

TO OUR COMRADES: GREETING.

By Eugene V. Debs. The campaign is ended and my very first thought is of the kindness shown me and the loyal support given me in every part of the country.

most effective work was done in promoting a uniform and vigorous educational propaganda throughout the country. As for the "Red Special" I prefer that its work shall speak for itself.

Montana Vote Showing Well

Gain in Small Precincts---State Ticket Gaining on National as Against Great Discrepancy Four Years Ago.

The Socialist vote in Montana will not be fully known until the official canvass has been made by the county commissioners. From returns received so far the indications are that we have made a healthy gain throughout the state, except in the larger cities, where we have made little or no gains, and in some instances fallen below the vote of four years ago.

Table of election results by county: Granite County, Sanders County, Park County, Flathead County, Fergus County, Cascade County, Carbon County, Choteau County, Valley County, Gallatin County, Madison County, Sweet Grass County, Beaverhead County, Lewis and Clark County, Silver.

FOLLOW UP THE VICTORY.

By Ben Hanford. There's nothing the matter with the vote. THE VOTE IS ALL RIGHT. It was a splendid battle, nobly fought and grandly won.

NATIONAL RETURNS

Pennsylvania seems to be the banner Socialist state in the east. Tennessee, Missouri and other agricultural states are making a surprise in the increased Socialist vote.

RETURNS FROM WISCONSIN SHOW GOOD INCREASE

The Social-Democratic party in Milwaukee has made a gain of about 1,500 votes on state and county tickets. On the assembly tickets we have gained 1,873 votes.

some previous elections, is partly owing to the Bryan wave and partly to the fact that a good many Social-Democratic voters left town because of the hard times.

NOT AN INNOCENT ABROAD

We do not know what may be the net effect of Mr. Keir Hardie's present journeyings and negotiations in the United States and Canada.

DEBS' VOTE IN SOME MONTANA PRECINCTS--(Unofficial).

Table of Debs' vote in some Montana precincts: Teton County, Ravalli County.

ALMOST OUTLAWED IN WASHINGTON.

Owing to a supreme court decision the Socialist party of Washington is in danger of losing its vote this election.

Build up the organization of the Socialist party.

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### OUR PROMOTERS

By A. W. Harrack.

Comrades who have the cause of Socialism at heart and who wish to enroll in our Promoters' Club for the purpose of putting the Montana News among the successful Socialist publications of this country will note the following:

I took charge of your paper, as manager, Nov. 6, 1908. This publication is the beginning of my connection with the Montana News. If I am to continue in your service it is up to me to show results. This can only be accomplished by "Co-operation," determined, active "Co-operation," animated by a spirit of "Comradeship" on the part of every one of us who wish to see the Socialist movement progress and efficiency on the part of our manager. I promise that I shall do my part. You show that you will do yours. There are still considerable debts hanging over the Montana News which must be met sooner or later. We are honor bound to pay our debts, whether the Montana News lives or dies. The great majority of comrades want to see it live and some have responded courageously and generously. Since last week's issue of the Montana News the following have enlisted in our "Promoters Club and sent the following liberal donations:

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Total donations in 3 days... \$289.50  
Comrades, this is only a starter. Let us continue to send in the money. We MUST pay off some of our pressing debts. If we do that we shall be in a position to have a paper that will not continually be a burden on the party members.

I commence in this issue a \$150.00 Prize Contest with 15 fine prizes for "Our Promoters" and let us put our shoulder to the wheel and hustle subscribers and win a fine prize for Xmas. Details as to conditions to win a prize are given on page 3.

Now, all together and victory is ours.

Local Helena assessed each member \$1.00 to help the Montana News.

Local Kallispell comes to the front with two new subs for the News.

Iven Wulff and Joe Gleason of Helena come in as new subscribers for the News.

Comrade Eva M. Wells of Fridley sends an order for job work and one new subscriber.

Comrade Winterrowd of Great Falls sends money order for \$6.00 in payment of job work.

Guy Miller of Local Union No. 2700, U. M. W. of A., Crosby, Wyo., sends \$5.50 in payment for job work.

Comrade W. E. Berne of Columbia Falls, Mont., sends one dollar as a new subscriber to the News and states that "he, like many more Bryan democrats, is now and forevermore a socialist."

Helena, Mont., Nov. 7, 1908.

To the Comrades and Locals of the Socialist Party of Montana:

Greeting:—As this issue of the Montana News goes to press, the State Cabinet is in session and has installed Comrade A. W. Harrack as manager of the paper. We have received, prior to our meeting, something less than \$200 to be applied on the paper's indebtedness, and we have turned the same over to the new manager, to be disbursed according to his judgment. To put the paper in good working condition, the manager should have \$1,000 more at least and right away, and we hope the comrades will rise to this necessity and make this effort to get the business end of the paper in good shape. We can accomplish this now if we all pull together. Let us raise this money before the end of November.

LEWIS J. DUNCAN,  
JACOB M. KRUSE.

### PRODUCTION

Proposition (a): Production under the present system is for profit, and not for use, the use of the thing produced being a secondary consideration.

That the above statement is true is apparent to even the dulllest of minds. Can you think of any good reason for instance, why an article of food should be adulterated? Did you ever notice an article of clothing that was made of the cheapest of shoddy or a piece of furniture mad of cull lumber? Is this not because the manufacturer can make a little more profit than he could had he used the genuine article? I think you will agree with me on this score.

