

MONTANA PROPAGANDA EDITION

Organization Goes Forward

Missoula Holds Grand Protest Meeting Against Idaho Conspiracy on Demonstration Day.

Mrs. Hazlett left Helena May 3 to fill the dates at Garnet. This camp is twelve miles off the main line of the Northern Pacific road, and the stage meets the train at Bearmouth. As the stage is often late getting into camp it was necessary to make the trip the day before in order to be on hand for the meeting on May 4. The speaker was met by a stalwart group of comrades, among them Comrade Stone, Thompson and others. She was taken to the hotel and the best possible comforts furnished. It snowed all the next day, but in spite of the storm the miners' union hall was full to hear the first socialist speech ever given in the place.

Boss Asks Questions.

Comrade Stone presided. Mrs. Hazlett talked on the fundamental principles of socialism. The vest-pocket boss of the republican party in Granite county was present, a German mine owner by the name of Dr. Peter Musigbrod. He has the contract for the insane asylum at Warm Springs. At the close of the address he rose to ask questions. He wanted constructive socialism, something to start off ready equipped to furnish the millenium. The idea of historical evolution from necessity seemed entirely beyond the doctor's grasp.

Burlesque in Press.

He was present again the second evening and, as though determined to do his best for the gold bugs that gave him a job, industriously asked how to boil water and melt ice under socialism, but finally could stand the fire no longer, and seizing his hat left the room amid vociferous clapping. But he had to try to get even some way, and Saturday he came out with a column article in the Powell County Call, whose ponderous German misconstruction is about the limit in unconsensuous burlesque. His interpretation of the Marxian philosophy is something fearfully and wonderfully made. His chief objection seemed to be the appearance of the lady speaker, but being an old bachelor this prejudice can be reasonably accounted for. It is with just such hashhees as this that the capitalistic demagogue meets the clear, historical, scientific position of socialism.

Women's Meetings.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Hazlett gave a talk to women. She dealt with woman's historical position of inferiority and the economic reason for it. Most of the women in the town were out, and the meeting was altogether satisfactory.

Local Organized.

At 7 o'clock in the evening a meeting was held in the office of the hotel when a local was organized, application for charter made, and action taken to begin active work in Granite county. The collections amounted to \$23.50, books sold, \$1.65, subs for the News \$8.50. The comrades divided all the expenses for hall, hotel and stage among themselves, so that the Garnet meeting was a distinct boost to the Socialist party of Montana.

At Bearmouth Comrade Hazlett met Comrade Thomason, one of our strongest men in Granite county, and who has been largely instrumental in working up the sentiment whereby a local could be organized. He has been sick with an injured hand in the hospital at Missoula, and was just returning home. He handed in a dollar for the News, and says there'll be something doing in Granite next fall.

Demonstration Day.

Sunday, May 6, Mrs. Hazlett delivered the Demonstration Day speech in the opera house at Missoula for the Industrial Workers of the World. A mob of industrialists and socialists met the train, formed into line and marched to the hotel. About 800 persons were

present in the opera house. The subject was the "Idaho Conspiracy."

Street Meeting.

Monday night the socialists held a street meeting. A large crowd stood till the end, and sufficient collection was taken to pay all expenses and leave some money in the local treasury. Fourteen sub cards were sold and considerable literature.

Forced Drive.

The next day in order to make the date at Ovando the train had to be left at Drummond at 3 o'clock, and a forced drive made of 42 miles. With a good driver and team that cost \$10, the little country place was reached in plenty of time, where our friends Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Dounhour and Brunner met the speaker. The meeting was held in the church, which was well filled. After the meeting a local was organized. Eight subs were sold, and some literature. At 5 o'clock next morning Mrs. Hazlett had to be on the road to catch the 11 o'clock train.

Two More Counties.

This brings two more counties in line, Granite and Powell. The total receipts of the trip were, \$75, 33 subs sold, \$3 worth of literature sold, and two counties organized. Expenses, were \$12.10. The sum came in handy the next day to meet the bill of the publisher to apply on press work.

GRANITE COUNTY TO THE FRONT

Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett has been here and gone. While here she organized a local of six members for a starter. She spoke at the Miners' union hall on the evenings of the 4th and 5th, and also to the women at 3 p. m. on Saturday. At no time since the union hall was built have there ever been so many people in it. Friday evening it was not filled, but Saturday evening it was, and if praise means anything Mrs. Hazlett has got it from the majority of those men and women that heard her speak at the three meetings held here. Sunday morning when the first socialist meeting in Garnet had passed into history, large and small groups of men gathered to discuss the political condition of the working class. Nearly all agreed that something must be done and that something must be wrong in our system of government; but as usual, they differed on the way it should and could be righted. Thus we got the matter discussed. The ice is broken, the course of socialism more nearly established.

