

Socialists Active In Carbon County

Editor of The News, Helena.
We have met the combined enemy, "the twins," known as the demo-republico, capitalistic political aggregation, owned by John D. Rockefeller, and appointed by the regular bell-sheep—Moyer, Glidden and Reno, who are supposed to ring the bells attached to their necks, and have the poor, deluded voter follow them into the fly-trap of capitalism.

Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett has made a hurried tour of Carbon county, speaking first at Fishtail one night, and at Red Lodge two nights. The only suitable hall in Red Lodge for speaking was denied us, presumably by and through the designs of our opponents, who thought by so doing we would be discouraged, but they must have surely underestimated the resourcefulness of their only opponents—the determined exponents of equal opportunity to all—the Socialist party of the world.

In Red Lodge Comrade Hazlett spoke in the county court house two nights, Monday and Tuesday, and the court room was filled overflowing by the most attentive audience that I ever had the pleasure of sitting amongst. The small would-be millionaire was there, and the hot shot of truth was poured into their ranks in such a manner that their fortifications were soon in a depleted condition. The trusted few who came there thought perhaps something would be said by the speaker whereby they might make some political capital out of it, but the shots fired by the woman behind the modern gun of truth—Socialism—and directed with unerring aim, left them no loophole to escape from, and not one who heard her refused to acknowledge that it was the best and only true discourse ever heard in this county on the political situation which now confronts the American people. From here Comrade Hazlett, in company with Comrade G. M. Burke, the Socialist candidate for county attorney, went to Bridger to awaken the ranchers of the Clark's Fork valley to a realization of the industrial conditions which are fast overcoming them. We sent bills announcing her to speak there on Wednesday and Thursday, and had a Socialist post bills around the town and surrounding country, but immediately the hirelings of plutocracy, obeying the orders of their masters, destroyed them. Consequently very few knew anything about the first meeting. A fair was in progress on these dates, held by the farmers and business men of Bridger and vicinity. A special train was run from Red Lodge with excursionists, including your humble servant. About five o'clock in the evening the democrats—the left wing of capitalism—announced that there would be speaking by one of their spellbinders from the corner of the bank on Main street, commencing at 7 o'clock. It was their intention to offset the Socialists, whom they thought would endeavor to hold their meeting in the hall. But they reckoned wrongfully. At 6:30 Comrade Burke and myself placed a large dry goods box in the middle of the street, immediately adjoining where the democrats were to speak. When the time arrived I mounted the box, for the presupposed purpose of replying. Mr. Reno, instead of making reply, stated that he was not there for the purpose of replying to the lady, but to introduce one of the ablest debaters of Carbon county, who is a republican, and an advocate of the present system, who might be able to reply to her. The party in question was Mr. W. F. Meyer, republican candidate for state senator from Carbon county. This shows which way the political wind is blowing—a democrat introducing a republican to debate the political questions with a Socialist. Mr. Meyer made a feeble attempt to reply. He endeavored

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The Double Headed Octopus

Crowds Gather to See E. V. Debs

Speaking of his New York address, Comrade Debs says: "In New York City there was a line seven blocks long formed to enter Carnegie hall to avoid a crush at the doors, and a detail of 100 policemen to prevent a jam. The great auditorium filled to the roof in a few moments and thousands could not get in. At the same time Chauncey Depew, the played-out Vanderbilt court jester, talked to 200 people. The New York papers even commented on it, and said old Chauncey had lost his grip at last. The fact is the people are tired of his old jokes and stale stories. They hunger for something that has substance, and so they are deserting the old political auctioneers and flocking to the standard of Socialism. This incident of Depew's meeting of 200 and ours of 10,000 is a straw which shows how the wind blows."

Why does not Mr. Heinze's personal and political organ—the Butte Evening News—place the democratic ticket at its masthead? Its man servants and its maid servants and its oxen and its asses participated in the state convention at Helena, alleging themselves to be

democrats, but it steadfastly refuses to hoist the ticket. Why?—Butte Miner.

The Chicago Socialist says: "Last Wednesday, in the midst of a large crowd of strikers and newspaper representatives, President Donnelly of the Butchers' union drew a Socialist button from his pocket and called the attention of those present to it and boldly pinned it on the lapel of his coat. He is said to have then pointed to the button and exclaimed: 'Boys, we will win this strike.'"

Comrade Geo. Henry, a member of the Jefferson county central committee, made us a pleasant call and announced that the committee will list Comrade Martin Rudolph for district judge, and Comrade Miss Gouty for superintendent of schools. Comrade Gouty has been a teacher for a number of years, is now clerking in the New York store in Helena, and is well qualified for the position if elected. Speaking of Comrade Rudolph, Comrade Henry gives out the information that he is the oldest Socialist in the state, but we have one in mind

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Eugene V. Debs Ben Hanford

The reports from capitalist papers show that Debs is talking to great crowds wherever he goes, which is only a sign of the times and indicates how fast the people are turning from the old political corrupt parties to a cause that means their absolute emancipation from the present wage condition.

