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State Socialist Ticket

FOR CONGRESS—

JOHN HUDSON of Carbon County

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT—

H. L. MAURY of Butte

OUR FRIEND, THE REFORMER.

The voice of the reformer is now heard in the land. The two chief weapons used by the capitalist to bamboozle the workers are: splitting the vote—any old way; and beguiling the "ignorant," and "innocent" workmen by kind and humanitarian phrases, schemes of readjusting all his ills—any sort of an old plan in any sort of a "reform" way.

The Occupation of Cuba and Economic Determinism.

A most striking instance of war as a compelling weapon in the hands of the capitalist class is at hand in the horse-play maintained by the mobilization of the United States troops in Cuba.

THE BEAUTY GONE.

Upton Sinclair states in his magazine article, "What Life Means to Me," that

he has beheld the terrors and the horrors of poverty and misery till his soul is haunted with them, and he can never more enjoy the beauty of the stars, the sunshine and the other glories of nature.

One of the most amusing features of the contention of the capitalist press against socialism is its fetish-like individualism, the way the Hindu or anyone else clings to his idol.

The gross misrepresentation of the socialist position by the Reverend (S) Agar of Great Falls, in a sermon that he recently perpetrated upon union men, has called forth a clear and scholarly reply from Comrade Buzzell of Kalispell, which has been published in the Tribune.

Government ownership of a Hearst is about the limit of social insanity. Government ownership—and leave the workmen in their rags, courts against them, the bayonet at their throats, the hunger wolf at the door, the capitalist law! Government ownership, indeed. Give us revolution. The working class alone can make it.

Tuesday evening the car men organizer for the first time in the history of Helena. Eighteen out of nineteen men organized, so there is only one scab.

IN THE FIELD.

Great demand for speakers, but Montana is unable to get them because of their concentration in Colorado. If the state could have had them right at the close of the campaign it would have made a large difference in the vote.

Isaac Cowan is in Butte. He leaves Montana on the 18th.

Arthur Morrow Lewis is expected in the state in a week.

He debates with the democrats in Bozeman Oct. 22.

John Hudson's dates will be announced next week. Arrangements are on foot for a debate between H. L. Maury and T. J. Walsh at Butte. Paul Castle speaks at Bozeman Oct. 16. Other dates will be made for him.

An effort is being made to get Comrade Buzzell of Kalispell to fill some dates.

Goebel in Idaho.

National Organizer Goebel has just completed 12 days' work in Shoshone county, and reports very encouraging results. He held two meetings at Mullan, many subscriptions for party papers being taken and the comrades much pleased.

The next meeting was at Burke, in the Miners' hall, it being fairly filled, and much interest taken. Collection, \$17. The meeting the following night was at Gem, a small place, and practically the property—body, soul and spirit—of the Federal Mining Co. About 25 were present, and all much interested, and some found who were willing to aid future meetings.

At Snowstorm mine no meeting was possible, as all the ground belongs to the company, and in the absence of the head official no one could be found who would give permission to speak. But socialist sentiment is very active there and it will show well in the vote.

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National Letter

We have the following from the national office:

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 27, 1906.

Jas. D. Graham, Box 908, Helena, Mont. Dear Comrade—Have your favor of the 24th. All right, I will consider it final that Comrade Cowan is to reach Dickinson on Oct. 28.

Comrade Debs is entirely out of the question, every date being occupied until election, and there is not another speaker anywhere within striking distance of you.

I sincerely wish the opposite was the case, for I believe you need them possibly more than other states that are getting at the present time a larger share of attention.

The party has been fortunate in not becoming involved in the scrimmages between the economic organizations, and from all accounts their scraps have been of cyclone proportions.

The report of Comrade Lena Morrow Lewis, and the figures involved therein as appear in the last copy of the Montana News, is interesting reading. The W. W. convention was in session here. I would like to attend some of its meetings, but cannot get away from the office at all.

I think Cowan would take well in Butte. If a speaker appears on the horizon who might be able to reach you, I will rush him in your direction.