Now, as a socialist local is established at Garnet, in Granite county, being the first in the county, we socialists of Garnet send greetings to socialists at Phillipsburg, Granite, Stone, Flint, Princeton, Hall, New Chicago, Drummond, Bearmouth, and other places within the county of Granite, and urge them to organize themselves into the Socialist party. Socialists do something. Now is the time to right the wrongs of the past ages which we have fallen heir to, not of our own choice, but because of the past mistakes of mankind. Let us better the conditions of humanity. Let the first genuine blessings flow from the inexhaustible fountain of socialism. Socialists, every where, work for socialism. No place is too big, none too small. Speak from all tribunes, halls of congress, pulpits, meeting places, from the steps of marble mansions, public squares, parks, street corners, cross roads and from the most important place, the soap box. Make socialism possible in our time. Repeat Marx—'Workingmen of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain.'

B. A. C. STONE.

For a Greater Montana News.

TO THE COMRADES OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF MONTANA: Capitalism is tottering on its throne. The awakening working class in all civilized countries is causing consternation in the camp of organized greed.

The cruelty and anarchy of the ruling class is crystallizing the workers into a compact class-conscious body.

Nowhere are class lines more clearly drawn than in this Rocky Mountain region, which has been selected by the ruling class to test our strength in America. The class struggle is on in earnest, war on the workers has been declared. There is no retreat for us; this conflict can never cease until one side or the other is crushed. How to meet our antagonist at the best advantage is the question. The most powerful weapon available to us in this class struggle is the press. Without the socialist press Moyer and Haywood would have been hung ere this, and all the world have believed them guilty. Here in Montana, which is likely to be the scene of the next engagement in this class war, we have the Montana News, which has already proven its usefulness in the recent campaign. But to increase its efficiency and put it on a safe and paying basis, we must have our own press.

This means an outlay of \$1,500. Already \$400 has been pledged. It is up to the membership to raise the rest and we have faith in our members to do it. Its a ground-hog case—we've got to have it.

Comrades, we can raise this money in 30 days if we just make up our minds to do it. Let every local and every member get busy at once. Get up entertainments, picnics, dances, solicit from sympathizers and above all remember the best way to raise funds is to get subscribers for the News.

This ought to be considered not a sacrifice, but a pleasure. As Comrade Debs says, "To endure for the socialist movement is not a hardship but a privilege."

Do not let a few paltry dollars stand between us and our industrial emancipation for we will never get it, nor deserve it, unless we pay for it.

All pull together now, and let us have our own press oiled and running to get out a Fourth of July edition, and steam into the campaign the coming fall pouring hot shot into the old rotten hulk of capitalism.

J. F. MABIE.
JAS. H. LYONS.
T. J. ROONEY.
RICHARD CORRIGAN.

Local Quorum.

Livingston, May 2, 1906.

Strike On at East Helena

Fifty Men Working at the Sampler Go Out on Strike for the Eight Hour Day.

The men working in the sampler at East Helena, to the number of 50, went out on strike Friday. These men are unorganized, but they refuse to work under the terms that the smelter imposes. The company wants them to work ten hours for \$2, half inside and half outside work. This is in direct violation of the state law covering smelters. The firemen are working 12 hours a day, a violation of the state law of four hours a day. Nothing said though about the criminal employer. Not an official in Montana has got sand enough to even attempt to make these rich men obey the law. And the people haven't got any power to make them do it. Yet they are beguiled by the fable that they run the government. The men employed in the samplers are mostly Austrians, and they are very determined when they know they have been wronged. They demand eight hours all around and \$2. The company has been unable to replace the men, although it has issued statements to the contrary. When the whistle would blow no one but the bosses would show up. The capitalist is a helpless man without a slave. The company then posted notices in all saloons requesting the men to report for duty. The notice further noted that if the men wished eight hours the pay would be \$1.60. Not a man showed up, and the company can't get them, because no men will work for such outrageous wages. They threatened that they would shut down the smelter and that is probably what they will do, as this company is noted for never giving up to its men. Exactly the same game is on at the Pueblo smelter in Colorado. The men are told if they want eight hours they must have their wages cut accordingly. The employers say the men want ten hours pay for

eight hours work. The fact of the matter is the men have been getting two hours' pay for ten hours' work, according to the estimated value of the product. All the rest is absolutely stolen from them, and it is the height of impertinent gall to say they want eight hours' pay for ten hours' work. If they got that they would get \$8 a day, which they should have. But now they are only asking for a little more of the product, which should belong to them completely, that they may live a little more civilized existence.

Every man in the state capital, from Governor Toole on the democratic ticket to the attorney general on the republican ticket, was elected on a platform declaring for the eight-hour day in all mines, mills and smelters, and on all municipal and state works. Workingmen, behold your traitors!

The following referendum has been sent to the party membership:

Article VII, Sec. 2, State Constitution Socialist Party of Montana: "Railroad fare and hotel expenses of delegates to state nominating and special conventions shall be paid from the state treasury, and such expenses shall be raised by a per capita assessment on the entire membership."