Down in Red Lodge, when the plutes learned that the Socialists desired to engage the opera house for a lecture, they advised the agent not to rent it. The man in charge informed the Socialists that the opera house was engaged for the date desired, which proved to be a ruse, as the place was unoccupied on that night.

Republicans in this state are already conceding the Socialist ticket in the neighborhood of 12,000 votes. That is more than the average Socialist is claiming, but when one goes over the state and sees the awakening that is coming among the working class you only have a guess coming as to how large a vote the Socialists will poll.

All the shares on the press for The News have not as yet been sold, comrades, and we urge upon you the importance and necessity of assisting to the tune of one share at least. It is up to you, comrades, to assist in placing The Montana News in a position to stand the approaching panicky times, and continue its mission in the Socialist field.

The state democratic ticket that received the endorsement of the labor party and the populists in Helena the other day, we are reliably informed, has recently received the secret endorsement of the Helena Citizen's Alliance. You laboring union men are all right, eh? Fight the Citizens' Alliance 364 days in the year and then on election day vote them into office.

Didn't notice many labor delegates from Carbon county to the late labor convention in Helena. Down there they don't need any capitalist to put a ring in their noses and lead them to the polls. Ain't it funny that the labor delegates all sprung from corrupt political centers, where boodle and booze are all powerful—Helena and Butte, for instance.

The greatest error that workmen make is in believing that by keeping the mining corporations at legal loggerheads they are reaping the benefits. Who suffers on account of the mines being closed by litigation? The workingman. Who suffered the most in the fight when the Amalgamated mines were closed last midwinter throwing 30,000 workmen out of employment in the state? The workingman.

Writing from Red Lodge, a comrade says: "There will be something doing here on election day. Mrs. Hazlett goes to Bridger tomorrow, the 28th, during the Bridger fair, and a challenge will be issued to both old parties to meet her in debate; Meyers and Glidden now have the chance of their political lives to make a name for themselves. Will send you the addresses of both Finnish papers as soon as I get them."

Comrade J. H. Walsh, Socialist nominee for congress, will make the following dates, subject to slight changes: Anaconda, 14th and 15th; Butte, 16th and 17; Basin, 18th; Bonner, 21st; Missoula, 22nd; Stevensville, 23rd; Hamilton, 24th; Stark, 25th; Kalispell, 26th; Havre, 27th; Bozeman, 29th; Cokedale, 30th; Livingston, 31st; Big Timber, Nov. 1st; Billings, 2nd; Carbon county, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. It is possible that the Coeur d'Alene branch will be included, speaking at Frenchtown, Lathrop and St. Regis.

The wage worker likes to fool himself into doing everything but the right thing. The average excuse of the "pure and simple" union man for aligning with Joe Toole democracy is that "as long as we have Joe Toole for governor we won't have any Peabody or Peabodyism in Montana, in case of labor troubles." Won't we? How about President Grover Cleveland driving national troops into the state of Illinois over the head of John P. Altgeld, then governor of Illinois, at the behest of the railroad corporations, in order to destroy the American Railway Union and break the strike. Surely Governor Altgeld of Illinois was as able a man, and clothed with as much authority as Governor Toole of Montana. Workingmen! Vote your own party into political power, with a view of eliminating the classes, the cause of all strikes and labor difficulties.

A copy of the election laws can be secured at this office free of charge. Comrades should post themselves on the requirements and details of the election laws, so as to leave no loopholes for the foxy lawyer—the fellow who makes wrong right and vice versa for so much per.

Socialist National and State Ticket

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- For Vice President—
Ben Hanford of New York
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J. F. Mabie, of Park.
Joseph Hoar, of Silver Bow.
- For Governor—
Malcomb G. O'Malley, Silver Bow.
- For Lieutenant Governor—
John W. Frinke, of Deer Lodge.
- For Congressman—
J. H. Walsh, of Fergus.
- For Chief Justice of Supreme Court—
C. M. Parr, of Silver Bow.
- For Clerk of Supreme Court—
John Peters, of Carbon.
- For Secretary of State—
Henry Lynch, of Fergus.
- For State Treasurer—
Erik Olson, of Cascade.
- For State Auditor—
W. C. Phelps, of Lewis & Clarke.
- For Attorney General—
E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.
- For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—
Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.



