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This is where the Union Label would be if there was a Union in Caldwell

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POLITICS IN IDAHO

The political situation in Idaho is simple.

The Democrats have not the ghost of a show. Their platform is an abortion and their candidate for Governor a "dead one."

Dubois is a circus trick performer trying to ride any horse he thinks looks good to Republican voters.

Stockslager is an absolute zero, a goody-goody old gentleman who hasn't convictions enough to disagree with anybody. He refused Habeas Corpus to Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, just as readily submissive to the Mine Owners as his Republican colleagues.

He didn't want to accept Dubois' "Damn the Mormons" platform, but he hadn't courage enough to stand up like a man and resist it. He is a ridiculous nonentity. Gooding is at least a fighter, but Stockslager is a dodger.

In Anti-Mormonism the Democratic Party in Idaho have a dead issue which they can't even galvanize into a show of life and in Stockslager they have a dead man to match their dead issue. Election day will furnish a hearse for them both, with no mourners.

The Republicans in Idaho stand for one clear issue, namely, Defiance of Law. They believe in running the state like a mining camp in a new country. Gooding, Borah and Smith constitute themselves a Vigilance Committee to run the state of Idaho in the interests of the Rocky Mountain Mine Owners.

When Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were extradited from Colorado into Idaho upon a false oath by "Affidavit" Van Duyn, endorsed by Gooding and engineered by Borah, the Republican Party of Idaho was committed to lawlessness and anarchy unworthy even of a Vigilance Committee. A V. C. bravely sets aside the law as superfluous, but these Republican tools of Capital actually used the forms of law to defeat the law. By a lawless use of law they became guilty of the profoundest contempt of law.

Only by Van Duyn's perjury, agreed to and planned by Borah and Gooding, was it ever possible to get the prisoners into Idaho.

The Republican Party stands for this perjury and anarchy. Gooding and Borah are its standard bearers. The Republican Convention lauded Gooding's administration and shouted itself hoarse for Borah.

Not only that. Republican rule in Idaho is responsible for Gooding's defiance of law in declaring men guilty before their trial. The statutes of Idaho read, "Every accused man shall be presumed innocent till the contrary is proved." But Gov. Gooding published to the world that he knew Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone guilty, thereby prejudicing public opinion murderously against these men, an executive injustice and disgrace for which the Republican Party is responsible.

More than that. In Canyon Co., in Fremont Co., in Ada County and in other counties, the Republican Commissioners openly defy and flout the Election law of the state, which directs the County Commissioners to appoint in every precinct election officers to represent every party having nominees on the ticket.

The Republican Party defies this law. The County Commissioners refused to appoint representatives of the Socialist Party on the election boards, so that they could count out Socialist ballots. We charge this crime against the sacredness of the ballot box to the Republican Party. Its record is consistent throughout as a law breaker and anarchist.

The Republican Party of Idaho stands for unregulated, lawless con-

duct of public affairs. Its motto is, "The Workingman and the Socialist Party be damned, law or no law!"

Every man who votes the Republican ticket votes for lawlessness and the everlasting disgrace of the people who live in Idaho.

The Socialist Party in Idaho is not only the Working Man's Party, as it is all over the world, but the only party in the present crisis that any liberty loving citizen can vote for.

The Republican Party represents lawlessness. The Democratic Party has not a word in condemnation of this Republican lawlessness. The great issues of this campaign have made the Socialist Party the champions of Liberty and Law.

The Socialists alone have denounced the lawless kidnapping of the accused prisoners.

The Socialists alone have denounced Gooding for his lawless condemnation of the accused before they have had a chance to defend themselves.

The Socialists alone have exposed and denounced the selection of a partisan Republican Grand Jury by Judge Smith to bring in indictments based on criminal confessions.

Any voter in Idaho who believes in fair play and a square deal for every one of his fellow men, poor or rich, will have to vote the Socialist ticket. He has no choice. Republicans and Democrats are both alike on the burning question of the campaign. The Republicans glory in their shame and the Democrats have not a word to say against it.

If you vote the Republican ticket, you vote, Damn the Miners.

If you vote the Democratic ticket, you vote, "Damn the Mormons and the Miners."

If you vote the Socialist ticket, you vote, Damn neither Mormons nor Miners, but down with every

man or party who defers the law and lynches liberty.

In all this, as in every political contest, the intelligent Socialist, recognizes the underlying Class Struggle. Republicans and Democrats agree in opposing the Miners because they both represent Capital while the imprisoned miners represent Labor.

Capital wants more profits. Labor wants more wages. There you have the Irrepressible Conflict, about which all interests, especially political interests, must revolve. The political party which represents Labor's interests is the Socialist Party. The political party which represents Capital's interests is the Republico-Democratic party. It is always one party when it comes to a real fight between Capital and Labor such as this in Idaho.

Where Labor is not united, then the Republicans and Democrats fight with each other, like big dogs and little dogs over a pile of meat, to see which shall get the most. But Big Dog Gooding and Little Dog Stockslager both get their meat to quarrel over out of the men and women workers represented by Moyer and Haywood. If the workers win and get all they produce, Profit will disappear and Capital be no more.

But the mission of the Republican and Democratic Parties is to preserve Capital and keep Labor enslaved. Therefore they rush together whenever Labor begins to unite.

If every workingman in Idaho votes for his own class party this fall, if not a single workingman votes for a Republican or a Democrat, then we have seen the last of two Capitalist parties in this state. Henceforth the fight will be openly between Capital and Labor, between the Republican Party and the Socialist Party. Farewell the Democratic Party which only exists as an assistant Republican Party!

TO WIND UP CAMPAIGN

Next week and the week after, October 20 and 27, "The Socialist" will issue special election editions, containing matter of especial interest to Idaho. The editions will be profusely illustrated with the cartoons which have made "The Socialist" famous, and they will be eye-openers and vote-getters that cannot be beat.

The State ticket, and the tickets of those counties which have held conventions will be published, as will also the Idaho state platform and resolutions and spicy comment on the other parties and candidates.

This is an opportunity to put the best thing possible in the hands of your neighbors who are sympathetic—and also in the hands of those who are not sympathetic.

These issues of "The Socialist" will be the best vote-getting literature ever issued in the state. They will make more party members than anything that has gone before. They will inspire those who know nothing of Socialism with a desire to learn more about it.

It will be a last effort to waken the somnolent voters of the state to a knowledge of how they have been disgraced by the servants they have put in places of power.

These issues of "The Socialist" should be distributed by the hundreds of thousands. They should be placed in the hands of every voter and of every soon-to-be voter in the state. It is up to you to do this work.

The prices will be the same as usual for bundles: 10 to 100 copies, two cents each, one hundred to five hundred one and one-half cents each.

500 or \$7.50 for 1000. Order immediately. The first run goes to press next Thursday morning. All orders received till noon Thursday will be filled on that day. Later orders will be filled with the next week's issue.

Yours for an edition for 100,000.