With best wishes, I remain, Fraternally yours, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

When we behold the great union aggregations in this country, when we see how they work and pay their money, and have great treasuries, and how their officers work, and how they go into great contests with their employers, and meet in committees, and arbitrate, and arrange scales and all that, we are struck by its comparative uselessness beside what could be gained in the twinkling of an eye through political power.

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State Senator—Robert Courtney.
State Representatives—John J. Comford, Adam Burtis, T. J. Parker.

For County Clerk and Recorder—J. A. Moore.
For Treasurer—Herman Wrieth.
For Coroner—C. W. Stewart, Kallispell.

Cascade County
For state senator, Geo. I. Dickinson, Great Falls.

Fergus County.
State senator—Arthur T. Harney, Philbrook.
Representatives—Thomas Hayden, Kendall; Hermann Schneck, Lewistown.

For state representatives, W. J. McDermott, S. R. Splane, Great Falls; Oscar English, Kibbey; H. P. Nevills, Ed Zingel, Great Falls.

Yellowstone County.
Senator—Adam F. Skirving.
Representative—Alfred R. Jensen.
Sheriff—Milo C. Roberts.

For county superintendent of schools, Mrs. Florence Wesleder, Great Falls.
For county commissioners, six year term, Herman O. Phillips, Great Falls.

Carbon County.
For Representative—John L. Maryott.

Choteau County.
State Senator—J. Thomson, Clear Creek.

Ravalli County.
For State Senator—G. W. Ward, Jr., Stonemason.

Silver Bow County.
For State Senator—George O'Malley.

Gallatin County.
For Representatives—Joseph Friel, Chestnut, miner; Charles Pierson, Chestnut, miner; Paul H. Castle, Central Park.

Valley County.
For State Senator—H. U. Coster.

Flathead County.
For Senator—E. G. Bjorneby, Kallispell.

Park County.
Representatives—Frank Mabie, T. J. Rooney.

Missoula County.
For state senator—T. D. Caulfield, laborer, Missoula.

For county administrator—Jas. Lyons, contractor, Missoula.

For county clerk and recorder—G. Cubbage.

For county treasurer—J. M. Rector, Monarch.

For county commissioner, six year term, Walter Darnett, Great Falls.

For justice of the peace, Louis Dilno, Great Falls.

For county commissioner, two year term, Frank Servos, Monarch.

For justice of the peace, Wm. N. Palsgrove, Great Falls.

For county auditor, J. W. Daly, Great Falls.

For county coroner, J. F. Gemberling, Great Falls.

For county superintendent of schools, Mrs. Florence Wesleder, Great Falls.

For county commissioner, six year term, Herman O. Phillips, Great Falls.

For county commissioner, four year term, Walter Darnett, Great Falls.

For county commissioner, two year term, Frank Servos, Monarch.

For justice of the peace, Louis Dilno, Great Falls.

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For public administrator—Jas. Lyons, contractor, Missoula.

An anti-woman suffrage meeting has just been held in England. The London Chronicle says there were eight people present, of whom three were reporters.

Justice of the peace, Hellgate township—J. A. Freid, stone mason, Missoula; J. E. Robertson, laborer, Missoula.

A Woman Policeman.
A little while ago a New Jersey woman suggested making women policemen and the matter was commented upon as "something new under the sun."

In the recent state election in Tennessee the socialist party increased its vote 55 per cent. This is according to the official returns issued by the secretary of state.

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For the Dear Workingman.
I had the pleasure of attending the so-called workmen's state convention yesterday. The convention eulogized both Roosevelt and Bryan, endorsed the democratic nominees for congress and associate justice of the supreme court, resolved their friendship for capital, and love and admiration of the workingman and his party, and their undying zeal for this cause.

Des Moines, Iowa.
The Swedish Socialist Club were addressed by Mr. August Palm of Sweden at Governor square a few Sundays past. About 20 years ago Mr. Palm went to Germany and, becoming converted to the new doctrine, he returned to Sweden, where he was the first to advocate socialism in that country.