REPUBLICANS DOLE OUT SLUSH TO THEIR AUDIENCE

A wage earner who has given the political parties of the past any great amount of consideration, and who has delved into the economic question to any extent, on witnessing the late republican rally at which Mr. Fairbanks, the millionaire candidate for vice president on the republican ticket, and Mr. Dolliver, republican senator from the state of Iowa, were the centers of attraction, ought to be susceptible to a siege of mulligrabs. Those prominent in the ranks of the republican party in Lewis and Clarke county, and who have waxed fat off the emoluments of office, found it necessary to bring out the brass band and the proverbial "republican club," with its usual variety of color and caste, in order that the necessary amount of pomp show be displayed. The republicans, in connection with their more erratic brethren, the democratic party, have engaged in this sham play for well nigh thirty years as a means of wheedling into line the wage slave vote. As to Mr. Fairbanks being an orator, he is a rank failure. High platitudes, high sounding and meaningless generalities, are in strict accord with the stock in trade slush of the republican and democratic spellbinders. Down in Indiana the republican state central committee formed what is known as the "republican jolly club." Their part in the campaign was to send political mongers and grafters throughout the state equipped with hot air, whisky and boodle, and by these influences line up the unsophisticated. To this latter class Mr. Dolliver rightfully belongs. His speech in the Auditorium was a conglomeration of hot air specialties, sweet-scented verbosity and glaring anachronisms. Mr. Dolliver takes up considerable time in indulging in the threadbare prosperity gag, pretty women, fine open streams, lofty mountain peaks, beautiful scenery and a degree of intelligence in the great state of Montana unsurpassed anywhere in these United States. Mr. Dolliver, who is considered a real witty speaker, was kind enough to inform the "intelligent" audience that out of seven political parties in the state of Montana there were but two real parties—the republican and the democratic—and that all others were ramifications and would soon come into the fold. He was liberal enough to admit there was no essential difference between the republican and democratic parties other than the republican party was a little better than the latter. The audience cheered. Referring to the improvement in the American navy from the time of Washington until the time of "Terrible Teddy, the Great," the American navy had increased from "one steam battleship" to a matchless and mammoth navy of fighting vessels. The audience cheered. They cheered notwithstanding the fact that Washington died eight years before Robert T. Fulton launched the first steamboat on the Hudson river ever floated on American waters. They were there to cheer as in days of yore, not to think. Dolliver's bunches of flattering rhetoric and Fairbanks' wad of "prosperity" gags are not especially appealing to the wage slave with a family, and no job, or the man who works a very small portion of the year. And this political rot will be short-lived, and cannot long prevail against the eye-opening features of Socialist education.

WISCONSIN SOCIALIST PLATFORM HAS THE POPS FADED

If the Wisconsin Socialists don't take first money on a platform of sentimental opportunism rot, then we'll give up the ghost. Why, it puts any platform ever adopted by the populists to shame. In fact, Bryan with his crown of thorns and cross of gold would repudiate it as being too wish-wash. It appears that the comrades have gone into the bonding business to pay for stolen franchises, grants, mergers, trusts and other capitalistic combines. They declare for a "just and equitable taxation," and for an old age pension to the amount of \$12 per month, about the laborer's product for one day's toil. And added to this they declare for the payment of the railroads, telegraphs, telephones, etc., etc., at their "actual value." The party that approves of such a platform as that is not a Socialist party, but a rank bourgeois, and will soon be found in the political office dicker and dealing business. In fact it is already flirting in no unmistakable terms with capitalism when it declares for such rot as above. What does the proletariat have to do with taxes? The government pays rent for the mail cars which equals the price of the cars three times a year; how many more times does Victor L. Berger—Gompers' salary booster—want the proletariat to pay for them? Labor built all the railroads and has paid for them time and again and over and over, and still the Wisconsin comrades want the proletariat to buy through the bond proposition, which is next to perpetual slavery, and then conclude by telling the worker he has nothing to lose but his chains. It will be necessary for the laboring class to keep their eyes open to such matters as these and to see in the future that Socialist principles are declared and men named who would carry them out if elected.

DEBS SAYS A GREAT DEAL IN A SAORT TIME

Comrade Debs stopped in Helena on his way to Livingston en route and made a speech lasting 17 minutes. Probably there is no man on the public platform who can wrap up as much thought in as few words as Mr. Debs. He spoke to an audience of twelve hundred and demonstrated that it did not take him long to grapple with the labor situation in this state. Among other things, Mr. Debs remarked in his own peculiar way was the statement that there are two republican parties in the field this year—the Parker and the Roosevelt parties. That the two old parties have been talking about the tariff on wool for the last forty years for the purpose of ensnaring the wage worker into voting against his interests, but that the time had come when the wage slave had realized that the wool referred to was of the grade that was pulled over his eyes to keep him in political ignorance. He stated that the workers built the Pullman cars and walked. They had made the guns and were always at the wrong end of them. He made reference to the fake labor party organized in the state and led by the nose by capitalistic corruptionists, assisted by labor decoy ducks, whose breeches pockets are bulging with the price of their treason and perfidy toward organized labor. Mr. Debs stated that recently he received a telegram from the New York World asking which party the Socialists would pull the most votes from; to which he replied that this matter was of no interest to the workingmen who had awakened to the fact that as far as they were concerned there was no difference between either party. Mr. Debs is given ovations wherever he speaks.

