

# LARGE INCREASE IN MONTANA

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### Great Gains Over the State

#### Vote Aggregates 15 Per Cent at least Calculation—Democrats Steadily Losing Ground

The returns, still incomplete, show that the socialist vote has made a great gain throughout Montana. At this time it is impossible to make anything like an accurate estimate of the returns. The difficulty lies chiefly with the poor organization of the socialist party. The socialists yet fail at most points to provide for rushing accurate reports at the polls. As a party we are up against the bitter antagonism of the to the party press, or to have watchers capitalist press. In giving detailed reports in most instances the socialist candidates are never even mentioned. The reason is not far to seek. The large socialist returns from outlying districts, if published, will show the advertisers that it is the socialist papers that they want to advertise in. Consequently the socialist sheets are voiceless so far as socialism is concerned. From various sources, however, there is sufficient evidence to show that the socialists have polled at least 15 per cent of the vote in Montana. Two years ago the per cent was nine and eight-tenths, which placed Montana second on the national list, California standing first. The democrats have lost ground all over the country. The capitalists have definitely made the republican party the custodian of their interests. At the present writing it looks as though the Montana vote will be in the neighborhood of 8,000. Two years ago it was about 6,000. The best results have been obtained in the best organized territory. With more work the vote could easily have reached the 10,000 mark.

#### National Referendum.

A national referendum has been called for each local to nominate a candidate for National Secretary of the Socialist party, and seven members of the National Executive Committee. These nominations must be in by the 5th of December, at the national office in Chicago. While Mahlon Barnes has without doubt done the best that his ability and an elephant of a National Committee would admit of, still William Maily was the ablest man that ever held the secretaryship of the American Socialist party. He has a genius for organization and a wonderful grasp of the needs of the party. Locals will make no mistake if they make him their nominee. For members of the Executive Committee those men should be chosen who have the keenest knowledge of the needs and class conscious development of the American party. Arthur Morrow Lewis, Algernon Lee, Erman Titus, Morris Hilquit, Isaac Cowan, Charles Kerr and A. M. Simons are men that have no superior in regard to experience and sagacity in the movement. The locals should not neglect this important matter, but make their nominations and send them in to Comrade Barnes, 269 Dearborn street, Chicago, at once.

Frank P. O'Hare spoke to an interested audience at Lamar, Colo., October 8th, and organized a local of nine members.

"In explanation to that telegram I sent the other day, Friday, I will say what I found out. This society that is going around the country to the different unions soliciting funds is absolutely unknown to us. They claim to be socialists, and when cornered by a socialist said they did not belong to the party but were doing what they could outside. They sent out circulars as 'The Oratorical Society of the Northwest,' with headquarters at 611 Kelly street. Now, 611 Kelly street, Portland, that is where the place is, away out in the bush in the outskirts of the town. We could get no response there. In answer to questions by the Portland Federation of Labor, they said their books were open to inspection. But what good would inspecting the books of irresponsible people do? The man who claimed to be a socialist when questioned by one of our members at the Federation of Labor did not know the least thing about socialism. Even if these people were ever so honest, it should be stopped immediately, as crooks could take advantage of such loose methods as easily as angels. I received a telegram from Washington and Colorado, Seattle and Denver, and stopped the game in both these places, but they are undoubtedly working it in every big city in the United States."

The comrades of Cripple Creek, Colo., hold regular meetings every Sunday at 2 p. m., and are issuing a weekly publication, "The Cripple Creek Socialist."

### CANNED MUSIC IN VOGUE

We had not thought of the term ourselves, but we feel grateful to the popular composer, John Philip Sousa, who has made it a world-wide phrase. In an article in "Appleton's Magazine" he makes a grand attack upon all machine-made music, declaring that it threatens to destroy all genuine love of music, and to be as disastrous to the national ear, throat, and heart as ever Chicago's canned beef could be to the national stomach.

"When a mother can turn on the phonograph as she turns on the electric light, will she croon her baby to slumber with sweet lullabies, or will the infant be put to sleep by machinery? Children are naturally imitative, and if in their infancy they hear only phonographs, will they not sing, if they sing

at all, in imitation, and finally become simply human phonographs without soul or expression?"

But there is another side to the evil of "canned music," as there is to the "canned beef." Both are essentially produced for sale, and the canned music bears probably even less resemblance to the divine gift of the muses than the Chicago product to the beef.

But let John Philip Sousa take heart of grace. The days when men are compelled to be the slaves of machines, and submit to the ever faster driving of their "iron masters," are drawing to an end. Socialism is coming, and with its coming, even with the first signs of its appearing on the earth, the nations will once again break forth into song as spontaneous as the song of the birds in spring.—Labor Leader.

#### LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY.

Helena gives Hudson 210 and Maury 208, a falling off of 40 votes from the mayorality election of last spring. Baxendale gives Pray, Rep., 13 votes; Walsh, Dem., 12; Hudson, Socialist, 10. Canyon Creek gives Pray 2, Walsh 2, Hudson 2. Silver gives Pray 6, Walsh 5, Hudson 9. East Helena gives Pray 92, Walsh 88, Hudson 42. Maury, supreme court, 46. Legislative ticket, socialist—Herman Luchman 45, J. P. Kready 48, Henry Clausen 42, August Pieper 42, S. D. Heap 43, J. M. Frey 44, William Rattler 42. County Commissioner, 6 year term, H. Kaln, 45; four year term, J. W. Rose, 32; two year term, James Roberts, 45. County clerk and recorder, Thos. Griffith, 43; sheriff, Henry Rutherford, 60; treasurer, J. Bodach, 42; assessor, John Robert, 39; administrator, Louis Arnold, 48; coroner, John Wandell, 41; county superintendent of schools, Mary Larsen, 35.

The furious raids upon socialist speakers in Denver have abated after sixty or more of them were arrested and fined. The fines were paid under protest and the speakers went back at once to their work. The advertising caused by the arrest gave them enormous audiences and finally the police were called off, leaving the socialists victorious for the time being.