A resolution was offered to release Gov. Toole from a pledge he had given in writing and signed two years ago that, if endorsed by the workmen's convention, he would not be a candidate for the United States senate at any time in the future.

The socialists of the Seventh district nominated Joseph P. Gill of Des Moines for congress at the district convention held in Des Moines.

But the resolution was carried on the argument that the governor's regard for his word was such that if not released now by this convention, which probably is the last one the party would ever hold, he would never be a candidate for the United States senate.

At the Polk county, Iowa convention, the socialists nominated a full county ticket.

Provision was made to fuse with the democratic and republican parties and the convention adjourned.

Among other things in the Labor day parade banners were displayed bearing the following inscriptions: "Vote the way you strike."

Today I attended a county convention of the republican party. On calling the convention to order the chairman stated that the first business would be reports of committees on platform and resolutions. But a member arose and stated that it was understood that fusion was to be had, or attempted, with other political parties, and if such fusion were made the committees on platform of such parties should be heard.

"Workers of the world unite; nothing to lose but chains, and world to gain." "If Moyer-Haywood die 20,000,000 toilers will know the reason why."

He therefore offered a resolution containing some whereases that it was in the interest of good government and the republican party that we unite with other political parties to select the best men of the several parties to administer the government. He moved that a committee of five be appointed to confer with a like committee of the democratic and workmen's parties to arrange plans and terms of fusion.

The socialist organization of Iowa has printed 100,000 copies of the state platform for distribution. Three speakers are stumping the state. Interested persons are asked to contribute one day's wages as a campaign fund.

This resolution was passed after several amendments had been voted down, and much hot oratory indulged in. Quite a number of the delegates seemed to fear that in appointing this committee the chairman would not give them a "square deal."

The campaign is burning in Wisconsin. Ald. Seidel takes the field next Saturday for a tour of the northern part of the state. Organizer Gaylord is now speaking daily in the northwestern portion of the state, and Moses Hull in southern Wisconsin.

So it seems that the three parties are each to contribute good men and "principles," making a kind of Irish stew, and to each party will be ladeled out his due portion. The republican ticket, democratic ticket, and workmen's ticket should be equally palatable for the noble and beloved workingman to swallow. It should also be a peaceful election day.

While the oral campaign is being vigorously pushed, the literary campaign is not being neglected. Seventy-five thousand pieces of literature have been shipped during the last three or four days from the state headquarters to towns throughout the state, besides the regular distribution of literature in Milwaukee by wards.

As a sample of the work our speakers are going, we give an extract from the Menomonee, Wis., Times, a capitalist paper. "Winfield R. Gaylord, the Social-Democratic candidate for governor, spoke at the new opera house last evening and by his fairness and pleasing personality succeeded in winning much merited applause."

After a full and fair report of the speech, the Times adds: "The discussion at the end of Mr. Gaylord's talk was exceedingly interesting, even exciting, and even the most hidebound partycrat of old beliefs could not say that Mr. Gaylord came out second best."

Frank Chester Pease, a special student in the University of California, has become a convert to socialism and will go on the stump to bang away at the plutes. Pease is said to possess a fortune in his own name and intends to spend some of his coin to keep printing presses going to grind out literature for those who hunger for information.

FALLS MINISTER AND SOCIALISM

The ignorance displayed by the average preacher when dealing with socialism and labor problems in general, was further emphasized here in Great Falls in a sermon on the labor question delivered Sept. 23d by the Rev. F. A. Agar, of the First Baptist church.

Study the conditions surrounding the great industrial centers, and I think lives of the workers, especially in the every right-minded person will agree with the socialists as to the remedy.

The mind of the average preacher, warped and encased within an impenetrable armor of religious dogma, is utterly incapable of a scientific analysis of industrial problems and an understanding of the socialist philosophy. The knowledge of these men of socialism and industrial problems being drawn from text books selected by conservative and reactionary professors, their arguments, when they do summon sufficient courage to attack socialism, resemble the whines of a baby.