Two incendiary fires at the home of Mrs. Upgard, a poor woman who died a few weeks ago, goes unnoticed by the officials. The reason is evident. The home was a miserable tumbledown shack, situated among the beautiful residences of the well-to-do respectable people. It was an eyesore to the members of that swell community, and the torch was put to it. The crime of arson was committed in order to maintain the elegant appearance of the neighborhood. As soon as the poor old woman had laid down and died, the good "society" people on the hill swooped down upon the place with a firebrand. And these are the people who howl about respecting the rights of property, and regard for the law. What if a palatial residence in the poor section, standing among tenements and shacks, was burned with evidences of incendiarism? The well-to-do parasites would shout: "These low people have no regard for the law and property. Search out the criminals and make them an object lesson to the common herd." The officials would break their necks to bring the guilty ones to justice. The crimes of capitalism go unnoticed by the public, and are ignored by capitalist officials.

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If any comrade has come into the Socialist movement with the thought that all should be peace and tranquility, he had better get cut. No revolutionary movement can be peaceable; it is trouble from start to finish; it is born amid trouble; if there were no trouble there would never have been cause for the new organization; out of trouble and strife it is born and such will continue to be the case until Socialism becomes an established factor. Therefore no man should enter the revolutionary movement and expect peace and flowers to strew his path of Socialist agitation. No other party has ever taken the economic stand that the Socialist party has. It is natural to see many who come to our ranks from the old party school of tactics, to begin to preach—let's have peace in our own ranks; but they must learn that "peace" cannot prevail where a great revolutionary change is taking place. Peace in the old parties exists because capital, through its political lickspittles, directs all the affairs of the organization, but in the Socialist party the collective will of the people is supreme, and to effect this supremacy must necessarily precipitate mental disturbances.

You wage slaves should remember that while Socialist candidates and other speakers with their union cards in their pockets, are getting from place to place the best they can, sometimes walking even, to preach the philosophy of Socialism to their own class that they may establish a system of government wherein every man shall receive the full product of his toil, yea while they are standing all these hardships and sacrifices, the demo-republican candidates are being whirled across the country in special trains at an unlimited expense. And while the railroads are doing all this for these old party candidates the wage workers are paying the bills, and after they are elected they will return the courtesies by making laws for the railroad corporations and against the laboring class. It is a nice system, isn't it, union men? That is what you have been voting for and that is what a great many of you will vote for again this fall.

The special train carrying Fairbanks and a few other republican pothouse political grafters, who are flying through the country at the present telling the poor dupe who has just purchased a sweatshop suit, about the great prosperity in the country, stopped at a little town in the east last Sunday that the political humbugs might attend church. Of course the preacher in the little place felt so swelled up that he said nothing to harm the feelings of the parasite visitors. In fact he forgot to compare the luxurious style in which these special visitors were traveling with the bare-footed Carpenter that walked along the shores of Galilee some two thousand years ago; neither did he tell them anything about the parable of the rich man entering the kingdom of heaven and the camel passing through the eye of a needle, or the poor woman giving the few pennies, etc., etc. No, it was not in order for the canting and capitalistic gospel monger to tell any of the truths as taught by the Carpenter of Nazareth.

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Gilt Edge, Sept. 20.

J. H. Walsh, Helena.

Dear Sir and Comrade: Find enclosed check for \$2.25 renewal of subscription, and send paper to Jos. Hendry, Diamond, Park county, Indiana. I notice you are storming the enemy's strongholds. Give it to 'em, old boy. Regards to Mrs. W. and yourself; also Hank. Yours fraternally,

ROBT. HENDRY.

Butte, Sept. 22.

Editor Montana News, Helena:

Dear Comrade: In your issue of the 21st inst. you blame the national headquarters for the disposition of Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett in Montana. Let me say for your information and that of your readers that the national headquarters had no control over her movements. She is here under contract with the Propaganda Club of the Socialist party of Butte, which is a private club. Although members in good standing of the Butte local, this club has nothing to do with the local quorum, and the local quorum has no jurisdiction over it. We have allowed her to lecture under the jurisdiction of the local quorum to accommodate those outside the "boundary lines of Silver Bow" when we could have used her here. Why does not Helena do as we are doing and I might say the same of other Montana towns. They ask this club to go down into its jeans to pay their fares here and return and then complain at our not sending them around the state for the accommodation of those who ought to have speakers of their own. About twenty of us class conscious Socialists comprise this club and as we not only pay for literature, hall rent, etc., but pay a salary to each speaker. Comrades Kennedy and Hazlett

have both been brought here under contract and they have done good work and more than met our expectations. Yours for Socialism,
DR. J. CALDER,
Secretary Butte Socialist Propaganda Club.

Blossom, Tex., Sept. 18.
T. P. Hughes, Helena.

