## THE MONTANA NEWS.

The Social Opportunity

## There is no one so well prepared

 as the Socialist to interpret currentevents. The daily history of the nation and the world ought to be the Socialist's university. Every event, from the Philippine war to
the Chicago theater fire, from the the Chicago theater fre, from the
revision of our public school system revision of our public school system to be seized upon as a platiform up. on which the Socialist should stand He shouid show what each event o development means in the light of the light of the Socialist hope for world of fellowship.
For instance, there has been much ignorant and fruitless discussion on
so-called "imperialism" this last so-called "imperialism" this last
five or six years, ir both England and America. The Socialist has pret these present day wars of conquest, these mere picnics of loot and murder, as modes or phases of eco-
nomic competition. They are but the necessity of the growth of capi-
talism. When the people of a nation become to poor to buy the
things which they make with their own hands, the owners of the source of profit must seek new markets and
cheaper labor. That is why Engand is in Africa and Asia; why the United States is in whe and whing out grasping hands to the islands, and peoples of Soun America. W ital may have the contract labor, the disguised slave system, that we now have in the Sandwich' Islands, peoples our surplus products. And of course, every child employed in the cotton mills of Egypt or India the struggle of every girl in the New England cotton mills and of every And every slave that works in the United States so and the lowering of the the harder Asiatic level a certain tendency. the whole genius and capitalist na ture of the passion of the nation clear that imperialism, or benevo
lent assimilation, is but a mere com mercial and speculative development. But it does not seem to me that we
have availed ourselves as Socialists, of the opportunity presented to by the imperialistic development
We could have made much more pedagogic use of it than we have Our tendency has been to ignore it capitalist parties. So far as the immediate issue of it was concerned, we should have ignored the discussien; for it was our rightful platform one of our supreme opportunitie the question, and of showing how its political aspects were a mere de ceit and a humbug.
Welves of ould also have availed our ng the universal shity for conditions; of showing how, in th capitalist organization of the worl must inevitably be dragged down to labor's lowest condition; of showin must be its solution.
Again, there was a phase of the we failed to inerpat strike, which many of the Socialist speakers and and concessions. The Hearst news


## Sketches From

Lynch's Itinerary
Editor News:-Per your request
or notes of my itinerary, in the inter est of your paper, desire to say that there has been any change in the
city of Helena industrially, in the last decade, it is imperceptible,
other than the addition of a few other than the addition of a few
government buildings. Helena is government buidings. Helena
just Helena. The principal indus tries here are the National Biscnit Co., two breweries, and brick yard
in connection; one county court in connection; one county courn
house and one state house. Parenthetically it better be said that there
are anion men employed in each.
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The town is teeming with Socialsts. They read. They think. Out
of one hundred subscribers that I have added to your list in the last nine days fifty per cent are of the pecuniary point, and others millionaires, demonstrating that all classes here are contributing marked attention to the
of the age.
John $W$. Brown, the impressive
Socialist orator, gave a lecture her on the 27 th ult., in the Unitarial ism." A feature of the occasion
in pals; the speaker and the chairman. Mr. Brown measures six feet four,
and Chairman Husby, six feet six. fair sized audience gave Mr
Brown sharp attention for two hours and fifteen minutes.
Different phases of "Socialism" obtain here. There is the Amalga-
nated "Socialist," the Heinze "Socialist," the sentimentalistic "So-
cialist," the opportunistic "Social st," the union "Socialist" and the Socialist. The latter represents th Socialist party of Helena; are in the
local clnb, and following party principles. The union "Socialist"
is especially appealing. His antics would mystify an East India juggler He wants it understood that he is
Socialist, but of "piece at a time propensities, that in the meanwhile


Corner of liberal art building.

to arouse their dormant brothers are inting to Colorado, as regards the
ill of the people expressed by balHowever it may expedite the of the Socialists are crude enongh o anticipate, on the part of the un-
ionists, the annual pantomimic ex ravaganeza of fighting capital (with
anir mouths) 364 days of the gevt and voting the republicratic ticket
no the 365 th, in the vain hope on the 36 "th, in the vain hope of
securing "favorable legistation,"
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of failures along this line is not
sufficient. They are following sufficient. They are following the
grotesque habit of grovelling in the
sand meshes, sand meshes, instead of standing
erect on the International Wage Par-
ty rock. In "our" county, David Referendum, it is said. Why not?
Forsooth, David is a "shrewd" matith politically. That is the proper
present system appellation. Being a member of the citizens alliance
lewistown, and a friend of the $u$ ions simultaneously, he will cut swath" both ways. Akin to "Gol
den Rule" Jones of Toledo, Ohio David is "for ALL the people all of
the time!"

