

## Socialist Work Around Helena

Helena is having a small revival in the Socialist ranks.

Mrs. Hazlett came over from Anaconda on Labor Day to give the address for the Trades and Labor assembly. The joy over having a Socialist selected as the orator was considerably dimmed by the manner in which the programme was carried out.

The posters announced that the speaking was to take place in the auditorium at the end of the parade. But the Socialist speech was side-tracked. The parade started from the Workingmen's club, and ended there.

Mrs. Hazlett was taken back to the hotel and left till after dinner. At two o'clock the band played in front of the Auditorium but the crowd was at the scene of the games, and there was no towing them up the hill to hear a Socialist.

In fact they handed us a bunch on the speech, and no mistake. It is incomprehensible why certain parts of the American laboring class are so afraid that the workers will get to hear the Socialist solution of their troubles.

Wednesday night Mrs. Hazlett and Comrades Walsh went out to East Helena. We have a new local here with Louis Hanson as secretary. But this is the slave pen of the American Smelting and Refining company, with men cowed into cringing automatons for fear of the loss of that desperate need, the job. The local is not yet truly on its feet. The meeting was a good one, collection, \$3.50; literature sales \$3.45.

We have got to keep telling the tale of emancipation for we Socialists are the only ones that have it to tell. We are the only ones in this corporation-cursed and brow-beaten state who are spreading the spirit of manhood and revolt.

Sept. 7th and 8th.

Thursday and Friday nights Mrs. Hazlett was in Marysville. Her audience amounted to about a hundred each night but collections and literature sales were poor. We have no beginning even in this Heinze stronghold. The work has to be done again and again.

Saturday night we had a large street meeting in Helena. State Secretary Graham came over from Livingston, and with the help of the Helena comrades considerable literature was sold, and several applications taken.

On Sunday Comrades Walsh, Graham and Hazlett went out to Baxendale. They were met at the car by Comrade Kain with a double seated surrey, and driven to his hospitable home where a feast of spring chicken and other dainties awaited the wanderers.

In the afternoon a meeting was held at the schoolhouse, which was comfortably filled with an attentive and intelligent audience who really wanted to learn about Socialism. Comrade Kain introduced the speakers. Mrs. Hazlett spoke on the program of the Socialist party, Comrade Walsh on working class conditions, and Comrade Graham on party organization. A local of nine members was organized and a collection of \$4.10 taken up.

Sunday night another street meeting was held at Helena. There was a large crowd, good literature sales, and a collection of \$5.30, with a number of applications for membership.

Monday night another street meeting was held. Comrade Graham puts life and system into a meeting wherever he is.

Tuesday night a meeting was held

in the sixth ward. A large crowd listened to the address, and asked to have the speakers come again. We must make a specialty of this sixth ward. This is the truly proletarian section of Helena. It is the logical section for the cultivation of a revolutionary sentiment. If Helena ever elects a Socialist alderman it will be from this ward. The situation is similar to that of packing town ward in Chicago. Comrade Simons said the conditions there were so horrible that that was the logical place for the revolution to start, and the recent election of the Socialist representative from that district justified the prediction.

Wednesday night there was to have been another meeting at East Helena. Comrade Louis Hanson, secretary of the new local, a Danish Socialist of 20 years standing, was in in the afternoon, and spoke of the favorable impression the meetings had created. A misunderstanding in regard to the street car service prevented the speakers from getting out. As a result they attended the meeting of the Helena local in the office of the News.

Quite a number were present, twelve dollars was raised on the forty dollar debt, and arrangements made for Comrade Hazlett's meeting at the Workingmen's Club Thursday night. It has been decided to hold two meetings a month in the club rooms, the club having made hospitable overtures to the Socialists. It is possible that in this way a test can be made as to whether the American working man really has stability enough to be taught economics, or whether he simply wants to guzzle and be patted on the back by the capitalist, a mild form of benevolent feudalism. Seven applications for membership were read, the result of the recent meetings.