Dear Comrade: I notice in the Appeal of Sept. 10th, under caption, "A Montana Resolution," a resolution adopted by the comrades of your county, similar in every respect to one adopted by Blossom local something like a year ago, a copy of which I enclose for your consideration.

Our state committee spoke most favorably of it; also Comrade F. D. Warren of the Coming Nation promised to investigate it and spoke favorably of it. I have tried without success to get it before the national committee preparatory for referendum vote. One other local in Texas adopted it and others in different states tabled it. In other states it stirred up the bats and brought forth unfavorable criticism. I do not claim the resolution to be perfect, but was merely making a hunt for the right thing for the purpose of getting it before the party for consideration. We must have some way of protecting the movement from the office seeker and professional politician, and any man or set of men who may oppose it, according to my opinion, you may look after them. He who is not willing to labor in office on the basis of pay of those he represents is no representative of theirs. No, I would be glad if we could perfect these resolutions in some form and get a national referendum on them. If we can be of any mutual benefit to each other in this matter please let me hear from you.

Whereas, The Socialist party of America is handicapped for want of funds for propaganda and other purposes for the advancement of Socialism, and whereas, there should be a test of loyalty to the cause of Socialism; and whereas, the great foundational doctrine of the Socialist party is that of justice and equity to all men without discrimination.

Therefore he it resolved, by Local 26, Blossom, Tex., that we prove by example our sincerity and faith in these truths, and that we discourage office seekers and politicians who may wish to enter the fold for selfish motives, by removing the temptation for gain in office.

Be it further resolved, that no candidate who shall be elected to office on the Socialist ticket shall receive in pay for services over and above expenses more than

the average wage of the working man and that all residue accrued from said salary over and above said wage and expenses shall be turned over to the national secretary of the Socialist party for purposes herein stated.

Yours fraternally,
J. H. CARTER,
Chairman Local 26, Blossom, Tex.

Billings, Oct. 3.

The Montana News, Helena:

Comrades: Your card of Oct. 1 at hand. Please find enclosed list of members, officers and Yellowstone county candidates. We had a crowded house Sept. 30 for Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett; collection \$12.65, and sold 85 cents worth of literature. On Oct. 1 John Spargo of New York was with us; collection \$9.10, and sold 55 cents worth of literature. Total of collection, \$21.75; total of expense \$33.50. We will have Ben Hanford of New York with us on Oct. 21, 1904, and we are looking for a red hot time. The old parties don't like it; we are growing; all we want at present is finances; we are about \$30 in the hole, but we will pull out and be on top some day and very soon. As soon as we can get around to it we will have some by-laws; it will be about December next, if not sooner. The county candidates want a good card, with the Socialist county candidates collectively; can you give us something of that kind? If so, send me prices per thousand, and if you can send sample. We want something that women and children will have for souvenirs. The local regular meeting is every Sunday afternoon at 3 in the Labor Union hall of this city. Fraternally yours,
JOHN POWERS, Organizer.

Livingston, Oct. 3.

J. H. Walsh, Helena:

Dear Comrade: Before an overflowing audience at the opera house last night Comrade Debs delivered what is acknowledged by all who heard him to be the greatest political speech heard in Livingston. Shortly after seven the people began to gather and long before the speaker stepped upon the platform standing room was at a premium, the stage and the wings at both sides were well filled, and many people turned away. Socialism is all the talk on the streets this morning. For some time we have had the politicians guessing our strength, but since hearing so much favorable comment this morning we are guessing about our own strength. It does look as if the vote will run ahead of our former expectations.

We hear that Bryan is coming to campaign Montana. How would it do to print in The News that "Open Letter to Bryan," by

J. Stitt Wilson? Print about a week before he comes into the state and then a day or two beforehand; circulate in every town in which he speaks. Let us know what you think about it. Am sending you the Alliance with Wilson's letter in it in case you do not have it. Fraternally,
JAS. D. GRAHAM.
Per MABIE.

Red Lodge, Sept. 29.

Montana News.

Dear Sirs and Comrades: Yours of the 24th at hand. About that letter which the Heinze layout wrote to one of the comrades of this place, I went after it, but the party who ought to have had it can't find it at present. The gist of it was that the anti-trust management wanted to know how much "dough" it would cost per head to cinch all purchasable votes of the foreign element in Carbon county, and the party who received the offer, on the advice of a friend of his, sent an estimate of a lump sum of \$14,000. We did not want him to be cheap. They dropped him forthwith, and no more offers have been made. Fraternally yours,
ALEX FAIRGRIEVE.

Coeur d'Alene, Ida., Sept. 28.

J. H. Walsh, Helena.

Dear Comrade: I received sample copies and like it and send 25 cents to try it. I am taking 19 papers and magazines, which is about all I can afford at present. Fraternally yours,
JAY RAND SANBURN.

The following donations have been made to the state campaign fund for the week ending Sept. 24: Local Canyon Ferry, \$1.85; Local Chico, \$5; Clarence Bishop, \$3.25; total, \$10.10.

