

Amendments for State Constitution

Changes Made by the Convention--They Should Be Carefully Studied by Every Member of the Party Before Voting the Referendum.

Article I, section 2, amended to read:

Sec. 2. Twenty per cent of the state committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Section 3 amended to read:

State committee shall meet in regular session annually; in convention years three days before the convention.

Section 4 amended to read:

The revenue of the state organization shall be derived from sale of due stamps to the locals at the rate of 25 cents per stamp per member per month.

Article II, section 1 amended to read:

"And make reports to state conventions."

Article III, section 1, amended to read:

"There shall be state cabinet composed of three members. They shall be elected by the state committee at its annual session from the party membership. If any member of the cabinet shall be absent for two consecutive meetings his office shall be declared vacant and the state secretary shall call for nominations from state committee to fill the office."

Section 2 amended to read:

The state cabinet shall meet once in three months and at the call of the chairman of the cabinet, it shall supervise and direct the work of the state secretary and business manager and editor of the official state paper.

Section 4 amended to read:

Any member of the state committee may require the state secretary to submit to the vote of the whole state committee questions as to the removal of any member or members of the cabinet or the state secretary, also for its consideration any part of the work of the state secretary or the cabinet, or any business belonging to the state committee.

Article IV, section 1, amended to read:

The nomination for the office of state secretary shall be made in open convention, such nomination to be sent to a referendum of the party membership. The present incumbent of said office shall hold office until his successor is duly elected by said referendum. His term of office shall be concurrent with that of the state committee. The state secretary shall be subject to removal by a two-third vote of said committee.

Section 4 amended to read:

The state secretary shall be in possession of and responsible for all funds. He shall keep correct accounts of all money received and paid out by him, and shall at times have his books open to inspection of any member of the cabinet or member of the state party. He shall be placed under bonds, the amount to be fixed by the state committee. His term bond shall be paid for out of the state funds.

Article V, stricken out.

Article VI, amended to read:

Section 1. No person shall hold membership in a local other than the local in the place in which he resides.

Sec. 2. No person shall be admitted as a member of the socialist party while he holds an elective or appointive office under a capitalist party.

Sec. 3. Any member of the socialist party who has been an officeholder under a capitalist party, shall, before being eligible to a nomination from the party, serve the party in the ranks one previous election, regardless of his length of membership in the party.

Sec. 4. No member shall be eligible as a candidate for any state office who has not been a member of the socialist party in good standing for two years previous to his nomination, and no member shall be eligible as a candidate for any county or minor office who has not been a member of the socialist party in good standing for one year previous to his nomination. This shall not apply to districts where the party has not been organized one or two years previous to the date of nomination, but in all cases candidates must be active members of the local.

Sec. 5. No person can retain membership in any socialist local in the state of Montana who is the member of any alliance, organization or association whose principles are antagonistic to the interests of workingmen, and any local retaining such person in

membership, after due notice, shall forfeit its charter.

Sec. 6. Every working class member of the socialist party of Montana should be a member of some labor union, if one exists in the territory in which he resides.

The following articles have been added:

ARTICLE VII--CONVENTIONS.

Section 1. All calls for conventions shall be sent out thirty days previous to date of convention.

Sec. 2. The regular state convention of the party shall be held in all years in which state conventions are held.

Sec. 3. Special conventions of the party may be held at any time if decided upon by a general vote of the party membership.

Sec. 4. The dates and places of holding such regular or special conventions shall be fixed by the state committee.

Sec. 5. The basis of representation in any state convention shall be by locals, each local being entitled to one delegate-at-large and one additional delegate for each ten members in good standing, provided, however, that no delegate shall be considered eligible unless he has been a member of the local from which the credential is presented, for a period of one year previous to date of convention. This shall not apply to districts where the party has not been organized for one or two years previous to the date of nomination, but in all cases candidates must be active members of the local.

Sec. 6. Railroad fare to state nominating and special conventions shall be paid from the state treasury, the money to be raised by special assessment if necessary.

Sec. 7. While in session the state convention of the socialist party of Montana shall be the supreme power of the state and shall be qualified to handle any and all business belonging to the party, subject to a referendum of the party membership.

ARTICLE VIII--NOMINATIONS

Section 1. Nominations for offices shall be made in the following manner:

County Offices

March 1 the state secretary shall call upon the locals for nominations. Nominations shall remain open for four weeks before being put to a referendum. The names receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the nominees for the convention. Should no candidate for any particular office receive a majority of votes on the first ballot, the two receiving the highest votes shall be again submitted to a referendum in the same manner as before and the one receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the nominee for the convention.

May 1 the chairman of the county committee, where organized, shall call upon the locals for nominations. Nominations shall remain open for three weeks before being put to a referendum. The names receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the nominees for the convention. Should no candidate for a particular office receive a majority of votes on the first ballot, the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be again submitted to a referendum in the same manner as before and the one receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the nominee for the convention.

Sec. 2. In unorganized counties nominations shall be made by mass convention.

Sec. 4. All members nominated for office by the socialist party, shall, upon accepting the nomination, place their undated resignation, signed and witnessed, in the hands of the local, county or state committee, to be accepted when ordered by a majority vote of the party membership of the district which he shall be elected to represent.

ARTICLE IX--HEADQUARTERS

Section 1. The seat of headquarters shall be subject to removal by referendum vote at any time provided the same is called for by three or more locals.

ARTICLE X--AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Upon the application of three or more locals the state secretary shall submit any amendment pro-

posed by such locals to a referendum vote of the membership of the state.

Sec. 2. The state committee or state cabinet shall have the privilege to propose amendments.

—Prepared and submitted by the State Secretary.

COAL MINERS' CONVENTION.

The coal miners of District 22, including Wyoming and Montana, have been holding their annual convention in Helena during the last week, and at present they are in conference with the coal operators.

The methods employed by the coal miners in their labor operations argue well for the growing power of the working class to manage their own affairs. Their reports are accurate and systematic, committee work thorough and effective, plans are patient and painstaking. When the socialist party labors to do its work as efficiently as the unions are doing theirs it will get immediate and astonishing results.

The convention made several tentative jumps at political action. But these jumps are mostly in the line of the "good man" candidate. For instance, one resolution deals with the election of state mine inspectors by a direct vote of the mine workers, and pledges the mine workers to support for legislative officers "such candidates as will pledge themselves to support such a measure, and any other measure as would serve to protect the lives of the men employed in the mine, and using all influence to defeat any candidates that are opposed to such demands." There is no doubt that they will find plenty of candidates who will "pledge themselves" (before election) to support such a measure. But the American workingman religiously avoids class lines in his politics, and goes to the slaughter every year on "pledges" that he has no means of enforcing.

Labor is slowly advancing to a plane of greater solidarity along industrial lines, as instance one resolution: "We believe the best interests of this organization would be advanced by a more complete interchange of transfer cards between different labor organizations, both trade and industrial unions."

It will be remembered that the Western Federation of Miners at its recent convention took measures for a transfer of cards between the coal miners and the quartz miners.

The convention also asks for a state mining board appointed by the governor who shall be examiners to pass upon "the practical and technical qualifications and personal fitness of men seeking places as state inspectors of mines. The qualifications demanded are "that they shall submit to and pass an examination as to their practical and technical knowledge of mine engineering and appliances; of the proper development and operations of coal mines, of ventilation in mines, of the nature and property of mine gases, of the geology of the coal measures in the state, and of the laws of the state relating to coal mines."

One of the greatest evidences that unionism will never solve the working man problem is found in the introduction by the miners of the proviso that a man making application for initiation in the union must furnish satisfactory evidence of having had one year's experience within the mines or pay a fee of \$10 assessed against non-practical miners.