Russia to Idaho

Dear Mr. Ault: It is not far from Russia to Idaho. If our sanctimonious and hypocritical ruling class would only show its hand all over the U. S. as clearly as it has in the Rockies I would never have gone to Russia. As it is, I thought the Russian example about the biggest thing to drive into the brains of our workers and expropriated middle classes.

So, directly or indirectly, I have been able to help to bring a truer account of these things into many American magazines and newspapers. This has cost me every dollar I've been able to bring together.

But I can't desert my old friend, Haywood, class-conscious, aggressive fighter that he is! If only we had such a man as secretary of every union in the U. S.!

I send \$100—it is the best I can do. You are doing a glorious work. Yours Sincerely, W. E. WALLING.

Comrade Goebel writes that he is having the best meetings he ever held for places of similar size to those he is now visiting in Idaho. There will undoubtedly be a great increase in the vote.

Beware of Campaign Lies!

Chicago, Ills., Sept. 28, 1906.

T. J. COONROD, EMMETT, IDAHO.

Dear Comrade: Looking ahead in the campaign and realizing the extraordinary condition confronting our movement at the present time in your state, and the multiplicity of issues political, and associated with the incarceration and pending trial of Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, I am moved to offer a few words by way of suggestion.

I take it that daily the campaign grows hotter and more vigorous and the capitalists realize that they are being assaulted in the citadel of their power, namely, the political arena.

Knowing that every device, scheme and fake report will be justified instruments in their hands, it is reasonable to expect that they will endeavor to raise some issue to divide our ranks, or put us on the defense, not to mention the fact that campaign canards and last day dodgers will be issued on a number of subjects inimical to our candidates and our cause.

These reports may take various forms, which we cannot begin to foresee, but two that have occurred to me in part are: that they will announce the withdrawal of some of our candidates, or our entire ticket for that matter, or possibly in the last few days of the campaign, print and circulate a fake confession of guilt alleged to be made by some of our imprisoned comrades.

This letter is only suggestive by reason of knowledge gathered in other places, when we were pressing them hard.

I suggest that you and the State Committee give this phase of the situation careful consideration, and to the extent that is possible, forewarn and forearm our comrades everywhere by publication of the definite stand of our party, and its candidates, that they are in the fight to the finish, and it may be well to have our imprisoned comrades issue some statement to be circulated through party channels.

Though removed a great distance from the scene of action, I am closely following every move that is made, so far as information is obtainable, and I believe you are going to make a great showing and startle the natives, if not the nation.

If I can be of service in any manner, command me. With best wishes and fraternal greetings, I am,

Your Comrade,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

"No Compromise; No Political Trading!"

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION ADOPTED MAY 15, 1905

Independent political action on strictly Socialist lines without compromise or fusion is the most vital principle of our movement. It offers the most effective means for the dissemination of the theories of Socialism; it is a logical postulate of our immediate aim—the conquest of all powers of government by the working class, and, above all, it serves to develop in our members and sympathizers the realization of the insurmountable barriers that separate our party from all political parties of the propertied class.

It is, therefore, the sense of the National Committee:

1. That all organizations of the Socialist party should participate in all national, state and local elections wherever and whenever possible and nominate candidates for all offices to be filled at such elections.
2. Should a state or local organization, for any reason, be deprived of the right or find itself unable to make nominations of candidates in any election, it is the duty of all true Socialists to abstain from participating in such election.
3. Under no circumstances should any member of the Socialist party vote for, endorse or support a candidate of any other political party.

The platform of the Socialist party shall be the supreme declaration of the party, and all state and municipal platforms shall conform thereto; and no state or local organization combine or compromise with any other po-ization shall, under any circumstances, fuse, litical party or organization, or refrain from making nominations in order to favor the candidate of such other organizations, nor shall any candidate of the Socialist party accept any nomination or endorsement from any other party or political organization.

The Conspirators Unmasked

By Thomas F. Kelly

Poor Steve Adams, he now must pay the price for speaking the truth. Had he remained silent, had he consented to allow his false statements to hang innocent men he would today be the guest of Gooding's man Friday, Whitney, living in luxury.

We saw him as they, the servile tools of the capitalists, were dragging him northward. Tired and haggard, the victim in the talons of vultures. Clever, they said, was the sheriff. Clever in infamy is every minion owned by the Federal Mining Company.

Who ever heard of a clever detective? Usually they are too indolent to work, too cowardly to become open criminals. Adams was not dragged over hundreds of miles of a mountain trail to avoid habeas corpus. Whitney did not accompany that party for the sake of an outing. The object was to keep Adams under their vile influence, the thirty-second degree was to be administered. Anything to get the poor man to retract his statement in which he implicated Gooding and McParland in conspiracy. That could not be accomplished

in the penitentiary, as they were compelled to produce him in court. So the advocates of law and order had to spirit him away. Undoubtedly they knew that the law demanded his presence in the temple of justice.

I believe it was Timothy Campbell who said, "What is the constitution among friends." I know it was an underling of Sherman Bell's who said "To Hell with the constitution." We see the same contempt shown for law, constitution and justice by our administrators of law in Idaho.

It was clever, said "The Statesman." Note how quick McParland journeys to Wallace. Note how Thiele hastened to the county owned by the Federal Mining Company. Were they interested in this latest alleged murder? No, they were there to await the coming of the man who escaped their sinister influence. If Whitney and Sutherland failed to break him, to warp him back into falsehood again, these two professional scoundrels would have a chance. The proceedings must be delayed in order that they might terrorize him. Who knows the mental anguish he suffered, perhaps the phy-

sical torture he underwent in that Wallace jail!

What a county they brought him to! Had they one owned more completely by the Mine Owners' Association he would have been accused of murder there. How ridiculous is this latest charge! How shallow the bluff of Colorado authorities in pretending to wish to extradite Adams to Colorado!

"The Socialist" is performing a great work in presenting the truth. Were it not for "The Socialist" thousands would not know of this latest revelation. None of the papers dwell upon this exposure. Wherever I go I find all conspicuous by their silence. The fact that the Republican press have suppressed this startling confession ought to be sufficient to convince even the dullest minded person that both of the parties and their candidates are completely owned by the capitalists.

The Democrats are trying to make political capital of our efforts. The hungry office hunters who stood in abject silence these many months while preparations were being made for the crucifixion of our brothers now seek advantage of our many months of work. Every one of them ought to be arrested for grand larceny in trying to steal our campaign. We must work all the harder, we must bring our entire cannonade against them all.

REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM AND REFORM SOCIALISM

BY HERMON F. TITUS

THIS SERIES OF ARTICLES WAS BEGUN IN THE ISSUE OF SEPTEMBER 8 AND WILL CONTINUE ABOUT THREE MONTHS. THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A TEN CENT PAMPHLET IF ENOUGH ORDERS ARE RECEIVED. ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT IN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

CHAPTER V.--FOURTH PRINCIPLE OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM

We come now to the statement of our Third Revolutionary Fact. It is in some respects the most startling of all, because it deals with the question of government and strikes at the roots of ordinary patriotism.