M. J. Kennedy will tour Jefferson county commencing Sept. 26. Will fill a few dates in Lewis and Clarke county and speak on the streets of Helena during the state fair.

There are a few hundred pamphlets on hand at headquarters. "Farmers and Socialism," by Simons; Hanford's reply to Havemeyer, good for union men, which will be closed out at seven copies for 25 cents; 50 for 75 cents; 100 for \$1.25, postpaid. There are also a few hundred party buttons on hand that we want to turn into cash for campaign purposes; send 25 cents and get a dozen buttons.

JAMES D. GRAHAM.

Missoula, Sept. 25.

Editor News: Our county convention took place on the 22nd. Chairman E. Firchau called the meeting to order and announced the election of a temporary secretary. J. F. Case was elected by acclamation. After the call had

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Deb's Tour Is a Fine Success

Reports of Comrade E. V. Debs' campaign tour have been received as follows:

The Chattanooga News gave a long report of the meeting on Sept. 13, prefacing it by saying: "Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president on the Socialist ticket, and one of the most eloquent speakers in the country, spoke to a large and very enthusiastic audience at the Auditorium last night. He is possessed of a very earnest delivery and had his hearers with him from the start. Mr. Debs entered the Auditorium at 8 o'clock and was greeted with continued cheering. The speaker was introduced by Mr. R. B. Taggart, Socialist candidate for congress from this district. From the moment Mr. Debs began to speak his every word reached his farthest hearer and filled easily the entire Auditorium. He spoke for two hours, dealing with almost every economic question at present before the public."

The day before the Atlanta meeting on Sept. 14, the local comrades received notice from the pastor of the Wesley tabernacle, which had been secured a month previous, that the meeting could not be held there, because "Mr. Debs was not going to deliver a lecture, as was first supposed, but a campaign speech for himself as candidate of the Socialist party." As a result the local comrades had to get permission from the governor to use the hall of representatives in the state capitol, which was secured after some quibbling over an obsolete law. The late notice of change prevented a large meeting, but Comrade Wik reports: "We enjoyed a pretty good audience. The hall was well filled and a good many people crowded the galleries. No doubt we could have done better had we not been so shamefully interfered with."

"Comrade Debs' speech was grand and masterly. The report of the morning paper was a very unfair report of the meeting, both as to numbers and utterances."

Comrade Waldhorst writes from Birmingham, Ala., about the meeting of Sept. 15: "I have to report the greatest success with Comrade Debs' meeting in this city. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and hundreds were turned away unable to get in the hall. The constant topic in the streets is the speech of Debs. You can hear about it on the cars and everywhere. Talk about enthusiasm! I had to pull Comrade Debs away from the people to let him catch the train. Many followed to the depot to shake hands with him."

"The comrades of adjoining counties made application for a special train and club rates, but the railroads would give neither, replying 'No club rates for a speech by E. V. Debs.' The United Mine Workers band came from Brookside, free and unsolicited, although on strike since July."

The Birmingham daily papers gave unexceptionally good reports. Comrade Perrin reports the Little Rock meeting on the 16th: "The house was packed and jammed, no standing room even out in the corridor. Debs was lustily cheered to the echo. Many farmers had come to the meeting from a distance. Debs spoke for two hours and held his audience in rapt attention."

At Fort Smith, Sept. 18, Comrade Dan Hogan says: "We had over 5,000 visitors to town on that day, and would have had at least half that many paid admissions to the park except for a heavy rain which began to fall shortly before the meeting, which was anyway a great success. Comrade Debs was at his best, and many people who had been tottering near the brink of surrender did so. It was a great day for the cause."

Comrade Lowry writes that "the meeting was a success, despite the fact that the politicians furnished free liquor and used their utmost endeavors to keep the masses away from the park. Even the 'Drummers' at the hotels say it was the greatest that they ever heard."

Ben Hanford has been also meeting with much success on his tour through Connecticut and New York and he reports enthusiastically about the growth of Socialist sentiment apparent everywhere.

At James town, N. Y., Hanford spoke to one of the best meetings of the trip and the press reports were lengthy and fair.

It is definitely decided that after the Chicago meeting on October 17, Hanford will go through to the Pacific coast by way of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Montana, closing the last eight days of the campaign in California.

Referring to Comrade Fairgrieve's letter under the head of "Correspondence" with regard to the amount of "dough" that corruptionist Heinze was to pay per head for wage slave votes, will some conscientious (?) labor fakir in Lewis and Clarke county rise up and inform us, in these troublous times, how much "dough" per head they (the labor fakirs) received for their work in connection with the Heinze movement at the wonderful "labor" convention.

Crowds Gather to See E. V. Debs

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over in Missoula county that will give him a run—Comrade F. A. Fabert, who has been a Socialist for over 24 years and time and again has voted a lonely Socialist ticket for lo, these number of years in that neck of the woods. By the way, Comrade Henry is not much of a spring chicken himself, having been in the state since '64.