Driven by the necessity of protecting themselves in job the coal miner as workers in other crafts aims to make a close corporation of his craft, to keep out competitors. But the unemployed problem stares us in the face, and only socialism can answer that.

A resolution was also adopted endorsing the bill for postal savings banks.

A CHAT WITH A MILLIONAIRE SOCIALIST

James Phelps Stokes, millionaire socialist who visited Helena this week, is very evidently sincere. At least, that is the impression he made upon a representative of The Lookout in a very pleasant chat upon his socialist work and the principles of the cult.

"You are understood to be millionaire, Mr. Stokes. Why don't you divide your money with the poor?" This

question made Mr. Stokes smile, yet it was a grave smile and he was very eager to make reply.

The socialistic Mr. Phelps of the plutocratic class is a winning personality. He smiles readily and sweetly, and his statements of the principles of socialism are made with conviction and enthusiasm. He is an exceptionally tall young man, something over thirty years of age; he is built on the toothpick plan, and his face is of the delicate type, slender-featured and very dark, with blue eyes that contrast oddly with the very dark skin and make the latter look rather inky. He is a true type of the Americanized Anglo-Saxon, and shows the New Yorker in his speech.

The Lookout man explained that he did not intend to be impertinent or offensive, but was anxious as to the answer Mr. Stokes would make to the question. The explanation was unnecessary; plainly Mr. Stokes had heard the question before, and he was pained with a fully detailed reply. Said he:

"My reason for not dividing up my unearned income is because it seems to me more just and proper to hand over the entire income to the socialist cause. Every dollar of rents, interests or profits I receive is expended upon the socialistic propaganda, for publications, campaign expenses, traveling and hotel expenditures, and to aid in holding meetings where the funds of the local organization are insufficient to defray the expenses.

"Please make another paragraph of this. Every dollar of my personal expenses is paid from earnings from work done by myself.

"I feel that the unearned income I received was produced not by me but by the working class of America, and I feel that this class has a better right to it than I. Since it is impossible to hunt each and every one of the workers who have contributed to this unearned income, I feel that the most effective way to return it is to devote it to the socialistic propaganda, which aims to make it possible for future workers to retain every dollar they produce and not hand any of their product over to non-productive capitalists."

"But why not turn it back to the particular workers who produce it?"

"That is impossible. For instance, I have some income from rent of office buildings in New York, occupied by banks, railroad offices, mining offices and offices of other concerns whose industries are numerous and scattered throughout the country. It seems to me impossible to discover the individual workers who produced it," Mr. Phelps returned.

Further discussion revealed that Mr. Phelps thinks his present acceptance of this income, and the use to which he applies it, is more helpful to humanity than would be a course in which he might refuse to accept the income, or dispose of the income-bearing property and withdraw the proceeds from interest-bearing uses, or spend the income otherwise. He devoted many years to charitable and philanthropic work in the slums of New York that convinced him such endeavor is ineffective in producing a cure for the evils which the poorest and most unfortunate workers of the world suffer. So he turned from that to socialism, hoping to find the cure in the latter, and convinced that he has there found it and therefore is using his money in the cause.

Having disposed of Mr. Phelps' personal relations to socialism, as affected by his character as a millionaire, the conversation turned to the general subject.

"Tell me how socialism is to be applied by laws passed by the states or the United States."

"It would take a long essay and more time that I have to spare," Mr. Phelps replied. But he went into the subject to some extent, and spent half an hour endeavoring to make the newspaperman understand some of his views on that topic.—Montana Lookout.

BOYCOTTING TOLSTOY.

The Russian government fear to arrest Tolstoy, apparently, but they are making a strenuous and determined effort to suppress the great writer's teachings. His book on "The Four Gospels" has been confiscated by the governor of Moscow, whilst the St. Petersburg authorities have refused to allow the formation of a literary "Tolstoy society" under the pretext that a permission to use his name must be obtained from Tolstoy himself. The countess Sophie Tolstoy sent a wire saying that her husband would not mind the use of his name. The authorities, however, remain obdurate.

The university of Kasan has elected Tolstoy as honorary member, but the ministry of education refuses to sanction the election on the ground that the count was excommunicated by the church.

CANDIDATES OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF MONTANA

Men and Women Devoted to a Revolutionary Movement That Commend the Pride and Respect of All Voters.

The Montana socialist party has placed a state ticket in the field that it may well be proud of. Rev. L. J. Duncan, who heads the ticket as candidate for congress, is well known by name to all the socialists of Montana, and personally known over a large portion of the state where he has done propaganda work for the party. His speeches have universally given satisfaction. He is an able and scholarly man who has unequivocally taken his stand on the side of the working class and the socialist movement. He is pastor of the Unitarian church of Butte, a position he has held for several years, and is much beloved by his congregation.

Harry Hazleton, the candidate for governor, is a man well known to the older socialists of Montana, as a number of years ago he used to be an active propagandist, making speeches in various parts of the state. His business affairs of late years have interfered with his socialist activity. He is one of the partners in a flourishing tombstone business, established in five of the largest cities of Montana. He is a generous contributor to the party, and has been one of the heaviest supporters of the Montana News. He is a man well respected all over the state outside of the socialist party, and will probably run considerably ahead of his ticket.

Rev. F. L. Buzzell, candidate for lieutenant governor, needs no introduction to socialist voters. He has been a Methodist minister well-loved and respected throughout northern Montana, where he has held charges for many years. He left his church and surrendered his parchments that he might be free to devote himself to the social regeneration that he saw in the social revolution that was marching on before him. He took up a farm at Conrad, built a bungalow on it with his own hands, and has got results in his crops, trees, vegetables, etc., that are a wonder in that part of the country. Comrade Buzzell's family, consisting of a wife and four girls, are in entire sympathy with his socialist convictions, and the eldest girl, Esther, is training to be a socialist speaker.

H. L. Maury of Butte, candidate for associate justice of the supreme court, is one of the most successful and ablest lawyers in the state of Montana, being attorney for eleven different corporations. He has been a so-

cialist for many years, although a comparatively young man, has defeated T. J. Walsh in a number of important cases, and if he were elected to the supreme bench of Montana workingmen would have an official to be proud of.

A. T. Harvey, candidate for secretary of state, is a rising young man in the socialist movement. He is one of that brilliant and intelligent bunch of socialists in Fergus county that have been the pride of Montana. He is well posted on the movement and was one of our most capable delegates at the national convention. He would honor any position to which the socialists might elect him.

John Powers of Billings, candidate for state treasurer, is well known over the state from his long service as secretary of Local Billings. He is marked for his accuracy, neatness and care in keeping accounts and making reports, his results in this line being unquestionably the best in the state.

The candidate for attorney general is C. H. Parr, another Butte socialist attorney. Comrade Parr has been a member of the party for many years and is a man that every member of the party may take pride in voting for.

Paul H. Castle, candidate for auditor, is another preacher that has espoused the cause of socialism. He is pastor of the Christian church at Hamilton, and is fearless in his advocacy of the proletarian revolution.

The candidate for superintendent of public instruction is Miss Etta Lyons, a young teacher at Fridley. She comes from a large family of revolutionists, has very positive ideas on the inequities of the present system, was a delegate to the convention, and well able to fulfill her duties should she be elected.

A. D. Peugh, nominee for the long term railroad commissionership, has been a railroad man thirty years, most of his service in the freight division.

Jesse Gilchrist, nominee for the four-year term, is in the contracting and building business at Billings, and is manager for the building trades organization there.