In accordance with the foregoing, the local quorum submits the following to a referendum of the party members.

"Shall an assessment of \$1.00 per capita be levied on the entire membership? Locals to raise this money in any manner they see fit by July 1, 1906."

Local secretaries will not count any votes cast after May 30.

No member whose dues are over three months in arrears is entitled to vote.

JAS. D. GRAHAM, State Sec.

Quorum Proceedings

Executive Board Wades Through a Large Amount of Business in Two Days' Session.

Livingston, Mont., April 29.—Meeting called to order by the state secretary. Motion made by Mabie, seconded by Rooney, that Comrade Corrigan be chairman of session; carried.

The question of speakers for the summer campaign, the territory to be covered by them, and the unorganized districts to be invaded was thoroughly discussed.

It was decided to concentrate the efforts of the state organization on Fergus, Jefferson, Madison, Flathead, Granite, Missoula, Powell and Silver Bow counties.

Communications from Tofilo Petriella relating to dates was read.

Motion made and carried, that secretary request the national office to route Comrade Tofilo Petriella, an Italian organizer into Montana after he is through with South Dakota.

Motion made and carried that state secretary arrange with Comrade Petriella to tour the state and organize the Italians.

The tour of Montana by John Collins, national organizer, together with the conflict of dates made for other speakers was thoroughly discussed, and the communications which passed between the national and state secretaries in the Collins tour were read.

Motion made and carried. In order to avoid conflicts in dates of speakers, that the national secretary be requested not to route any more speakers through Montana, except under auspices of local quorum of the state of Montana.

It was decided that the best way to clear up the conflicting dates for speakers, was for the national secretary to allow the state secretary to change Collins' dates, and route him while in this state. Motion made and seconded that secretary communicate with Comrade Barnes, advising change of dates for Comrades Collins to suit local conditions, and to extend his time in this state ten days, state to pay \$1.50 per day and entertainment for extra time in the state. Carried.

Communication from Lena Morrow Lewis was read requesting dates in Montana. Motion made and carried that the national secretary be requested to route Comrade Lena Morrow Lewis towards Montana, so as to enter the state not later than July 10 and state secretary be instructed to write Comrade Lewis the terms under which we route speakers. Carried.

Communications from May Beals were read. Motion made and carried, in view of the fact that National Organizer Lena Morrow Lewis is to be in Montana, and Comrade Hazlett available for lectures, together with the high cost of transportation from Tennessee, that we do not accept the offer of Comrade May Beals under these circumstances.

The question of keeping Ben Wilson in the state was next taken up, and secretary was instructed to keep Comrade Wilson in the state as long as he could secure dates and finance to keep him going.

Communication from the national secretary was read, offering Comrades Cowen and Floaten for work in Montana, but owing to the routes by which it was expected that they could reach the state, it was decided not to accept Comrade Barnes' offer unless the speakers could come in over the Great Northern.

Motion made and seconded, that secretary communicate with James O'Neal and find out when he can come to Montana, if dates are suitable to engage him. Carried.

Motion made and seconded, that secretary communicate with Comrade Buzzell of Kalispell for information relative to work in Flathead county.

Committee reported auditing state secretary's and treasurer's books, and

find same correct with \$32.72 in treasury, as per monthly financial reports.

The question of raising funds for paying the delegates expenses to the state convention was discussed, and it was estimated that at least \$300 would be required.

Motion made and seconded, in order to raise money to pay delegates' expenses to state convention, we recommend an assessment of \$1 per capita, locals to raise this money in any manner they see fit, any time before July 1, 1906, and that state secretary submit same to a referendum of the party members. Carried.

The subject of creating a fund for paying campaign expenses of the state candidates was next taken up, and it was the consensus of opinion that all our finances should be used on organizing at this time. Motion made and seconded, that owing to the many pressing demands for finance at the present time, the question of raising finance to defray candidates' expenses be laid over. Carried.

The secretary was authorized to issue coupon books and special stamps to secure funds to carry on the summer campaign.

The equipping of the Montana News and enlarging same to an eight-page paper then took up the attention of the meeting.

A canvass of the material and stock on hand was made, and it was decided to raise at once \$1,500 to further equip the plant, and enable us to enter into the fall campaign with better newspaper facilities.

The secretary was instructed to issue subscription blanks with a call for donations to apply on the equipment of the News.

A suggestion was made to the quorum that the locals be taxed pro rata, according to their membership, same to be used in increasing the efficiency of the News, but this was considered unadvisable at this time, as was also the question of creating an initiation fee for new members, same to apply on a year's subscription to the News.

The offer of Comrade Willett of Helena to take the field in soliciting donations for the purpose of installing a press, was then considered, and it was decided to accept Comrade Willett's offer, and the following motion was made and seconded: That secretary give Comrade Willett credentials and whatever assistance necessary. Carried.