#### CASCADE COUNTY.

Four wards in Great Falls give Hudson 110 votes. Third ward gave Debs 42 votes in 1904; Hudson gets 53 votes. West fourth ward gave Debs 21 votes, Hudson gets 23. East fourth ward gave Debs 41, Hudson gets 33. Boston Heights gave Debs 8, Hudson 9. West Great Falls gave Debs 22, Hudson gets 12. Ulm, none for Debs, Hudson 4. Little Chicago gave Debs 5, Hudson 11. Monarch—Pray, Rep., 8; Walsh, Dem., 10; Hudson, socialist, 14. Black Butte—Pray 14, Walsh 12, Hudson 11. Stockett—Pray 55, Walsh 68, Hudson 54. Costner Coulee—Pray 11, Walsh 8, Hudson 12. Kibbey—Pray 18, Walsh 18, Hudson 17. Incomplete returns from Cascade county give Hudson 500 votes.

Frank C. Pease and Andrew Saunders of Oakland, Cal., are making preparations to publish the "Army and Navy Socialist" for propaganda among the soldiers and sailors of the United States army and navy.

Shelton, Conn., Oct. 2.—John W. Cribbins, a socialist, was elected a member of the board of education here in the town election yesterday. He is the first socialist ever elected to such a position in Connecticut.

### John Hudson Breaks Record

#### Farmer Socialist Arouses Enthusiasm in Farm, Mines and Shops—Strong Class Vote

The reports at hand from Cascade, Park and Silver Bow counties give Hudson 3,000 votes, an amount that equals the total state vote of four years ago. Hudson has made a remarkably good run. In estimating the socialist vote it should be remembered that it comes practically without any work done. The socialists have little money with which to wage their battles. The Montana party was totally without a campaign fund this fall, while the other parties had barrels of money. Hudson did what campaigning he was able to make wholly at his own expense. But the vote in Montana shows the solidarity of the socialist movement. Individuals have made little difference except in

isolated instances. Those have voted the socialist ticket that wanted socialism. They have voted a protest against capitalist exploitation. It is expected that the vote in the remaining counties will be an eye-opener to the capitalists. American socialism is here, and it is here to stay. Money and whisky still buy the majority of the ignorant working class, but a revolutionary protest of gigantic and steadily increasing proportions is going up from the sober, determined and intelligent class that is causing boodlers and grafters to stand aghast.

News is delayed but from available sources it is learned that Kendall polled 100 socialist votes, more than the entire county polled two years ago. A big increase is assured.

## Victory in Butte Prospect of Break Into Legislature

### SCHROEDER ELECTED JUSTICE

#### Silver Bow County Polls 2,900 Votes

A phone message from Alderman Ambrose says that the best reports they can get give the socialists 2,500. The republican headquarters concede that they have elected Ambrose for county commissioner, three on the legislative ticket, and Schroeder of South Butte township for justice of the peace, has been elected.

They have had a hard deal with the judges of election in some of the precincts. The old party judges got drunk and when they went to get the tally books they came up missing. Old party politicians look blue over the break of the socialists into the legislature.

#### IDAHO.

Conflicting reports come from Idaho. The first rumors were that Gooding was defeated, but his managers are claiming the victory.

#### NEW YORK.

Hearst is beaten in New York by 60,000. Hilquit has been defeated by the Independence League candidate.

#### PARK COUNTY.

Livingston returns 165 for Hudson. Aldridge gives Pray 28 votes, Walsh 25, Hudson 52. Incomplete returns give Hudson 310 in the county, and William Ralph elected justice of the peace at Aldridge.

#### MISSOULA COUNTY.

Misoula—Pray, Rep., 973; Walsh, Dem., 659; Hudson, socialist, 105. St. Regis—Pray 23, Walsh 17, Hudson 24. Incomplete returns give Hudson 216 and Ahern, socialist candidate for sheriff, 300.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

McFaul, running for governor, polled 900 votes.

#### COLORADO.

Latest reports are that Haywood will come out of Denver with 4,900 votes. The socialists are making great inroads in the southern coal fields.

#### SANDERS COUNTY.

The only returns in are from Plains. Hudson gets 28 votes and Maury 30. Our vote in 1904 was 5.

#### GALLATIN COUNTY.

Chestnut—Pray 47 Walsh 25, Hudson 50. Belgrade—Pray 85, Walsh 107, Hudson 6. Incomplete returns in Gallatin county give the socialists 126.

#### NEVADA.

The republicans concede the election of a socialist legislator in Esmeralda county.

#### CARBON COUNTY.

Scant returns give Hudson 150 votes in Red Lodge.

#### CHICAGO.

Associated Press dispatches give the socialists 30,000 votes in Cook county.

#### Consider for a moment the beastly

debasement to which womanhood is subjected in capitalist society. She is simply the property of man, to be governed by him as may suit his convenience. She does not vote, she has no voice and must bear silent witness to her legal inferiority. She has to compete with men in the factories and workshops and stores, and her inferiority is taken advantage of to make her work at still lower wages than the male slave gets who works at her side. As an economic dependent she is compelled to sacrifice the innate refinement, the inherent purity and nobility of her sex, and for a pallet of straw marries the man she does not love. The debauching effect of the capitalist system upon womanhood is accurately registered in the divorce court and the house of shame. In socialism, woman would stand forth the equal of man—all the avenues would be open to her and she would naturally find her fitting place and rise from the low plane of menial servility to the dignity of ideal womanhood. Breathing the air of economic freedom, amply able to provide for herself in socialist society, we may be certain that the cruel injustice that is now perpetrated upon her sex and the degradation that results from it will disappear forever.—Eugene V. Debs.

#### The Fight for Free Speech in Seattle.

As an example of how the powers that respect the right of free speech in this country, we have the following: "Seattle, Nov. 3.—Fifteen socialist speakers were arrested on the streets of Seattle last night and lodged in jail and denied bail. Among those taken in custody were candidates for congress, the supreme and superior benches and other officers to be voted on next Tuesday. "For several months there has been war between the police and the socialists, the latter insisting on holding meetings against the orders of the former. The socialists allege police persecution and claim that in being denied the privilege of street speaking, the right of freedom of speech is being trampled on by the police. During the arrests last night two men were arrested and booked on charges of assaulting police officers in the performance of their duties. Nearly 300 people assembled on the streets. The arrests occurred in different parts of the city."