The progress made by organized abor, in this city, in the last ten ears, is pronounced. Ten years
ago there were but half dozen crafts ago there were but half dozen crafts
organized, and possibly two or three assemblies of the $\mathbf{K}$. of $\mathbf{1}$. Now
there are twenty five unions seated The Trades Council. The pro-
verbial class war is raging here with intense fury. The unions are makcentralizing their trade; the alliance
as usual, a silent one. While sibly organized only. to oppose "n ust" boycotts by the unions, they he alliance) are synchronous , spall merchant, who refuses ter unto their fold, thns abrogating
any contention on their part as to the non-existence of two distinct classes under the wage system. The "Fair" lists fails to show a
retail gin shops thereon, hence" union men here, and those enterin


## Debs, Hanford Nominated

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| Chicago, May 5.-Eugene V. Debs was today nominated as the |  |
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| Socialistic candidate for president of the United States. Benjamin |  |
| Hanford of New York city was nom- |  |
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| nominee had any opposition. After condemning the policies of the democratic and republican parties, the platform, as adopted, appeals to the |  |
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| American people for support on the ground that the Socialist party is the only political organization stand- |  |
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| g for the principles by which the lib- |  |
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| a fact; that it is the only political organization which is truly democratic and which has for its purpose the conversion of society to the principles of true democracy. |  |
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| May 1.- The National Convention of the Socialist Party of the |  |
| United States was called to order by the National Secretary, William |  |
|  | An argument arose at a dinner |
| Mailly, at Brand's Hall, Chicago, |  |
| III., Sunday morning, May 1, 1904, shortly after ten o'clock. <br> Nearly every delegate elected to |  |
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| the convention was present when the meeting was called to order. |  |
| the meeting was called to order. Seceretary Mailly made a few |  |
| announcements in regard to railroad tickets, hotel accommodations and meeting place for the Committee cn |  |
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| Credentials. The committee will |  |
| for the present, meet in the lodge room on the second floor of the |  |
| Revere House. <br> The seceretary then read the | $\begin{aligned} & \text { zate } \\ & \text { n for } \end{aligned}$ |
| official call for the convention, issued |  |
| by the National Quorum and en- |  |
| dorsed by the National Committee. |  |
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| temporary officers for the conven- |  |
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## I believe will be the next thing in "History of Socialsm" is positively order, I will state that I am glad to charming in his display of good

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this convention and succeedinof the Socialist Party of Wisconsin.The secretary exhibited a beauti
ful silver gavel, and the presenta-
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$\qquad$election of temporary chairman and
temporary secretary, after whichthe election of the Committee on
Credentials and Committee on Rules
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order."
Carey, of Massachuset

## ortary chairman.

Delgate Richardson moved that
the election of Delegate Carey be
made unanimous. Motion unanimously carried.
ously carried.
Delegate Carey then took the chair and was greeted with great enthuis-

The event of the morning sessio that called forth the greatest burs of enthusiasm outside of the recep-
tion accorded "Jim" Carey when elected to the temporarty chairman was the rendition of the Marsellaise
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$\qquad$ It differs from the old feudal gri It differs from the old feudal grip
and the capitalistic handshake. The former was used by the ol
barons in order to give his chanc
$\qquad$ the other fellow's hand out of you
pockec. The new grip is of a hearty good fellowship.
None of the delegates, as far as Masonic Temple
The pencil
applies to Comrad Ryan Walker.
The female delegates add char the occasion, to say the least. May 2.-Comrade Hilquit of
New York elected chairman, and Comrade Woodby of California ting our world wi de organizatio is shown by the follo wing action.
Delegate Carey: If the conven Japan, is here in the hall, and platform.
and carried th enthusiasm as he took a place the platform.
ked with Gene Deok hands and he is so popular and why even ose at a dinne as settled in this manner: Nich to be 23 years of age; $E$. wo years of age

 "If delegate McHugh get the will probably eet married, to the woman delegates inducement

## Comrade Mrs. Woodward, Chic

 banquet. With a toss of the head ist Party had reached theCalifornia .- Delegate Richardson of tockell of Tennessee vice chairman ain Richardson took the
e National secretary occupie most of the session. The remainder of the time was taken up with
report of committee on credentials. The cablegram from our German
Comrades was the event of the day. The following cablegram, first and read in English to the conven

National Convention, Socialis arty, Chicago, Brand's Hall.
All hail to the comrades assem ing presidential candidates. cheers for the International Sociast Movemen
$\qquad$ The reading of the cablegram wa On motion of Delegate the excutive committee was ins to send a return
German comrades. Ahan comrades
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| to have discovered a traitor in J. <br> Mortin President of the Trades <br> Council. They threw him out of |  |  |
| can prosperity; but just wait till Rockefeller gets his latest trust in trim and becomes the wholesale grocer of the United States. <br> Sam Parks convicted of collecting money from New York contractors by promises of preventing strikes on their jobs is dead in Sing Sing. Parks of the working class was guilty and suffered for it, but the capitalists who bribed him are free and pose as model citizens. |  |  |
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| many have had to give the agressive unionSocialist meinority. At council meeting Comrade iding that the $d$ appear on all city The Re-democans con- |  |  |
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