It was decided to try and secure the services of Comrade Lorraine Freeman of Bozeman to give piano recitals to raise funds for press.

Financial Report.

The local quorum issues the following statement in regard to receipts. This does not include receipts of speakers or Montana News receipts. These reports will be ready later on, also the reports of disbursements. The following covers simply the state headquarters, from May 1, 1905 to May 1, 1906: Dues, \$789.30. Special stamps, \$81.50. Donations, \$222.20. Sale of supplies, \$8.85. Collected on old debt, \$36.85. Surplus on lectures, \$11.50. Sale of literature, \$22.25. Donations to Russian revolutionary fund, \$12.15.

EAST HELENA MEETING.

Saturday night Comrades James and Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Hazlett went out to East Helena and held a street meeting. The samplers were on strike, and not all the smelter furnaces working, so that there was a good crowd in attendance. Mrs. Hazlett raked the men for being too cowardly to join the union, only 20 belonging out there. A collection of \$3.50 was taken and some literature sold.

Workmen Attention!

MRS. HAZLETT

Will hold a street meeting at Clancy, Saturday Evening, May 19. Subject, "The Idaho Conspiracy." All Socialists are requested to be on hand, as new officers for the local are to be elected

The Red Flag of Brotherhood.
 What banner is flung to the fair morning breeze—
 A challenge to tyrants, defiance to wrong!
 It laughs mid the flowers, it flames from the trees,
 The nations behold it and break into song.
 The red flag of brotherhood,
 Long may it wave
 O'er a wide world of freemen,
 The good and the brave.

How lovely its color—it brightens the gleam
 Of the glad face of nature and sweetens her smile.
 It ripples and swells o'er the answering stream,
 With its glory resplendent for mile upon mile.
 The red flag of brotherhood,
 Long may it wave
 O'er a world never cursed
 With the moan of a slave.

O, brothers, look up; tis your banner that flyeth.
 O, raise the glad shout to the ends of the earth.
 'Tis the Poem of nations; the labor curse dyeth.
 The Hope of Humanity travails to birth.
 And the red flag of brotherhood
 Joyously waves,
 O'er the triumph of love,
 O'er the bitter past's graves.
 —IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

National News

The New York state convention will be held June 2. It is prophesied that the convention will be the largest ever held by the party in the state.

Massachusetts has 100 locals in good standing.

The Finnish comrades of Hibbing, Minn., propose to build an opera house costing several thousand dollars, in order that they may have a permanent meeting place.

Comrade Fred Schwartz, the county organizer of Allegheny county, Penn., the county in which Pittsburgh and the great steel works are situated, sends out a stirring appeal for systematic action. Among other things he says: "Candidates for every office in this county have been nominated, also candidates in every one of the congresses, state, senatorial and legislative districts. Comrades, as our campaign is one of education, it follows that we must begin right now. In fact, our campaign never ceases, but we must put forth every energy to enlighten our fellow-workers. Thousands and thousands of pieces of literature must be distributed, but it must be a judicious distribution. "The police of Pittsburgh are making an attempt to obliterate free speech. This shows what a 'good old reform administration' is. "But it is not likely that the socialists will quit—not much! We know why, but it won't do any harm to poster Mayor Guthrie with a lot of letters and ask him why he is trying to stop our meetings."

The socialist movement is receiving an unprecedented impetus. It looks as though the working class was beginning to catch on to the game that has been practiced upon them. Dr. George Maxim, Russian revolutionist, and member of the socialist party, upon his arrival in New York, where he made his first appearance to speak, was met by such thousands of people that the doors of the Grand Central palace had to be locked, and he was compelled to address an immense overflow meeting.

The following speakers are now filling dates under the national organization: James H. Brower, in Texas; Jas. T. Carey, in Michigan and Indiana; E. E. Carr, in Pennsylvania; John Collins, South Dakota; Isaac Cowen, Michigan; Sol Fieldman, New England; J. L. Fitts, North Carolina; A. H. Floaten, Iowa; Alex Halownen, Michigan; Gertrude Breslan Hunt, Indiana; Mrs. Lena Morrow Lewis, Arizona; Arthur Morrow Lewis, Colorado; William Mally, Indiana; Guy Miller, Tennessee; Herman F. Titus, Idaho; Samuel Robbins, Indiana; M. W. Wilkins, Connecticut; John M. Work, Indian Territory.

The socialist state convention of Tennessee was held at Nashville April 29, twelve locals being represented a full state ticket was nominated, headed by John M. Ray for governor. An application has been forwarded for a state charter. Comrade J. T. McDill, 469 Humphrey street, Nashville, elected state secretary.

The state convention of South Dakota will be held at Sioux Falls, June 5th.

A monster meeting was held at Wallace, Idaho, addressed by Comrade Her-

man F. Titus. This is the very center of the famous bull-pen district. The capacity of the hall in which the meeting was held is 400, and nearly as many were turned away. David C. Coates presided. The collection amounted to \$107, \$50 of which was applied to the defense fund, and \$15 to the national agitation fund.