How much longer will the working class of America permit such flagrant violations of their constitutional rights? The streets are open to the street faker but must be closed to the socialists speakers because capitalism fears the enlightenment of its slaves. Do what it may, it cannot prevent it—the working class will one day rally to the side of those who are now fighting and suffering for its interests.

Deer Lodge county, including Anaconda, gives Hudson 119 votes, Maury 121. Our vote in 1904 was 175.

### THE FREE LOVE QUESTION

The republican candidate for district attorney in Milwaukee in a recent speech accused the Social-Democrats of advocating free love and challenged them to debate on this point. The Social-Democratic candidate for governor, W. R. Gaylord, at once accepted the challenge. His letter of acceptance closes as follows: "In accepting this challenge of yours, allow me to say that the working class of this city feel deeply that you have insulted them in this and previous campaigns by reiterating this base insinuation in regard to free love. We have wanted a chance to meet you on a fair floor. We challenged you last spring to debate with us, but after all your slanderous blustering you refused to face us. You preferred rather to repeat your scandal behind our backs, in

places where we could not reply. Now we understand you have challenged us to debate. We accept gladly, eagerly. Choose your date, and select a place and the hour at any of our meetings. We will agree to reserve one-half of the hall for your friends. We want them to come, and if this is not agreeable to you suggest some place and date yourself. Hoping that you will not back water this time, I am," etc. It is not expected that the republican candidate will follow up his bluff. Socialists of Erie, Pa., are unusually active and have challenged the candidates of either of the capitalist parties to meet a socialist in debate upon the question, "Why the working class should not support socialism."



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**TAXATION AND THE LAW.**

We are in receipt at various times of a number of articles from correspondents, dealing with some sort of social abuse, and deploring the robbery of the people in consequence, through taxation. Such an argument as that, in attempting to deal with a subject from the standpoint of socialist economics shows a total misapprehension of the essential revolutionary character of the social evolution now taking place in human organization. Heavy taxes affect the property owner. Socialism is not a movement in behalf of property owners, but for the abolition of private property in a business sense. It is a movement in behalf of the propertyless, the producers, who are propertyless because they are producers. Taxes high or low make no difference to their pockets, because they have nothing to pay taxes upon. Indeed, the interest of the proletariat, of the working class, is high taxes and heavy bonds. Thus property is made to cough up a part of its unjustly acquired surplus, and restore it to the workers from whom it was purloined, in the shape of public conveniences, better schools, libraries, gymnasiums, baths and so forth. The point is sometimes urged that the high tax works a hardship upon the "little home" of the working man. That objection is growing beautifully less every year. Eighty per cent of the American working men do not own a home. And the capitalists are getting the wage system down to a point where it is practically impossible for any of them to do so. However, even if a working man does own his home, he is exploited so infinitely more harshly by the wage system, which robs him of five-sixths of the product of his labor, than by the tax, that it is a mere bagatelle in his aspirations for better things.

Again, the farmer is referred to as a producer who is an example of the onerous burden of heavy taxation. The farmer is robbed by the buyers of his product. If he could get the full value of his toil he would not groan at his taxes. So the program of the working class in the socialist movement is not to waste time bawling heavy taxes, but to soak the tax to the property owners whenever you get a chance. If they could be taxed out of existence the working class would come into their own. For a full understanding of this subject the work of Lucien Sanial on "Taxation" is a great aid.

Another point that we have been surprised to hear a number of socialists exploit during this campaign is the virtue of upholding the majesty of the "law." A socialist is a revolutionist. He understands that the toilers are kept in their beggarly and inferior condition because of class rule. All our governments, laws and institutions are those of the ruling class. The slave cannot be expected to look with much admiration on the cat-'o-nine-tails used to keep him in submission. Myron Reed was wont to say, before he respected a law he wanted to know that the law was respectable. Laws are made by the ruling class to keep the workers in subjection. The workers are the only ones who are expected to obey them. The rich are practically immune, and violate the law at every turn unmolested. The laws that have been made throughout history giving a greater degree of freedom have been wrung from the ruling class through the threats of an opposing class. When the working class becomes really threatening and dangerous the ruling class usually grants them some concession in the way of more liberal measures. But the fact of their servitude and degradation is merely glossed over so long as there is a ruling class. The aim of the socialist movement is to unseat the ruling class peacefully and "lawfully," if we can, and forcibly, or any old way, if we must. In pursuance

of this, the historical mission of the working class, it may often be necessary to act in absolute opposition to the laws of the ruling class. The guide to the conduct of the working class is, is the proposed line of action for or against the interest of the working class? Let the capitalist class take care of their own laws. In the meantime the working class should strive by every means they possess to capture the law making power.

**THE CAPITALIST GAME.**

The victorious sweep of the republicans in this election is a remarkable commentary on the program the capitalist class of Montana has laid out for itself. Montana capital has definitely decided to make the republican party the custodian of its interests. As Eugene Debs remarked a few years ago: "Capital has gone mad. It is rushing to its destruction with the frightful momentum of a heavy train on a down grade that has burst from control." If the capitalist class had the slightest consciousness of where their real strength lay in controlling the working class, they would see that it was imperatively necessary that they make an appearance of dividing their forces. It is the capitalist class that controls the political game under the present government organization. The capitalists head and control both the republican and democratic parties. But there has come to be such a bitter fight among the politicians for the lucrative opportunity of controlling the government in the interest of the capitalists, that this minor contest has often befogged the real issue, which is to deliver the working class helplessly into the hands of their masters. This contest between factions of the capitalist class has successfully deceived the workers, has divided their allegiance and their ranks, and deflected their minds from the only matter of real interest to them, the enslavement of labor through the appropriation of its product. But Montana capital is impatient. The division of interests has kept wages high too long in the copper state. Lower wages means greater dividends. The republican party is the real custodian of the interests of capitalism, and it is going to stop fooling with any democratic side-show. The country must be shown who is running it without any further subterfuges. If Montana capitalists had been wise they would have let Mr. Walsh go to congress and delayed the day of judgment. Mr. Walsh is a "good man," and the working class would have been deceived longer into thinking the game was real. But, no—brutally, with the open, law-defying use of untold wealth, capital has said, "Get out of our way, we mean business now."

The democratic party is a thing of the past. The socialist party has moved up to take its place as the defier of capitalist rule. Democrats who have really believed in the principles of democracy will drop into the socialist party. The issue is sharply defined.