Yet however startling or revolutionary this fact may be, no person can be foolish enough to resent it, if it is indeed a fact, every one must accept it as such, whatever the consequences.

The Principle Stated

GOVERNMENT, OR THE STATE, ALWAYS WAS AND IS NOW A POLICE FORCE MAINTAINED BY THE PROPRIETED CLASS TO COMPEL THE WORKING CLASS (Slaves or Serfs or Proletarians) TO CREATE WEALTH FOR THE PROPRIETED CLASS TO ENJOY.

This fact contradicts all prevalent ideas of government, especially of so-called "popular government!"

Yes, it does.

Just as the fact that the earth is round, when it was first discovered, contradicted all prevalent ideas that it was flat.

Just as the fact that the earth revolves around the sun contradicted all prevalent ideas, held only 300 years ago, that the sun revolved around the earth.

Just as the fact that the human race has existed on the earth for at least one hundred thousand years, established by science beyond a doubt during the last 50 years, contradicts the old fashioned but still prevalent idea that man was created about five thousand years ago.

Prevalent ideas, inherited and popular, are always giving way to newly discovered facts. That is the progress of Science.

Read the scientific works named at the beginning of Chapter III, especially in Morgan's "Ancient Society" and Engels' "Origin of the State," and you will find ample proof of the Revolutionary Fact stated above as our Fourth Principle.

Government Only 5000 Years Old

Compared with the full term of man's existence on the earth, the State, or Government, is of modern origin. It started when Property started, say 5,000 years ago.

During all the earlier ages, while men were gradually creeping up through Savagery and Barbarism to Civilization, a period of some 95,000 years, there was no such thing as Property in the modern sense of privately owned wealth, hence no such thing as a Propertied Class living off the products of a Propertiless Class and hence no such thing needed as a State or Government to protect the possessing class and their "rights" of property against the dispossessed and propertiless class.

The reign of property introduced the reign of the State, or the government of the class possessing but not producing wealth over the class producing but not possessing wealth.

What we call ancient governments, of Greece and Rome for instance, but which are really very recent, only 2,000 or 3,000 years ago, were all Slave governments, the rule of a Master Class over a Slave Class.

Prior to that, there were no governments at all, any more than there were among the American Indians when America was discovered. Property was common property. There were no classes. The People were all together, one people, no divisions along property lines and no "State."

Civilization and the State

Government is contemporaneous with civilization. Until people became civilized, they needed no government.

Perhaps you will jump to the conclusion that government must be a good thing, because civilization is a good thing. But we are not arguing the goodness or badness of anything. We are only pointing out the Facts.

And the Fact about government is that it is no older than civilization, and that, like civilization itself, it is conditioned on the existence of economic classes.

The baronial governments of the "Middle Ages" in Europe and of the Feudal era in any nation, are obviously class institutions. The lords and ladies, the knights of chivalry and the prelates of the church were plainly a Workless Class exercising authority over the Working Class of serfs and retainers.

Nothing "Sacred" In History

The Scientific Socialist points out that history is growth. The race never stands still, is never in any one year what it was the year before. The institutions of Society are clothes put on in one century to be discarded when worn out in the next.

Civilization itself is only a passing phase of human history. There have been various phases of civilization. The Slave age of civilization has passed. The Serf age of civilization is gone. The Wage Age of Civilization is passing. The Stream of Social life flows on, ever making new history.

Because there have been governments, is no reason to revere governments. Because civilization has paraded itself as a man's highest achievement, is no reason we should not analyze it.

The scientific man, the man of common sense, lays aside all superstitious reverence for institutions, even if they are 5,000 years old, and faces the naked facts concerning them.

If Government is a class institution, if civilization itself is the class phase of history, we learn the facts with equanimity and remodel our ideas to correspond.

18th Century Ideas

The truth is, nearly all the present popular ideas of government are derived from the 18th Century, and the 18th Century of France at that. Rousseau, as unscientific as a savage, breathing

dreams and Utopias, is the true father of most of the prevalent notions about the origin of the State.

Poetical rhapsodies in praise of man's "original state of nature" and imaginary pictures of ten thousand Robinson Crusoes associating themselves to establish a government "of, by and for the people," are now seen to be only childish conceits. History was not made that way.

History has been a war of economic classes and the ruling class of any age has upheld itself by an army, by laws, by magistrates, courts, officers, taxes, in a word by a Police Force to maintain "Law and Order," that is, to protect Property and the class that held it.

This is an entirely new view of Government or the State. But it is the scientific view and the only key to history.

Can It Be True of the U. S. Government?

We have been taught in America that our government was different from the old world monarchies. We think a Republic must be a government by the people, not the government of a class. America is the "Land of the Free," they tell us.

Again the Facts prick our bubbles of fond delusion.

The Constitution of the United States is now shown by scientific historians to be a class document.

We find the framers of this revered instrument kept their debates secret, not allowing their publication till they were all dead.

We find the minutes of those debates of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, published in 1839, show the United States Constitution to have been framed, in the words of Delegate, afterward President, Madison, in order "TO PROTECT THE MINORITY OF THE OPULENT AGAINST THE MAJORITY."

The Constitution was a reaction from the "turbulent democracy" of the Declaration of Independence. The revolutionary fervor of the Declaration in 1776 did indeed represent the democratic spirit of a people largely agricultural and homogeneous and economically independent, among whom the modern wage class was unknown.

But the Constitution thirteen years later was made by the large land owners of the South, by the trading interests of the coast, by the rising capitalist class, in order to protect themselves against the majority of the producers.

These statements can be verified by any one who will take the trouble to read Elliott's Debates of the Federal Convention, to be found in any good library.

The U. S. Constitution Adapted to Class Rule

The two great modern classes defined in our last chapter did not exist in America when the constitution was framed. The Capitalist Class and the Wage Class have become clearly marked in America as two comprehensive, warring classes only since the Civil War of 1861-65.

But the United States Constitution, framed, as it was, by the "opulent minority" of that day to "protect itself against the majority," has been an admirable tool for Government by the Modern Capitalist Class over the Modern Wage Class.

The Capitalist Class is Entrenched in the Senate, as every one knows. It is a Millionaire's Club.

The Capitalist Class, by its intellectual servants, the professional politicians and lawyers, controls the House of Representatives.

If these two legislative bodies, representing strictly the dominant economic class, ever passed a law in any degree favoring the Wage Class, the Supreme Court, holding life positions far aloof from popular currents, have full power to declare it unconstitutional.

There can be no question that the United States government as at present constituted is a government of the Capitalist Class in which the Wage Class have no voice.

The Wage Class cannot break away from the Iron Law of Wages, which allows them only a bare living, because they are bound hand and foot by a powerful government, courts, legislatures, army, sheriffs, armed with the terrible modern "machine gun," all constituting a Police Force in the hands of Capital to compel Labor to go on creating wealth for the Capitalist Class to enjoy.