The Rhode Island socialist convention was held May 3, at Woonsocket, National Organizer Sol. Fieldman being present, a full state ticket was placed in the field.

"The Statesman," the avowed mouthpiece of the prosecution at Boise, Idaho, is now asking its readers not to listen to friends of the accused and not to read anything that is favorable to Moyer, Heywood or Pettibone.

Fine electrotypes, photo size of Comrades Moyer and Haywood can be secured at the national office, price 75 cents each, delivery free.

The national committee pamphlet on the Colorado-Idaho kidnapping outrage is ready for shipment, price \$1 per thousand, delivery free. This is a document replete with facts and gives in brief the history of the contest between the mine owners and the workers. It is a document which should be placed in the hands of every workingman. It should be distributed by the millions. Every local should distribute them. Order now.

The Wisconsin state convention will be held in Milwaukee June 2. The branches of the state have been called upon to make nominations for a state ticket. From these nominations the convention will choose a state ticket. Each branch will have one delegate-at-large and one additional delegate for every 100 votes or major fraction thereof in the respective ward or township of the branch.

Comrade Barney Berlyn, of Chicago, one of the oldest and most active socialists in the nation, is seriously ill with an affection of the eyes. He has been a member of the national executive committee for many years, and even his temporary retirement from service would be felt as a great loss to party activity.

The mother of Comrade Debs passed away at the age of 77 (at her home in Terre Haute. She leaves a husband and four children, two sons, Eugene and his brother, Theodore, and two daughters, all of Terre Haute, to mourn her loss. The sympathy of socialists throughout the country will be extended to Comrade Debs in his bereavement.

In Racine, Wis., the Bohemian socialists daily has more subscribers than the Bohemian capitalist paper.

The Toledo Socialist has issued a beautiful souvenir pamphlet of the May Day festival held in Toledo. It contains various valuable data on May Day, the Socialist party, "The Marseillaise," pictures of Marx, Engels, and Liebknecht, and other matter to make it a very attractive souvenir.

At the protest meeting against the Idaho outrage, held in the Grand Central palace in New York city, a distinguished personel in socialist circles filled the program. Madame Gorky and Dr. Maxim Gregory were the chief speakers. Others were Hugh A. Pentecost, Lucian Sanial, Alexander Jones, John C. Chase, Morris Hilquit, George R. Kirkpatrick.

Allegheny county, Penn., has a strenuous way of insuring a good attendance of her county central committee. The delegates are notified by the secretaries as to the time of meeting. If they are not on hand at roll call they are marked absent, and those absenting themselves from three consecutive meetings are dropped from the rolls, and their locals notified to elect new delegates.

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All Socialists should subscribe for the News.

International

The workmen held a great demonstration in Russia on May 14, the Russian May Day according to the old calendar. Two hundred thousand men quit work, and joined the demonstrations. Vice Admiral Kuzmich was assassinated for attempting to interfere with the demonstrations.

The German socialists are organizing the young boys too young to enter the army, with the object of preparing them for activity in the trade union and socialist movements. A monthly magazine has been founded as the organ of the movement.

In the recent elections at Copenhagen 20,000 votes were polled for the socialist ticket as against 16,000 for the anti-socialist, giving an increase of 1,000 votes.

The socialists are still continuing to have victories in Britain. In the Shetlands three candidates were elected on the school board.

Reports from the recent elections in France show that the socialist party has made large gains.

All the socialist members of the chamber of deputies in Italy have resigned as a result of the refusal of the chamber to discuss the bill presented by their party, providing for the regulation of the use of arms on the part of the police and troops. They have issued an address to the country. The chamber refused to accept the resignation.

The outrageous treatment inflicted upon Mille Spiridonova, who killed the chief of the military at Tamboff for the horrors he had dealt to the people, are stirring the whole civilized world to revolution against such nameless atrocities. She stands as one more with the heroines and heroes who are glad to lay down their lives for Russian freedom.

The seamstresses of Prague have brought things to a standstill through a strike. A few weeks ago 2,000 of them struck for a 5 per cent increase, extra pay for overtime, fixed wage tariff, 10-hour day, 5 o'clock closing on Saturdays and holidays and Sundays. Almost half the employers have yielded.

Henry Meister, one of the oldest German socialists and the representative of Hanover in the Reichstag, has recently died. He was one of the oldest survivors of the unions which La Salle founded. He had been a socialist deputy ever since 1884, and was called the "King of Hanover."

The Labor Leader has an article on the strike in the French postoffice, in which strong evidence is shown that no socialist can be a member of a capitalist government. It is said that unless the strike is ended to the satisfaction of the strikers or M. Briand, the socialist minister, retires from the government experience will teach that there can be no variations from this rule. The government uses a bitter hand against the strikers, and the socialists in the cabinet can do nothing.