The working class will see that it is the social interest opposed to the greed-grab-get-there of the lords of the earth. We welcome the issue; we accept the challenge; we take up the gauntlet. There can be but one culmination. Progress and the disinherited majority will win, as ever in history, but the contest ahead of us is a fearful one. It is the social revolution.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

For National Executive Committee and National Secretary.

Chicago, Ill. Nov. 15, '06.  
Extracts from the National Constitution of the Socialist party. Section 1 of Article VI, and Section 1 of Article VII:

The members of the Executive Committee (7 members), and the National Secretary shall be elected by referendum vote. The call for nominations shall be issued on the 15th day of November. EACH LOCAL SHALL BE ENTITLED TO NOMINATE SEVEN CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND ONE CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY. TWENTY DAYS SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR NOMINATIONS, ten days for acceptances and declinations, and forty-five for the referendum. The seven candidate receiving the highest vote, and the one candidate receiving the highest vote, shall be elected members of the National Executive Committee and National Secretary respectively.

Be sure and give complete address of each candidate, otherwise he may not receive notice of his nomination within the prescribed time. Returns should be signed by the chairman of Local meeting and by the secretary of the local, and the blank must be mailed by the Local secretary. Address National Headquarters, The Socialist Party, 209 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. The blank must reach the National Office on or before Dec. 5th, 1906.

A house to house distribution of 40,000 sets of socialist literature is in progress at Philadelphia.

**THE PROLETARIAN METHOD.**

III.

The assumption of superiority on the part of an individual over society was made possible only by private ownership, which on its part owed its rise to the development of the productive forces.

Private property made the power of the individual seem to be due less to social labor than to his own individuality. Articles of exchange necessarily assumed the character of commodities. Individualism triumphed over communism. The gods of nature gave way to the supernatural gods of individuals. "Pure spirit" became a god of "enlightened" capitalism, just as pure reason is supposed to beget thought without being impregnated by the objects of sense perception. The results are aprioristic "science," which is still taught by the modern universities. Departing from the principle of pure spirit this "science" remains theological and theosophical. It is now confronted with proletarian science, which takes its departure from the premises of verifiable fact. The indissoluble interrelation of the individual with society rests on his helplessness in life with no other resource than his labor power. His dependence explains the inevitable social nature of individual labor power. Marx calls the understanding of this the essential point in political economy, and it is the merit of Marx and Engels to have substantiated and propagated this knowledge.

In regard to morality, Dietzgen says in his "Nature of Human Brain Work": "Morality is the aggregate of the most contradictory ethical laws which serve the common purpose of regulating the conduct of man. The mutual concessions which arise out of his relative needs are called morality. Concrete man needs a concrete morality. Absolute morality is abstract and meaningless. Man's welfare and purpose is embodied between himself and the world, and he owes no allegiance to any law from the moment that it contravenes his needs. The moral duty of an individual never exceeds his interests. The only thing which exceeds those interests is the material power of the generality over the individuality."

He writes in regard to right: "Reason cannot discover within itself any positive rights, or estimate how essential a thing is until it has some perceptible material to work upon. It is only the law, limited and determined by circumstances that has any practical value."

He says the state is nothing but the executive committee of the ruling minority who can impose their rule, because of their private ownership in means required for the production of the material necessities of life, so long as this rule and private ownership are necessary for the development of the productive forces. They will develop to a climax where the development of personality becomes possible to all. With the advent of this climax, and after the victorious struggle of the proletariat, driven forward by its material requirements, minority rule, or the state, disappears, and gives way to universal suffrage and rule. Where all rule nobody serves, and where all serve nobody rules. We refer the reader who would inform himself or herself further about this point to Kautsky's "Erfurt Program," or to Marx's "Capital."

The human individual as a social laborer, and human labor is a social organism which determines the consciousness and mental activity of the individual by producing changes in the economic nature of the world around him—the fundament of Marxism in a strict sense. They furnish the key for an understanding of critical communism as a science of society and a conception of history.

The organization of the productive process is determined by the available forces of production, and the degree of development of these explains the introduction of private property, slavery, feudalism, and capitalism. This scientific theory is known as Historical Materialism.

The next question is—Is our mind free to think as it pleases? The researches of Joseph Dietzgen again confirm Marxism. The force of thought operates only by an inseparable interrelation with material furnished by sense perceptions. All phenomena, including the force of thought and the human individual are organic members of the cosmos. But Dietzgen has furnished the reply as to why it is that within the universal interrelation economics has a predominant influence over mental activity. In this way Dietzgen deepened and perfected the Marxian conception of social evolution and elaborated it into a scientific conception of the world.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

The little booklets containing Chas. H. Vail's "Socialism and the Negro Problem," are now ready. They are bound in handsome red covers and are especially desirable for circulation in localities where there is a colored population. The books sell at 5 cents a copy, 6 for 25 cents, 24 copies for \$1.00.

From Mable.  
"Your letter came Friday. I read it to Comrade Hudson and he took it along with him to show to Rooney. No, Jim, we are not giving you the support we should and I have puzzled my brain trying to think out some plan to get the comrades to take more interest in the Montana News. The best I can think of is the same as I proposed to you last winter, and that is to send out frequent referendums asking the advice of the comrades on matters pertaining to the policy or management of the News. If there is no question you need advice on, invent one—anything to make the members feel that you are leaning on them and that they must share the responsibility of the success or failure of our paper. I have always noticed that the boss who gets the most work out of his men is the one who can make them feel that they are part of the plant. I am going to get up to Aldridge this week and will try to get some subs, but I know it is a hard camp for that. If you have cards send me about a dozen more, and if I don't use them I can return them."

"I told you about Miller at the Springs Thursday night. Well, at the dinner table in Fridley on Friday he told Hudson that he would be glad to have had him reply to him. Hudson was going away on the train, but I was not so went over loaded for him and told him I would pay half the hall rent if he would let me reply to him. He said that so far as he was concerned it would not cost me a dollar. Lord, what a roasting he gave us. About half his talk was devoted to lambasting the socialists. He did not mention the name of socialists, but spoke about "pessimists," "knockers," "people who want to bring everybody down to a dead level," "mean," "stingy," "soulless" people, etc. Well, when he got through some of the crowd called for me. I spoke about fifteen or twenty minutes, when the "Rev." Pritchard, who was chairman, called me down, said it was getting late and many people had far to go (which was true), and that they had not time to listen to my talk on socialism—that I was not answering Mr. Miller's statements. Think of a socialist answering a republican without saying anything about socialism."