The American government in this 20th century is thus seen to be exactly what government always was, an instrument of physical force in the hands of Property to compel the Propertiless to create wealth for its enjoyment.

Party Government Explained

If there are but two great Social Classes in the United States, as shown in our last chapter, namely, the Capitalist Class and the Wage Class, then how is it we find two political parties, Republican and Democratic, both representing the Capitalist Class, with wage workers divided between the two?

If the Capitalists constitute one class with common interests opposed to the interests of the wage workers, why have we not two great political parties representing these two opposing class interests?

There are two reasons. First, the Proletarians are ignorant of their own class interests. The Capitalists use all their vast machinery of newspaper, book, pulpit, school, lecture, to keep the workers in ignorance and hence divided between two political parties, neither of which stands for the Wage Class.

The second reason the political parties are not yet divided along the great class lines of Bourgeois and Proletarian, is the existence of two sub-classes in the Capitalist Class itself.

Prior to the American Civil War, the Democratic Party stood for the Southern Slave-holding Class, the Republican Party stood for the Northern Capitalist Class. Wage Slavery was more profitable than Chattel Slavery, modern capitalist production more prolific of Property than the more primitive processes of slave production which had been introduced into our Southern States. The modern productive process drove out the ancient process, as machinery drives out hand labor.

Since the war, the Republican Party has stood consistently, and hence victoriously, for the rapidly developing Capitalist Class. The Democratic Party has stood, more or less consistently, for the weaker elements of the Capitalist Class.

The Proletarian Class have stood ignorantly by and cast their

votes on both sides according to the amount of Republican or Democratic protestations of friendship for the workers.

Present Middle Class Reaction

Within recent years, the lines of sub-class interests within the Capitalist Class have become more sharply drawn.

The "Middle-Class" is composed of the small capitalists who are being crushed out in the fierce competition with the great capitalists.

This Middle Class are capitalists just the same as their competitors, the great capitalists.

They all, small and great, procure their profits ultimately from the Wage Class. If the Wage Class were to triumph and abolish their own exploitation by the Capitalist Class, then both small and large capitalists would lose their source of Profit and Property.

It cannot be too often repeated, nor too emphatically repeated, that the vast accumulations of wealth possessed by the Property Holders, large and small together, come from the only value producing class in the world, namely, the Workers.

These Workers alone create wealth. They do not retain the wealth they create, but deliver it to their employers, the Capitalists. Whether the capitalist be large or small, employ many or few, the source of his profit is the wage worker, the proletarian.

The fight between the large and small capitalist for possession of the wealth they both together have wrested from the wage worker, is now progressing fiercely.

A tremendous attempt is now being made by the Middle Class to save themselves from extinction by the great Capitalist Class. The Anti-Trust war is on.

Every year sees the little manufacturers dying by the thousand, surrendering their position as capitalists and bitterly accepting their fate as members of the proletariat.

How it has all happened, they don't know. They only see the Trust has expropriated them, deprived them of their property, put them out of the class that gets wealth without creating it.

The United States is now face to face with the death struggle of this modern Hercules, the Capitalist Class. It is divided against itself. It is being strangled by its own child, concentrated capital, or the Trust. Its weak majority, "the Middle Class," is pitted against its strong minority, the Trust Class.

The political lines are not yet clearly drawn. The Middle Class are found in both Republican and Democratic parties. Mr. Roosevelt is one of this class. So is Mr. Bryan. So is Mr. Hearst, Mr. Tom Johnson, Mr. Folk, Mr. Mayor Dunne, and a host of reformers in both parties.

The Middle Class are rapidly gathering themselves together about some sort of Public Ownership banner. Some of them, like Roosevelt, instead of Public Ownership, favor "Public Control," like the Railroad Rate Bill now before Congress.

The new Democratic Party, the party of Hearst and probably Bryan, seeks to check the Trust and save the Middle Class by Public Ownership of the Trust. Let these titanic combinations of Capital, especially those which control the Transportation facilities of the country, the "Public Utilities," be removed from competition with us and monopolistic control over us, by being transferred to the hands of the State, is the Middle Class cry.

Which Class Shall Win

This is the political issue now before the American public: Shall the class of small capitalists known as the Middle Class, or the class of large capitalists, the Trust Owners, obtain control of the government?

Whatever the name of the Middle Class party, "Democratic," "Public Ownership," or "Social Democratic," it will not be a Wage Class party.

The very last thing which the Middle Class wants is to abolish wage slavery. For the continued existence of the wage system, with its perpetual and automatic supply of Unpaid Labor, is absolutely essential to the existence of any Capitalist Class, large or small.

But the Middle Class is still a mighty class. It consists of at least seven millions of men, with trained wits and wills, the product alike of pioneer independence and capitalist competition, welded together by common interests, set in an invincible resolution to save themselves as a Propertied Class, to prevent themselves from being precipitated into the ranks of the despised Proletariat.

The Working Class Not In It

It will be a royal battle for the possession of Governmental Power. The Revolutionary Socialist alone understands what it all means. He knows, whatever the issue of this battle among capitalists, the Wage Workers as a class will have no part in the Government.

The Wage System, under which the worker gets a bare living and somebody else gets all the rest of his product, will go on just the same under Public Ownership as under Trust Ownership. The restored Middle Class, if it wins, even temporarily, will exploit the wage worker more relentlessly than the Trust, because it is more needy and desperate.

The Revolutionary Socialist never loses sight of the fact that Government as an institution, so far in the history of the world, is an invention of Property Holders to extract Property from its producers.

He sees that Democracy is the same as Autocracy in this regard. He understands the Constitutional Republics of the United States and France, the non-constitutional Democracy of Great Britain with its figurehead of a Monarch, and the anti-constitutional oligarchy of Russia, are all alike a Physical Force exercised by a wealth-holding class to extract wealth for their own use and enjoyment from the class which create it.

Tactics Next

We have now briefly outlined three great revolutionary facts of modern Socialism. If one accepts the scientific method, he can deny none of these facts. In truth no one can deny a fact. If he does, he puts himself outside the circle of rational beings.

We do not say these three are all the facts of Socialism. They are simply those which seem most significant to the present writer.

No conclusions have yet been drawn from these established facts, except incidentally. It will be the aim of the following chapters to draw some such conclusions under the title, "Tactics of Revolutionary Socialism."

PARTY NEWS

From National Headquarters

By a recent referendum in California, H. C. Tuck, 528 Telegraph Av., was re-elected State Secretary.

Photo sized electrotypes of Comrades Moyer and Haywood can be secured at the National Office, 75 cents each.

The Congressional leaflet 1906, has been translated into the Finnish language by direction of the State Secretary of Minnesota.

With the September issue of the Socialist Party Official Monthly Bulletin, it enters upon its third year of publication with No. 1. of Volume 3.