Comrade Scurlock of Canyon Ferry local came along Tuesday. Nothing out of him but Socialism.

Debs says the only man who is conscientious enough to tell his brother union man that in voting the old party ticket he is ignorant, is the Socialist. Guess he is about right. The other fellow gives him 'the glass hand and the rubber arm before election, and the cold shoulder thereafter.

The three capitalist papers had something to say regarding Debs' meetings in Montana. Clark's responsive Do(or)bell of the Independent concludes, in an ungrammatical hemorrhage, that "Debs is honest, but unpractical." He fails to give reasons why he is unpractical. What this gallant didactic doesn't know about Socialism, or anything else, for that matter, would fill a book seven hundred times more voluminous than the Encyclopedia Britannica. The popinjay on the Miner made a bigger fool of himself, in shorter space, than the wise one on the Standard. For what Debs stands would make it possible for these lackeys to make an honorable living, other than by writing slush in return for their daily bread.

Comrade Mabie's letter, suggesting a special issue to strew in the thorny path of the modern contortionist, William Jennings Bryan, in his wonderful extravaganza stunt in the interest of Wall street democracy, will in all likelihood be given ear to. Information regarding the "crown of thorns" what-is-it and his dates here will first have to be secured and arrangements with due notice will follow later.

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The following contributions have been made to the national campaign fund since the last report: Regular contributions, \$807.10; previously acknowledged, \$976.47; total, \$1,783.57. Half day fund, \$99.21; previously acknowledged, \$2,807.24; total, \$2,906.45. Total funds, \$4,690.02.

The donation of \$500 voted to the Socialist party campaign fund by the United Brewery Workers' national convention came at a time when it was greatly needed, as bills for literature for the campaign were pressing the national office.

Of the convention's act Comrade Eugene V. Debs expresses himself as follows: "The action is immensely significant. It is a signal gun that sounds the new departure in unionism—the breaking up of the old and the building up of the new and progressive movement. This will be good news to our comrades and an example that others will have to follow. The plutes will see in this an answer to their citizens' alliance, Sherman Bell, Colorado and injunction program."

In acknowledging the contribution the national secretary said to the Brewery Workers' secretary, Comrade Zorn: "I suppose it is almost needless to say that we appreciate deeply the donation made by your convention. It came at a most opportune time and will assist materially in furthering the campaign for Socialism. Your donation was all the more welcome since it was unexpected, although the generosity of the United Brewery Workmen in all the struggles of the working class was a sufficient guarantee that they would not fail to do their duty this year. It is to be regretted that there are not more trades unions in this country so consistent and energetic as the Brewery Workmen in upholding by word and deed the principles of solidarity of the working class and the

international labor movement."

Comrade Herman Greulich, Socialist member of the Swiss senate, is visiting the United States as one of the delegates from Switzerland to the Inter-Parliamentary Peace Union. Comrade Greulich has addressed party meetings in New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City and other large cities. He has also accompanied the other delegates to the Peace Union on their trips to different parts of the country. While in Cripple Creek a reception was given by the citizens' alliance, but Comrade Greulich signified his class consciousness by refusing to participate in the reception. He will return to Europe in October.

Incomplete returns from the Arkansas state election, held Sept. 6, show the Socialist vote to be over 1,000 against 27 in 1900.

The printed official bulletin for September contains full information about campaign supplies handled by the national headquarters. Copy sent upon application to the national secretary.

National Campaign Speakers.

Dates for national campaign speakers traveling under the direction of the national headquarters for the week ending Oct. 8 are arranged as follows:

Eugene V. Debs—Oct. 2, Livingston, Mont.; 3, Butte; 4, en route; 5, Salt Lake City, Utah; 6, en route; 7, Denver, Col.; 8, en route to Omaha.

Ben Hanford—Oct. 2, Baltimore; 3, en route; 4, Huntington, W. Va.; 5, en route; 6, Newport, Ky.; 7, Covington, Ky.; 8, Newark, O.

John Spargo—Oct. 2, Sheridan, Wyo.; 3, en route; 4, Lamoure, N. D.; 5, Forman, N. D.; 6, Cayuga, N. D.; 7, en route; 8, Minnesota.

John W. Brown—Oct. 2, Wilmerding, Pa.; 3, Butler, Pa.; 4, Franklin, Pa.; 5, Oil City, Pa.; 6, New Castle, Pa.; 7, Charon, Pa.; 8, Toledo, O.

M. W. Wilkins—Oct. 1, Stamford, Conn.; 2, Danburg, Conn.; 3, Waterbury, Conn.; 4, Stafford, Conn.; 5, Willimantic, Conn.; 6, Putnam, Conn.; 7, Meriden, Conn.; 8, Norwich, Conn. Comrade Wilkins will enter Massachusetts on Oct. 10 under the direction of the state secretary.