"Mr. Miller told us among other things that he had never accepted a bribe and never would. I wonder why he told us that. Perhaps he thought we were not sure about it, but now since he has told us we can bank on it. Imagine a woman telling us that she was perfectly virtuous and intended to remain so."

"I should have given out that I would answer Miller some other night, but now it is a fizzle. Still I believe he harmed himself by his tirade."

"I hear that Hudson had a good meeting in Livingston. He is a dandy. He has the tenacity of the veteran and the enthusiasm of the new recruit. It's not often you get a combination like that. Things will always be doing where he is."

"I did not get any News this week, or Fountain either. Now, Jim, think about what I said at the beginning of this letter. There are party members who don't know we have a party paper. We must have the News talked about in the locals. Don't try to carry the whole weight yourself—have faith in your friends."

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The world must follow you.

The world's life lies in your right hand,  
Your strong right hand, your skilled right hand;  
You hold the whole world in your hand,  
See to it what you do!  
Or dark or light, or wrong or right,  
The world is made by you.

Then rise as you never rose before,  
Or hoped before, or dared before,  
And show, as was never shown before  
The power that lies in you.  
Unite as one, see justice done,  
Believe and dare and do!  
—Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

**A Good Comrade Gone.**

On the 31st of October the News office was in receipt of a letter from Comrade Matthew Brier of Missoula enclosing one dollar for buttons. The letter ended, "Yours for the socialist victory, when all men will be free and no man will dare live off another." Sunday word came over the phone that he had died on Saturday, Nov. 3. The cause of his death was appendicitis. Comrade Brier was one of the staunchest friends the socialist movement of the world possessed. A comrade has written a few lines in loving memory of one of those soldiers of the revolution who have dropped from the ranks in the smoke of the battle, and without ever seeing a glimpse of the glorious victory for which he so wholly fought, and into which some day the working class will triumphantly enter.

"Yes, we must follow soon, will glad obey,  
When a few suns have roll'd their cares away.  
Tired with vain life, will close the willing eye;  
'Tis the great birthright of mankind to die."

Matthew Brier, or Comrade Mat, as he was commonly called, has gone to his great inheritance, a possession that cannot be taken from him—where the exploiter cannot follow nor the greed of capitalism reach. Comrade Mat was a man possessing much in his character that was truly noble and grand, but above all was the endearing one of sympathy. He loved the workers of the world, no matter what their nationality or color might be. He said "their blood was the same as his." The troubles and worries of his friends were his concern, and he stood ready to assist them whenever he could.

The night before he died he said he wished that he could give expression to his thoughts that would be a benefit to his fellow men. This statement was made while suffering great pain and shows the heroic mind of the man.

Brother Mat served his country as a soldier in the Philippines, where he received an injury that would have entitled him to a pension had he asked for it, but that spirit of justice that was so strong in him would not allow him to ask any favors of a government he so strongly denounced.

Comrades, Brother Mat is gone. We have lost a worker. There is a gap in the ranks, an empty chair in the local, but—

"Can storied urn or animated bust  
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?

Can Honor's voice provoke the silent dust  
Or flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?"

No, no; but we can be more active in the great cause he loved so. Let our remembrance of him be an inspiration.  
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**National News**

Bohemian National Organizer Beranek will speak two days in the first legislative district, Allegheny, and one day in Wilmerding. The meetings are being held under the auspices of the Bohemian branches.

Secretary Shaw ran up against the socialists in a speech at Parkersburg, W. Va., and looked very foolish over some questions they propounded to him at a meeting. He refused to accept the challenge of Fred Merriek to meet him in debate.

Comrade Mary F. Merrill is conducting a socialist half column weekly in the Stockton (Cal.) Record. Newspapers which are really willing to be what their name implies and give their socialist readers fair treatment will not discriminate against socialist views or news.

Eighty-eight thousand pieces of socialist literature have been received and nearly all distributed by the county organization since Sept 1 in Allegheny county, Pa. This does not include literature distributed by the branches, nor that has been sold.

As an example of the value of the socialist resignation blank system, in Salem, Illinois, it became necessary to enforce party discipline in the case of the candidate for sheriff. His resignation was filed with the county clerk and a new candidate placed on the ticket.

Local Tulare is the banner socialist organization in California. The comrades there dug up \$50 and hired a special train to go to Visalia on the occasion of Austin Lewis' address there. The delegation was a large one and the meeting was a good success. All seven locals of Tulare county were represented.

A report is at hand that Eaton Jackson Bowers, present member of congress from the Sixth district of Mississippi, and candidate for re-election on the democratic ticket, has failed to file his nomination certificate in legal form at the proper time. There is no republican candidate in this district. If this report is true and the Bourbons observe the election laws, Comrade J. A. Brash of Gulfport, socialist nominee, will occupy a seat in the next congress.

Congressman Cushman has been prancing through the land looking for a foe worthy of his steel, and recently the Tacoma Ledger had Cushman pictured as an Indian warrior out in search of Bryan, Lewis or Gompers, and in this picture these worthies were dimly seen in the distance, trembling from fear of the distant warrior. About this time the Hon. Francis W. Cushman received a registered letter from Seattle, containing a challenge to debate with some representative of the socialist party. Forthwith Cushman rubbed the war paint off, threw away his tin sword, and announced that he must conserve his strength for the performance of his strenuous duties in congress. Happy thought; resourceful Cushman.

Dietz, Wyo., Oct. 28, 1906.  
Jas. D. Graham, 22 Park Ave., Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade:—Local Dietz at its last regular meeting expelled Peter Carroll and Chas. Peets from the Socialist party because they accepted a nomination for office on a ticket other than the Socialist party. Peter Carroll accepted the nomination on the republican ticket for representative, and Charles Peets accepted the democratic nomination for constable on the democratic ticket. Both were dues paying members of the Socialist party.

The Socialist party wants men on its membership rolls who can resist so petty a temptation as a nomination for office on a party ticket that has always been against the working class.

