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In furtherance of our purpose to serve the interests of the working class, we pledge ourselves, first, to endeavor to bring about the suppression of the petty trusts which have been formed by the business men of this community to beat down the wages of the working class by increasing the cost of living. Such combinations are not only unlawful but impose great hardship on the workers and are at the bottom of the present industrial strife and unrest.

We denounce the practice of the city in engaging in co-partnership with houses of prostitution and gambling dens and pledge ourselves to free the city from this stain.

We pledge ourselves to establish city scales in the interests of the workers. The absence of an emergency hospital is a disgrace to the municipality and again shows how little the interests of the workers are considered by the capitalist class, since it is largely the workers who have use for an institution of this kind.

The so-called public bath house established by the present administration is another example of how capitalistic promises conform to capitalistic performances. We pledge ourselves, if elected to use every means to provide

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Books shall be borrowed by citizens from the public library without giving any security therefor under proper regulations.

The city council and mayor shall do all in their power to supply work for the unemployed.

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The price of water to be regulated by the city council and the city council to prevent the water company from charging extortionate rates. The franchise shall be revoked as soon as possible.

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The Socialist party shall apply its best to proposed legislation. Is it in the interests of the working class? If it is, we are for it; if not, we are against it.

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A collection was taken up to start the campaign and \$13.85 was received. After giving three cheers for socialism the convention adjourned.

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Attorneys Say Case Is Only to Prepare Way to Convict Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone

Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 27. The court house was packed to the doors this afternoon when Steve Adams, defendant in the murder trial which involves the approaching trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone for the murder of Ex-Governor Steunenberg, went on the witness stand in his own behalf.

Adams was examined with the greatest detail regarding his past life. The witness testified that he had joined the Altman Miners' Union No. 19, branch of the Western Federation, while at Independence in 1901. He had married Mrs. Adams at Telluride and immediately after marriage went back to Independence, where he was arrested for dynamiting the shaft of the Indicator mine. He was thrown into jail for ninety-three days, but no charge was preferred and he was released.

### Changes His Name.

Adams described the means by which he got to Denver and changed his name to Steve Dixon, and came to Idaho from Denver, fearing to be thrown back into jail, and went to the Marble Creek district for the purpose of hiding. While in Denver he met Jack Simpkins, who was then a member of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners. While on his way to Marble Creek he met Vincent St. John and Griffin in Burke and met Simpkins there also.

### Tells of His Arrest.

He described the manner of his arrest on February 20th, 1906, at his uncle's ranch near Baker City by Detective Thiele and Sheriff Brown on a fugitive warrant charging complicity in the Steunenberg assassination. He was thrown into jail over night at Baker City and demanded that Brown get him an attorney. Brown refused, but next morning he made the demand again and Brown went out witness saw Attorney Moore.

Adams feared being taken to Colorado. While at the depot waiting for the train, Brown told him that he was on the inside and if Adams would do what was wanted he would come out all right. Thiele reiterated this statement a number of times on the way to Boise. At Boise he was taken straight to the penitentiary and thrown into a solid steel cell on the second tier with Harry Orchard and confined six or seven days.

While in the cell Orchard told Adams that he had made a confession implicating officers of the Western Federation and Adams that he (Orchard) was to get off without prosecution, and that he was to get a piece of money and he intended to put a pond between himself and members of the Western Federation. Orchard warned Adams that the best thing he could do was to help convict the officers of Western Federation and corroborate Orchard's confession and save himself and think of his family, and if Adams failed to do this he would be taken back to Colorado and either mobbed or hanged.

Adams' testimony will be resumed to-morrow.

### Wife Is a Witness.

Immediately after Adams testified Mrs. Adams was on the witness stand and stated that on March 2, 1906, she had been taken from Baker City to Boise by Thiele. On the way to Boise Thiele told her Steve had made a confession and had been promised immunity and would be back on the ranch. McPartland came to see her the second day after her arrival in Boise and reiterated Thiele's statement. At the penitentiary Warden Whitney told her to cheer up, that he (Steve) had gone through a terrible ordeal and felt very badly. She was locked in the woman's ward in the penitentiary along with women prisoners and while there Governor Gooding had once called on her and kissed her baby two or three times.

Amusement was caused when Henry P. Knight, of the prosecution, tried to get Mrs. Adams to admit that Governor Gooding had kissed the baby two or three times on account of the political campaign then in progress.

### Second Day on Witness Stand.

Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 28.—That a deliberate conspiracy was formed

among the officers of the penitentiary and the detectives to implicate the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners' in the assassination of Ex-Governor Steunenberg, and that this conspiracy was to be backed by false evidence, obtained by threats and bribes, is in effect the charge made by Steve Adams before the court this morning.