E. E. Carr closes his work in Indiana at Martinsdale Sept. 29th and will enter Wisconsin Oct. 1.

Another speaker will fill Indiana dates contracted for Comrade Chase G. Towner, who will be unable to speak because of sickness. Dates arranged are as follows: Oct. 3, Westport, Ind.; 5, Richmond, Ind.; 6, Marion, Ind.; 7-8, Kokomo, Ind.

John M. Ray—Oct. 2, Latcher, La.; 3-4, New Liberia, La.; 5-6, Lafayette, La.; 7-8-9, Mermenton, La.

Ida Crouch-Hazlette begins her work Oct. 2 at South Bend, Ind., speaking en route to Pennsylvania. Dates arranged are as follows: Oct. 2, South Bend, Ind.; 3, Elkhart, Ind.; 4, Toledo, O.; 5, Lorain, O.; 6, Cleveland, O.; 7, Pittsburg, Pa.

Chas. Pergler, Bohemian Org.—New York City Oct. 1-11.

Enough applications have been secured for an Italian speaker to warrant placing one in the field. Comrade Teopilo Petreilla, of Newark, N. J., has been secured for this work, which will include Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Pennsylvania. Dates will be announced next week.

Applications for a French speaker were very few and not sufficient to justify the expense of filling the few dates applied for.

Old Party Politics in

Fergus County

The Republican meeting held in Lewistown last Thursday evening was a great disappointment to even the gayest hearted of the ring. A bunch of kids and a few clerks, whose jobs depended on their presence at the meeting, together with the local band, met the hot air peddlers at the train and escorted them to the hall, where a large but not crowded audience listened to the speeches. None of the local candidates appeared on the stage, although requested to do so by Lindsay, the nominee for governor. The supposed reason is the old bunch were ashamed to be seen at a public meeting together, for "conscience makes cowards of us all."

Lindsay is a tiresome speaker and his mess of ancient platitudes was not dished up in the attractive manner that Mr. Bourquin presented it. Hathaway and Bourquin spoke of the mythical prosperity which they attributed to the republican party, and urged the people to "stand pat," and, as they expressed it, "leave well enough alone." The republicans have come to that point in decay where they are afraid to meet the real issue and, flying from it, talk of standing pat. They have no relief for the 1,500,000 men idle during the busiest time of the year, but stand pat. They tell the squalid, overworked miners to stand pat, while they help Baer to rob them. The wail of anguished children slaving out their lives in the unwholesome cotton mills of the democratic south is hushed by the siren slogan, stand pat. Gaunt forms of men and women, salves in the sweat shops of the republican north, may pause a second in their awful drudgery and cast a yearning look toward this once great party to have their budding hopes shattered with the howl of stand pat. And the toilers of farm and ranch seeking some escape from the long hours of unrewarded labor, are told to stand pat, you are prosperous. These men dare not consider the conditions of the people, so dismiss the suffering millions by stating that all are prosperous but the unworthy, and that it is impossible to have work for all. A coward never won a campaign and the cowardly tactics of the republicans is the surest sign of the early defeat and dissolution of this political campaign of wage slavery, rapine and wrong.

Fergus county has a bull pen situated at the sapphire mine near Utica. The mine is inclosed by a barb wire fence, and if any of the unfortunate miners wander outside the inclosure he promptly receives his time. The reason for this is that the owners are afraid some of the men might discover another deposit of sapphires if they were allowed their freedom; so they, knowing that the dire necessity of the men forces them to barter their freedom for a pittance, have fenced in the grounds and while no notice has ever been posted warning the miners to stay within the inclosure, every man that left it was fired, so the law is established just the same. The company is also guilty of an open and flagrant violation of the state law by compelling all the men, whether married or not, to board at the company boarding house.

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Socialists Active in Carbon County

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to ram a lie down the throats of the farmers by telling them that they lived in mansions, and that the bankers were the friends of the tillers of the soil. Others made attempts to reply to her, but they were all of a kind.

Oh! They are coming! The workers will let the advocates of this accursed system know that they cannot be longer fooled by the voice of the siren, but from now on they will listen and follow the voice of reason, which will tend to place them in their proper position socially and industrially, by working co-operatively and collectively as a class for their own betterment.

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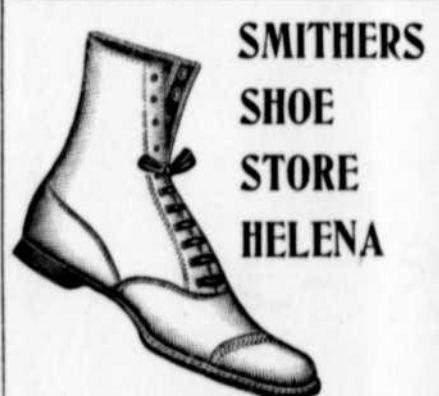
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