It has been decided to try and do work in the mining country surrounding Helena, and on Monday, Comrades Baur, Graham, and Hazlett drove up to the Pittsburg mine to see about speaking to the men at the noon hour. They were cordially received by Comrade Harris, the valiant president of the Aldridge union, which has been out on strike for a year. When the strike was settled Harris was blacklisted on account of his Socialistic propensities, and had to leave.

Arrangements were made and put up bills announcing a meeting Thursday evening at six o'clock. Thursday afternoon Comrades Hazlett and Walsh went up to the mine in an express wagon. At six o'clock the men had their supper, and the next shift did not go to work until seven o'clock so there was an hour to talk. It seems the announcement of the meeting had given to considerable discussion. We were told that the men were solid republican and had said that Mrs. Hazlett was crazy and all those other comfortable and agreeable things that the Socialist is accustomed to hear. Some of the men were so afraid to be seen listening to a Socialist speech that in that God-forsaken loneliness, they struck across the bottoms to get out of earshot. The poor deluded, ignorant slaves! But a good crowd sat down on the lumbe piles and listened to the speech, and afterwards we didn't find any sentiment in opposition. Collection \$2.36.

We had to make a rush trip down the hill in order that Comrade Hazlett might address the Workingmen's Club at nine o'clock. She entered the hall with a magnificent audience of about a dozen. The subject she had planned to discuss

was a scientific exposition of "Social control by the capitalist class" from the historical basis of the class struggle. Its discussion was impossible before such a listless struggling crowd, so she simply gave a brief outline about what she had intended presenting, and gave it up. Collection 95c. So much for the Helena "Workingmen's Club" when a few poor homeless miners on the hill could give \$2.35.

The American workingman is the most ignorant workingman in the world in regard to his true interest and condition. The workingmen of every other country know their class and eagerly listen to the treatment of economic subjects. But as soon as some capitalist takes notice of him, the American workingman thinks he is trotting in that class, and is nervous about giving any ground for the suspicion that he would take any interest in any party that wasn't bossed by the capitalists.

### Industrial Workers Of the World

If men should cease to aid each other, mankind would perish. Mutual help is one of the necessary conditions to existence. The working class labors together to produce the things to sustain life. But clearly the burden of labor falls heaviest upon the class which least enjoys its results. Producing plentifully, the workers have to live stingily; creating by their skill, ingenuity and sacrifice the wealth of the world, they are restrained by conditions from possessing wealth.

Between the workers who create and those who appropriate wealth, there is a constant struggle—a struggle of classes. Between them there can be no mutual helpfulness; they are mutually antagonistic, and their antagonisms are based upon their respective material interests in the wealth that labor creates. This conflict is not at all a matter of personal animosity or hatred. Class divisions arise from material interests.

The fact of the class struggle compels organization. Capitalists organize to protect their material class interests. Their organization has thus far proved effective. But the class struggle also compels organization of the workers. Whatever may be said of working class organizations that have hitherto been tried, it is perfectly safe to say that they are ineffective under present conditions to produce the results desired.

"New occasions teach new duties; time makes ancient good uncouth." The new conditions produced by capital industry impose upon the working class the necessity for an organization that will effectively promote its material interests.

It is to meet the changed conditions in modern industry that the Industrial Workers of the World has come into existence. To organize and weld together the wage workers in a powerful organization on the industrial field is its primary object. One of the bulwarks of capitalism is the division of labor into petty craft unions and the consequent "scabbing" of one set of workers against another. The Industrial Workers of the World is based upon the principle that the material interests of all are alike and that the true form of organization is that which includes all. An industrial union, in which are associated all the workers employed in any one industry, is the only form of organization that promises successfully to combat the aggressions of the capitalist class and put an end to the wage wars which have been fostered by the old trade unions.

In other words, the Industrial Workers of the World proposes to follow the lines of capitalistic organization. The latter in recent years has become the most effective, for controlling the economic destinies of the working class and

conserving the employing class interests, that the world has ever seen. The rule among capitalists is to organize each industry in all its branches and operations into one compact offensive and defensive alliance. The country has had ample proof of the power of such an organization. With labor organized in the same general way—all the workers in each industry being associated into one compact offensive and defensive alliance—the power of the wage earners will be vastly increased; they will become mutually helpful in a degree they have never done before and will attain that economic supremacy which is certain to come to an enlightened and revolutionary working class.