"Workmen Next," by Benjamin Feigenbaum, is a 48-page Jewish pamphlet, and also contains a translation of the National Platform. Orders can now be shipped.

From several localities reports have been received that candidates first nominated on the Socialist ticket were compelled to withdraw by order of their respective economic masters or seek other positions.

The National Executive Committee have concurred in the recommendations of the National Secretary, transmitted under date of September 24th, relating to the non-issuance of a semi-monthly Official Bulletin.

A number of periodicals and publications are being received at the National Office, which are duly appreciated, but the volume is so large that the Comrades are requested to mark the articles which are desired to be noted.

Receipts for dues at the National Office, during the month of September, exceed receipts from the same sources for any other month during the history of the organization. The amount was \$1603, representing payment for 32,060 members.

Comrades will oblige by accompanying orders for supplies with cash. The price list of supplies is printed in each issue of the Monthly Bulletin. By complying with this request, a considerable amount of unnecessary bookkeeping will be avoided.

The National Committee is now voting on Motion No. 15, as follows: "I move that correspondence received by the National Office in the way of a Motion or Comment, that refers to the merit or demerit of the American Federation of the I. W. W., be declared out of order." Vote will close October 23d.

Leaflets have been shipped to all Congressional candidates as reported in the August issue of the Official Monthly Bulletin or in quantities to State Secretaries or organizers as requested, except those for the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, where change of name is required. These will be shipped Monday. Minnesota ordered an additional 50,000, and Wisconsin an additional 40,000.

Nominations for the Plate Matter Committee closed October 3d. The following are additional nominees not previously reported: D. F. Bentley, Duncan, I. T.; B. Berlyn, Chicago, Ill.; Word H. Mills, Dallas, Texas; J. B. Osborne, Atlanta, Ga.; A. L. Smith, New Orleans, La.; Ferdinand Ufert, West Hoboken, N. J.; George H. Strobell, Newark, N. J. Acceptances and declinations will be received until October 13th.

By authority of National Committee Motion No. 5, Comrades A. M. Simons and Joseph M. Patterson, now acting as a Press Committee have been appointed by the National Secretary to carry out the provisions of said motion, which is as follows: "I move that the National Committee instruct the National Secretary to appoint one or more to select such parts of Bulletin No. 62, of the Bureau of Labor, relating to Municipal Ownership in England, as they think of greatest educational value bearing as they do the stamp of government approval and include with them a suitable commentary and criticism from a socialist standpoint, same to be published in pamphlet form by

the literary bureau and supplied on the same terms as the Week's pamphlets."

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1906

Receipts

National dues from State Committees: Alabama, \$5.00; Arizona, \$15.00; Arkansas, \$10.00; California, \$50.00; Colorado, \$80.00; Connecticut, \$40.00; Florida, \$5.00; Idaho, \$12.00; Illinois, \$96.00; Indiana, \$40.00; Iowa, \$25.00; Kansas, \$40; Kentucky, \$10.00; Louisiana, \$5.00; Maine, \$10.00; Massachusetts, \$62; Michigan, \$45.00; Minnesota, \$100; Missouri, \$40.00; Montana, \$50.00; Nebraska, \$5.00; New Hampshire, \$5.00; New Jersey, \$100.00; New York, \$100.00; Ohio, \$120.00; Oklahoma, \$70.00; Oregon, \$35.00; Pennsylvania, \$150.00; Rhode Island, \$2.00; South Dakota, \$15.00; Tennessee, \$15.00; Texas, \$31.00; Vermont, \$2.00; Washington, \$81.30; West Virginia, \$5.00; Wisconsin, \$0.50; Wyoming, \$10.00. Total, \$1566.80.

National dues from unorganized States: Washington, D. C., \$6.00; Georgia, \$2.00; Maryland, \$3.40; Mississippi, \$5.90; Nevada, \$13.20; New Mexico, \$4.70; South Carolina, \$0c; Members at large, 20c. Total for dues, \$1603.00.

Other than Dues: Supplies, \$87.87; Literature, \$149.45; Buttons, \$74.90; P. C. Coupons, \$1.50; W. F. Miners Defense Fund, \$53.05; Campaign Fund, \$743.10; Russian S. D. L. P. Fund, \$60.07; One Day Wage Fund, \$824.13; Miscellaneous, \$56.10. Total Receipts, \$3653.17.

Expenditures

Wages: J. Mahlon Barnes, \$105; W. W. Rihl, 5 wks. \$90; Chas Drees, 5 wks., \$90; F. H. Slick, 5 wks., \$90; W. L. Baldwin, 5 wks., \$65; M. Flaherty, \$55; L. Solomon, \$60. Total, \$555.

Speakers: May Beals, \$25.00; H. Berlyn, \$115; G. E. Bigelow, \$20; E. E. Carr, \$30.00; Isaac Cowen, \$200; J. L. Flitts, \$30; W. R. Gaylord, \$83.22; G. H. Goebel, \$150; Gertrude B. Hunt, \$33.47; Cameron H. King, Jr., \$75; Guy E. Miller, \$150; J. B. Osborne, \$90.75; Samuel Robbins, \$2.87; A. M. Sturton, \$15; Wm. A. Toole, \$11.15; M. W. Wilkins, \$150.00; John M. Work, \$50. Total, \$1231.46.

Exchange, \$3.65; General Expense, \$18.18; Express and Freight, \$13.21; Postage, \$158.92; Telegrams and Telephone, \$15.76; Printing Bulletin, on account, \$239.25; Printing Literature and Supplies, \$350; Literature, \$145.01; Party Buttons, \$94.70; Lighting, \$12.69; International Bureau—Dues, \$97.50; Mimeograph Supplies, \$53.20; Stationery, \$18.46; Press Clippings, \$8.00; Rent—Aug. and Sept., \$140; Russian Fund, \$60.07; W. F. Miners Defense Fund, \$53.05; Miscellaneous, \$78. Total Expenditures, \$3340.11.

Summary

Balance on hand, Sept. 1st, \$117.10; Receipts for month, \$3653.17. Total, \$3770.35. Expenditures for month, \$3340.11. Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1906, \$430.24.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary.

Idaho

Elmore county Socialists used nearly three pages of "The Maverick," of Mountain Home, for an exposition of Socialist principles. "The Maverick" has a good circulation in the county and great good is expected to result from the use of its columns.

State Secretary Conrod is laid up with a felon on his thumb, and if letters are not answered promptly comrades will exercise patience for awhile. Comrade Conrod writes that the meeting at Emmett Friday, October 5, addressed by Louis E. Workman, candidate for attorney general, was the largest ever held in Emmett. Comrade Workman made the best propaganda talk ever heard there.

OWYHEE COUNTY CONVENTION

The Socialists of Owyhee county held their first county convention at Oreana, Sunday, October 5. The representation was very large, delegates coming from Delamar, Silver City, Grandview and all parts of the county as far as 30 and 40 miles distant.