Adams' story was in substance as follows:

"On the sixth day after I was taken to Boise and put in the cell with Harry Orchard, I was taken to the office of the penitentiary and introduced to Detective McPartland. He told me about 'Kelly the Bum,' and other men who had turned state's evidence and had been set free. He told me some Bible stories, too, but I cannot remember what they were as I am not familiar with the Bible. He kept me there until four or five o'clock in the morning, trying to get me to confess.

### To Convict Federation Officers.

"McPartland told me that he wanted to convict Moyer, Haywood Pettibone, St. John and Simpkins, whom he called cutthroats. If I would not help him to convict them, he said I would be taken to Colorado and either hung or mobbed.

"If I did help, I would only be taken to Colorado as a witness. About 2 o'clock in the morning they served us a nice luncheon and when we parted about 4 o'clock McPartland told me he was my friend and told me to think of my family. They put me back in the cell with Harry Orchard, who talked to me about the need of backing up his story. The next day McPartland called again and as he was leaving me I called him back and said I would do what he wanted me to do. He told me to think well of what I was doing, to think of my family and save myself. He said he would see that my family was cared for. He told me if I was still obstinate I would be taken back to Colorado.

### The Confession.

"When the confession was made McPartland led me on step by step and showed me all that he wanted me to say. He told me that what I said about the Tyler and Boule murders was only taken with the idea of making strong chain of evidence to convict the officers of the Western Federation of Miners. He wanted the names of the officers of the federation used as much as possible all through the confession. McPartland asked me if I knew Ed. Boyce. I told him I did not, and knew nothing of any money being sent to him. All the statements regarding money were made with the idea of implicating the Western Federation. Two or three days later Warden Whitney brought the confession to me to sign."

Adams confirmed all the early part of the confession as to his family and past history, but denied that part relating to the plot to kill Steunenberg and as to his life in the Marble Creek district.

Wallace, Idaho, March 4.—"Steve Adams is only a pawn in the great game which is being played. When Governor Gooding, the leader of this great state pressed his lips to those of Adams' innocent babe did he believe that he was kissing the child of a criminal—the child of one of the greatest criminals of the world? The prosecutors in this case do not believe that Adams is guilty. They never did believe it. They never should have believed it. It is incredible."

So declared Judge L. F. Richardson this morning in his plea to the jury to acquit Steve Adams of the crime of killing Fred Tyler. He based his plea upon the theory that the state is only using Adams for the purpose of convicting others—that the trial is but the side play in the great battle between the Mine Owners' association and the Western Federation of Miners.

### Pinkertons Denounced.

A feature of Judge Richardson's address this morning was his severe denunciation of detectives in general and the Pinkerton agency represented by McPartland in particular. "The Pinkerton Detective agency," he declared, "is not an organization

## TRIAL DELAYED

SPECIAL TO THE MONTANA NEWS.

Caldwell, Idaho, March 5, 1907.—Court convened here today and it was arranged to put off the Western Federation case until after the close of the Steve Adams case at Wallace. Mr. Nugent, attorney for the defense is on the ground. An effort will be made to get a change of venue from the spot of the crime, where the very air is surcharged with prejudice.

known to the law. It is a private interest working for private ends, or perhaps obeying the behest of some one holding public position, who employs it."

"A detective, generally speaking, is a man who engages in the business from inclination—a man who likes the dark and devious ways of life—a man who is too lazy to work at any trade that requires an intellect and a great amount of labor—a man who is viewed with suspicion—a man who cannot be believed. He comes to the trial to testify in favor of the man who employs him. His success depends upon the success of those who employ him in securing their objects, and their object in this case is the conviction of Steve Adams."

### McPartland Scored.

Richardson denounced the methods used by McPartland in obtaining the confession by working on Adams' feelings and his affection for his young wife and little baby. Supporting his assertion that the prosecution did not believe Adams guilty he said:

"It is not now and never has been customary to take a self confessed victim from his cell the moment his confession has been made, place him in a nice room and send for his wife and family."

Clarence Darrow next spoke for the defense. He said:

"The state of Idaho never prosecuted a man as they are prosecuting this poor unimportant laborer. They have gone to the capital and employed the greatest lawyer there is in Idaho and months of the time of the greatest detectives in the world have been given to bring him to the gallows. They are simply gambling with the life of Steve Adams, not that his life will be taken; they do not value that any more than they value the life of a fly.