By order of Local Dietz:  
ARTHUR D. MORGAN,  
Secretary.

**Democrats Back Down.**

received a wondrously worded reply from The socialists of Carbon county have the democratic central committee, to whom they had issued a challenge to meet their speakers in debate. Reasons of all sorts, colors, and shades are given as to why they will not meet the socialists in debate at present. But they wind up by saying they will consent to a series of debates after election. The democrats are adopting that plan throughout the state. That is what the fresh democrat at Bozeman fell back on when he found the socialists eager to take up his challenge. It is a sneaking, contemptible, crawling, cowardly way. They won't meet us because they have no arguments. They are simply trying to run a bunco steering game on the people.

**International**

The trades union congress of England has unanimously instructed the labor members of parliament to introduce a bill providing for the nationalization of all railways, canals and mines in the United Kingdom.

"Der Wahre Jacob," the well known German socialist comic weekly, has attained a circulation of over 200,000, and produces a profit of about \$10,000 annually, all of which goes to the propaganda fund.

One of the immediate results of the recent British elections has been a large increase in the number of socialist weekly publications. The Sheffield Pioneer is one of the latest. Its initial number contains Upton Sinclair's latest article on "Our Bourgeois Literature."

An estimate of the slaughter of the people of Russia during 1905 gives 14,130 killed on the streets, 900 executed and 19,254 wounded. On the side of the government 720 were killed and 810 wounded.

The Swedish Socialist party have over 20,000 members in Stockholm alone. The party also possess five daily newspapers and fifteen parliamentary representatives.

Sentences at hard labor and imprisonment aggregating seventy years were passed upon various socialists in Germany during the present year. It looks as if we will soon have to keep a similar record in this country, judging by the frequency of arrests for street speaking.

The socialist party in Denmark scored a great victory recently by succeeding in breaking into the upper house of the Danish parliament. This body corresponds to our senate and our Danish comrades succeeded in electing four members to that body. In the lower house the socialists have twenty-four members out of 104 representatives.

The Danish Juvenile Socialist Federation held its first annual congress at Vegle, Jutland, recently. Thirty-two delegates were present, representing 14 clubs with a membership of 720. These clubs form the nucleus of the new federation and there is no doubt that it will soon grow and triple its membership during the ensuing year. The federation decided to publish a monthly, devoted entirely to the interests of the Juvenile Federation.

The socialists have made such continuous efforts in South Africa that the workers of Durban are aroused and Comrade C. H. Haggard has been elected as one of our representatives in the legislative assembly of the colony. He is the first labor representative of South Africa in parliament. Two other labor candidates are standing for election, one of which is a social-democrat.

In view of the attention which is being given by the press to the Italian socialist congress, it may be interesting to reproduce from "Vorwaerts" what their Rome correspondent gives as the pith of the two extreme, opposing resolutions brought in by Arturo Labriola on one side and of the Revolutionary Syndicalists, and that of Modigliani on the other, which is a modified and very shrewd attempt to put Reformism or Revisionism in the most plausible form possible. All the more objectionable features of Italian Revisionism have been carefully excluded, and an attempt has been made to secure support in the general body of the party. Ferri's resolution—that of the party of the so-called "Integralists," to signify their wish to preserve the integrity of the party at all costs—has not yet been published, although this last will probably secure the vast majority, and in all probability leave the situation as confused as ever.—Justice.

**THAT'S THE STUFF.**

"I am in this fight to a finish. Rather than compromise the Socialist party by withdrawing in favor of any man, I will willingly walk to the gallows.

"W. D. HAYWOOD."  
That's the kind of talk to settle Nugent and Patterson and all their democratic pack of lawyers.

Haywood's prompt and ringing telegram to the Denver Post has very decidedly settled the question of these prisoners of destiny favoring the compromise of the socialist party to save their lives. According to the Caldwell Socialist it was a case of the Senator Patterson law firm of Denver, that has charge of the case for the Western Federation, trying to handle the socialist movement and the misfortunes of the working class to their own advantage. But it didn't work. The Socialist party is too big a thing for them.

**Women's Clubs**

**Can You Sacrifice Too?**

The comrades with whom I stayed last night gave me a fine pair of thoroughbred White Brahmas, the finest and largest I ever saw. That gave me an inspiration. Suppose every socialist woman who raises chickens would set aside one "missionary hen" and give all the money brought in by that hen's eggs and chickens to the Cause—spend it for literature to give away or send it to the Russian revolutionists. I mentioned this to mine hostess and she declared instantly and enthusiastically that she would do so. Mine hostess keeps fine chickens and the eggs are valuable. A good hen lays two hundred eggs in the course of a year. Two hundred eggs at one dollar a dozen—White Brahma eggs bring a dollar a dozen—is more than enough to support a socialist organizer in Russia for a whole year. In Russia they don't pay three dollars a day and expenses. The Russian organizer gets ten dollars a month. And out of that must come food, clothing, shelter, salary (!) everything. They go hungry, of course, and sometimes sleep out doors, and they wear as little as the law and the climate allow. Think of them, Mothers of America, while you are cooking bountiful meals for your sons and embroidering shirt-waist sets for your daughters—think of those Russian mothers' sons and daughters who, for humanity's sake, suffer with hunger and cold and have not where to lay their heads. Then read the story by Maxim Gorky in this paper and see the worse dangers they brave continually. Whenever I hear or think of the Russian part of our fight for freedom I am ashamed to think that I have done—can do—so little for the Cause.—May Beals, National Organizer, in Dixie Worker.

**"I Have to Work."**

I have just been told a pathetic story of the mines. A woman whose husband was killed in the Fraterkille explosion, where 187 men and boys were sacrificed to one man's greed, said that her husband told her that morning that he had felt every morning for two or three days, when he went into the mine, as if he would never see the light again. He kept turning his head and looking back as long as he could to see the light, with a horrible foreboding in his heart. After he kissed her good-bye and started to work he looked back and tried to smile—a pitiful, twisted smile it was, sadder than tears; and she said, "When they brought him back to me he had that same smile on his face." They all knew the mine was unsafe. One man whose wife urged him not to go to work that morning answered, "We didn't have work last week, and we've got this furniture to pay for. I have to work.