Joe Billings, the short-term nominee, is a well-known resident of Flathead county.

J. F. Mable, Hiram Platt and Herman Schneck, candidates for presidential electors, are all three prominent in the socialist party activities.

Mable says this is the third time he has run with Debs.

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS BEHIND COAL STRIKE

The coal miners in Wyoming ceased work on September 1 in an effort to resist a reduction of wages varying from 10 to 25 cents a day. The Union Pacific railway led the fight in the ranks of the operators for the reduction in wages. The miners did not ask for an increase in wages, but only for the same scale and conditions that existed for the past year.

The strike is general in Wyoming except for a few independent mines, which were willing to sign the scale that existed during last year.

All the miners answered the strike call and every mine is tied up tighter than a drum. No scab being at work; Japs and Chinamen alike are out, standing shoulder to shoulder with their Caucasian brothers in the struggle against the efforts of the land grabbing, coal stealing Union Pacific to reduce the workers to lower economic conditions.

For ten years of glorious republican prosperity the miners of Wyoming received the same wages as existed during the panic of the Grover Cleveland regime, and it was not until a year ago, after a hard struggle on the part of the United Mine Workers to perfect their organization that an increase of wages were secured. Thus at the beginning of the panic of 1907 the coal miners received a taste of the glorious prosperity that causes our land to flow with milk and honey for the benefit of the corporations. Not content with receiving ten years all the contents of the full dinner pail, the big coal combines of Wyoming after one year of dividing up a little of glorious prosperity with their wage slaves, want the whole hog for themselves.

The prospects are that the strike will extend and involve the entire northwest. The operators of Mon-

tana and the miners are in joint conference this week trying to agree on a scale for the ensuing year, to take effect when the present scale expires September 30.

The coal miners of Washington are working under protest until October 1, until the results of the Montana conference will be made known. If the Montana miners strike then Washington miners throw down their picks also. The indications at present are that the railroads are going to attempt to reduce the wages of the miners. The Union Pacific has commenced the trouble and if the utterances of President Elliot of the Northern Pacific railway are worth anything, then the Northern Pacific railway is going to be as aggressive as the Harriman road to cut wages. The Great Northern and Milwaukee are in line with President Elliot's policy. For years Jim Hill has been complaining of the high wages coal miners receive, although wages for miners are lower today than they were twenty years ago.

The Northern Pacific railway is prepared for trouble, thousands of tons of coal being stored along the right of way, extending from Jamestown, N. D., west. It is said that the Northern Pacific alone has 150,000 tons of coal stored in Montana.

The present trouble will be the means of bringing the miners into closer organization. At present each state has a scale of its own and the operators and miners of each state meet annually in joint conference. It is expected that after this there will be an interstate conference instead of a state conference, and when an agreement is reached it will mean for all the northwest states, and when a strike takes place it will mean a strike

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Four-Year Term—JESSE F. GILCHRIST, Billings.

Two-Year Term—JOE BILLINGS, Flathead County.

PROMPT ACTION NEEDED.

The dilatory policy pursued by the Montana party and its officials in regard to its business affairs has come to the verge of a disastrous culmination right in the midst of the campaign when we are in need of our strongest work. It was suicidal in the state of affairs the Montana party was in to put off the convention till the last minute, and everything possible was done by the editor of this paper and a number of the party most interested to have an early convention, on the Fourth of July, but without avail. The campaign should be in full swing on the 1st of September at the latest. As it is now there is considerable confusion ahead of us. The convention refused to take any action whatever on practical lines, refused to consider ways and means for conducting the campaign, and the welfare of the party, looked into none of the affairs, did not even ascertain the membership of the party, number paying dues, number of locals, the resources and obligations of the party, or any matters that it is the business of a class-conscious organization of the working class to thoroughly take charge of and supervise. The party has no opportunity to adjust its affairs. There is no state committee in sight as yet and the state committee was supposed to elect the cabinet. The minutes of the convention were late in coming in and the state secre-

tary says he could not send out the referendums till he has the minutes.

The manager appointed by the convention for the News, Mr. Stoner of Lewistown, is not thoroughly familiar with the workings of the office yet, and as a consequence our mailing list is going down, many bills are unpaid, the help must be paid, and the sense of uncertainty has checked party support to a certain extent. You can't force money to come in by passing a resolution at a convention. It takes business management to run a business.

This is exactly the condition that the Montana News confronts, and those doing the work and getting no pay will not do it much longer—they cannot. The money raised for Mrs. Hazlett at the convention had to go to pay the help last week.

The only solution is to rally to the support of the people in here and assist them in doing the work of the socialist movement. It would be a calamity if the News should fall at this time. It has already become a power throughout the northwest through its hard working, constructive policy, its standing in the breach whenever the working class is in trouble, and its place as a medium for the work of the socialist party.

The party should thoroughly understand its own affairs, and it is the duty of those interested to see that it does, and take intelligent action. There is nothing stable or definite about the situation as it stands. The secretary's office is vacant, the present incumbent simply filling the vacancy, and it is the same with all others about the headquarters.

The situation can be saved if the party shows decisive action at once. It is indeed a commentary if the party fails simply over its inability to handle business affairs. The opportunity is all here and it is simply a question of management.

Let us not take a backward step. Let us go forward.

CHANGE OF TACTICS.

The Montana News is now under new management, and at this writing (September 9) there is a decidedly hopeful sign in the air. Comrade Stoner has gone over to Lewistown for a few days, and Charles Tipton, the foreman of the job room, is deputized as manager. The system of handling the paper is being reconstructed so as to meet present necessities and carry the paper along until confidence is restored and the local organizations have a chance to get under it. There is plenty of work ahead in the job room, and if we can just tide over operating expenses until we can get our money out of it, it looks as though the News would weather the storm.

Under the new management financial reports will be published regularly so that every one who assists us in the crisis can see just where the donations go.

The party ought to remember that the greatest sacrifices are being made by those doing the immediate work. A feeling of confidence and good, earnest co-operation now will be productive of splendid results.

We have a consignment of stock needed for immediate work that will be here in a few days, and on which we must pay \$60 to get it from the freight house. Direct help on this would give us a most substantial boost and enable us to fill our job orders.

Let us try again, comrades. Take breath again and make another big help. This is the bone and sinew of the revolution. These struggles for working class expression are the revolution itself.

Go out and get subs. If you could just take \$5 worth of cards now, how it would help.

The News deals with your local fight. It belongs to every member of the party in Montana.

The local press is the hope of the future for the socialist party.

We must not fall now when we have gone so far, and the new management says it shall not fall.

Mabie and Burgess have been doing team work, and Mabie went on ahead of Burgess in Carbon county and writes that he expects to swing back on the Bear Creek branch after him. He says they hold a meeting at Laurel Saturday, September 19, which lets them into Billings on the 20th. He writes: "There are a couple of hundred slaves working at Laurel and I could not find a socialist among them. It is very pleasant to go into some place where there is a bunch of comrades to meet you, but the place that needs the work is where the heathen are the thickest."

Dear Comrade: Enclosed please my report for my trip through Idaho and Montana. I feel that it is a pretty good showing financially since I traveled 1,750 miles, 1,500 miles by railroad and the rest by stage and boat. Nineteen meetings were held in places where there was no local and four where there had never been a speaker before. The balance leaves me \$2 per day and my expenses paid. The total receipts were \$159.97, total expenses \$80.15, balance \$79.82. T. E. LATIMER.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ARRANGING SOCIALIST MEETINGS.

