

State Department

In order to keep your section of the community thoroughly posted on what the Socialist Party is doing in Montana during the campaign, and let the ignorant know there is some other party besides those engineered by the Amalgamated, each local should take weekly bundles of the News from now on till after election next fall. To any individual or local contracting for these bundles we will furnish them at the rate of \$2 for ten copies per week till after election. Larger bundles will be at the same rate. That is 100 copies a week will cost \$20 from now till after election. Order your bundles early so you can be educating your neighborhood.

M. J. Ghent sends for a subscription to the News for the Rand school.

Lewistown reports \$58 raised on News equipment fund.

Mable writes that he has \$21 paid in on the press fund, and some more subscribed.

Comrade Platt and Local Como are making great preparations for the socialist outing at Lake Como.

E. J. Bjorneby, treasurer of Local Kalispell, sends in \$6 for stamps. That's what makes the wheels go round.

Comrade Henry Hagen, of Fort Benton, sends us a check for \$15.50, \$5.50 to be applied for subs and the rest for the press fund.

Comrade Rooney of Livingston writes: "Enclosed find receipt for 40 due stamps. Please send me 40 more at once while the fever is on. I am sending 7 sub cards tonight. Better send me ten more cards."

Thomas Burns of Billings sends in \$3 for subs, and \$2 for subs of Montana News. He feels discouraged because out of a membership of 41 only 9 turned out at a meeting. So it is comrades, but keep right on. So it is no place to quit. Election is coming.

Comrade King is filling dates at Ovando, Helmsville and Garnet by request of these points for a speaker. The state organization is aiming to supply demands for workers whenever they come in. The secretary has asked the national office for two more speakers.

George Boyd of Billings sends us two names of persons who subscribed for this paper through Traynor and are not getting it. We are doing our best to get his paper to every one who has subscribed for it, and we are particularly anxious to know of all cases where this is not being done. Send us in word and we will make it right.

Billings is coming to the front very rapidly. Comrade John Powers sends \$6 for due stamps and reports, "Our membership in the local at present is 43, with 25 paid up to date. This trouble in Billings is helping the local. Workingmen will soon find out strikes are no good. Let the workingmen fight with ballots. Then they will win and not before."

Collins writes from Norris: "My second meeting at Bozeman was very good, I had a better crowd, and the night was somewhat warmer than the night before. I got up at five to catch the train to this point. It was late but I got here on time. I had to

speak outside here, and it was blowing and very cold, so the meeting was small."

Local Ovando sends in 75 cents dues, and \$1.10 for supplies, also reports for May and June. Secretary Brunner writes: "We held a meeting June 17th at Comrade Downhour's house. Two more had spoken to join but bad weather prevented their attendance. We are handicapped by not having a central place to meet as we are living so far apart. We want another speaker about July 15th."

We are sorry to record that Comrade Mable met with a painful accident recently. While trying a new horse it showed wonderful accomplishment in the bucking line, fell over on him backwards, and he was crushed under the horn of the saddle. He was able to get up and get around, and although painfully injured, we hope the matter may not prove serious.

Great Falls sends in an order for \$16.50, \$6 paid in pledges from Comrades McDermott, Seallon and Rol, \$6 for stamps, and \$4 for their pet care, a salary fund. That is always credited to the state organization fund.

The local meets every Sunday evening at the small labor union hall, corner First Avenue South and Sixth Street.

Comrade Mable writes that Collins spoke at Fridley June 15 to a small audience, not a member of the local out. Ah, yes, we're ready for the revolution. It was said to be a first class meeting nevertheless. The comrade says he was sure that there were only two who came from idle curiosity, and that a good impression was made on all; collection \$1.60. Mable, with his usual fatherly care of speakers, saw that Comrade Collins got to the Chico Hot Springs for a plunge.

Comrade Collins writes: "I wish we had socialists like Mable and Rooney in every town. There would be some work done then. We had a very nice little meeting at Fridley. At Livingston went to the shop and met a few of the boys, but did not get a chance to talk on the street as it rained too hard. I got a few together in the socialist hall, and gave them a talk. At Gardner I held a meeting on the street, but it was bitter cold, and my voice gave out."

Secretary Kaelitz of Clancy writes as follows in regard to Nelson's meetings: "Comrade Benj. F. Wilson came spoke and is gone again, and left behind many thinking on what he said. He is a fine speaker and knows how to present the subject in such a way as to count. If in any way possible we want him again and promise a good crowd, although we had a good crowd,

and collected \$4.75, we will have a still larger one next time. Let us know at once the date that John Collins is to be here, so we can get he bills out."