The general constitution of the Industrial Workers of the World provides for thirteen International Industrial Departments, "subdivided in industrial unions of closely kindred industries." Provision is also made for local unions. It is to invite attention to this latter feature of this organization that this circular is printed.

A local union of the Industrial Workers of the World is directly subordinate to the General Executive Board, by whom its constitution must be approved.

Ten men wishing to form a local union may do so upon application to headquarters and remitting \$10 which is the fee for a charter and full set of supplies.

Any agreement entered into between the members of a local union and their employer, to be valid and binding, must be approved by the General Executive Board.

Local unions chartered by the general administration shall pay 25 cents per member per month, together with such assessments as are provided for by the constitution. Members-at-large on moving within the jurisdiction of a local union must transfer their membership from the union-at-large to the local union.

Of the 25 cents per month paid by the members of local unions direct to headquarters, 5 cents is placed in the "defense fund" and 20 cents in the "general fund."

Local unions chartered directly by the General Executive Board are entitled to have one delegate in the annual conventions for 200 members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional 200 members, or major fraction thereof.

Two or more local unions in the same locality, with a total membership of 500, or less, may jointly send a delegate to the national conventions.

The constitution provides for one universal label for the entire organization.

All local unions must procure supplies, such as membership books, official buttons, labels, badges and stamps from the general secretary-treasurer.

Between all local unions and other organizations of the Industrial Workers of the World there shall be a free interchange of cards, and a paid-up membership card shall be excepted in lieu of initiation fee by bodies subordinate to the general organization.

When there are ten local unions with not less than 3,000 members in any one industry, the General Executive Board is empowered to call convention of that industry and proceed to organize them as an International Industrial Department of the Industrial Workers of the World.

The foregoing gives a general outline of the functions of a local union and the method of organizing the same. Any additional information will be promptly supplied on application to the undersigned.

We appeal to the workers everywhere to make this organization their own—a real, uncompromising working class organization. It is the effective means in their hands of bringing in a new system that shall make the producers of wealth masters of the tools they use and the things they make.

W. E. TRAUTMANN,  
General Secretary-Treasurer.  
CHAS. O. SHERMAN,  
President.

## E. W. Beattie N.P. Employee

E. W. Beattie is not the U. S. marshal for the district of Montana nor is Tom Carter. Beattie is the U. S. surveyor general and Tom Carter is a U. S. senator for Montana.

Why the News is calling the attention of its readers to those two individuals in connection with the crimes that are alleged to have been committed in the marshal's office will be fully understood before the subject is dropped. Some years ago and not long after McKinley's first election to the presidency, a special agent investigated the office of surveyor general and, for some reason never divulged to the fool people, why John S. M. Neill, the present owner of the Helena Independent was summarily fired from that position and E. W. Beattie appointed in his stead. Why E. W. Beattie was appointed was that E. W. Beattie had, for many years, been the agent of the Northern Pacific R. R., company and was the dark corner advisor of Tom Carter.

With Beattie as U. S. surveyor general the land grant interests of the railroad company could be properly guarded and a finger ready to enter every pie that promised a nice fat plum. That plums were numerous, large and juicy is obvious to the observing. At that time the government owned vast forests and Marcus Daly and other large mining interests wanted that timber for their mines in Butte and for commercial uses. Through Carter's "pull" with Mark Hanna and McKinley all the U. S. land offices in the state were filled with ex-members of the legislature who had voted to send Carter to the senate. The whole business was manipulated by Carter and Beattie and, then this same "pull" the other federal offices were filled with minions of this combine. Carter and Beattie selected every clerk in every office under their control and in this way built a machine which has dominated the republican party of Montana ever since.

Through the manipulation of government timber in behalf of the large mining companies the democratic party was made a part of the system. The U. S. marshal's office was filled with deputies named by Tom Carter and E. W. Beattie and when the special agent of the government discovered niggers in the woodpile with game bags full of chickens, Tom Carter and E. W. Beattie rushed to the rescue of these niggers and covered them and the chickens with a thick mantle of dusky hue. Being members of Carter and Beattie's machine it was very essential that they should be protected from the bright and burning rays of public indignation and the machine saved from annihilation. The offending U. S. deputies were allowed to resign and scatter to distant regions and enjoy not only the profits of their industry but immunity from prosecution for their alleged crimes.