The Comrades decided it would be best to only put in a Legislative ticket at this time, owing to the short time before election.

Comrade Emmett Morrow of Silver City was nominated for Senator to represent Owyhee county and N. G. Massey of Grandview for Representative. A County Central Committee was also elected to take care of the campaign.

Everything went off harmoniously and the farmers and miners were like brothers. They adopted a platform and resolution pertaining to the Moyer-Haywood trial. The boys are now in good shape and expect to elect their candidates, and all looks bright for them. The county precincts are now in touch with each other so they can do work.

A. N. MAYVILLE.

THE SITUATION IN KOOTENAI

Comrade F. L. Runyan of Rathdrum writes of the situation in Kootenai county: "Bartlett Sinclair, of Bull-Pen fame, has been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney by the Republican incumbent in that office. Sinclair was the presiding genius at the first grand G. O. P. rally held here October 4. A large force of candidates was lined upon the stage, and with one exception they behaved as good boys should, the exception being a young man who had a really fine discourse prepared, but who rambled off on a Spokesman-Review editorial and nearly choked over it. He recovered in time to tell a funny story on the Democrats and ask the ladies to kiss him in order to enhance his popularity.

"Bull-Pen" Bartlett used the time between speeches in assuring the audience that the G. O. P. would "make good," but the real diversion of the evening was furnished by the young man who fell down, and by a drunk in the rear of the hall who asked questions.

"Avery C. Moore was the principal speaker of the evening. In a private conversation after the speech he made some declarations that took the breath of some of the Socialists. He admitted the strength of Socialism and that he could not meet our arguments. It was intended as a jolly, but it is true, none the less.

"The Socialists of Kootenai county are feeling well satisfied and the outlook is good for a largely increased vote this fall if we do not carry the county. We have had Thos. F. Kelly, Ida. Crouch-Hazlett, T. E. Lattimer, and Geo. H. Goebel as speakers and they have all done effective work. Your paper is highly appreciated here by all comrades. Let the good work go on."

KELLY IN ELMORE COUNTY

I left Mountain Home in company with Comrade Turner on the morning of the 28th. At Dixie we advertised our meeting for the following week. We drove for many miles on the Atlanta road until we came to Fall river. From there to Trinity we found a well populated country and we distributed literature and sold subscriptions to "The Socialist," meeting friends and comrades everywhere.

In Rocky Bar we held our first meeting. Practically all of the town came. We have more adherents there than either of the old parties. After many miles driving over a rather rough road we arrived in Atlanta. A very large and enthusiastic audience greeted us. The meeting lasted until after 10 p. m. Here also sold subs and books. Everyone concedes Atlanta to us.

The Republicans attempted to hold a meeting the same day, but had to adjourn for the want of attendance. We met a tombstone peddler coming out who told us that he had an order for a monument, from some sympathetic person, to be erected in memory of the Democratic party of northern Elmore county.

In Pine and Dixie we had very large meetings. The activity of the Comrades of Elmore county is to be commended. Perfect organization, absolute harmony marks a most aggressive campaign. I could not comment upon the strength and activity of one without commenting upon all. We distributed hundreds of copies of "The Socialist," "Wishlere" and the "Appeal to Reason." Everyone is reading Socialism in Elmore county now. Enclosed find 75 subs for "The Socialist."

The comrades of Rocky Bar and Pine are organizing.
THOMAS F. KELLY.

Washington

Socialist activity in this State is a surprise even to veteran Socialists. The demand for speakers continues, but many Socialists are beginning to see the danger of engaging speakers who do not emphasize the importance and the necessity for thorough organization, and many, very many, that this importance and necessity shall find expression in compliance with party discipline.

Seattle continues to be the arena of a bitter fight on Socialist street speakers. An injunction against police interference with street speakers in Seattle was applied for, but the judge was too busy to give any aid in support of free speech, and he said so.

Local Seattle stole a march on all other political parties, and secured all open dates in local theaters. This may force the Republic-Democratic spell binders to mount boxes at the street corners. If so, do you suppose that the little chief of police will run them in? Thousands of pieces of literature will be distributed, and nine monster campaign meetings will be held in Seattle before election. D. Burgess, State Secretary-Treasurer, will speak in three

of these meetings, and Emil Herman, should he be back by that time, will also fill in.

The State office now has four speakers regularly engaged, and fills dates frequently with other speakers. The State office sold 1403 due stamps in the month of September, and prospects are good for the duplication of that feat this month.

Newsy Notes

A new one is the "Socialist News" of Carl Junction, Mo. It is to be a weekly and largely devoted to local affairs. The County Central Committee stands sponsor for it, and it sports the I. W. W. label.

And while all the hurrah is going on in the other states, Montana is quietly but effectively organizing and agitating, making Socialists by the wholesale, and party Socialists, at that. When the votes are counted Montana is going to surprise the rest of the country.

The German Socialists unanimously adopted resolutions expressing sympathy with the Russian revolutionists. It was also decided to summon an International Socialist Workingman's Congress to meet at Stuttgart next fall to demonstrate the solidarity of Socialists throughout the world.

Just a hint. We wish Socialist editors would refer to "The Socialist" as "The Socialist," Caldwell, Idaho, instead of the "Caldwell Socialist." This paper was the first to take the name "Socialist" leading the way for the bunch that has since sprung up, and we should be given credit for it.

Socialist editors could well afford to read their exchanges, and save themselves many errors. In their reports of the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case ridiculous errors of fact are made, which, if "The Socialist" had been consulted, would never have occurred. Above all things, Comrades, be specific.

Socialists are gaining a foothold in the Japanese army. In a revolt recently against the barbarous indignities the privates are subjected to, the leader of the revolt declared himself a Socialist, and declared there were many more in the army. The Japanese government is taking stringent measures to suppress all signs of discontent.

The work of uniting all Socialists proceeds apace. In a referendum held some months ago in the S. L. P. 955 votes were polled. In another referendum, held recently, for the purpose of electing a National Secretary only 836 votes were cast. "The Cleveland Citizen" says Danny will soon be reciting that touching poem, "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck."

Judge Palmer of Denver is barring all Socialists wishing to become naturalized on the ground that they do not favor the present form of government, therefore cannot truthfully swear to uphold the constitution and government of the United States. To carry the judge's idea out to the logical conclusion, hereafter Republican judges should refuse to admit Democrats, and vice versa, for they do not agree with the party in power.

"The Arkansas Socialist", which is published by a private company in a state which has declared for party ownership of the press, and which itself loudly declaims against the "private" organs, has been compelled to come down from a weekly to a monthly. This would be cause for sorrow, did "The Arkansas Socialist" help the movement any, but as a matter of fact, it has only drawn support from more deserving and older papers, without doing any appreciable good to the party.

The Pennsylvania state organization is making a good fight this

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ADAMS AND ST. JOHN

The Downfall of the Prosecution

The recantation of Adams is followed by the release of St. John.