Comrade Corrigan, member of the Local Quorum, writes from Bozeman: "We had Comrade Collins two nights speaking here in Bozeman. He did give it to the capitalists in good shape. But the crowd was without manners. The laboring men of Bozeman are all capitalists if they can only get five days work in the month. When they are at a socialist meeting they have one eye on the speaker and another on the master."

Comrade Friel of Chestnut writes in regard to the Collins meeting: "Comrade Collins meeting here was a great success. We had a large attendance and everybody listened attentively. Collins explained what socialism is. He showed why the labor and capitalist interests are not the same. He also showed why every wage earner should be a socialist and belong to the party of his class. Collins is surely all right, and we would like to have him here again before he leaves the state. The collections amounted to \$6.10."

We are ready for Ben Wilson when it is possible for him to come. We want more speakers. Our local is growing. We have 14 dues paying members and seven applications.

Collins made several socialists while here. It pays to have men like him in the field. It is too bad there are not more."

Comrade Cessler writes in regard to Glasgow, where a letter was sent on the dues question: "As for making report, you know that we are run to death and have no time to attend meetings, no matter how much we would like to. (They are all railroad men.) There are a few class-conscious socialists here that pay dues, and I'd give more for one of them than I would for the whole shooting match that say they are socialists, and then if they give up 50 cents for the cause they expect to be patted on the back. If we don't do the work on the road some one else will, but I don't suppose it would be any worse for us to go hungry than it would for some one else. We can't all work all the time under this system. We are going back to Indiana and Illinois, and when we return I am going to try and attend the state convention if I can get my leave of absence extended."

There is a great activity since the speakers and organizers are at work. Comrade Donhour writes from Ovando: "Our charter arrived a week ago Saturday allright. We held a meeting this, the 19th, today, at our home, thinking it would give the members a better chance to attend. Our local has the prospect of looking good, and as soon as we can get to meeting in Ovando we look for some new members. We wish a speaker for the 27th, 28th and 29th, to speak two nights in Ovando, and one in Helmsville. We want to meet the speaker at Drummond or Garnet. It is only a day's drive to either place. If we meet him at Gardner we can take him out by way of Drummond, or either way, whichever way the speaker might be traveling. Send on the posters and we will be in readiness."

Ovando is one of those active locals. The comrades feel that they are organized there to do something and not to be drones. Comrade Downhour writes: "We are glad to know that our speaker is coming. We have made arrangements for a meeting in Helmsville, that is between here and Drummond. The meeting can be held June 27, then the next two evenings Comrade King can speak at Ovando. Then by our own conveyance we can run him into Garnet in time for a meeting Saturday evening. We think it might be as well that the Drummond meeting be last as we can see and arrange while out after the speaker if we can do anything toward it. We are not much acquainted there and new in this line of business: I will be in Helmsville today and I want to try and find out about getting Father McGrady to speak there some time in the future. There was a disappointment on account of Mrs. Hazlett not being able to speak there when she was here. I enclose \$1.50 for subs and due stamps."

Dutch Barrows of Garnett is determined that the inhabitants of that part of the state shall hear socialism if it takes a graveyard to do it. Here are his plans for the Wilson lectures: "Received your of recent date also bills for Comrade Wilson's lecture. After feeling the public pulse here for the last few days, I came to the conclusion that we could not have a successful meeting in the ordinary way. The people whom we wish to reach are rather indifferent and about all we could depend on would be the few avowed socialists and possibly a very few who lean toward socialism. Now there is quite a faction here that has always ignored our efforts to reach them. In order to carry the message to this element I have enlisted the

efforts of a few of the leaders in assisting the working up of this meeting by promising the services of Comrade Wilson for June 27th. We are to charge 25 cents admission and the entire proceeds of that evening's (admission) is to go to the cemetery fund (for the purpose of fencing cemetery). This is something the entire community is interested in and we should have a good crowd. I have secured the school house for the second night (no charge) for socialist speaking and organization.

If this arrangement is not satisfactory please let me know and I will try to adjust it."