Proposition (b): Profit is the difference between the cost of producing and distributing and the selling price; and signifies that the worker received only a small portion of the value of his product.

This proposition is a little harder. The workingman who produces an article, or rather the set of working-men who produce an article receive a portion of the value of their product in wages—but only a portion—Uncle Sam says it is about 17 per cent. Is the rest all profit? No. Besides the profit of the capitalist in whose factory the article is made, rent and interest, advertising and several other men's profits enter in, but nevertheless a large portion of it is either rent, interest or profit; and no matter by what name it is known, the person who received it did no useful work as an equivalent. Do you see where YOU get off on a deal like this? The working class receives 17 per cent of the value of its product and of the balance, what is not wasted in useless labor goes into the pockets of the capitalist class.

Proposition (c): Profits are not made unless goods are sold. The workers, who only receive part of the value of their products in wages, cannot buy it all; therefore foreign markets must be secured or overproduction and a consequent panic occurs.

Read that over twice. Profits are not made unless goods are sold. It would not make any difference if the workers created enough to last them a million years, if the boss could not sell the products he could not make profits and consequently the products would be of no value to him. He wasn't worried very much, when you were making these things, as to whether YOU would get YOUR share of them or not—that is, it was not your personal interests he was looking after. But he was worried pretty much about selling them to someone. Now, suppose you produced an article that sold for \$1 and you got seven-cent cents for making it (this is the average percentage). Don't you see you would have to produce six of them before you could buy one for yourself? Who would buy the other five? Well, that's the all-consuming question.

For many years, about half of the workingmen in the United States were producing things and the other half were building factories, machinery, railroads, etc. But this work is almost finished; and the result is, most of them are producing things, and producing them in such large quantities that "we" (meaning our capitalist friends), have to pick fights with foreign nations and force them to buy the surplus. At any rate the goods have to be sold somewhere else—the workingmen here cannot buy them. Every ten years or so a panic takes place—the market is glutted. Then people have to starve because they have produced too much food—to freeze because there is too much fuel; and a great many other wonderful things occur. It usually takes three or four years for the country to get over the panic; then everybody starts all over again and the same old game is played.

Proposition (d): All civilized nations are capitalistic nations and hence subject to the same conditions. This accounts for the repeated wars of conquest upon the partially civilized nations. I think that statement is plain enough. By a slight glance over the daily papers you will notice that Germany, England, France and others are all in about the same boat as the United States. All are striving for foreign markets.

Proposition (e): Foreign markets being exhausted, overproduction will bring upon the capitalist countries a cessation of business, and capitalism will fall.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Socialists should advocate the calling of a State Constitutional convention. The present constitution is entirely out of date to suit the new industrial conditions. Our cities have the least possible self-government and very little opportunity for socialist aidmen to do constructive work.

When the constitution was adopted some eighteen years ago this was a stock-raising state with a few sparsely settled villages. The idea then prevalent was that all aidmen were grafters and the less self-government cities had, the less aidmen would graft.

With a good initiative and referendum law—as far as municipalities are concerned—now on the statutes there is little danger of graft if the people will only pay attention to the affairs of local government.

The state owns lands containing large deposits of pottery clay, coal and minerals fit for manufacturing cement. We don't have to take these from the capitalists to purchase or otherwise, all we have to do is to develop them, yet with our constitution as it is these rich deposits can be gobbled up by corporations. The state owns a few coal mines which are leased on the royalty system, as the state laws will not allow as to operate them. There are many reasons from a socialist standpoint why we should have a constitutional convention.

It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when the Socialist party will be able to sustain a student doing research work at the state capitol and making known the facts to the people, showing the great opportunities before us for constructive work for socialism in Montana.

Socialists in the various cities of Montana should become active and strengthen their organization. There are a number of valuable franchises to be asked for, as well as a number expiring in the next year or two, commencing with Livingston next summer. With a number of intelligent, aggressive Socialist aidmen in office backed by strong local organizations we would be in a position to show the people that we can do something besides talk. The franchise question will make exceedingly lively times in a number of cities in the next two years.

Now, I want you to think carefully. What would happen if the foreign markets should become exhausted? Perhaps you think this is impossible. To say the least there is a limit to them, isn't there? But to get right down to hard facts, every capitalist nation, is much worried over this subject. They are all vying to slaughter millions of you poor fools as well as millions of other fellows in order to get foreign possessions or colonies. See them scramble after China, the Philippines, Cuba, etc., etc. Doesn't this make it very plain to you that a crisis is coming? When it is to arrive no one can say; but that it is very close at hand, no one can deny. When foreign markets are exhausted, business will cease and capitalism will fall. What can prevent it? Nothing—nothing under the sun can prevent capitalism from falling. And there is only one thing that can prevent you poor fellows who create all the wealth from starving to death, and that is Socialism. If it comes to a show-down, I rather think you will choose Socialism before you will starve. How about it?—William H. Leffingwell.

**SOCIALISTS IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT WARNS RULERS OF FUTURE**  
London—Great excitement was caused in the house of commons when James Keir Hardie the Socialist member from Merthyer Tydfil, passionately declared that if the worst came to the worst he would go among the suffering people, taking the responsibility for the advice he would give them. The country, he said, must be shocked out of its lethargy.

The Farmer's leaflet recently issued by the National Office was an adaptation of a leaflet first issued by the Socialist State Committee of Maine. In its original form it was about twice the length of the present document, and the Comrades of Maine report that it was used with good effect in the farming communities in that state.

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