### Trying to Destroy the Federation.

Mr. Darrow argues that the purpose of the prosecution was to prepare the way for the real struggle, when Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone would be put on trial in an effort to destroy them and the Western Federation of Miners. He said that it was

unfair on the part of the state to make Adams the scape-goat for a crime for which probably every settler in the district was to blame. No notice had been taken of the death of either Tyler or Boule until the great man had been killed in southern Idaho, when the remains of Tyler had been dug up with the object of implicating the Western Federation of Miners.

Mr. Darrow took up the confession point by point and endeavored to trace the hand of Detective McPartland all through the answers and corrections, and tried to show how it was given under the fear of death on the one hand and hope of a quiet farm life on the other. He said that the Western Federation of Miners had been referred to all through the confession with the sole object of implicating them, and dwelt sarcastically on Adams' entertainment of Gooding Borah, Whitney, McPartland and Thiele, while weeping house in the penitentiary.

He referred at length to McPartland's and Thiele's connections with labor unions, saying that it was impossible that a man who could lie under these conditions could tell the whole truth from the witness stand.

### Special to The News:—

Wallace, Idaho, March 6.—At 10:45 this morning Judge Woods completed his instructions and the jury retired to decide whether Steve Adams is guilty or innocent of the murder of Fred Tyler. At the close of the instructions Judge Richardson for the defense took exception to the jury. It is claimed that in framing his instructions the judge accepted a few of those offered by the defense but incorporated a large proportion of those offered by the state. In his charge to the jury Judge Wood said in part:

"You are to decide whether Fred Tyler is dead, whether his death was the result of a felony and whether that felony was committed by this defendant. If you have a reasonable doubt on any of these points the defendant is entitled to the benefit."

"Guilt cannot be proven by con-

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## SAWMILLMEN STRIKE AT SOMERS

The sawmill men at Somers have gone on a strike. Every wheel except the water works is at a stand still. The company's stores and offices are without steam heat and electric light.

The strike was caused by the discharge of Louis Orgeron, general foreman, and the placing of June Cash man in his place. One of Cashman's first moves was the discharge of several union men. A committee of union men waited upon Superintendent Poole asking for the re-instatement of the discharged men. Receiving no satisfactory reply a general strike was immediately ordered, and for a couple of days not a wheel of the John O'Brien plant moved.

Arrangements were later made by the union to allow two of their members to run the pumps, thereby giving fire protection to the town and mills.

The O'Brien Lumber Co. owns the mills, the water works, the electric lights, the store, the bank, the wood yards and the houses the people live in. Meat, wood, water, light, groceries, clothing, school books and hospital fees are deducted from the workman's

check, and the balance, if any, is turned over to him.

A five room shack rents for \$7 a month and water for such a house costs \$1 a month.

On Thursday last the company sent out notices to a large number of their tenants to vacate their houses within 30 days. The union retaliated by calling out their men who had been running the pumps, and for a time it appeared that the town would be without water, but the company got men and the pumps are running.

The men are organized under a charter from the I. W. W. and at the present time have a membership of 275, practically the entire force.

There is no saloon in Somers and the men employed are unusually intelligent and orderly. Some trouble occurred the first night of the strike, and guns were displayed, and as a sequel to the occurrence Superintendent Poole, Assistant Superintendent Paacha and Foreman Cashman were fined small sums in the court of Justice Rice of Kalispell.

A deputy sheriff is on duty nights and another in the day time.

## Butte Socialists Nominate

A Strong Ticket Put in the Field—Campaign Outlined—Platform and Resolutions Adopted

The city convention of the Socialist Party met on March 5th in Engineers' hall and immediately adjourned to Judge Donland's court.

It was the largest convention ever held in the city of Butte. Every seat reserved for delegates was filled and all the remaining seats were filled by spectators and sympathizers, and every one was filled with the spirit that will bring socialism in our day. The following were the nominations:

For Mayor—George O'Mally.  
For Treasurer—R. C. Scott.  
For Police Magistrate—J. I. Donovan.

### Aldermen—

1. Ward—J. C. Lowmy.
2. Ward—Patrick King.
3. Ward—Gus Etherton.
4. Ward—W. J. Kennedy.
5. Ward—Geo. Ambrose.
6. Ward—P. Moran.

The first and fifth ward will hold their caucuses later and select their candidates for aldermen.

The following platform and resolutions were adopted:

We, the Socialist Party of Butte in convention assembled, re-affirm the principles and programme of the International socialist movement and the national and state platforms of the Socialist Party.