My Dear Co-Worker: In arranging for the holding of socialist meetings, do not, I beg of you, neglect the apparently minor details. Items of an insignificant character, or rather the neglect of them, have often wrecked otherwise magnificent meetings, or at least seriously impaired their usefulness. Trusting I will not be regarded as presumptuous if I invite attention to the following matters; feeling that by the strict observance thereof your meetings can scarcely fail of the most gratifying success:

1. Leave nothing to chance; arrange everything beforehand, even to the glass of water for the speaker.
2. Have a good chairman, one who has the respect and confidence of the comrades, and the community. Give him the program, allowing him to become familiar with it before the meeting begins. Choose a socialist.
3. Arrange for singing. Good, appropriate singing at the opening and "The Marsellaise" well rendered at the close is the life of a meeting. Have a leader for each evening and by all means have him select bright, appropriate music. The "Socialist Song" books are fine for this.

4. Arrange for ushers. Give the man in overalls a front seat.

5. Have collectors chosen beforehand, experienced ones if possible, for those chosen haphazard after the meetings open are too apt to "rush" through the audience as if ashamed of it, and are not generally a success. Young ladies often get the best results along this line.

6. Don't forget the advertising in advance. By all means display posters, getting them on bill boards if possible, especially in the windows of business houses, a week in advance of the meeting if possible. The printed matter is sent out to advertise the meetings; see that it does it. Post them with paste at prominent crossroads or street corners. Arrange, also, for advertisements in your local newspapers whenever you can use them, even for pay. These do not cost much, if anything, and are effective; but you have to be fearless about asking for it. Let the people know that a speaker is coming and of his quality and there will generally be no scarcity of hearers. But you can't advertise too much. Some one said, "Advertising is like courtship; a widow; it can't be overdone."

8. By all means have some of the comrades meet speakers at the train or boat. Valuable time is often lost, and considerable annoyance caused by the speaker having to tramp over the town to find out a boarding place, hall, etc.

9. Remember! Our field workers are invariably experienced working people who are away from home in the interest of their class and are entitled to every courtesy at your hands, and we trust that considerate attention will be paid to the above suggestions.

10. Last and greatest! Have a goodly supply of telling socialist literature for sale, and at the close of meetings get it into the hands of non-socialists in exchange for coin, to carry on our educational warfare for the emancipation of the working class. Distribute at least our national platform and constitutions, party papers, freely. Read our membership pledge—calling attention to the class struggle plank, or application for membership blank, and extend an invitation to those who believe in socialist fundamentals to join the party of their class. Show them that it is the workingman's fight we are waging, and on every occasion possible sound our ringing slogans:

"Workers of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains! You have a world to gain! To every worker the full product of his labor!"

D. BURGESS.

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Application for charter in from Clancy with twelve names, mostly machinists. Comrade Burgess organized the local. J. E. Butler is secretary.

Mrs. Hugh Gregg of Pompey's Pillar, Mont., renews her sub and says she could not get along without the News. She says she wishes she could help the cause more, and that all she can do is to talk to the tramps that come there to ask for something to eat.

Surely, Castro must be "spanked." He has committed the high crime of refusing to permit his country to be exploited at will by the asphalt trusts and financial gangs of the United States and Europe. What does Venezuela exist for, if not to enrich the capitalists of the stronger nations?—Daily Call.

Five half-yearly sub cards \$1.00. Every comrade in Montana should send for a dollar's worth and boom the local socialist campaign to the utmost. Nothing will do this like a local press to handle the local situation.

IDAHO

Most comrades are enthusiastic over the "Red Special."

Several locals were late sending in their votes on national referendum.

Charter was granted to 12 comrades at Kamlah, July 25. Ralph W. Stuart, secretary.

L. G. Jennings of Ho is secretary of Local Volmer, chartered July 28, 7 members.

Charters were granted to Locals Lenora, 6 members, August 8, and Port Hill, 6 members, August 14.

Local Florence expelled Marion Williams for accepting mandate as a delegate to democratic county convention.

James Farrell of Naples gets in with campaign donation of \$2 for August, and promises a remittance monthly during campaign.

Washington county will hold nominating convention September 14, and Comrade Barton is expected to be there for a night meeting.

John G. Koch of Rathdrum writes: "We are straining every nerve to keep the 'ball rolling.' Our cause is growing as fast as safety will permit."

The campaign sub lists merit better use by the comrades as the sympathizer will and can be made to help bear the expenses at home as well as elsewhere.

Local Twin Falls has succeeded in arranging a debate between a local comrade, S. W. Motley, and a doctor of the town. Watch reports from there November 3.

Local Florence sends donation—\$3 for "Red Special," \$7 campaign fund. Comrade John Chenoweth has returned from Starkey Hot Springs greatly improved in health and ready for campaign work.

Get busy comrades. Nominate from constable up. Let us have some one to vote for. Socialists vote only for socialists. All nominations to appear on the official ballot must be filed not less than 30 days before election.

It is reported that the G. O. P. will encourage the S. L. P. to put up a ticket in some places in Idaho in order to confuse the socialist voters. Comrades be on the lookout for tricks, their principal line of campaign.

Comrade R. C. Massey of Grand View writes: "As I seem too busy to help in the work as I would like to do, I think it about time I was helping some financially, so I will enclose a \$10 check."

Simpkins of Mountain Home writes: "Burgess spoke in park to about 50 persons. Most of town away to circus at Boise. Made one of the best presentations of socialism so far here. The effect is as great as any two speakers previously."

The state central committee has at last succeeded in electing a state executive committee, as follows: A. W. Judd, Emmett; John Cheweth, Middleton; L. E. Workman, South Boise; James Smith, St. Anthony; T. J. Coonrod, Emmett.

Comrade Hirst, Glens Ferry, writes: "Comrade Burgess' lecture came off on schedule time. It was a very good one, too. Those present were very orderly and attentive and did some profitable thinking. At any rate, we have added three new members to local since."

Comrade Untermaun writes: "Have just returned from our county convention, Stites and a trip in the Clearwater region. If all Idaho were as well organized as the Clearwater we would not only scare the old parties, but carry the state."

Comrade Ben Jansen writes: "As county board did not allow us any representatives on election board, I am preparing to have watchers in every polling place in county. If the comrades of Nez Perce county will come to my help a little with funds we will be in a fairly good shape after this election to carry on a campaign."

Comrades of Sand Point to the number of eleven met and renewed their charter August 21, hired the Eagle hall and expect to meet each Sunday at 2 p. m. They have a fine hall and will likely have a membership of 50 to 75 in a short time. They have a few staunch and never tiring workers, besides a very fine field for work. The socialists of Bonner county, Idaho, will hold a mass convention in Sand Point September 5, 1908, for the purpose of nominating officers for the county. Yours fraternally,
M. C. ZORNER,
Elmer, Idaho.

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Industrial Conditions Behind Coal Strike

(Continued from Page 1.)

extending over the states of Wyoming, Montana and Washington. Slowly but surely economic conditions are forcing the worker and capitalist to better and more complete organization.

The miners have a thorough organization, not a single non-union coal miner exists in Montana or Wyoming. Seventy-five Chinese are employed in the coal mines of Rock Springs, Wyo., an every one of them has a paid up union card of the United Mine Workers of America. When the strike vote was under way the Chinamen were asked how they stood on the question, their reply was, "White man no work, me no work."