The curious naturally inquire how this was all brought about. We are "on" and hasten to state that it was a full blown demonstration of the "pull" which Tom Carter, U. S. Senator from this great state of Montana, pulled in Washington. As to whether Carter and Beattie got the choice parts of the aforesaid chickens we are unable to say just now, but judging from the extent of their holdings of the feathered tribe, it is fair to assume what people generally assume under like conditions namely—. Now the News is not attempting to malign the poor miserable deputies who were so unfortunate in coming under the influence and control of Carter

and Beattie, they possibly have suffered for their misdoings if guilty, but we are after the chief miscreants who, have foisted themselves upon this great commonwealth, without the aid or consent of its citizens, and are maintaining a conspiracy fraught with all the evils attending such a devilish condition.

Carter and Beattie are the agents of the Amalgamated Copper Co., the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway companies and are hand and glove with W. A. Clark and F. Augustus Heinze, and whenever any corporation of National repute needs aid, up bobs Tom Carter and E. W. Beattie in its behalf. W. A. Clark is a candidate for reelection to the U. S. senate and it is a known fact that all the above named interests and people have agreed to secure him the necessary legislative votes. Carter's machine will lay down and let the democrats win, there is no doubt of that. The only escape is through the election of a Socialist legislature. The Socialist party is and will be the only party free from the vile touch of this terrible and rotten combine and the only force that will and can dislodge it from control of the state. So get busy comrades. Tell your friends; tell your neighbors; tell everybody of this nest of robbers who are taking the sweat of labor and reducing it to wealth. Buy bundles of the News and scatter them where these truths will take root and grow into vital results and then keep your eyes on our next issue for further comment upon the accused combine with Tom Carter and E. W. Beattie as ring masters. Write to U. S. District Attorney Rasch at Helena, Montana, and ask him why he did not prosecute those deputy marshals. Write to the strenuous President, Teddy Roosevelt, and tell him of the crime. Send him copies of the News with these articles heavily marked with blue pencil and aid in the complete exposure of the whole rotten gang. Get busy comrades!

### Pays Hotel Bill Of \$20,000 Week

The Shah of Persia, says a dispatch from London, is now at Liege. His hotel bill for a week at Ostend was \$20,000. His performances at Ostend created endless merriment. Some of them might have been devised by the leading actor in an Oriental burlesque. Every time he decended from his apartment to go for a drive his suite lined up in the vestibule, the hotel marshal came forward, rapped on the door with a stout gold-topped cane, and called out in solemn voice, "Bow down, for the president of the universe comes."

Frequently before he went out the shah would call for a glass of iced water; a dozen attendants would rush off immediately, but when they returned, each carrying a glass, the shah would refuse to drink, but would order his grand viziers to swallow the contents of half a dozen glasses.

Always suspicious, the shah invariably commands his grand vizier to taste dishes and tell him what they are like. While in Paris he was made the recipient of large quantities of pills and patent medicines which he was assured would cure him of his ailments. These he commanded various members of his suite to take and he was strict about being informed as to their effects in full detail.

The News should have at least 5,000 paid in advance subscribers. In fact it should have 10,000. It is the first labor paper that has ever stuck with the cause so long in this state.



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and when science is hindered there is friction.

When one class gets four fifths of what the producer produces, there is bound to be a commotion in the machinery of production. Why do the people persist in such a system of waste when they have in their power to change the wastefulness of which is going on? Says one, "we must have a profit," now let us get at this profit business, take the farmer to begin with, who does he get his profit off of? The local dealer most generally. There is one profit. Then who does the local dealer sell to? Who does the wholesaler sell to? To the manufacturer there is three profits made. Who does the manufacturer sell to? Most generally to the wholesaler. Who does the wholesaler sell to? The jobber. Who does the jobber sell to? To the retailer. Then who does the retailer sell to. To the consumer, and the consumer is the producer that only got one profit, but pays six profits to six different profitters who did not produce anything. Why does the producer have to pay so many different men or combines as the case may be? For the simple reason that the producer has nothing but his or her bare hands to command for themselves the necessities of life, much less a profit. By the way friend farmer, what is profit? It's a Latin word (profectus proficio) to profit; literally to proceed forward; to advance; (pro. and facio) in commerce.