Those were the last words he said to her except good-bye. "I have to work."  
Truly the lash of hunger is the best slave driver.

One old man came out of the mine that morning and warned the boss that an explosion might occur at any minute. He was not thanked for his pains. The boss said, "You'd better not go to stirring up any excitement among the men if you know what's good for you. Either keep your mouth shut or take your bucket and get off this hill."  
The old man went back into the mine—he had to work—but before he reached the place where he had been working the explosion met him and hurled him against the wall, fatally injuring him. He crawled out a little way, so he could breathe. He was the only one carried out alive. He died in a few hours.

No, the boss was not a murderer, he was only ignorant and incompetent. He died with the men in the mine. But under socialism this could not have happened, for the men would elect their own boss, superintendent, inspector, etc. The men who risk their lives to furnish heat and light and power for us know better than any bloody capitalist what sort of conditions they need under ground.

It is incomprehensible—it is both tragic and absurd—that the American voting king, who would shed his last drop of blood against one-man tyranny in government, bows his neck meekly beneath the heel of the little two-by-four "boss" who holds in his hands the power of a czar—the power of life and death.

The locals of Allegheny county will hold a dance at Allegheny on Nov. 20. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Simons have consented to give a course of lectures in that county this winter.

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DEAR COMRADE:

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The present campaign has proved how essential a part it plays in the Montana movement. It is already a thorn in the side of the capitalist class. By the next presidential election we must make it a weapon to be dealt with. Rally to the support of The News. Show your appreciation of its usefulness by making it literally rain subscriptions. Let its first birthday be an occasion for strenuous activity on its behalf. Make up your mind to get at least five subs for the coming year. It can be done if you only try. Quite a few subscriptions expire next month; some may not be renewed, and must be replaced.

A list of the subs obtained by each comrade will be published in The News. Try and head the list.

Remember the first anniversary of your state paper. Let it be a red letter day in the history of the Socialist movement in Montana.

Yours fraternally,  
THE MONTANA NEWS.

Comrade Jensen of Harlowton sends in a couple of subs.

We have a letter from N. P. Graham of Portland, Ore., formerly of Missoula asking that the News be sent there as they are lonesome without it.

Local Great Falls sends in \$10.50 to be applied as follows: 300 copies of News \$3, 1,000 campaign leaflets \$2, advertising \$2.50, wage fund John Haag \$3.

Comrade Peugh reports from Livingston: "Have deposited in Merchants' bank subject to your order; for dues stamps \$9.00, literature \$6.50, Montana News \$1, job work \$2.50; total \$19."

Comrade Hagen of Fort Benton sends in \$1 for subs, and \$4 to be applied on the News. He is a candidate for the legislature from Choteau county, and says he thinks he is going to poll a big vote in Benton. He is also asking for speakers.

Local Lewistown sends Comrade Harvey's challenge to his opponents, and an order for 500 posters containing it printed in two colors. The challenge was refused publication in both the old party papers; also an order for 500 of the News.

Comrade Woodruff of Stevensville sent in \$3.50 in remittance of sub cards. He writes that he is moving to Rupert, Idaho, and says "Will do all I can for paper when I get to Idaho, glad to note improvement in the paper."

Comrade Anderson, secretary of the Finnish local at Stockett, sends in \$3 for dues and writes: "Comrade William Boman was in town and lectured two nights on socialism. He is a good speaker. Please send us copy of News, we want to take subscriptions."

Local Ovando sends in \$2.35; \$1.35 for dues and \$1 from A. Chhillstrom for the wage fund. Comrade Brunner says: "I am in such a position that I am unable to leave home or would canvass Helmsville for subs. Will try and get subs on election day. The republicans are around shouting prosperity, and the farmers have a hard time to sell fat cattle and cheap at that."

Comrade Brown of Lewistown writes as follows:

"Enclosed is \$30, \$20 for Mrs. Hazlett's railroad fare and \$10 to be applied on our campaign supply bill. We have engaged the opera house here for Mrs. Hazlett on Friday night, Nov. 2, and Monday night she will open the new Socialist hall in Kendall. Gilt Edge will probably be taken in Saturday night, and Maiden or a return speech here Sunday night."

Comrade Selby went out to the round house Sunday and rounded up seven subs.

Comrade E. G. Miller sent in \$1.50 being balance due on candidates cards. He is in Minot, N. D., and though many miles away, he is doing his utmost to assist the comrades of Choteau in their campaign work.

He has promised to rustle a few subs for the News in Minot before leaving.

Comrade Margaret Palsgrove writes from Great Falls:

"We just received yours of October 31st. Would like a dollar's worth of News this week for which please find enclosed money order.

"Do you keep the pamphlet 'The Negro Problem' and what do they sell at in smaller quantities? We would like to reach a few colored people in our neighborhood. With kind wishes to you all."

Comrade Rector sends in \$7 collected on two campaign books. He writes:

"The registration in some precincts up this way has fallen off considerably compared with two years ago. However, we will make a fine showing. Three months ago I put all the Swedes on this way on the list for the Svenska Socialisten of Rockford, Ill., and it has done splendid work. They are coming to us rapidly now. The repubs can't understand it." He also sends \$15 to balance on the press fund.

Thomas Griffith, candidate for representative on the Lewis and Clark county ticket, has some idea that a political campaign requires some funds to run it, and we are in receipt of the following:

"I see by the News that the socialists of Lewis and Clark county have placed me on the county ticket. I fear I will make a weak candidate, as I am not in a position to aid much in the campaign at present. I have been prospecting and have not made a cent for two months until this week. I enclose \$5 for the county campaign fund and will get in with \$5 more before the campaign closes if I possibly can."

Comrade George Wesler of Great Falls reports as follows: "I took a trip to Cascade on Sunday Oct. 28. I made an house to house distribution of 50 News, 50 Appeals, 100 'Confessions of a Drone,' and 100 campaign leaflets. I met some good comrades there, Comrades George Bartley, Moore and Ludwig who are doing excellent work.

"I think Cascade is just about ripe for a local, and I think there can be some good work done.

"Next Sunday some of the comrades are going to Sand Coulee and Neihart to spread the good news."

Comrade aul Castle's report of Comrade Ben Wilson's meeting at Central Park is as follows:

Oct. 30, 1906.