There are between four and five hundred Jap coal miners in southern Wyoming and every one of them have taken the obligation of the union and pay their dues each month like true union men. Every one of them are on strike and standing as firm as any union man ever stood. The Japs and the Chinese received the same wages in and around the mines as any other miner employed. They are governed by the union rules and the same wage scale applies to them as the other workers. If they are employed by the day they are paid the same as any other man would be paid who does the work. At piece work the Jap and the Chinaman receive the same for tonnage as a white man, and moreover the union sees that they get it and if they have a grievance the pit committee takes it up with the bosses, just the same as they would take the grievance of a white man. The Jap and Chinaman meet in the same union meeting as the whites. The Japs have the constitution and by-laws of the union translated and printed in their own language and are as well posted on the laws of the union as the rest of the workers.

There is a great inspiration in the present conflict when one views it from a civilized viewpoint. Commerce has put man against man, nation against nation, race against race. Religion has caused men to spring at each others throats and made rivers flow with blood. But organized labor, the grandest and noblest of all, bring men together, knowing no nationality, no race, no creed, solving the problems of the race in a way that they can only be solved, economically. For the solidarity of the workers the Jap, Chinaman and Caucasian stand pat in Wyoming.

STATE HEADQUARTERS, SOCIALIST PARTY, EMMETT, IDAHO.

State executive committee held a meeting at Emmett, August 11, 1908. Comrade Judd was elected chairman. Coonrod ex-officio secretary.

Comrades Workman, Judd and Coonrod present.

The minutes of state convention was read and motion that the "Trustees Printing Co. proposition" be postponed until after election. Adopted.

The salary of state secretary-treasurer be increased to \$25 per month beginning with Aug. 1, 1908. Adopted.

Motion that a flat rate of \$5 be charged for dates of Comrades Untermaun and Barton to help meet expenses of tours. Adopted.

Motion that copies of national platform be ordered shipped direct to local secretaries for distribution at meetings and other times and places and be paid for from state treasury. Adopted.

Motion that Judd and Coonrod be empowered to issue charters to locals and red cards to members-at-large between sessions. Adopted.

Motion that tours for Untermaun and Barton be arranged by Judd and Coonrod. Adopted.

Motion that we meet at Boise, 232 Sonna block, September 11, at 3 o'clock p. m., for next session of committee. Adopted.
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COUNTY TICKET CANYON COUNTY, IDAHO.

The county convention of the socialist party of Canyon county, Idaho, met at Middleton, August 29, and placed in nomination the following:

State senator—Henry Reimers, Payette.

Representatives—W. H. Hamilton, Caldwell; Claus J. Lundt, Payette; A. L. Chenoweth, Middleton.

County commissioners—First district, H. M. Whitney, Caldwell; second district, Wm. S. Elrod, Middleton; third district, Julius Mielks, Payette.

Sheriff—Samuel Winchester, Caldwell.

Treasurer—Mrs. Minerva Peery, Emmett.

Probate Judge—R. D. McKee, Nampa. Assessor—Frank D. Fouch, Parma. Coroner—John J. Jarvis, Middleton. Surveyor—Wm. E. Snodgrass, Middleton.

Attorney—Frank P. Kipp, Caldwell.

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CHINESE TRADE UNIONS.

Here orthodox trade unionism of the "Gompers and Mitchell" emulated type has surely attained its climax, going beyond its cringing American contemporary, and far more entitled to respect. Going beyond it inasmuch as the Chinese trade unions win an immensely greater proportion of strikes; more entitled to respect, because with an immeasurably less opportunity to attain what is called education, hovering chronically around the bare bread and rice subsistence line, with no funds generally, they have never arrived at the despicable summit of impotism of endorsing the "community of interests of capital and labor." Whenever the miserable existence in which they drag out their wretched bestial lives is threatened by a more than usual cut in wages, they rise and strike as one man. Scabbing is practically unknown. The guilds and unions date back to time immemorial. And yet what have they achieved? The right to live in dog-kennels; to live on mouldy rice, which infects them with the dreaded beriberi, and horse feed.

Trade unions and socialist organizations of South Africa have decided to take political action along British lines.

Poet's Corner

THE PEOPLE'S AMERICA.

I traveled through old America, my eyes were filled with tears, I saw men and women going to the poor house because they were old in years.

I next went to the factories, and there my blood stood still, I saw baby fingers, boys and girls, ground to dividends within that hostile mill.

I gazed back o'er my travels and said the system must be wrong, To work those little boys and girls, and refuse work to the strong.

I went into the Republican convention and thought they would come to blows, When they heard of five million people starving, yet willing to work, their answer was, "God knows."

In the land of opportunity I went from city to city, oh what an awful strife, To see starving women begging for work, bearing the honored name of wife.

I went to the capitalist robbers and asked them to explain, So many women begging for aid and their pleading all in vain.

They said that all the store houses were crammed right to the door, In Europe we have no market, that is the reason there are so many poor.

As I gazed on the pale wan faces, my God, will it ever be thus, That labor has to starve to death because it produces so much?

That labor has to starve to death because it produces so much? America, America, open your eyes and see

FIELD WORK.

Eugene V. Debs.

Missoula, Thursday, Sept. 17; arrive 3:20 p. m., depart 3:45 p. m. Butte, Thursday, September 17; arrive 7:40 p. m., depart 11:30 p. m.

Geo. R. Kirkpatrick.

HelenaSept. 22 ButteSept. 23 LewistownSept. 17 KendallSept. 18 BeltSept. 19 Great Falls (two dates).....Sept. 20-21

John Collins.

LimaOctober 2 DillonOctober 3 ButteOctober 4 LivingstonOctober 5 BridgerOctober 6 Carbon county.....October 7-10

Lewis J. Duncan.

MissoulaSept. 14 DarbySept. 15 HamiltonSept. 16 Red SpecialSept. 17

A. W. Harrack.

Cascade county.....Sept. 11 HavreSept. 12-13 Fort BentonSept. 14 LivingstonSept. 16 BozemanSept. 17

D. Burgess.

Carbon county to.....Sept. 18 LaurelSept. 19 BillingsSept. 20

National

National Organizer W. H. McFall recently organized locals at Newton and East Hampstead, N. H.

When the soldiers were called out for strike duty against the miners in Alabama, one lieutenant promptly sent in his resignation, with the statement that he had not enlisted to shoot down American workmen.

National Organizer W. R. Gaylord has had debates at Aspermont, Tex., with the county judge, and at Buffalo Gap with a democratic candidate.

The Vicksburg, Miss., style, lately introduced, of handling a strike is for the authorities to insist upon the workers accepting the bosses terms or go to the chain gang as vagrants, as was done in the recent dock workers' and sailors' strike.

Sample half sheet posters containing the pictures of Debs and Hanford, the presidential candidates, 21x28 inches, printed in three colors, have been shipped to all locals.

National Organizer Guy E. Miller reports from Skowhegan, Me., as follows: "Republicans had a band concert and rally in opposition to our meeting. About fifty attended the republican meeting; there were 500 or more at ours. There will certainly be a heavy increase in the socialist vote here."

The Socialist special train, with Presidential Candidate Debs and A. M. Simons as speakers, with a band of 14 pieces and the necessary force for management and literature distribution, will start for Alton park and the county picnic Sunday, August 30, at 1:30 p. m. The next day, Monday, at 9:15 a. m., it will start from the La Salle street station, Chicago, for the western trip.

The Toledo Union Leader gives a tabulated statement of the referendum vote taken by the unions in that city upon the political proposition. There were two questions submitted. One read: "Shall the unions nominate a state legislative ticket only?"

The comrades of New Mexico in the vicinity of Tucumcari, and a wide district surrounding it, report a drought which is in the nature of a public calamity, having destroyed all the crops and rendering 90 per cent of the population destitute—thousands being compelled to leave their homes and homesteads.

