that our great individualistic form of government may be maintained."

An exchange says: "The voting machine is becoming popular with gratifying rapidity. It has many things to recommend it. While the initial cost is heavy, the voting machine is an economical institution;" and so is the voting mule becoming popular in the Socialist ranks; note the Socialist vote of the country last month. The initial cost to the capitalist has been heavy in buying the voting mules on election day, but it has been an economical proposition in the long run. Certainly, when you consider that the voter of America by his ballot has built a system that gives to capitalism 83 per cent of the product of every laborer's toil.

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