Adams declares his alleged "confession" was dictated by McParland and no one with any sense now believes that Orchard's confession had any other basis than the Pinkerton's foul ambition to make another Mollie McGuire record before he died.

At Wallace another prisoner, whom the detectives had to release for "lack of evidence," declares McParland approached him with a bribe to implicate Adams and Simpkins.

McParland is in desperate straits. His confessions are denying their confessions. He took Adams to Colorado to find the buried body of a murdered man Orchard had described in his confession. But the body was not there. Evidently Orchard is a crazy degenerate hypnotized by McParland. Adams saw this and, to save his own neck, he has broken loose from McParland.

The prosecution has only Orchard to rely upon. We see now why everything has been kept so secret. Not a syllable of real evidence against Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone has ever been published, for the very good reason that there wasn't any.

Gooding, Borah and Smith tied to McParland. McParland's two pillars of support were Orchard and Adams, both weak tools in his strong hands. Now Adams has recanted and it is even announced Orchard is insane, as if he had not been either mentally or morally insane, or both, from the outset.

It is a pitiable collapse, this failure of the prosecution to "make good." It is worse than pitiable, it is horribly criminal to have arrested, imprisoned and defamed three innocent men for all these months.

The Case of St. John

Vincent St. John's case is even worse.

This man was at work at Burke Canyon in the Coeur d'Alenes, living peacefully in his little shack with his young wife, when he was suddenly arrested and dragged to prison by Sheriff Sutherland, "suspected" of the murder of Gov. Steunenberg. He was haled to the penitentiary at Boise and put in charge of Warden Fland Whitney for many days without any warrant of law—another example of Republican defiance of law in Idaho. Not until a writ of Habeas Corpus was secured by Attorney Richardson was St. John released from this fake imprisonment.

Instantly he was rearrested before he was outside the rail of Judge Stewart's court or had time even to shake hands with those of us who stood ready to congratulate him. On what charge was he rearrested? The murder of Gov. Steunenberg? Who charged him, "Affidavit" Van Duyn of Caldwell, who got an insignificant Probate Judge of that little town, to issue the warrant for his arrest.

I saw St. John taken before this little Probate Judge in his 6 by 9 stuffy real estate office and there charged with murder. When counsel for defense asked for an immediate hearing, the poor little slave of a judge did what was expected of him, held St. John till the next day. Why was he held? Not because they had any proof whatever of his connection with Steunenberg's death. But the Grand Jury, that famous partisan Republican Grand Jury selected by Judge Smith, was holding its final sessions just across the street and it was expected to bring in an obedient indictment against St. John.

It is now known that Grand Jury hesitated a good deal about indicting even Moyer and Haywood and it positively refused to indict St. John for lack of evidence.

The little puppet probate judge then discharged St. John, not even going through the form of listening to evidence against him—for the excellent reason that there wasn't any. He had been charged with murder by "Affidavit" Van Duyn for no other purpose than to prevent him going free for 24 hours, habeas corpus or no habeas corpus.

"By means of the law defeat the law," is Idaho Republican law. We Socialists call it anarchy but the un-

civilized Republicans of Idaho call it "Law and Order!"

No sooner was St. John again discharged than he was taken in custody by "officers of the law" from Colorado. I watched him guarded on the depot platform by the armed sheriff and his deputy from Telluride, stared at by the crowd as a desperate criminal, though his own dull eye-never left his face. When I attempted to find him aboard the Eastbound train, he was invisible from engine to observation car. They had him locked in the rear compartment of the baggage car to prevent his being reached by another writ of habeas corpus, that historic writ our capitalist forefathers wrested from the English barons in the name of "Liberty", but which must now be re-wrested by the Wage Class from their Capitalist masters. "Liberty" for Capitalists is all right. But "Liberty" for Labor is a dangerous and lawless thing!

Now the ridiculous climax is reached. St. John has been in custody of Colorado officials, charged with the murder of Supt. Burnham, ever since last March. Again and again he was brought into court. Nine different counts of "conspiracy" were presented before Judge Stevens, who quashed them all but two. Now at last comes the Press Dispatch that on Oct. 6, the District Attorney moves for the dismissal of the case—for lack of evidence!

For seven months St. John has rested under the most awful charge in Idaho and in Colorado! Loud denunciations of him and his diabolical wickedness have been published by the lying associated press dispatches

Startling Colorado Disclosures

Special to "The Socialist"

DENVER, Colo., October 13.—Little by little the tangled web of the conspiracy against the Western Federation of Miners and its officers is being unraveled. Now comes Claude C. Baldwin, one time orderly sergeant to Adjutant General Sherman Bell of the Colorado militia, who lays bare the facts concerning the explosion in the Vindicator Mine, the breaking of the cable in the Independence Mine, the explosion of the station at Independence, and various other crimes which were charged to the Western Federation, but for which charges no proof could be found.

Baldwin's statement is long, reciting as it does in detail the concoction of the crimes, naming the criminals and reciting the manner in which the crimes were committed. After declaring that he makes the statement of his own free will Mr. Baldwin states that during November, 1903, and after that time, Harry Orchard was in the employ of the Cripple Creek Mine Owners' Association. The principal parts of the statement follow:

"Just prior to the breaking of the cable and killing of fifteen men on Stratton's Independence mine on the 26th day of January, 1904, this affidavit, together with Mr. Travelle, H. G. Moore, A. T. Holman, S. D. Crump and Nelson Franklin, met in the house of the said Travelle, and during the conversation it was stated that something must be done to break the force of the strike then being carried on by the Western Federation of Miners. It was then suggested that the shaft house be blown up; but, after some conversation, it was agreed that that would entail too large a cost. Afterwards it was agreed that some person should be selected who would, by use of acid, weaken the cable used on the hoist in said mine, and that one Frank Gellisse was to be used as engineer at the proper time, and that he was to be instructed to let the cage run up to the shive wheel, and thus break the weakened cable and drop the cage to the bottom of the mine. At this meeting it was agreed that this was to be done without killing any of the men. A few days later it was done, but fifteen men were killed.

"That on or about the 30th day of May, A. D., 1904, at the Brown Palace hotel in Denver, a meeting was held, at which I was present, and between S. D. Crump, A. T. Holman, Mr. Copeland, A. E. Carleton, H. G. Moore and Nelson Franklin. In the conversation it was said that something had to be done, as no success had been made towards breaking the strike. It was first proposed to blow up the F. & C. C. depot in Victor, but some of the parties objected to that, and finally it was agreed that the Independence depot at Independence station should be blown up,

all over the country. Innocent children have been taught to pronounce the name of Vincent St. John with horror and dread!

And what was his real crime? He was a brave organizer of Labor Unions in the Coeur d'Alenes, where "Standard Oil" forbids Labor Unions. That was his crime. For that he has been three times charged with murder when they had not a shred of evidence against him! For that he has been imprisoned and defamed! What redress has he? None whatever, except the honor of being a martyr to Labor's Cause. "The greatest gift the hero makes to his race is to have been a hero."