J. F. Mable.

Carbon county to.....Sept. 18

Arthur Morrow Lewis.

BillingsSeptember 16-17 Great FallsSeptember 18-19 ButteSeptember 20-21

T. J. Lewis in Idaho.

Glenns FerrySept. 5 AcequianSept. 4 Boise CitySept. 6-7 EmmettSept. 8 MidvaleSept. 9 CouncilSept. 10 CambridgeSept. 11 En routeSept. 12 PocatelloSept. 13 Idaho FallsSept. 14-15 KilgoreSept. 16-17 DellSept. 18 DillonSept. 19 MullanSept. 23 BurkeSept. 24 WallaceSept. 25 HarrisonSept. 26 Coeur d'AlentSept. 27 RathdrumSept. 28 Spirit LakeSept. 29 LaCledeSept. 30 Bonners FerryOct. 1 OpenOct. 2 LewistonOct. 2 OrofinoOct. 1 Nez PerceOct. 5

T. J. Lewis in Montana.

DillonSept. 18 DellSept. 19 ButteSept. 20 MissoulaSept. 21 St. RegisSept. 22

International

CANADA.

An organized movement to discredit the Finnish socialists and charge them with being a menace to the community has been traced to J. W. Lilius, who formerly acted as a spy for Bobrikoff when that much hated tyrant was governor general of Finland.

A letter signed with the name of John Paananen was sent to the Daily News, charging the Finnish socialists with being disciples of free love and preachers of sedition. The Evening Chronicle has come to the defense of the Finnish socialists, however, and has given their side of the story.

Motive Purely Revenge.

In a set of resolutions passed at an indignation meeting the Finnish socialists thus explained the attack made on them:

"This national meeting considers the statements made by John Paananen in the Daily News as inspired by the desire for revenge against the Finnish papers published in this city and against the Finnish socialists, because they dare to expose the doings and explained the meanings of a shabby society of which were members the same Paananen, a quack doctor and sly deceiver of the people, named K. Sunell, and the leader, one J. W. Lilius, a Russian spy, a man who has become famous as indulging in frauds upon his countrymen, and who in his native land stole the funds of a temperance society of which he was the president, and then escaped to America, where he has continued in the same way, involving in bankruptcy to the extent of \$20,000 a Finnish paper at Duluth, which previously had been in good standing."

Lilius a General Spy.

Lilius is charged, played the part of "provocateur" and general spy, working himself into various labor bodies and other societies, many of whose members soon found themselves on the road to Siberia. When his patron, Bobrikoff, left this world he came to America and after putting a Finnish paper out of business he proceeded to launch a mining scheme which, according to the Finnish socialist press, had no connection with a mine. He was exposed both in Typkansa, a semi-monthly paper, and in Wakaleuka, a comic monthly, as a spy.

SOCIALIST NOTES FROM ABROAD.

A new socialist daily, the Cry of the People, has appeared in Turin. There are now six socialist dailies in Italy, three of which—Avanti, Giustizia and the new Turin paper—are the property of the party. The Denmark socialists recently sent \$5,000 to their Russian comrades to help them in their battle for freedom.

The return of Prime Minister Asquith from Scotland and his conference with Sir Henry Grey, secretary of foreign affairs, are connected with the relations of Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Haldane, the secretary of war, with some of the more socialistic members of the cabinet which have been strained for some time. The foreign secretary is firmly opposed to the social reform program at the expense of the army and navy, which some of his colleagues are advocating.

In France, Belgium and Germany the miners are also foremost in the van of labour representation; and in Australia it is the mining centers which contribute the chief labor strength of the state and commonwealth legislatures. We lift our caps to the coal miners, and as for the gold miners of New Zealand or elsewhere, if they prefer to cling to the political coat-tails of their paymasters, we shall not unduly grieve.

The experience of the coal miners of New Zealand is yet another proof that coal miners all the world over are, so to speak, the salt of the socialist and trade union movement. In this country the colliers were the first body of organized workmen to resolve upon electing and paying for labor representatives. As far back as 1875 they returned the late Mr. Alexander Macdonald for Stafford, and Mr. Thomas Burt for Morpeth, to parliament.

Women's Clubs

TOMMY AND THE DEBS BUTTON

"Socialist! Socialist! eh! Socialist!" Tommy stood defiantly in the corner of the school yard, his back to a post, holding his ragged cap in his hand, that he had just recovered from the melee whither it had been knocked by a rude youngster. A score or more of fingers were pointed at him scornfully, and a chorus of shrill taunting voices were shouting the above words at him in derision.

"Yes and you Indians haven't got brains enough to be a socialist!" Tommy was surrounded but untrifled.

His quick answers at his yelling mates showed that he was in no way inclined to repudiate the allegation of being a socialist.

The incident was occasioned by Tommy appearing in the school house yard that morning with a Debs button on his coat. There had been a socialist convention in his town the day before at which his father was a delegate. The entire family had attended in the evening, and the children had been adorned with buttons by the ushers.

Didn't his father wear one? Did not all those wise men who were talking at the big convention have them on?

No hero of the Victoria cross ever more his decorations more proudly than Tommy wore his socialist button.

And when the great band came out to play such wonderful, stirring music, at which all the people cheered, every man of them wore the beautiful red button on his coat lapel.

Tommy marched to school the next morning with his head up, his breast swelling with pride under the cherished button.

At the gate the boys gathered around him with queries of "What's that?"

"Socialist button," was the prompt response.

"Hi! you're an anarchist, are you?" "Police will run you in." "Soap box squealer!"

Miss Holman came to the window, attracted by the demonstration. She sent a boy to see what the trouble was, who came back and reported, "Tommy Laird's a socialist and the rest are making fun of him."

Miss Holman was puzzled. At that instant she saw Tommy mix up with a couple of boys that had attempted to take the button off of him. She sent for the culprits at once and they soon entered the school room followed by the curious crowd of children.

In answer to her queries Tommy told his story about wearing the button, and the disturbance the others had made over it.

"Why do you wear it?" asked the teacher. "It's my party button," replied Tommy. "Jimmy Jones wears a Taft button, and Charlie Smith a Bryan button, and I've got a right to wear a Debs button."

The two boys named were in the crowd and emblems on their coats verified Tommy's words.

A good many thoughts went through Miss Holman's mind. She recognized the logic of the boy's assumption that his party was as much to him as any other boy's.

"What does your socialism mean?" she said to Tommy.

She had but a vague idea herself and supposed the boy could not answer the question.

"It means that instead of my father working for the father of Jim Jones to make him rich while we're poor and my sister working in the laundry for Charlie Smith's father, that all the people will work together and they'll all have what they make, and I can have a chance to go to college as well as the rich boys."

The big bell rang and the children took their seats. Miss Holman had decided to consult the school board about the strange situation, so she sent for Director Brown.

Now, as it happened in Tommy's town, the socialists had elected Mr. Brown on the school board.

When he arrived at the school and heard the story, he smiled, a wise-socialist smile, and said, "Make no discriminations in regard to politics, Miss Holman. Teach the boys and girls too, to study whatever they stand for. Teach them to argue without becoming angry and to respect the common rights of others."

"By the way, I'll send you Simons' 'Class Struggles in America,' it is a wonderful help in the history classes, and—yes, here is a book it would be well for you to read yourself; and he pulled out Robert Hunter's 'Socialists at Work.'"

So Tommy was protected, and good sensible teaching was introduced into that school because there was a socialist on the town school board.—Ida Crouch-Hazlett in Little Socialist Magazine.