The New Zealand government has undertaken the business of retailing the coal obtained from the state mines.

Rosa Luxembourg, imprisoned at Warsaw, will be tried before a military court. She was living quietly at Warsaw, engaged in literary work, and her presence was only known to a few of the revolutionists. One of these must have turned informer.

The socialists and trade unionists of Holland have formed a combination by which they will work together to carry on an aggressive political campaign.

Berlin socialists have commenced a movement to organize all domestic women servants. Women organizers and speakers have been engaged to carry on the work.

The meetings of the new councils of the empire have been broken up in Russia by the soldiers. This action is the most autocratic which has occurred in months, and has aroused the indignation of the workmen to such an extent that violent disturbances are expected on the opening of the duma.

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Women's Clubs

(Continued from last week.)

WOMAN'S INTEREST.
 But is woman altogether without blame in this matter? She has been flattered on the one hand with phrases like this: "The hand that rocks the cradle shapes the destiny of the world," and "The American women are the wittiest, the most intelligent, and the most beautiful of all nations," and on the other hand she is made to believe that she is deficient in intellect, and so not capable to assist in planning or deciding about municipal or other government matters. She has been hypnotized, as it were, into the belief that politics are so wonderfully intricate, and so allowed herself to be placed below the negro, or even below the worthless bum.

But suppose that we now wake up, brush aside such though habits and traditions, and put on our thinking caps, and do really think a little for ourselves, without borrowing a single thought or sentiment from those whose well paid business it is to be ever ready to supply us with ready prepared thoughts and ideas.

So now in regard to this statement, "The hand that rocks the cradle shapes the destiny of the world," strip it of all flattery, and look only on the truthful side and it might as well be acknowledged that woman can make of herself a most tremendous influence; if she unites her power with others for any certain cause or object. And when she once realizes that most of her happiness and well being, as well as that of those near and dear to her, her home and her country depends on politics, or rather the principle or lack of principle, with which politics control and shape the affairs of the individual, the home of the nation; when she once realizes this fact, then there can hardly anything arouse her just indignation as when any hireling of whatever his calling would attempt to force upon her any notions, to mislead or keep her in the dark any longer.

Common Craft.
 It is a common saying even amongst old parties that from the president down to the janitor every man is trying to do another. It is any surprise then to anyone, that under such influence the present system of government is one of exploitation, graft and grossest crime?

Now, if we care at all about our happiness and the well-being of those whom we love, then we can no longer remain indifferent to certain unpalatable truths, a few of which we will consider here today. There is, for instance, this system of profit to contend with, adulterations in foodstuffs, shoddy clothing, and deceptions in most all and everything which we must buy and hand over our honestly gotten money for. Even such things as life-savers have proven to a most frightful degree that they were such only in name, and that they contained lead instead of cork; and because lead is cheaper than cork the manufacturers had no scruples for the sake of a few cents more profit, to cause thereby the drowning of over a thousand women and children on an excursion steamer.

Baby Murdered.
 Let us take a glance into a household. Mother sees her darling grow thin and pale; she takes the best of care and time and gives him the food that she believes would make him strong and healthy, but it proves death-dealing instead. He smiles no longer up into her face and the icy fingers of death are closing around him and—yes, it is all over, the pure and innocent baby soul has flown. And there is the usual heart-breaking grief and sorrow in the house of death. The poor father had planned that on pay day, if perchance he had work he would get some necessary piece of furniture or perhaps some badly needed clothing for the family. But, alas, he must pay the expenses for sorrow and death instead. Our sympathy may go out to this family, but when similar cases are occurring thousands of times, it is quite common and we take it as a matter of course.

Embalm Milk.
 A few milkmen are still honest. They try hard to make ends meet, take time to handle the milk in a cleanly manner and sell it unadulterated. But the majority of them seem to consider it out of the question under this competitive system, and so, left over milk with embalming fluid and other adulterations are dealt out to the public. And so with other food stuff, it is asserted that manufacturers employ salaried chemists to experiment as to what adulterations might profitably be mixed with various foods, and that while some are comparatively harmless, others are decidedly poisonous. The same unscrupulous methods go on in the packing houses and salmon canneries, where cattle and fish that have died beforehand are dressed, seasoned and, with a supply of chemicals, packed and canned just the same as the meats that pass through the proper killing process. Is it to be wondered

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State Department

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We print a recent letter from Comrade Ben Wilson:

Berkeley, Cal., May 6.—Owing to the strain and excitement of the past two weeks I just now discover I have failed to mail you two letters which I wrote you several days ago. I have just found the letters in my grip. An oversight which I trust you will excuse.

I shall return soon to Idaho and expect to be in a position to open the Montana work on or about June 1. I will know definitely within a few days and will write you definitely of once.

Mrs. Wilson and baby, also J. Stitt and family escaped injury in the earthquake. It was terrific.