But more, Vincent St. John is young, not over thirty years. He will live to see his class arouse themselves to political action and by their overwhelming majority at the Ballot Box tear away from these Capitalist lawbreakers, like Gooding, Borah and Smith, that State power they now possess, the power of courts and police and army, which alone enables them, the few, to remain masters of the many.

Had the Socialist Party of Idaho, in convention assembled last July, known what we now know, that St. John would be triumphantly discharged in October, the name at the head of their ticket would have been Vincent St. John and no lover of Liberty, Decency or Fair Play, and especially no lover of the Working Class, would have failed to cast his ballot on Nov. 6 for that party which stands alone in Idaho for Human Rights and Human Progress.

for the reason that it was an old, abandoned depot, and the cost would not be much; and furthermore, that Independence and Altman were the hot bed of the W. F. M. members at that time. It was agreed that when the depot was blown up the explosion was to be charged to the Western Federation of Miners. Some of the parties asked who would be the proper persons to have charge of this explosion, and Messrs. Copeland and Franklin stated that they would answer for Harry Waters and H. P. Guyton doing the job. It was agreed that the explosion should be "pulled off" just after the train left the depot, and that care was to be taken so that no one would be killed. On June 8th, 1904, I heard Franklin and Copeland talking together and say that it was too bad that the men were killed at the Independence station, and they said that the men who "pulled it off" must have been drunk.

"All of the matters which I have stated herein are true of my own personal knowledge. I occupied a position of responsibility, and was trusted and relied upon by these men; and they talked freely in my presence, and sometimes asked my advice with reference to these matters."

"CLAUDE C. BALDWIN."

Other speakers will be D. Burgess, State Secretary Socialist Party of Washington; Thomas C. Wiswell; Judge Richard Winsor; T. E. Latimer, Traveling Lecturer from Ohio; Emil Herman, State Organizer Socialist Party of Washington.

No sane person will miss a treat like this for the following prices: Front part of lower floor and box seats, 25 cents. Rear of lower floor and balcony, 10 cents.

"The Statesman," with its usual veracity, says the Ada county Socialists did not file their request for representation on the election boards till it was too late for the County Commissioners to take action. The facts are that the Ada county Socialists presented their request at the first July session of the Commissioners, which is the legal time for appointing the election boards, and the Commissioners ignored us. Another attempt was made at the latest session of the Board of County Commissioners and they are now trying to excuse their anarchistic action by asserting that the Socialists did not act in time. It has about come to the pass when it is a case of "If you see it in 'The Statesman' it isn't so."

We take this method of repaying "The Statesman," Boise, for the nice 17-inch, 4-column reproduction of the first page of the August 18 edition of "The Socialist." At the "Statesman" rates for advertising we are indebted to it to the extent of about \$15.00. Of course we cannot give the same amount of space in return, the disparity in our circulations being so great, and this 20-

labor papers please copy.

Watch Them!

An organization calling itself the "Oratorical Relief Society of the Northwest," with headquarters at Portland, Ore., is sending out circular letters to trades unions all over the country asking for aid to send speakers through the state of Colorado for the purpose of helping to elect Comrade Haywood governor of Colorado. The circular is signed by one Goldenberg, as secretary. These people are not connected with the National Socialist party, and in reply to a telegram of inquiry the State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Colorado says he knows nothing of them. The attorneys for the Western Federation of Miners also state they know nothing of the organization.

In view of these facts we take this opportunity to warn all unionists who may be inclined to assist in the election of Haywood as Governor of Colorado not to send any money to this organization, which appears to be bogus, but to address all contributions to Thomas L. Bule, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Colorado, 1852 Champa street, Denver, Colo., or to J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary of the Socialist party, 269 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. Or, if you want to help the fight in the real seat of war, address Thomas J. Coonrod, State Secretary Socialist Party of Idaho, R. F. D. 1, Emmett, Idaho, or "The Socialist," Caldwell, Idaho.

for the reason that it was an old, abandoned depot, and the cost would not be much; and furthermore, that Independence and Altman were the hot bed of the W. F. M. members at that time. It was agreed that when the depot was blown up the explosion was to be charged to the Western Federation of Miners. Some of the parties asked who would be the proper persons to have charge of this explosion, and Messrs. Copeland and Franklin stated that they would answer for Harry Waters and H. P. Guyton doing the job. It was agreed that the explosion should be "pulled off" just after the train left the depot, and that care was to be taken so that no one would be killed. On June 8th, 1904, I heard Franklin and Copeland talking together and say that it was too bad that the men were killed at the Independence station, and they said that the men who "pulled it off" must have been drunk.

"All of the matters which I have stated herein are true of my own personal knowledge. I occupied a position of responsibility, and was trusted and relied upon by these men; and they talked freely in my presence, and sometimes asked my advice with reference to these matters."

"CLAUDE C. BALDWIN."

Other speakers will be D. Burgess, State Secretary Socialist Party of Washington; Thomas C. Wiswell; Judge Richard Winsor; T. E. Latimer, Traveling Lecturer from Ohio; Emil Herman, State Organizer Socialist Party of Washington.

The Case Before Supreme Court

Special to "The Socialist"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13.—The hearing on the appeal from the decision of the Federal court on the petition for writ of habeas corpus for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone has been on for the past three days; Richardson of Denver spoke for our comrades and Hawley replied, followed by Darrow for the defense.

The speech of Attorney Richardson in behalf of the imprisoned men made a profound impression on all who heard it. The Denver attorney spoke for an hour and a half. He declared that the three men were kidnaped from Colorado as the result of a conspiracy to which Governor Gooding of Idaho, Governor McDonald of Colorado and Prosecuting Attorney Van Duyn were parties, and that their transportation to Idaho, where they were afterward indicted, was wholly unlawful.

His argument was based on the assumption that Prosecutor Van Duyn in order to get a requisition for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone had sworn that the three "were in the state of Idaho on the date of the murder of Frank Steunenberg." Mr. Richardson asserted that Van Duyn knew when he made this affidavit that the three men were all in Colorado at the time the murder was committed. The attorney contended that the Idaho courts having secured jurisdiction through a conspiracy, the men were entitled to release from custody. He characterized the action of the law officers of Idaho and Colorado as anarchy.

Hawley, for the prosecution, denied conspiracy, admitted the illegality of the manner of arrest, declared the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction.

Both attorneys were frequently interrupted during the remarks by questions from various members of the court, and Justice McKenna displayed particular interest, his questions tending to show he would favor the imprisoned men.

Clarence Darrow, in his speech, roundly denounced the conspiracy between the Governors of Idaho and Colorado and reasserted that the defense had repeatedly demanded trial and had been refused. The speech covered much the same ground as that of Richardson. Justice McKenna continued his questions and their favorable import was unquestioned. The court will probably render its verdict Monday, and great hopes are entertained that it will be favorable to our comrades in jail.

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