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FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Comrades: You have by this time, doubtless, noticed the abusive attacks made by Samuel Gompers in the September number of the Federationist, on Comrade Debs and the socialist party. He alleges that the Red Special is financed by the "Parry-Post-Van Cleave-Taft" organization. The despicable character of this attack naturally will arouse the indignation of members of the socialist party. But to respond with similar abuse would be but to fall into the trap which it seems evident that Gompers has set for us.

If a bitter personal attack is made upon him and he is accused of dishonesty, it will enable him to appear as "an injured innocent" and beg for the issue and help him to smother, to an extent, the growing socialist sentiment within the ranks of trade unionists.

It is all the easier for us to maintain a firm and dignified position because the very injustice of his attack, its manifest falsity and absurd allegations are its own best answer.

The national office has published an itemized statement, copy enclosed, of all money received for the Red Special, up to, and including, August 15, 1908, and a further report, bringing the account to the close of the month, is now being prepared.

Other allegations made in the Gompers' editorial will be taken up at an early date. These facts will make the best possible reply.

A. H. FLOATEN, JOHN WORK, A. H. SIMONS, Members of the National Executive Committee. J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

LEWIS TO TOUR FOR THE DAILY

Garrick Lecturer Scheduled to Speak Throughout Western States.

A boom for The Daily Socialist throughout the western states is planned in the form of a lecture tour which A. M. Lewis intends to make, visiting twenty-five of the leading western cities. From this tour he expects to draw new sinews of war for the paper to use during the campaign. The letter, in which he sets forth his plans for the trip reads as follows:

"Dear Comrades: I shall lecture in the cities given below on the dates stated, all being well. I wish to sincerely request the hearty co-operation of all socialists and sympathizers in making these meetings a success. They will be held for the benefit of The Chicago Daily Socialist, and the total receipts for the twenty-five cities should be well over \$2,000.

"Look up the secretary of the social local in your town and get information about the hall and advertising matter for distribution. There will be two nights in each town, subject the first night, 'Socialism and Science,' and the second night, 'The Triumph of Socialism.' These will be scientific lectures selected from the Garrick theater courses, but given a special

propaganda turn owing to the national campaign.

Most Important Task. "This means beginning the Garrick lectures a month later, but the Garrick audience has always agreed with me that the most important task before the socialists of this country is the maintenance of The Daily Socialist. It must be strengthened for the campaign and it must not die when the campaign closes.

"The fifteen eastern cities I visited contributed over \$1,100. I told them the western cities would do their share when the time came, and the opportunity is here. See that there is a good audience; the rest will be plain sailing."

Where Lewis Will Speak. The following cities will be visited on the dates given:

September 3-10, Denver; 12-13, Deadwood; 14-15, Edgemont; 16-17, Billings; 18-19, Great Falls; 20-21, Butte; 22-23, Spokane; 24-25, Seattle; 26-27, Vancouver, B. C.; 28-29, Portland; October 1-2, Sacramento; 3-4, Oakland; 5-6, San Francisco; 8-9, San Diego; 10-11, Los Angeles; 13-14, El Paso; 16-17, Dallas; 18-19, Fort Worth; 20-21, Oklahoma City; 22-23, Guthrie; 24-25, Arkansas City; 26-27, Kansas City; 28-29, St. Louis.

SOCIALIST TRAIN ON ITS WAY

The Red Special a reality, with Eugene Debs aboard, thundered out of the La Salle street station at 9:10 o'clock in the morning to spread the message of socialism to the Pacific coast. As the train pulled out Stephen Reynolds stepped to the car platform and threw red roses into the cheering crowd. Cheer after cheer beat against the roof of the depot as the Red Special left the station.

Cheering throngs had accompanied Debs to the station and the Red Special band played all along the line of march from the party headquarters, at 180 Washington street, to the station. The tones of the "Marseillaise" thundered forth as the crowd surged into the railroad station.

Those accompanying Debs are A. M. Simons, Chicago; Stephen Reynolds, Terre Haute; John G. Chase, Haverhill, Mass.; Jas. H. Brower, Elgin, candidate for governor of Illinois, who will be with the party till the state line is reached; A. H. Floaten of Denver, in charge of the literature, assisted by John Hanson of Chicago; W. W. Buchanan of San Antonio, Tex.; Lewis Kewan of Nevada; Otto McFeeley, publicity director, and Charles Lapworth, correspondent for European socialist press.

The Chicago Daily Socialist will be on sale at 527 W. Broadway, Butte, Mont. Prices for delivery per month on application.

In Holland a Dutch Men's league to help secure suffrage for Holland women is being formed. The first of such leagues was organized in England. The Lutheran church in Holland has given votes to the women members in church matters.

State Department

NOTICE!

To the Members of the Socialist Party.

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Up to date (Sept. 9) the minutes of the convention have not been received by the Montana News and we are unable to publish them.

Five half-yearly cuts \$1.00.

Missoula turned in \$6 on assessment.

Local Eureka paid \$4.50 assessment.

Debs watch fobs for sale. 25 cents each.

Comrade Powers sends \$3 for due stamps.

Comrade Sholl sends in a couple of subscribers from Dillon.

Local Billings paid in \$20.50 for its assessments.

Local Chimney Rock donates \$2.50 for linotype.

Comrade Murphy of Butte donates 50 cents for linotype.

Local Lewistown sends \$3 for stamps and \$10.50 assessment.

One dollar and ninety cents from F. A. Uystrom collected on assessments.

L. D. Gray sends in for one dozen News cards—cash \$5, and 100 campaign envelopes.

Comrade Helm of Sand Point, Idaho, writes for subscription blanks and says he thinks he can get some subs for the News.

You can help the News and strengthen the socialist campaign by ordering a bunch of subscription cards. Twelve cards for \$5.

Subs coming in from Local Helena this week. Local Helena should make a canvas of the town and turn in 200 other subs for the News. They can be got by going after them if an active man gets to work.

Comrade Holtkamp of Glendive writes: "Comrade Latimer gave us two good speeches here Friday and Saturday last. We have 15 that will join a local and it would not surprise me if we would double that."

Donations from Belt for special assessment: Morris Gahan, 50; A. Fisher, 50; Victor Fisher, 50; J. Rump, 50; J. Hunter, 50; Henry Farrow, 50; Ike Morris, 50; Dick Davis, 50; C. J. Croft, 50; W. Hunter, 25; Fred Albots, 20; H. P. Nevills, 50; John Tonder, 50; Carl Long, 50.

Comrade Cruse sends in \$6 for due stamps for Bozeman. He says: "We are doing a landoffice business in our local." Few realize the devotion of this young man to the socialist cause. He has sent us another \$100 as a loan to the News, and he has his mother to support and is trying to send himself through school.

W. H. Wright of Bingham Canyon, Utah, sends for the News for the public library at that point.

Local with 14 charter members—thirteen of whom are farmers—organized at Farmington. Charter granted September 1.

George Matthies of Trout Creek sends in five subs. He says there are about twenty-five socialists in that part of the country.

Comrade Stone of Garnet came over to the convention. There is no local at his place, but he put in his application as a member-at-large, paid the yearly due of \$3 and left \$7 for the campaign.

Comrade Wm. Brunner of Havre writes that Local Havre has written the Zortman comrades in regard to calling a county convention September 19; also Fort Benton. He asks for instructions as to judge and attorney on the ticket.

Comrade Graham: What will it cost us to have Debs and Hanford on a canvas 5 feet by eight, or something like that, and where can we get it done? We wish to know at once.
WM. BRUNNER.
Havre, Mont., Sept. 6, 1908.