Will write you again in a few days. Faithfully yours,

BENJ. F. WILSON.

Dr. G. A. Willigt has offered his services to tour the state and raise the \$1500 for a full equipment of the Montana News plant, to enable us to issue an eight-page paper, and properly handle our coming campaign. Dr. Willigt is well known to the socialists throughout the state, and at one time held the office of state secretary of the party. He expects to take the northern trip first, visiting Great Falls, Havre, Fort Benton and Glasgow. We are sure that the comrades will do all in their power to make his visit both pleasant and profitable.

Comrade Herman Schnick, of Lewistown, was in Helena last week attending a convention of the Red Men. He brought good news from Fergus county. The locals are in fine shape there, and have already got the politicians querying around as to what they mean to do this fall. Comrade Schnick bought \$1.60 of literature, and spread around sundry bits of good cheer for the News staff.

Comrade Rutherford, of East Helena dropped in several days ago and left \$2.00 for the equipment fund. He says the boys out there are feeling good towards the News because of its exposure of the atrocities at Hauserlake, and we are liable to hear something drop before long. It is in these smelter hell-holes of capitalism that the slaves know that they are helplessly under the machine, and a good many of them are getting the dawning consciousness that they must own the machine.

Comrade James Morgan sends us the printing of the pit rules for the mine workers at Dietz, Wyo. He states that a socialist local has recently been organized at that point with 30 members.

On the 5th of April Comrade Hiram Platt, of Como, sent us \$15 to complete the amount lacking to purchase a motor for the job press. In the accompanying letter Comrade Platt says: "In case this motor has to be replaced by a larger one, all I ask is to be permitted to bid on it, to buy the other \$50 investment, as against any other bidder."

As has been stated before, \$65 was pledged to buy a motor to run the job press. But even before Comrade Platt's donation arrived it had become

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socialists in the state were interested in increasing the membership of the party.

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Comrade Hudson, of Local Dean, keeps sending in a sub now and then.

The following letter from Red Lodge speaks for itself, and is a commentary on two organizations trying to do business in the same territory:

"At a meeting of the local held last night, it was decided to ask you to get the dates of John Collins changed or cancelled, if necessary, and have Ben Wilson sent here instead for a period of two weeks if possible, or else for such length of time that we can have him.

"Of course, we also like to have John Collins if we can have him later on. Our idea is this: That Ben Wilson could take a trip over the county in company with some comrades here and speak at such places and institute locals where they are needed.

"As I understand it, Collins is billed to speak at Red Lodge and Dean. Of course, it would not hurt to have a speaker here, but we can take care of Red Lodge, and Dean is all right.

"We want speakers and organizers where there are no socialists or locals in the county—that's where it counts the most. So if possible, send Wilson down here. Then if you can send Collins later on, all right. Now let us know about this matter immediately.

We also decided to take our dates for speakers henceforth from you, and to inform the national committee to that effect in order to avoid confusion. I was also instructed to order two dozen resignation blanks which you will please forward."

Comrade Comerford sends in \$3 for stamps. He says they had a big meeting on May 6, and added three new members with plenty of pluck. He writes:

"Comrade King was here with us and delivered an address. He is good. He starts out on his county trip tomorrow. He could only find four socialists in Pony when he spoke there. I was sure he could not do much there. They are looking up for the cause around this neck-o'-the-woods. I hope we will be able to hold a rousing convention this fall which will make the grafters tremble."

A correspondent sends in the following criticism in regard to Great Falls local. Great Falls can take notice and see if the criticism is merited:

"Great Falls local of the Socialist party, to my mind, conducts its meetings for socialists only. This method of conducting meetings is the cause of so slow a growth, and so little interest, to my mind."

Chestnut is doing things since Comrade King was there. Secretary Redfield sends in \$7.65, \$3.50 for a set of secretary's books, \$1 for organization fund, and \$3.15 for dues. He reports that five new members were taken in, and five more took out application cards, and will likely come in. He sends for 25 more membership cards.

Comrade Comerford writes in regard to Comrade King:

"We had a good meeting here on the 1st. Comrade King gave a masterly explanation of the socialist position. His speech is praised to the echo here. It was needed, as some queer notions had crept into a good many people's minds around here in regard to the aims of the movement. I think we will get some new members as a result of his meeting."

The following letter from Garnet shows they mean business there. It is from Comrade Stone, the organizer of the new local:

"Enclosed please find application blank filled out for charter. Comrade Hazlett organized us. With the charter I wish you would send all the necessary blanks used by the local officers, the membership cards, due cards, etc., ten copies of the constitution, and a suitable book for recording the proceedings of the meetings. The enclosed \$8 is for the dues first, and then for the supplies. When I get them I will turn them over to A. T. Leeser. Send bill of account."