Comrade Ben Wilson of Berkeley, Cal., came to Central Park Oct. 24. He spoke to the men at the saw mill (about 30 men) at noon and in the school house in the evening. This is the first time any socialist speaker has been in Central Park and Comrade Wilson did the pioneer work well. He deftly and denounced capitalism to the evident approval of the audience. It was a most effective meeting in starting the people to thinking and did away with much prejudice and misunderstanding as to socialism.

Comrade Castle filled one date in Livingston recently.

Comrade Boman, the Finnish organizer, writes as follows: "Your letter to Belt reached me too late as I had already left Belt, I could not make the trip to Neihart or rather I thought that it would not be worth while at this critical moment to go out there as the number of Finns there are small and are scattered very widely. I wanted to hurry in to Butte, as here is where agitation is most needed, and the comrades here informed me that the election is drawing near and that the party is going to poll big, and they wanted me to make the socialist votes count equal to elect the ticket, if not the whole, the biggest end anyhow, and that this was the place where votes count and agitation is needed. The American comrades have done great work here for this election.

"If you have anything of information to me, why send them to address Box 252, Butte, Mont.

"P. S.—I have been to Belt, Stockett and Sand Coulee and have done what was in me. I gave 4 lectures at Belt and 4 at Stockett."

The following letter from Comrade Arthur Morrow Lewis gives some encouragement for the Idaho situation:

"I was just getting sick missing my meeting here from not being allowed time enough to make it but there was nothing doing at Blackfoot, so I gave the boys here Blackfoot's date—tonight. I was going to end badly but my meetings the last two nights and tonight were rippers and I feel vastly better. All three halls crowded. Two were country school houses. Collections \$2.10 and \$4.05, literature \$4.20 and \$4.30; then tonight Collections \$10.20 and literature \$9.30 and they gave me the whole collection. So I am feeling quite happy, especially as 4 new men applied for membership after tonight's meeting. They are death on fusion or compromise and Dr. Titus has surely done a great work among these people in that way. The Caldwell Socialist has a big circulation in the state and it will be a pity if it suspends. At this time I don't know whether I make Ogden tomorrow night or not. I am going tonight to Pocatello—midnight."

We have the following letter from Comrade Levegood that breathes the true spirit of working class activity. Whether any candidates are landed or not, the socialist teaching and agitation among the working class will make in time for the revolution, provided it is straight working class goods, and no metaphysical, superficial slush:

"Comrade Hudson arrived here last Saturday and spoke to a good crowd that night. We billed the main streets for him and by the enthusiasm expressed it was money well spent. Sunday night he spoke again to an immense crowd, holding them on the street corner for an hour and thirty minutes, driving the truth home, and after the wagon went home the crowd stayed and shook hands with Comrade Hudson and talked for another hour, being reluctant to go home then. Comrade Hudson made a great impression among all classes. Everyone speaks well of him here. He seems to take the crowd into his confidence as he would his own boys. I would like to see him here again before election. Last night Comrade Uter spoke to a large crowd on corner Main and Broadway, followed by Ambrose, Levegood, McCormick, Hudson and Castle. Enthusiasm was high and collections good. We will poll the biggest vote here ever polled in this county and will land part of our county ticket."

Comrade Gillespie, the secretary of Local Great Falls, writes as follows:

"Tonight was the most interesting meeting of socialists I have ever been present at, and signs point to a continuance of the interest. All seats were occupied and there were very lively discussions. Collections were taken up to defray bills presented by the News and Palsgrove will remit tomorrow.

"It was moved and carried that we inform the Montana News that we wish to distribute leaflets or cards at the polls asking the electors to vote against the referendum, and leave it to the News to get out suitable notices stating why they should vote against it.

"I think that a card showing them where to mark, with a few reasons un-

derneath (not too much reading or they wouldn't take time to look at it) will do the business. It is our intention to hand them to the voters just as they are going into the booth and not distribute them prior to that.

"Comrade Patterson was wondering if you would have time to print him some cards and send them by return mail. I told him to try as I did not know how busy you were. We should like 4,000 of the cards or leaflets and as soon as possible, as they have got to be sent out into the country, too.

From Livingston.

We had a good meeting here last Friday night. Comrades Hudson and Castle each gave a good speech in Trades and Labor Hall on the labor problem and political issues before the people. The hall was well filled by the laboring class and they all were attentive listeners. There were some republicans and some democrats present. A few of the democrats could not stand to hear some of the truths that were told by the speakers, and got up and left before the meeting was over. This class of good democrats (!) will remain in mental darkness and vote in the interest and for the matter class. Comrade Hudson is a good reasoner and being a man of good habits who neither drinks intoxicating liquors, smokes or chews tobacco, has his mental faculties always in good condition to fully explain to the wage earner and producer the full meaning of the present economic conditions, so that any wage and producing slave can understand the situation. Comrade Castle is one of the most logical and entertaining speakers the socialists have, and has the ability to put the "thinker" in the average working man's head to work for his own salvation. We predict that he will be in the service of the national committee in the near future.

There are all kinds of campaign fake stories afloat to injure the socialist vote. The plutes and their assistants are circulating the report over the county that Comrade Mrs. Willey and myself are not able to qualify if elected to the offices we are candidates for. This fake lie seems to have been bred and born in the republican camp. It was peddled rather extensively around Aldridge and vicinity thinking they would delude and deceive some of the miners and voters in that territory. Well, the comrades at Aldridge are a little too well informed for such political rot to have any effect whatever. The same story was also peddled around Livingston with this addition—that Peugh was working in the interest of Brooks, the republican candidate. This last addition to the republican fake was peddled extensively by a member of Federal Union No. 27, who generally has more booze on board than he has good judgment. The undersigned will not look for any favors from the hands of such union men, nor does he expect to furnish any booze to that class. Should I be elected I will be abundantly able to qualify and also able to attend the duties of the office of treasurer, otherwise I would never have accepted the nomination. So I will say to every socialist, vote the straight socialist ticket. Every candidate you have nominated can fill and do the duties of the offices they are nominated for. Listen to no plute fake story from now on till Nov. 6th. Vote for your class and your class interests. Fraternally,

A. D. PEUGH.

Comrade Chelgreen sends in six subs and writes below them: "We want an eight page Montana News."

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