The advance in the price of goods sold beyond the cost of purchase. Under that hedding of sale, the farmer would not come in on the profit deal, when according to the census report divide the selling price equally with amount of inhabitants, that is, grains and the hay crop, there is but \$16.10 per capita. Take the balance of what labor produces, it would only foot up to about \$20 per capita or a sum total of \$36.10 per capita for each farmer. Do you call that a profit for the farmers? No wonder he has been running behind when such is the case. I'm only taking the twelfth census report, for what I say in regard to the farmers condition. The figures I give are for crops that have been grown direct from the soil. Then take all animals that are owned by the people. We will take the cattle first, there were 42,403,828 cattle in the year 1902; horses 16,952,191; mules 3,032,987; asses and burros 94,165; sheep 39,852,867; swine 62,868,041. The sum total of all foots up in round numbers to 175,214,179, and that divided among the farmers

would only give them to each family 20 head in cattle, horses, sheep, swine and mules. We will say an average of \$1000 per head would only foot up to \$200,000. That is a total for all grains and stock to the amount of \$235,000 for a whole years work. There is no wonder that 35 per cent of the farmers are mortgaged and no show of them ever getting out under the present system.

The farmers homes are going nearly as fast as the days pass, and those that are in the saddle are sitting firm and are guiding their faithful asses to where they want them.

For my life I cannot see why the farmers don't awaken to the deplorable condition, we cannot say it is not so, when the figures say it is so. Says one, its the farmers fault. I agree with you brother its the farmers own fault. They have been voting the present debt system of slavery for the last thirty years, but what you wonder at is, why the farmers cannot get the wool pulled out of their eyes. But when you give it a second thought its no wonder. The farmers have been letting the slick politicians do their thinking. The politicians have been telling the farmers to be patient. It will be alright when my party gets in, democrat or republican as the case may be. Don't listen to those calamity howler Socialists. They are only advocating something impossible. Impossible! ah, well lets see. About this only impossibleness that you hear those slick politicians talk about. Is the postoffice, public roads, and United States impossible? We will admit there is graft, in the present ruling class of grafters, where the people have no show to recall an official, but if the people had the initiative, referendum and imperative mandate, there would be no show for a private individual to try to rob the people for private gain.

Did you ever study this profit business? How are all going to profit? There would be no one to profit from, if all were profitters, hence there is some that are not getting what they produce. If there is a profit made from his or her labor, why not direct all labor and have all labor at something useful instead of having some begging for something to subsist on, while others are living on the best of the land. Take the postoffice for illustration. There has not been but a couple of appropriations since the postoffice went into the hands of the government, out of the treasury department and that was in the years of '76 and '93, it has paid

its way with the exception of those years. There would be a credit in favor of the government if it were not for the forty millions of dollars that the people pay to the railroads for hauling the mail.

Are you aware that the government can take the telegraph lines any time they like; the only thing to do is to appoint appraisers to appraise the value of the property. It is provided for in the postal laws (pages 56, 57, 58, postal laws and regulations) that law was enacted July 24, 1866. The use of same for postal military or other purposes, or under this title at an appraised value to be ascertained by five competent disinterested persons, two of whom shall be selected by the postmaster general, two by the company interested and one by the four selected (R. S. P. P. 52-67,) Western Union Telegraph company June 8, 1867, Postal Telegraph company, August, 31, 1885. Ninty eight other companies which included every company ever organized have also signed it. This agreement covers every mile of privately owned line in the United States. Still you will hear people the say government cannot run a telegraph line.

The old party politicians tell that the government cannot run a railroad when in the year of our Lord 1893, the government run every road in the United States but fourteen that is proof evident, that the government can run a railroad and that in one of the greatest panics this government has ever seen (brought on by a lot of grafters and boodlers) and to break the A. R. U., union.