Fergus County shows a business-like effort to do something practical and definite that might well be emulated by other points. Comrade Brown outlines their plan as follows: "Now as regards Ben Wilson in Fergus County the local in meeting last night instructed me to request that he be permitted to remain in these parts at least ten days; also that we be permitted to arrange his dates in this vicinity. We will guarantee that he will be introduced in at least the following places: Lewistown, Kendall, Maiden, Gilt Edge, Moore, Garnett, Utica and Stanford. If he could be spared two weeks we would be very much pleased, as the above places number nine dates, and we want him in Lewistown at least twice. Ben is a personal friend of mine and I am ashamed to work him as hard as the limited time of ten days would necessitate in getting over the above mentioned territory. Try and give him to us for two weeks. We think we have the nucleus of a strong party vote here this fall, and we are anxious to do things right in order to extend the great message to the people here in these parts. We have solemnly agreed to sacrifice all personal affairs if it is necessary during Ben's stay here in order to secure to him and the movement the greatest success and to the people the greatest good. I feel so enthused over the subscription list to News fund that I will enclose a list of the subscribers. Most of the amounts are already collected, those that are not are as good as gold. Enclosed find a list of subs and order to pay for same."

We are anxiously awaiting the exact date of Ben Wilson's arrival as we will call a county convention for that date. The Lewistown Federal union is fast pulling into the progressive revolutionary attitude. The outrageous action of the capitalist government of Colorado and Idaho towards their comrades, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone have aroused the local union to a sense of defiant resistance to oppression resulting in their adoption of the enclosed resolutions. Such acts of unrecalled tyranny, rivalling the

high-handed measures of ruthless Russian bureaucrats, on the part of capitalist henchmen, cannot but help to open wider the rotten sore which is of itself eating the vitals and power out of the present system."

Stevensville, June 24, '08, J. D. Graham, Helena.

Dear Comrade:

Yours and Comrade Hazlett's letters received and brought before a meeting of the local.

Comrade Sam Hames, local organizer, will cheerfully entertain Dr. Willett and wife.

Mrs. Ettien sends through the local a hearty invitation to Comrade Hazlett to make her house her home while in this region.

Arrangements will be made to convey Mrs. Hazlett to and from Mrs. Ettien's abode.

Arrangements have been made with Comrade Jas. Brown who lives near Florence to advertise and arrange the meeting at Florence.

Stevensville will be billed tomorrow. So far have not been able to do anything about Corvallis, but think I can.

I cannot learn of any one there who would attend to it.

I will try and write again later.

We are all rejoiced that Mrs. Hazlett is coming here again.

Will do what I can to help Comrade Willett in his work.

Fraternally,
H. E. WOODRUFF.

LAKE COMO PICNIC.

On June 30 the socialists of Ravalli county will hold a picnic at Lake Como. Dr. Willett and wife will be present and Mrs. Hazlett will give an address. All are invited to come from far and near, eat berries and enjoy themselves.

COLLINS' REPORT.

Comrade Collins writes from Butte: "Had a fine crowd at the Finn's Hall, about 200. Held a meeting on the street last night, Sunday; the Finns having done nothing toward getting a hall meeting. The street meeting was splendid. About 1,000 people were there. Spoke for over two hours; sent two men around for the collection which was \$6.55 and would have been more had it been ably handled as the crowd was very enthusiastic. It was a fine meeting."

Comrade Brown of Lewistown sends us \$17.35 for subs, literature and stamps, which indicates how the Lewistown comrades are working.

The Dominion of Canada is the owner of an ice-breaking steamer on the St. Lawrence called the Montcalm. In digging through the public accounts it has been discovered that the following articles are included in the ice-breaking outfit with which this steamer has been equipped: Four cream jugs, each \$12; six fruit stands, each \$24.75; three trays, each \$11; three dozen knives, each \$2.50; cases for knives, \$12.75; two pairs of fish covers, \$13.30; two bread plates and knives, \$24.50; two cake baskets, \$30.25; seventy-two breakfast cups and saucers, each \$1.04; two coffee pots, each, \$22; four milk jugs, each \$17; two sugar bowls, each \$27; champagne and hock glasses, \$72; sherry glasses, \$30; three ice pitchers, each \$20, and scores of other items of a similar nature.

All that is now needed to complete the equipment for a successful ice-breaking expedition is the ice and the champagne. It is hoped the Ottawa administration will take immediate steps to see that these necessities are at once supplied so that the crew may get down to business.—Western Clarion

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RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$1,222,793.92
Bonds and Warrants	246,415.97
Furniture and Fixtures	0.00
Bank Building	72,300.00
Cash	292,525.77
Due from Banks	805,821.35
Total	\$2,630,057.01
LIABILITIES:	
Capital	\$220,000.00
Undivided Profits	78,581.39
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Total	\$2,630,057.01

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