The reverend gentleman speaks of the socialist as one who "would disturb all the relations of society because he thinks he needs more of this world's goods and pleasures." Is there anything wrong in this? The socialist is generally an exploited producer, and realizes that as a producer he has the only legitimate right to the results of his toil.

The Rev. Agar started out with the assurance that the church is a friend to organized labor. What evidence have we of this? In the bitter labor war in Colorado where organized labor suffered the grossest indignities from the hands of corporate wealth, which trampled under its feet the law and constitution of the nation in order to attain its base ends, where did the church stand? It was silent.

I wonder what the Rev. Agar means by "his allotted task"? It must be the God-appointed task. This reminds me of a saying of John Ruskin's contained in an address delivered before a crowd of well-to-do people in England. He says, "You throw a man into the ditch and then tell him God put him there." This is exactly the case at the present time. Capitalism dooms the worker to a life of unremitting toil, then hires its tool—the church—to delude them into the belief that God ordained it so.

Further on, he alludes to class antagonism as the outcome of the inherent sinfulness of man. What an absurd position! I am afraid that were the reverend gentleman an employe of the Amalgamated his ideas of social problems would be materially different to those conceived within the atmosphere of a preacher's study, with its shelves filled with "dry as dust" religious dogma.

Then we have the absurd statement that the socialist desires admission into the church. What ignorance of the socialist philosophy! The socialist as a student of history knows something of the historic functions of the church. He knows that in order that an economic system based upon the exploitation of the producing class shall exist, it is absolutely necessary to pervert the egoism of the subjected class in order to reconcile them to the system that exploits them.

Class hatred is not the outcome of the inherent wickedness of the individual. The socialist, notwithstanding assertions to the contrary, did not create it; it is the natural outcome of an economic system founded upon a class basis. In modern capitalist society there are, broadly speaking, two classes, whose economic interests are diametrically opposed; a class who own the entire means of wealth production, and a class who own nothing but their labor power; a class of idlers who appropriate the vast percentage of the world's wealth, and a class of producers who create that wealth, yet who receive only the bare necessities of existence.

This is especially emphasized by the present efforts of the ruling class throughout the world to preserve the old, worn-out beliefs. They realize what a powerful instrument the church is. In all countries it is financed and supported by the dominant classes, who own it body and soul. They are interested in preserving the antique ideas of the universe embodied in christian orthodoxy, because they know that directly the minds of the workers are freed from the prejudices and superstitions of the ages, and judge the present conditions from the enlightened standpoint of their class interests, their existence as a ruling class will cease.

Throughout his sermon the Rev. Agar frequently reminds us of the antique idea of individual responsibility, which attributes all the evils of social life to the so-called inherent sinfulness of man. How absurd! Man, in common with all forms of life, leads a conditional existence. Men and women are just what their conditions make them.

The church, by advocating the pernicious doctrine that things are what a supernatural power ordains that they should be, that this same power allots to every individual his or her place in society; branding all opposition as blasphemy, violation of the laws of God, is reactionary and has nothing in common with the socialist movement, the expression of the proletarian revolt against the capitalist system of exploitation. As the expression of that revolt the socialist movement is the only progressive factor in modern society today. The Co-operative Commonwealth is its only consummation wherein there will be no master and no slave, wherein the worker possessing the entire product of his toil will enjoy the fullest political and economic liberty and wherein the application of the principle of love—which sounds so nonsensical today—will be made possible.

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Socialism means the salvation of the human race. Look for it. JESSE D. SELBY.

"Change conditions and you change human nature." is the cry of the socialist. He sees in the prevailing economic system the cause of social evils and realizes the absolute necessity of abolishing that system. The socialist stands alone in this, and is therefore the only real worker for the emancipation of humanity from its present degraded state.

The International Union of Brewery Workmen, assembled in convention at Toronto, Ontario, voted \$500 to the national campaign fund of the socialist party.

The Ohio state office is receiving orders for state literature from Arizona