Dear Sirs: Please send to the Bingham public library one year's subscription to the News and send bill for same to me and I will remit by return mail. Respectfully yours,
H. W. WRIGHT,
Treasurer P. L.
Box 62, Bingham Canyon, Utah.

Rev. Anna Howard Shaw is spending her summer in Geneva, Switzerland. She will return in time to preside at the national convention of Woman Suffragists at Buffalo, October 15. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, will spend September and October speaking in Holland and Denmark.

The women of France who are the cutters of precious stones get about \$1.80 a day. This is the highest wage paid women of that country, while the lowest wage, 60 cents, is paid to dress-makers. There are 14,000,000 adult women in France and they are just beginning to realize their need of political enfranchisement from an industrial standpoint.

Wm. Ralph writes that Aldrige has reorganized with nine members, "and more soon to follow." He sends \$2 for due stamps and an order of job work; complains that the bundle of Montana News has not reached them for two weeks. The comrades up there would like to have an Austrian speaker and don't like it because John Collins' date for that point was cancelled. Collins was only cancelled because there was not enough of him to go round.

Jas. D. Graham, Dear Sir and Comrade: We got together today and organized by electing John Morrison organizer, A. R. Rhone secretary, C. Vandersteede financial secretary, Grant Avery treasurer and Edward Stull literature agent.

We meet again next week and anything you can send to educate us will be acceptable. Please send me a list of your subscribers here, also information as to Trout Creek local. All members are old standbys and we are going to make things move. Fraternally yours,
ALEX. R. RHONE,
Secretary.

Great Falls is said to have one of the strongest locals in the state, therefore it was something of a disappointment to me to see but a small attendance at the Phelps Stokes lectures last week.

"Oh, yes," one ventured in explanation, "there is plenty of socialist sentiment here, but a good many people stay away from these meetings from fear of losing their jobs."

"It seems to me," said another, not a socialist. "It seems to me that the workers control their jobs."

"How is that?" I asked.
"Why, it all lies with them. They have the strength of numbers, do they not?" he retorted.

"They have the strength if they realized it," was my reply, "and that is what our propaganda is doing, awakening the working people to some comprehension of their power and at the same time teaching them to use this tremendous force intelligently. Will you please tell me what the old parties are doing along these lines?"

My questions still remain unanswered.
It was not by any oratorical effect that J. G. Phelps-Stokes held his Montana audiences. There was not a trace of sarcasm in his lectures, but the character of the man stamped his every utterance as truthful and carried conviction to minds that would have been antagonized by a regulation political speech.

His presentation of existing conditions and their evil results to society at large, and his array of statistics was convincing and prepared his hearers to favorably consider the remedy—socialism—when he so clearly proved it to be the only cure for most of the ills we now endure.

Those of us who were already socialists were made to understand what a privilege it is to belong to this grand world-party that numbers among its members the greatest names in philanthropy, science, art and literature—the only party that does not bow the knee to Mammon.

The selection of Mr. Phelps-Stokes to tour the west in the interest of the socialist party is one more instance of the good judgment exercised by our national committee, and is certain to win us many votes in the coming election. Yours for the cause,
MARTHA E. PLASSMANN,
Monarch, Mont., Sept. 3, 1908.

Comrade Nystrom of Havre writes: "We have called the county convention to meet on the 19th. We wish to thank you for your assistance, we are now fully informed of how to proceed in our political moves. The name of Comrade Dilno at Benton which you gave us came in handy. We have entered into correspondence with him and eight others of which we had the names."

"We want to nominate a full ticket. It may puzzle us to make this, for want of candidates who are qualified electors and otherwise acceptable."

"In the event that we have a slim attendance at the convention is it policy for us to nominate such active socialists as are vouched for by comrades present, regardless of whether they are members of the party by card? Time will not admit of correspondence to discovered these things."

"Our local meets once every week, attendance is fair but collections are slim. We have one member who helped to organize the party at its beginning in Germany forty years ago. He gave us an interesting talk one night on its progress during these forty years."

Butte, Mont., Aug. 24.
Dear Comrades: I enclose letter just received from the national secretary and I thought I would send it in and request that you take such action as seems best on the subject at your convention.
H. E. FARSWORTH.

Dear Comrade: Accept a receipt herewith and sincere thanks for your contribution to the fund for the socialist special.
The national executive committee has ordered the special forward, but only over half the trip, that is, the western part. You have helped to start it, may I ask that you assist further in awakening others to this great opportunity. It must complete the trip. It must go till election day.
Excuse brief acknowledgment. The fight goes gloriously on. Fraternally yours,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

One item in your paper pleases me very much, and that is the way the socialists are coming to the front in Cuba and that they have a paper in the Spanish language. That will give us who live in New Mexico, Arizona, southern California, southern Colorado and Nevada and El Paso, Tex., and other places a chance to do propaganda work among the Mexicans with this Cuban paper until such time as we can raise up Spanish socialist papers to fill the requirements. Also, we may get the help of the Cuban organizer for the same purpose.
My home being in New Mexico, I have an opportunity to see what is needed to organize the American Mexicans. Most all of them only use the Spanish language and do not know much, or care much for the English language. As they form a large part of the population I am in for seeing what can be done with the problem of organizing them most thoroughly—say like Oklahoma. Your fraternally,
H. E. FARNSWORTH.

MANAGER'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 5, 1908.

	Cr.	Dr.
Amount of cash received	\$212.05	
Amount of cash expended		\$253.75
Bills due News	\$ 64.25	
Balance in favor of News	\$ 22.55	
Total business done for week	\$276.30	\$276.30

Keep your eye on the manager's weekly reports as it is the financial thermometer.
J. W. S.

NOTICE OF SOCIALIST COUNTY CONVENTION.

The socialists of Choteau county will meet in mass convention at the Socialist hall, in the city of Havre, Mont., on the 19th day of September, 1908, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices, to be voted for at the election to be held on November 3, 1908, and for such other business that may come before the convention.
WM. BRUNNER,
W. E. RYAN,
F. A. NYSTROM,
Committee appointed by Local Havre of the socialist party, to call convention.
Havre, Mont., Sept. 5, 1908.

CALL FOR CONVENTION

Notice is hereby given to the members of the socialist party of Lewis and Clark county that a mass convention of the socialists of said county will be held at the Workers' Educational club, Helena, Mont., on the evening of September 25, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices to be voted on November 3, 1908, and such further business as may come before the convention.
H. LEUHMANN,
HERMAN KROGMAN,
W. W. TICKNOR,
County Central Committee.
Helena, Mont., Sept. 5.

CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTION To Be Held in Red Men's Hall, Lewistown, Montana.

Notice is hereby given that a mass convention of the Socialist party in and for Fergus county will be held Saturday evening, September 12, 1908, at Red Men's hall, Lewistown, Mont., for the purpose of nominating a legislative and county ticket, to be voted for at the next general election, to be held the 3d day of November, 1908, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention.

All socialists, residents of Fergus county, members of the party in good standing, will be entitled to a seat in the convention.
HERMAN BROWN,
Chairman County Central Committee.
Lewistown, Mont., Sept. 5.

CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTION

Notice is hereby given that a mass convention of the Socialist party in and for Missoula county, state of Montana, will be held at Socialist headquarters, in the city of Missoula, on Thursday, September 17, 1908, for the purpose of nominating a legislative and county ticket, to be voted for at the next general election, to be held on the 3d day of November, 1908, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the said convention.

All socialists, residents of Missoula county, Montana, members of the party in good standing, will be entitled to a seat in the convention.
J. N. WOODS, Chairman,
FRED CHUNING, Sec'y.
Missoula County Central Committee.
Missoula, Mont., Sept. 5.

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