Comrade Jas. E. Whatley, a wholesale dealer of Spokane, who has been handling the health drink 'Nutrito,' writes us:

"We are pleased to note regarding the circulation of the News that it is going into more postoffices than any other paper in the state, which is something for which the management and also the comrades in general need to be congratulated. Let the good work go on, for if we can only get the right kind of literature thoroughly distributed we will soon carry the fort."

Local Billings seems to have gone completely to smash. We get word from there that the members all seem to be afraid of their jobs, and will not attend meetings, that the recording

secretary stays away with the books for over a month, and that the revolution from capitalism has no defenders in that burg. This is certainly a bad reputation for the working men in a town the size of Billings. We ought to be able to scare up some one there with a little independence.

As an example of what we don't want, we have got hold of a little bit of information that we think serves as a warning and calls for a mild reproof. In one of the towns of the state where a socialist ticket was running several of the candidates got sore because they were not elected, and showed a disposition to shirk on the election bills. This is so directly opposed to the whole socialist attitude that it shows that these comrades must advance a long way in the idea of sacrifice, and determined and persistent revolt against class rule before they comprehend the power and magnificence of the international socialist movement. In this town the vote was exceedingly good considering the circumstances. The comrades there are poor and few, but they made a noble fight for justice and manhood and right, and the opportunity of their class. The defeated comrades must realize that they are building for the future, that every vote for socialism is taking a prop from under the rotten capitalist system, and they should be proud that they are permitted to be of the soldiers of the historic proletarian revolution.

Comrade Roberts, secretary of Local Big Timber, sends in his monthly report card, and an order for some constitutions. He says he sells stamps ahead of time up to the first of the year, as it is almost impossible to collect dues every month, as the members are so scattered.

Frank Johnson, of Rimini, sends in a dollar for the News.

Comrade Griffith, of Canyon Ferry, sends four dollars, three for subs for the News, and one for Appeal subs.

We are in receipt of a letter from Comrade Platt of Como, that is so unique in its information regarding strenuous agitation, that we publish it in spite of the comrade's warning. If every one who has the ability would exert himself for the spread of socialism as much as Comrade Platt we should have a rapid spread of socialist understanding. Here is a part of the letter:

"Since writing last I have held a meeting at Camas school house, about 15 present. And last night went to Sleeping Child school house, having sent a Round Robin the day before, with instructions to have it read in school by the teacher. She failed to get it, and therefore failed to send it on its journey, and I filled my appointment anyhow. Here was the program carried out to the letter. You can laugh, but don't expose me. Supper at home, 5:30 horse and buggy and delightful drive, arriving at 7 p. m. Built a fire, lit a lamp after borrowing a chimney, sat down and began my first speech to an empty house at 7:30 p. m. A couple of men from Hamilton going home noticed the light and called to see what was up. I said I was holding a socialist meeting and invited them to come in either now or after supper. When about half through one of the trustees of the district living close by came in and sat me out with evident interest. So much so that by his advice and consent I wrote on the black board, intending it for a black and white robin:

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That ought to wake up the Sleeping Child, and make the copy book of some account.

"Oh, well, a moonlight ride after so much excitement and a good warm fire to toast my feet at at both ends of the string aint so bad after all. I have had harder experiences many a time. Come and try it. I can chaperone you among the Lumber Jacks, and if you can make them believe they are living in palaces they will ante up for a paper or two, maybe."

H. E. Woodruff, of the Stevensville local, sends in \$1.75, \$1.50 for dues for May, and 25 cents for membership cards and primary law leaflets. He says he thinks he sees a little wave that indicates the awakening of the local, that they ought to be rested, as they have slept long enough.

Ravali county wants to get busy. The fall campaign is coming on.

Comrade Mabie is in trouble again. Here is what he says in a letter to Comrade Graham:

"Do you know of any law against scattering literature or advertising matter in cars? If there is one, I had better look a little out. This morning I came over to the train early. There was no one in the cars, so deposited my bundles and scattered the Rescue Appeal in the seats of both coaches. Then I went up town again and when I came back on time every man in the cars was up to his ears in the Moyer and Haywood case. When Clark came through he tumbled at the first glance and went through the coach and gathered up the papers that were still lying on the seats, and stuffed them in the coal box. But we got all the passengers and will get the fellow who fills the coal box. And if there is any law against that I had better look out or they will get me. Bit if they do I will get the jury, and if they send me to jail I'll convert every inmate there—so there you are.

"Fred Cohen was here when I got back. I took him over to the train this afternoon and he went to town. He expects to go to work on the concrete work, and says if he does he will donate one week's work to the press fund. It might be well to mention in the News that some comrades have pledged a week's work. Jack gave me his renewal for News. Enclose money order herewith. He insists on paying the dollar. I was sorry to come home before Campbell's funeral, but I am afraid my trees will die now before I get water on them. What I can save by coming home will be worth more to the living than my presence there to the dead. I am swamped

with work, Jim, but what I have to do is a picnic compared to your task. But try and not worry, Jim, and you can pull it through if any one can."

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