The democratic party has a putrid smell for the hard times of '93 and '94 and then had the audacity in 1896 to come before the people and claim under the same name (democratic) and tell the people they are a purified party, under the leadership of some other grafter, that comes before the people with a stolen platform, such as free silver, public ownership, etc.

There is no conscience in a republican or democratic politician. They will promise anything before election just to get in. Then it is the people bedammed, and it serves the mules right. That is what they are elected for, to fool the people. It is going to take a lot of shaking to shake them loose.

M. L. BAKER.

Nineteen shares on the press have been sold; there are still 131 to sell. Have you bought a share as yet?

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J. F. Mabie of Chico sends in \$1 for the Montana News.

Comrade J. M. Rector of March sends in a \$5 bill for sub cards. Why don't you all follow this example.

John Powers of Billings sends one dollar, that the News may be sent to a wayfaring party for a year.

Comrade T. F. Fabert of Stark sends in two dollars for the Montana News for himself and another poor working mule. Thanks to Comrade Fabert, and we wish some of the rest of you Socialists would take the hunch.

Frank Anderson, formerly of Stevensville, but now of Curlew, Washington, sends in three big dollars to help the work along.

**The Minister and the Widow.**

The Rev. Samuel Robbins, a brother of the late Rev. Chandler Robbins of Boston, was noted for his wit. One of his best retorts was made in Framingham Center, where forty years ago he was pastor of the Unitarian church.

He had heard that a young widow in his congregation was intending again to enter the matrimonial state, and, as he knew her very well, he broached the subject to her.

"Yes," she replied, "I feel that my little son Edward needs a father's care."

"Oho!" exclaimed Mr. Robbins. "So you're going to get married to raise Ned!"—Boston Herald.

**Capital of Ireland.**

A few years since, it will be remembered, the lord mayor of Dublin, Daniel Tallon, visited America and was feted and dined on every hand, says the New York Herald. When in Boston he was entertained at an elaborate dinner given for him by Mayor Quincy. In the small talk which followed the courses someone jestingly asked if Dublin was not the metropolis as well as the capital of Ireland. The lord mayor was ready with a reply.

"It used to be," he said, "but at present there is no question but that New York has that honor."

**Not a Masterpiece.**

A Scotch laboring man who had married a rich widow exceptional for her plainness was accosted by his employer. "Well, Thomas," he said, "I hear you are married. What sort of a wife have you got?" "Weel, sir," was the response, "she's the Lord's handiwork, but I canna say she's his masterpiece."—Harper's Weekly.

**Socialist News From National Headquarters**

Report of vote on referendum A, "Resolved, That Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee, Wisconsin be removed as a member of the national executive committee of the Socialist party for advocating the election of a republican candidate for public office. The act having been admitted and well proven." The vote stood: Yes 4,215; No 4,718. Defeated by 503 votes.

Second resolution: "Resolved, That the Social Democratic party of the state of Wisconsin be debarred from all participation in national affairs of the Socialist party until such time as they apply for and accept a charter such as all the states have accepted, and that they comply with the same conditions as all other states." The vote stood: Yes 4,518; No 4,496. Carried by a majority of 22 votes.

Local Omaha, Nebraska submits the following resolution for a national referendum: "Resolved, That the Socialist party of the United States shall endorse and support 'The Industrial Workers of the World'."

In casting my vote in the Wisconsin affair I express the views of the Rhode Island members. However, on general principles we are opposed to punitive measures, and we believe that unless some action is taken tending to restoring harmonious relation with Wisconsin, that the breach now existing will lead to the termination of the Wisconsin organization as it now exists, to the detriment of all concerned. John H. Floyd.

I have been instructed by the Illinois state executive committee to lay before you their most earnest protest against the proposed action of the national committee, as outlined by the motion offered by national committeeman, Comrade Bandlow of Ohio.

The Butte central labor council at a meeting recently went on record as opposing the Industrial Workers of the World. Well that's nothing new. Butte workmen, like the workers of other places, have scabbed at the ballot box repeatedly, and it is no wonder that they have taken the above stand. There are two many labor fakirs in the unions of Butte.

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