We call your attention to the fact that there is a struggle going on between the workers, those who use the tools of production yet do not own them and the capitalist, those who own the tools yet do not operate them, and that this struggle is supreme to all others. That the only way to end this struggle is to abolish the capitalist system or in other words, the wage system, and we demand that the worker, the producer of all wealth, shall have that which he produces.

To the working class of the city of Butte we again carry the message of the Socialist Party. Workers of the world, unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains and a world to gain!

No political party can represent both the interests of the employers and the employed. The Socialist party stands unqualifiedly and unreservedly for the interests of the working class and for their interests only and if elected to office will serve the interests of the working class and its interests only.

As a guarantee of our integrity of purpose we point to the fact that the undated resignation of every nominee is in the hands of the Socialist Party local ready for filing. In proof that this precaution is not an idle one we point to the case of the renegade alderman whose seat in the city council was declared vacant on his betrayal of party faith.

In furtherance of our purpose to serve the interests of the working class, we pledge ourselves, first, to endeavor to bring about the suppression of the petty trusts which have been formed by the business men of this community to beat down the wages of the working class by increasing the cost of living. Such combinations are not only unlawful but impose great hardship on the workers and are at the bottom of the present industrial strife and unrest.

We denounce the practice of the city in engaging in co-partnership with houses of prostitution and gambling dens and pledge ourselves to free the city from this stain.

We pledge ourselves to establish city scales in the interests of the workers. The absence of an emergency hospital is a disgrace to the municipality and again shows how little the interests of the workers are considered by the capitalist class, since it is largely the workers who have use for an institution of this kind.

The so-called public bath house established by the present administration is another example of how capitalistic promises conform to capitalistic performances. We pledge ourselves, if elected to use every means to provide

the working class with proper facilities in this direction as well as in every other channel which the laws of the state will permit.

Books shall be borrowed by citizens from the public library without giving any security therefor under proper regulations.

The city council and mayor shall do all in their power to supply work for the unemployed.

The city limits shall be extended if possible so as to include all mines south of the Speculator and the Speculation.

The price of water to be regulated by the city council and the city council to prevent the water company from charging extortionate rates. The franchise shall be revoked as soon as possible.

The city council shall regulate the price of electricity.

The Socialist party shall apply its best to proposed legislation. Is it in the interests of the working class? If it is, we are for it; if not, we are against it.

Whereas, The capitalist class through the agency of the political administration of Colorado and Idaho have kidnapped three of our comrades, namely, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, whose only crime was loyalty to their class, and deported them to the state of Idaho and kept them in prison nearly thirteen months without trial, and

Whereas, President Roosevelt sent a member of his political family to the state of Idaho, to assist in every way possible to bring about the conviction of these innocent men and

Whereas, the supreme court with but one dissenting vote in the person of Judge McKenna has declared that the kidnapping of working men is legal, thereby showing that the government is in the hands of the capitalist class and

Whereas this is but a link in the chain of evidence which shows the capitalists to be the real rulers of the nation, some of the important links being the Molly McGuire, the Haymarket, the imprisonment of E. V. Debs, the persecution of Shea and the imprisonment of President Charles Woerner, of the Pressmen's union in Chicago for feeding strikers, slavery today in the railroad camps of Florida, and we might fill volume after volume of these links which show that the capitalist rule is a rule of blood and at all times is backed up by the political government, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Socialist party in convention assembled call upon the entire working class to unite under the banner of one political party, namely the Socialist party, and overthrow this despot (the capitalist system,) and establish a system whose basic principle shall be given to the worker, the producer of all wealth that which he produces, and be it

Resolved, That we hereby sound the note of warning, that Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone shall not be murdered. That we wish this matter to be settled peaceably but if necessary, we, the working people will take other methods to secure justice.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished President Roosevelt, Governors Gooding and McDonald, The Montana News, Appeal to Reason, Chicago Daily Socialist and the Industrial Bulletin and the Miners' Magazine.

The following were elected the city central committee:

- First Ward, Com. Pierce.
- Second Ward—Com. McGowan.
- Third ward, Com. McGurley.
- Fourth ward, Com. Mant.
- Fifth, A. Jennings.
- Sixth, J. J. Colgan.
- Seventh, S. H. Van Home.
- Eighth, J. S. Harrington.

A collection was taken up to start the campaign and \$13.85 was received. After giving three cheers for socialism the convention adjourned.

A temporary settlement in the strike of the linemen in Helena and Missoula has been agreed upon. The company concedes the increase of wages and reduction of hours, pending a general agreement with the district lodge of the linemen at Salt Lake.